

Groffdale Mennonite Church



*When he was at the table with them,
he took bread, gave thanks, broke it
and began to give it to them.
Luke 24:30*

April 27, 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 Caeley Zimmerman

Opening Song led by Mark Wenger

"Alleluia, Alleluia" (Red Hymnal #215)

Welcome and Call to Worship by Brian Snader

Offering for Program Fund

Children's Time led by Pastor Krista Snader

Worship songs led by Mark

"Worship Christ the Risen King" (Red Hymnal #225)

"He Lives" (Red Hymnal #220)

"The Day of Resurrection" (Red Hymnal #226)

Scripture: Luke 24: 13-35

Sermon by Pastor Tom Eshleman

"Jesus Comes Near"

Closing Song

"My Life Flows On" (Blue Hymnal #580)

Sharing Time and Prayer

Benediction

*Thank you to those serving in our worship service today!
Including Ushers Charles and Fern Bauman,
Projectionist Chris Martin, Sound Tech Brandon Snader,
Live Stream Keith Stoltzfus, Camera Operator Lucinda
Snader.*

Bring to the Lord in prayer:

- Pray for restored health for Ada Burkhart as she has struggled recently with her balance.
- Pray for Robert Nolt who recently moved to rehab in Wheat Ridge at Fairmount. Pray for Robert and Anna in their health challenges.
- Pray for Lee Zimmerman as he travels to Kenya with Global Disciples from April 26-May 5. Pray for Lisa, Caeley, Lily and Elyse while he is away.
- Pray for Lily Zimmerman as she travels to Rosedale this weekend to sing with Mennonite Children's Choir (see the poster on the bulletin board showing future concert dates and other MCCL information) and for Elyse Zimmerman as she participates in a Hinkletown School string quartet this morning.
- Pray for our college students, Tim Wenger, Caeley Zimmerman, Janessa Eshleman and Tanner Eshleman in these busy final weeks of their semester.
- Pray God's comfort for the Rollman family as they grieve the tragic loss of their two children, Carson and Annika in the vehicle accident in Maryland.

I'm thankful for my Groffdale church family. I was "standing in the need of prayer" and you all came through. I am seeing small improvements daily. Blessings, Janet Eberly

Copies of the minutes from the April Administration Team Meeting are on the back table.

As a way to share worship music between the generations, the Groffdale youth invite you to listen to the song "Boomerang" by Chosen Jigg.

Pastor Tom and Jennifer will be traveling to Europe from May 23-June 6. Tom will be serving as a delegate at the Mennonite World Conference gathering in Stuttgart, Germany and Jennifer will be visiting Daryl and Miriam Weaver in Halle. They will travel together to Zurich, Switzerland for the 500th anniversary events of Anabaptism.

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!

Norma Rutt: Monday, April 28

HAPPY 83rd BIRTHDAY TO RON HOCK: Tuesday, April 29

HAPPY 83rd BIRTHDAY TO LOUISE MARTIN: Tuesday, April 29

HAPPY 80th BIRTHDAY TO DORIS MUSSELMAN: Wednesday, April 30

HAPPY 82nd BIRTHDAY TO HAROLD WISSLER: Wednesday, April 30

Pastor Tom Eshleman: Wednesday, April 30

Clete Weaver: Wednesday, April 30

Hudson Horning: Friday, May 2

Rebecca Wenger: Saturday, May 3

Doris Horst: Sunday, May 4

Elyse Zimmerman: Sunday, May 4

Rachel Gavilondo: Monday, May 5

HAPPY 81st BIRTHDAY TO ELAINE ZUCK: Monday, May 5

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Austin and Janelle Horning: Tuesday, April 29

Michael and Darla Berg: Saturday, May 3

SAVE THE DATES!

Friday evening—May 16 Monthly Fellowship Event “Tailgating Party”

Beginning at 6pm, enjoy some smash burgers, hot dogs and homemade ice cream! You are invited to bring a side salad or dessert to share, served off of a tailgate. Weather permitting, we will eat outside so bring along a chair. Anyone is welcome to park your truck to add to the tailgating party decor. Activities include a trivia game and lawn games (including cornhole!). A Vintage 1990 Ford Ranger will be on display.

Friday, July 11—Sunday, July 13 Woodcrest Camping Weekend

LEADERSHIP TEAM

UPDATES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank you for your prayers as Leadership Team met on Friday , April 11. Here are several highlights. Minutes are on the table at the back of the church.

- Miriam Auker shared our opening devotional from Romans 5. Miriam encouraged our team with the confidence we can have in God’s amazing grace!
- Pastor Krista led a time of discernment, conversation and prayer regarding elder terms and youth ministry leadership.
- Roots and fruits discussion led by Pastor Tom. How is God calling our congregation to intentionally nourish the roots of our spiritual life? How is God calling us to intentionally branch out?
- Time of scripture, prayer and listening led by Lee and Lisa Zimmerman

Levi Hoover will finish his term as Elder of Administration on Leadership Team in June 2025. Levi has chosen not to renew his term and the Leadership Team is beginning the process of calling a new Elder of Administration. This new elder will serve on the Leadership Team as well as Chair of the Administration Team. We invite your prayers for God’s guidance of the calling of this new elder. We will be receiving nominations beginning today through May 18. There are nomination forms on the back table and you can email nominations to either Pastor Tom or Pastor Krista. We praise God for the many years Levi served with wisdom in this role.

We are pleased to announce that Tanner Eshleman will be leading the youth ministry this summer! From mid-May to mid-August Tanner will be investing in opportunities to disciple our youth in the ways of Jesus. We are grateful to God for providing leadership for our youth ministry this summer!

OFFERING

Listed below are the totals for last week's offerings and deposits. Thank you for your giving!

Church Facilities	\$4,858.00
Capital Projects Fund	\$4,000.00
Leadership Support	\$3,326.70
Program Fund	\$2,944.00
Brotherhood Fund	\$2,630.00
Missions	\$ 544.00

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, May 4

Prelude: Joe Jaskolka

Livestream: Chris Martin

Worship Leader: Becki Day

Camera: Mim Auker

Sermon: Pastor Tom Eshleman

Offering: Groffdale Missionaries & EMM
(20% Landis Homes Benevolent Fund)

Sound: Jeff Martin

Ushers: Glen and Joyce Shenk

Projectionist:: Diane Weaver



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