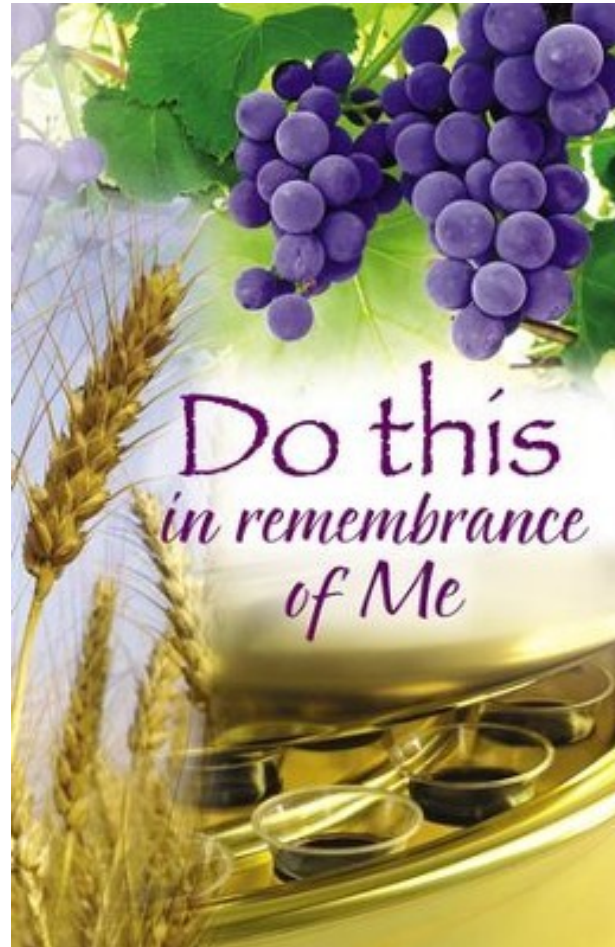


*Groffdale Mennonite
Church*



February 25, 2024

Groffdale Mennonite Church

Our Mission: To be a healing community of believers
passionately committed to Jesus as Lord
through worship, nurture, and outreach.

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Welcome! We are glad you are here!

Prelude by Lily Zimmerman

Opening Song led by Mark Wenger

"Come, Christians, Join to Sing" (Red Hymnal #108)

Welcome and Call to Worship by Lee Zimmerman

Offering for Program Fund

Congregational Singing

"We Come, O Christ, to You" (Red Hymnal #117)

"O Could I Speak the Matchless Worth" (Red Hymnal #110)

"The Joy of the Lord" (Red Hymnal #411)

Scripture: Matthew 5:1-16

Sermon by Pastor Tom Eshleman

"Invitation to Blessing"

Sharing in Communion

Closing Song

"And Can it Be?" (Red Hymnal #203)

Sharing Time and Prayer

Benediction

*Thank you to those serving in our worship service today!
Including Ushers Leonard and Mim Martin, and those
behind-the-scenes: Projectionist Chris Martin, Sound Tech
Brian Snader, Live Stream Operator Levi Hoover,
Camera Operator Lucinda Snader, Nursery Workers
Mag Nolt and Anne Martin.*

Bring to the Lord in prayer:

- Pray for Jonas and Emma Reiff as they adjust to their new apartment at Fairmount.
- Pray for Clarence Martin who was admitted to Ephrata Hospital with breathing difficulties on Wednesday.
- Pray for peace in the Middle East, Ukraine, Sudan and other areas of turmoil in the world.
- Pray for the Djari/Abdelkerim family as they continue to seek employment and the many other adjustments that they face.
- Pray for our Refugee Welcome Team led by Lisa Zimmerman and Jennifer Eshleman as they meet this Monday evening.
- Pray continued healing for Angelica Prins who received a pacemaker last week.
- Pray for Lily Zimmerman who is performing in the Hinkletown play, *Robin Hood on March 1 and 2.*

PINEWOOD DERBY CONTINUES!



