

***Groffdale Mennonite  
Church***



***December 8, 2024***

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Our Vision: A growing community of disciples of Jesus,  
expressing Christ's redeeming love and reconciliation.

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### ***Welcome! We are glad you are here!***

Prelude by Linda Myers

Opening Song led by Lisa Zimmerman

    "Joy to the World" (Red Hymnal #125)

Welcome and Call to Worship by Steve Lindsey

Offering for Leadership Support

Advent Reading

Children's Time and Advent Offering led by

    Pastor Krista Snader

Worship songs led by Lisa

Scripture: Isaiah 49: 6-13, Ephesians 5: 8-14

Sermon by Pastor Tom Eshleman

    "Live As Children of Light"

Closing Song

    "Light of the World"

Sharing Time and Prayer

Benediction

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*Thank you to those serving in our worship service today!  
Including Ushers Glenn and Helen Hershey, Projectionist  
Diane Weaver, Sound Tech Dale Weaver, Live Stream  
Operator Jim Evans, Camera Operator Dawn Moore,  
Nursery Workers Ruthie Umble and Sandy Lindsey.*

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

Pray for Janet Eberly as she anticipates aortic valve replacement surgery on December 10.

Pray for Richard Buckwalter as he prepares for hip replacement surgery on December 23.

Pray for Anna Nolt as she begins treatment for breast cancer.

Pray for peace in areas of turmoil in the world; Israel/Palestine, Ukraine and Sudan.

Pray for our college students in this busy time of year with end of semester projects and finals: Caeley Zimmerman at Lebanon Valley, Timothy Wenger at Cedarville, Janessa Eshleman at Messiah and Tanner Eshleman studying in Granada, Spain through Messiah.

Pray for Lily Zimmerman and the Mennonite Children's Choir during their season of Christmas concerts.

Pray for the pre-school in Catel, Guinea Bissau. Pray that the students, teachers and families would experience the love of Jesus.

Pray for James and Melani in Central Asia and Andres and Angelica in Morocco.

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**Directions to the anointing service for Anna Nolt this afternoon,  
December 8 at 3:30 in the Crest View Gathering Room.**

As one approaches Fairmount, turn onto Cat's Back Road. Go to the top of the hill, then turn onto Farm Crest Drive. After passing the cottages on the left, turn left around the end of the large building. One may park in the parking lot on the left in a parking space without a number. Walk toward the canopy that says "Farm Crest Entrance." Go through the main entrance door. Continue walking straight back to the open door of the Crest View Gathering Room.

**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: Lexi Kreiner:** Sunday, December 8

**TODAY: Joyce Shenk:** Sunday, December 8

**HAPPY 85TH BIRTHDAY TO MINERVA NOLT:** Tuesday, December 10

**Carylon Wyble:** Tuesday, December 10

### ***New address for Lance Watt:***

Brethren Village  
12 Conestoga Drive  
Village Manor #226  
Lititz, PA 17543  
(717) 581-5602



Usher in the Christmas season with the Mennonite Children's Choir of Lancaster's concert series, "O Come, Emmanuel!" Lily Zimmerman sings in MCCL and would be

delighted to see you this afternoon at 3:30pm at Historic St. Mary's Catholic Church, Lancaster (downtown)

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Christmas Eve service -**Tuesday, December 24 at 6:30pm.**

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"A Shepherds' Christmas", an original play written by Kathy Stoltzfus and other Groffdale writers will be performed here at Groffdale on Christmas Eve and during our worship service on Sunday December 29. The youth and several adults are involved in this wonderful performance of Christmas through the eyes of the shepherds!

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During the 4 weeks of Advent the children will be collecting a special offering for the EMM-supported preschool in the town of Catel in Guinea-Bissau. These funds will be used for a printer and tablet, student scholarships and teacher salaries. Pray for this preschool as they share the Good News of Jesus with young children and their Muslim community!

Checks can be written to Groffdale Mennonite Church, with "EMM preschool" in the memo line.

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Copies of the Admin. Team meeting minutes for November are on the back table.



**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 the last week's offerings and deposits. Thank you for your giving!

EMM/Missions	\$ 3,977.00
Mennonite Disaster Service	350.00
Leadership Support	165.00

*Serving Next Sunday, December 15*

Prelude: Bob Mohler and Rick Umble	Sound Tech: Dale Weaver
Hymns Leader: Glenn Hershey	Livestream: Keith Stoltzfus
Worship Leader: Brandon Snader	Camera Operator: Harold Mohler
Sermon: Brian Snader	Ushers: Charles and Fern Bauman
Projectionist: Becki Day	Offering: Church Facilities



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