

Groffdale Mennonite Church



March 2, 2025

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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 Joe Jaskolka

Opening Song led by Henry Youndt

“God of Our Strength” (Blue Hymnal #36)

Welcome and Call to Worship by Lee Zimmerman

Offering for Groffdale Missionaries and EMM

20% Transition to Community (Potter's House)

Children's Time led by Pastor Krista Snader

Worship songs led by Henry

“Children of the Heavenly Father” (Red Hymnal #44)

“Nearer My God to Thee” (Red Hymnal #393)

Scripture: Matthew 5: 1-12

Sermon by Pastor Tom Eshleman

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom
of heaven." *This is the first sermon in our series on
the Beatitudes.*

Closing Song

“Jesus I My Cross Have Taken” (Red Hymnal #377)

Sharing Time and Prayer

Benediction

*Thank you to those serving in our worship service today!
Including Ushers Glen and Joyce Shenk , Projectionist
Diane Weaver, Sound Tech Jeff Martin, Live Stream
Chris Martin, Camera Operator Mim Auker.*

Bring to the Lord in prayer:

- Give thanks to God for the meaningful time our children and youth experienced with the Pinewood Derby activities in February.
- Pray for Fred Reeser who was hospitalized this week.
- Pray for Glenn Hershey and his family as they grieve the passing of Helen and give thanks to God for her life.
- Pray for the people of Congo during this time of violence and difficulty.
- Pray for Lucinda Snader as she prepares to take part in the Ephrata Middle School production of "The Sound of Music."
- Pray for the Djari/Abdelkrim family from Sudan as they begin their employment and learn new routines and responsibilities.
- Pray for Mary Jane Assis as she leaves for Brazil on March 6 with her family to visit people who they knew when they served as missionaries for ten years.
- Pray for those who are experiencing illness.

Preparing for Lent

This Wednesday March 5, we enter the season of Lent which leads us on a journey toward Holy Week and Easter on April 20. Lent presents a special opportunity for followers of Jesus to examine their lives and to experience repentance, forgiveness and renewal as we give thanks for salvation through Jesus. Our Lenten worship/scripture focus this year will be on the beatitudes of Matthew 5. This Sunday we will introduce our Lenten theme with a sermon focusing on the first beatitude, "Blessed are the poor in Spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."

Host families needed for Rosedale Chorale on Palm Sunday evening April 13!

Rosedale Chorale (from Rosedale Bible College in Irwin, Ohio) is coming to Groffdale as part of their Spring Tour 2025. The choir will present a program here at Groffdale on Palm Sunday evening, April 13 at 7:00 pm. We are looking for host homes for choir members for Sunday evening April 13. This involves providing overnight accommodations on Sunday night after the program, breakfast on Monday morning and a packed lunch for the student to take with them. Choir members will also need transportation back to Groffdale on Monday morning as they continue their tour. If you are interested in hosting one, two or more students, email or contact Diane Weaver at churchoffice@groffdale.com.

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 4 at 9am. They welcome any new members that would like to join them.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

TODAY: Jonathan Bauman: Sunday, March 2

TODAY: HAPPY 83rd BIRTHDAY TO DELORES TENNIS: Sunday, March 2

Ruthie Umble: Tuesday, March 4

HAPPY 86th BIRTHDAY TO ADA BURKHART: Wednesday, March 5



PINEWOOD DERBY RACE

Race day is next Sunday March 9th after our morning worship service. Pizza will be provided. Everyone is invited to stay and cheer on the youth and adult racers!



As a way to share worship music between the generations, the Groffdale youth invite you to listen to the song "Lift My Hands" by Forrest Frank.

You are invited to send a card of encouragement to our college students. There is a box at the back table you can put your cards in starting today through March 9th. We currently have 4 college students. They are Tim Wenger at Cedarville College, Tanner Eshleman and Janessa Eshleman at Messiah University, and Caeley Zimmerman at Lebanon Valley College. Thanks for supporting them!

Lucinda Snader is Sister Margaretta in Ephrata Middle School's production of "The Sound of Music Jr." Performances are March 14 and 15 at 7pm. Tickets are available at the door.

Help yourself to the new Sunday School quarterlies on the table in the back of the church or the table inside the south entrance.

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

LMC is offering an Anabaptist Classics Reading Group led by William Higgins. It will be a guided tour of 20 Swiss Anabaptist writings from 1524-1589. The 5 sessions will be held every other week, all on Zoom. Sessions are held Tuesday evenings at 6:30pm and Thursday mornings at 10:30am, you can choose which day to participate. Sessions begin the last week of March. Email or call William to register and for more information: whiggins@lmcchurches.org 717-293-5246 ext.121. If you plan to participate, let Mark Wenger (treasurer) know and Groffdale will donate \$20 to LMC to support the class.

Weaverland Anabaptist Faith Community is hosting a chicken BBQ fundraiser for Darrel and Miriam Weaver, EMM workers in Germany, on Saturday, March 8 from 11am –until sold. More details are on the bulletin board in back of the church.



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!

Program Fund	\$4,436.00
Leadership Support	\$1,269.00
Mennonite World Conference	\$ 648.00
Church Facilities	\$ 569.00
Missions	\$ 419.00

Welsh Mountain Home has begun the final phase of building renovations to meet needs of current and future residents. Costs have exceeded initial estimates. The Groffdale Admin Team has authorized a special fund in March & April for this capital project. To contribute, donate to Groffdale Mennonite Church, designated to Welsh Mountain Home.

Serving Next Sunday, March 9

Prelude: Linda Myers

Hymns Leader: Lisa Zimmerman

Worship Leader: Pastor Tom Eshleman

Sermon: Pastor Krista Snader

Projection: Diane Weaver

Sound: Dale Weaver

Livestream: Jim Evans

Camera: Dawn Moore

Offering: Leadership Support



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