

# ***Groffdale Mennonite Church***



**From that time Jesus  
began to preach, and to  
say Repent: for the  
kingdom of heaven is at  
hand.**

**—Matthew 4:17**

***January 12, 2025***

## ***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 Linda Myers

Opening Song led by Mark Wenger

    "Spirit of God! Descend" (Blue Hymnal #502)

Welcome and Call to Worship by Dave Moore

Offering for Leadership Support

Worship songs led by Mark

    "Oh, Could I Speak" (Red Hymnal #110)

    "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus" (Red Hymnal #376)

    "Be Thou My Vision" (Blue Hymnal #545)

Scripture: Matthew 4: 1-17

Sermon by Pastor Tom Eshleman

    Theme: First in our series "Growing as Disciples of Jesus"

    "The Testing of a Disciple—Jesus our Overcomer!"

Closing Song

    "I Am Weak and I Need Thy Strength" (Blue Hymnal #553)

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.*

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

Pray continued healing for Clete Weaver who experienced serious injuries to his hand several weeks ago.

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

Pray for Richard Buckwalter as he recovers from hip replacement surgery.

Pray for Andres and Angelica as they visit Angelica's family in Paraguay and prepare to return to Morocco.

Pray for our university students, Caeley Zimmerman, Janessa Eshleman, Timothy Wenger and Tanner Eshleman as they prepare to return to college.

Pray for James and Melani as they readjust to Central Asia after time with family in the US.

Pray for Pastor Krista, Brian, Brandon and Lucinda as they travel to Goshen, Indiana this weekend for the memorial service for Krista's cousin's husband.

Pray for our nation as we prepare for the presidential inauguration on January 20.

Pray for Rachel and Yamil Gavilondo and their children Jeshua, Elijah, Jose, Adriel and Ezekiel as they travel and serve in Belize over the next ten days. The family departs on Saturday January 11.

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***January Sermon Series:  
"Growing as Disciples of Jesus"***

Over the next several weeks, sermons will focus on the call that God places on our lives to live and grow as disciples of Jesus. God calls us to so much more than correct doctrine and belief. We are called by Jesus to be his disciples, to study and learn his ways, to make Jesus the Lord of every area of our lives and to experience the joy of living with purpose beyond the self-centeredness that so easily defines our lives. Each week we will focus on a scriptural account of a "discipleship encounter" in which Jesus instructs us in an important truth about what the life of a disciple looks like. Let's pray that God uses this scripture study to encourage each of us as disciples of Jesus!

**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 82nd BIRTHDAY TO MIRIAM SNADER:** Monday, January 13

**HAPPY 81st BIRTHDAY TO MARVIN SMOKER:** Thursday, January 16

**Lucinda Snader:** Thursday, January 16

**Jim Evans:** Monday, January 20

**Lloyd Hoover:** Tuesday, January 21

**Sandy Lindsey:** Tuesday, January 21

**Chadman Martin:** Tuesday, January 21

On the front and back tables, help yourself to the recent issue of the Everence Toolkit and the 2025 Birthday/Anniversary calendars.

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A three day national gathering to honor what God has done through the 500 years of the Anabaptist movement will be held from January 20-22 at Petra Christian Fellowship in New Holland. The event is called "The Invitation" and flyers are available on the table at the front and back of the church. Bishop Lloyd Hoover is part of the planning team for this event.

### **Next Sunday, January 19 -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. Coffee, hot drinks and pastries will be served.

### ***“One Lunch” for Mennonite World Conference***

On Sunday January 19, 2025, Mennonite World Conference invites congregations to remember World Anabaptist Fellowship Sunday. This date coincides each year with the January 21 anniversary of the believer’s baptisms in Zurich, Switzerland which marked the beginning of the Anabaptist movement.

As part of celebrating Anabaptist World Fellowship Sunday, Mennonite World Conference invites churches to receive a special offering to support the networks and resources of our global Anabaptist family.

The offering is called “One Lunch.” The idea is that each participating person packs a lunch and contributes the cost of a lunch out to support the important work of Mennonite World Conference.

At Groffdale, we would like to invite you to participate in this effort next Sunday on January 19. You are invited to pack a lunch and join a group of us in the All-Purpose room for an enjoyable time eating lunch and fellowshiping together. There will be offering baskets available for anyone to contribute the cost of a lunch toward our global brothers and sisters of MWC. (Of course, you can contribute to the offering even if you don’t stay for lunch.) Let’s join in prayer for the global church!



### **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 offerings and deposits. Thank you for your giving!

Missions	\$5,936.00
Leadership Support	80.00
Church Facilities	40.00
Program Fund	40.00

Serving Next Sunday, January 19

Prelude: Bob Mohler and Rick Umble

Hymns Leader: Glenn Hershey

Worship Leader: Ruthie Umble

Sermon: Pastor Krista Snader

Projectionist: Becki Day

Sound: Dale Weaver

Livestream: Keith Stoltzfus

Camera: Harold Mohler

Ushers: Leonard and Mim Martin

Offering: Church Facilities



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