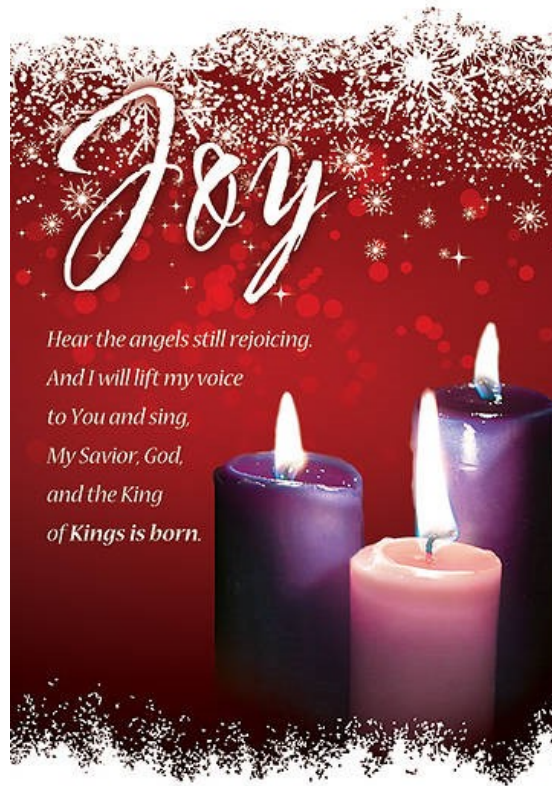


# ***Groffdale Mennonite Church***



*Hear the angels still rejoicing,  
And I will lift my voice  
to You and sing,  
My Savior, God,  
and the King  
of Kings is born.*

*I bring you good tidings of great joy...  
Unto you is born this day...a Saviour. Luke 2:10-11*

***December 15, 2024***

## ***Groffdale Mennonite Church***

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 Bob Mohler and Rick Umble

Opening Song led by Glenn Hershey

    "Angels We Have Heard on High" (Blue Hymnal #197)

Welcome and Call to Worship by Brandon Snader

Offering for Church Facilities

Advent Reading

Children's Time and Advent Offering led by

    Pastor Krista Snader

Worship songs led by Glenn

    "The Birthday of a King" (Red Hymnal #162)

    "O Sing a Song of Bethlehem" (Red Hymnal #167)

    "Brightest and Best" (song sheets)

Scripture: Luke 1: 5-25

Sermon by Brian Snader

    "Meanwhile the people were waiting;

    Zechariah's extended stay in the temple"

Closing Song

    "Who is He in Yonder Stall? (Red Hymnal #168)

Sharing Time and Prayer

Benediction

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*Thank you to those serving in our worship service today!  
Including Ushers Charles and Fern Bauman, Projectionist  
Becki Day, Sound Tech Dale Weaver, Live Stream  
Operator Keith Stoltzfus, Camera Operator Harold Mohler,  
Nursery Worker Mag Nolt.*

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

Pray for Andres and Angelica Prins as they travel to Paraguay on December 17 to be with Angelica's family.

Pray for Janet Eberly as she recovers from heart surgery this past week.

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

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

Pray for Tanner Eshleman as he finishes his semester in Spain and says good bye to many people.

Pray for our college students, Caeley Zimmerman, Timothy Wenger, Janessa Eshleman and Tanner Eshleman as they prepare for final exams.

Pray for the people of Syria in the midst of government change, violence, and uncertainty.

Pray for all the people experiencing turmoil in the Middle East, Ukraine, South Sudan and other areas of unrest around the world.

Pray for the Djari/Abdelkerim family during this Christmas season. Pray that they would experience the light of Jesus Christ.

Pray for the village of Catel, Guinea Bissau and especially for the teachers, students and families connected with the EMM pre-school.

**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**

**HAPPY 81st BIRTHDAY TO MIM MARTIN:** Sunday, December 22

**Henry Youndt:** Sunday, December 22

Our congregation will miss Norma Rutt while she is with her family in Georgia during the Christmas holidays. Norma enjoys getting mail from her Groffdale friends while she is away. Her Georgia address is:

Norma Rutt  
c/o Gerald and Laurette Eshleman  
2576 Georgia Highway 88  
Hephzibah, GA 30815

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We want to thank everyone who sent mom a birthday card for her 90th birthday. She enjoyed opening each one and reading your notes of encouragement.

Janet Martin's Family



Everyone is welcome to attend our Christmas Eve service on **Tuesday, December 24 at 6:30pm.** "A Shepherds' Christmas", an original play written by Kathy Stoltzfus and other Groffdale writers will be performed (and also 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! Refreshments will be served in the café after the service.

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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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***SAVE THE DATES!***

**Sunday, January 19, 2025—Two events**

Glen and Joyce Shenk will share about their ministry with the Djari/Abdelkerim family in the All-Purpose room during the Sunday School hour. We encourage all classes to attend.

In honor of Anabaptist World Fellowship Sunday, Mennonite World Conference is holding a special offering called "One Lunch". We are invited to contribute the cost of a restaurant lunch to MWC. As part of remembering the global church on this day, we invite you to bring a bagged lunch to church as we will eat lunch together in the All-Purpose Room.

**Sunday, February 2, 2025—Congregational meeting**

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



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

Leadership Support	\$3,618.00
Capital Funds Project	1,300.00
Missions	250.00

*Serving Next Sunday, December 22*

Prelude: Lily Zimmerman

Hymns Leader: Mark Wenger

Worship Leader: Pastor Tom Eshleman

Sermon: Lee Zimmerman

Projectionist: Chris Martin

Sound Tech: Brian Snader

Livestream: Levi Hoover

Ushers: Leonard and Mim Martin

Offering: Leadership Support

Nursery Worker: Anne Martin



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