

# *Groffdale Mennonite Church*



*Great crowds came to Him, bringing the lame, the blind, the crippled, the mute and many others, and laid them at His feet; and He healed them. Matthew 15:30*

*March 3, 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 Joe Jaskolka

Opening Song led by Rick Umble

“God of the Earth, the Sky, the Sea” (Blue Hymnal #53)

Welcome and Call to Worship by Brandon Snader

Offering for Groffdale Missionaries and EMM

20% Transition to Community

Children’s Time led by Pastor Krista Snader

Congregational Singing

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” (Blue Hymnal #592)

“Guide My Feet” (Blue Hymnal #546)

“Jesus, My Lord, My God, My All” (Blue Hymnal #533)

Scripture: Matthew 9:35-38; 14:13-14; 15:29-32; 20:29-34

Sermon by Mark Wenger

“Sure He Bore our Grievs & Carried Our Sorrows”

Closing Song

“Children of the Heavenly Father” (Blue Hymnal #616)

Sharing Time and Prayer

Benediction

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*Thank you to those serving in our worship service today!*

*Including Ushers Glen and Joyce Shenk, and those*

*behind-the-scenes: Projectionist Diane Weaver,*

*Sound Tech Clair Mast, Live Stream Operator Chris Martin,*

*Camera Operator Mim Auker, Nursery Workers Dawn Moore*

*and Caeley Zimmerman.*

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## ***Bring to the Lord in prayer:***

- Pray for Lloyd and Naomi Weaver and their family as they grieve the passing of Naomi's brother Mervin Nolt's wife Janice.
- Pray for Paul Gehman as he anticipates back surgery. Pray for healing and relief from pain.
- Pray for Clarence Martin who moved on Wednesday to the Rehabilitation Unit at Fairmount.
- Pray for the Djari-Abdelkerim family as they continue to search for jobs and learn to manage their own finances.
- Pray for Lily Zimmerman as she participates in the Hinkletown Mennonite School play "Robin Hood" this Friday and Saturday and for Caeley Zimmerman who is directing, and for Dave Moore who led painting the set. Pray also for Rick and Ruthie Umble's grandson Aslan who is also in this play.
- Pray for Mark Wenger as he brings our message today (March 3).
- Pray for everyone who is participating in our Pinewood Derby here at Groffdale on Wednesday evening March 6.
- Continue to pray for areas of the world where people experience the turmoil of violence and warfare; Ukraine, Israel-Palestine and Sudan.
- Pray for Steve and Sandy Lindsey's niece whose husband recently passed away. Pray God's comfort to the family during this time of grief and loss.

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### **PINEWOOD DERBY RACES!**

The race for the children will be this Wednesday  
**March 6 at 7pm.** Spectators are welcome!

You are invited to bring along a car for the Antique Pinewood Derby Car Show **on Sunday March 17 after the worship service.** Bring a packed lunch; desserts and beverages will be provided. The race for children and adults will begin after lunch. Everybody is invited-racers and spectators!

Prizes will be given for the fastest car, the most unique car and for the best of show.

**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.

**Sewing Circle** will meet on Tuesday, March 5 at 9:00am. They welcome any new member that would like to join them.



***HAPPY BIRTHDAY!***

**Ruthie Umble:** Monday, March 4

**HAPPY 85th BIRTHDAY to Ada Burkhart:** Tuesday, March 5

***SAVE THE DATES!!***

**March 28 at 6:30 pm:** Maundy Thursday service in the All-Purpose Room. A light supper will be served, followed by communion and foot washing.

**March 31 Easter Sunday: 9:00am** Coffee and pastries will be served in the All-Purpose Room. Sunday School classes will not be meeting.

**9:30am** Children's egg hunt **10:00am** Easter worship service.



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.

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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.

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

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Collecting coins for the PA Relief Sale **My Coins Count** will begin on March 10 and conclude with Easter Sunday. Coins, bills and checks can be placed in the pails at the end of the church benches. All donations will be given to Mennonite Central Committee's **water projects**. We pray for all of God's children to have access to clean water!!

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**BOOKKEEPER POSITION OPEN**

Groffdale is looking for a replacement for Pat Mast who is moving. The bookkeeper processes the banking & financial transactions of the congregation: offerings, checks payable, reconciling accounts, and maintaining records. (Payroll is handled separately by an outside firm.) This is a paid position. Time: 5-6 hrs per week. Bookkeeping experience preferred. Start Date: May/June. If you are interested, talk to Levi Hoover, Mark Wenger, Pastor Tom or Pastor Krista.

**Note for quests 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!

Program Fund	\$3,451.00
Leadership Support	\$ 165.00
Church Facilities	\$ 100.00
Refugee Fund	\$ 100.00
Missions	\$ 100.00

### Serving Next Sunday, March 10

Prelude: Linda Myers

Hymns Leader: Lisa Zimmerman

Worship Leader: Ruthie Umble

Children's Time: Gavidondo Family

Sermon: Pastor Krista Snader

Projectionist : Janessa Eshleman

Sound Tech: Brian Snader

Livestream Operator: Jim Evans

Camera Operator: Dawn Moore

Ushers: Glenn and Helen Hershey

Offering: Leadership Support

Nursery: Ruthie Umble



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