This is an invitation to all 8-14 year olds to join us on **February 28 at 7pm** to finish building, designing and decorating Pinewood Derby cars.

The final race will be on **March 6 at 7pm.**

Because adults can create too, we are providing all adults the opportunity to make Pinewood Derby cars as well! Design, cut, sand, paint and race your own Pinewood Derby car! No experience necessary. Enjoy a devotional led by Pastor Tom, and time to create and fellowship with others! Invite friends and neighbors!

When: Wednesday Feb 28 from 10am-12noon and/or Thursday February 29 from 6pm-8pm.

Race Day: Sunday March 17 after our worship service.

Bring a packed lunch and the race will begin after lunch. Cars made by the youth will also join this tournament bracket. Prizes will be given for the fastest car, the most unique car and for the best of show! Spectators are welcome! The racetrack is being hand-made by Clete Weaver and Dale Weaver. Please sign up on the paper at the back table. See Brian Snader if you have questions.

Morning Prayer Group meets every Wednesday at 8:30am in the Conference Room. Everyone is invited to join this group for a meaningful time of prayer and fellowship.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

TODAY: Ruth (Mrs. John) Zimmerman : Sunday, February 25
Jonathan Bauman: Saturday, March 2
HAPPY 82nd BIRTHDY to Delores Tennis: Saturday, March 2
Ruthie Umble: Monday, March 4
HAPPY 85th BIRTHDAY to Ada Burkhart: Tuesday, March 5

Copies of the minutes from the February Admin. Team meeting are on the back table.

New address

Jonas and Emma Reiff
1411 Farm Crest Dr.
Ephrata, PA 17522
Jonas cell (717) 209-1758
Emma cell (717) 413-0001

DID YOU KNOW???

Some of our Groffdale children are getting ready for the spring sports season. Let's encourage and pray for them.

Jeshua Day: baseball
Elijah Gavilondo: lacrosse
Jose Gavilondo: soccer
Adriel Gavilondo: gymnastics
Brandon Snader: soccer
Lucinda Snader: soccer

Come watch Lily Zimmerman as Hinkletown Mennonite School, Middle School Performing Arts presents "**Robin Hood**" on Friday March 1 with a dinner theater at 5:30pm and Saturday March 2 at 2pm and 7pm. Reservations are recommended.

Come watch Lucinda Snader as Ephrata Middle School's 528 Theatre presents "**Into the Woods Jr**" on Friday March 15 at 7pm and Saturday March 16 at 7pm. Tickets are available at the door.

Fairmount Homes has an opening for a Director of Stewardship. This is a full-time, salaried position that is responsible for communicating the vision and mission of Fairmount Homes to their supporters and developing a strong financial base for the facility. See more details on their website- fairmounthomes.org

Conestoga Valley Christian Community Services (CVCCS) is in need of cans of soup and boxes of crackers. You may place these items in the box at the back of the church.

This Friday evening, March 1, Everence Financial will host the Stewardship University, a ministry partnership between Everence and the local faith community. This event will be held at Lancaster Bible College and Steve Lindsey will be one of the keynote speakers. See the poster on the bulletin board at the back of the church for more information and registration details.

Note for guests and visitors

We are so glad you are joining us for worship this morning and we hope you come again. We invite you to fill out one of the guest cards found on the back of the church benches and place the completed card in the offering basket.

OFFERING

Listed below are the totals for last week's offering and deposits. Thanks for giving so generously!

Leadership Support	\$4,554.30
Program Fund	\$ 819.00
Church Facilities	\$1,269.00
Missions	\$ 319.00

Serving Next Sunday, March 3

Prelude: Joe Jaskolka

Hymns Leader: Rick Umble

Sermon: Mark Wenger

Projectionist : Diane Weaver

Sound Tech: Clair Mast

Livestream Operator: Chris Martin

Camera Operator: Mim Auker

Ushers: Glen and Joyce Shenk

Offering: Groffdale Missionaries

& EMM(20% Transition to Community)



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