

Groffdale Mennonite Church



*To these four young men God gave
knowledge and understanding of all kinds
of literature and learning. And Daniel
could understand visions and dreams
of all kinds. Daniel 1:17*

May 4, 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

“Come We That Love the Lord” (Blue Hymnal #14)

Welcome and Call to Worship by Becki Day

Offering for Groffdale Missionaries and EMM

20% Landis Homes Benevolent Fund

Worship songs

“Praise Him, Praise Him” (Red Hymnal #106)

“Jesus, Name Above All Names” (Red Hymnal #112)

’ “Break Thou the Bread of Life” (Red Hymnal #274)

Scripture: Daniel 1-8-20 read by Lily Zimmerman,

Brandon Snader and Jeshua Day

Sermon by Pastor Tom Eshleman

"Living as Faithful Exiles"

Closing Song

“When We All Get to Heaven” (Red Hymnal #542)

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:

Pray for Robert Nolt who has returned to Fairmount (Wheat Ridge Rehabilitation) after being at Ephrata Hospital over the weekend.

Pray for Janet Eberly as she anticipates cataract surgery on May 9.

Pray for Lee Zimmerman as he travels in Kenya with Global Disciples. Lee returns on May 5.

Pray for our congregation as we call someone to serve as Elder of Administration.

Pray for Fred Reeser at Welsh Mountain Home as he recovers from a recent illness.

Pray for our college students as they prepare for exams at the end of their semester. Timothy Wenger at Cedarville, Janessa Eshleman at Messiah, Caeley Zimmerman at Lebanon Valley and Tanner Eshleman at Messiah.

Pray for Tanner Eshleman as he prepares to lead our youth ministry this summer.

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As a way to share worship music between the generations, the Groffdale youth invite you to listen to the song "Sunday Sermons" by Anne Wilson.

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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.

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Copies of the Everence Toolkit Issue 1 for 2025 are on the front and back tables.

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, May 6 at 9am. Bring a finger food to share for the luncheon; sandwiches will be provided. They welcome any new members that would like to join them.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

TODAY: Doris Horst: Sunday, May 4

TODAY: Elyse Zimmerman: Sunday, May 4

Rachel Gavilondo: Monday, May 5

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

Marlin Zimmerman: Wednesday, May 7

Deborah Buckwalter: Friday, May 9

Roy Reiff: Friday, May 9

Doug Hoover: Sunday, May 11

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Lester and Alice Reiff: Tuesday, May 6

Groffdale District Bishop Search Team Update

We are committed to keeping you as a congregation updated on the district bishop discernment process as we receive information. We understand that the discernment team has met several times and will be meeting with candidates in May and June. This week Bishop Lloyd Hoover announced in a letter to district leaders that LMC leadership along with the search team have released and blessed him to follow through with his originally intended date of retirement on May 21, 2025. This means there will be a period of possibly several months when no one will be serving as Groffdale District bishop. LMC Bishop Elder Rodney Martin has committed to being available for any urgent needs that arise. We invite you to keep this discernment process in your prayers and let us pray God's blessings for Lloyd and Elaine in this next season of life.

SAVE THE DATES!

Friday evening—May 16

Monthly Fellowship Event

“Tailgating Party”

Beginning at 6pm, enjoy some smash burgers, hot dogs and home-made 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

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 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!



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	\$5,075.00
Leadership Support	\$1,166.00
Missions	\$1,149.00
Church Facilities	\$ 466.00
Sewing Circle	\$ 155.00
Mennonite Disaster Service	\$ 100.00

Serving Next Sunday, May 11

Hymns Leader: Lisa Zimmerman
Worship Leader: Pastor Krista Snader
Sermon: Pastor Tom Eshleman
Sound: Brian Snader

Projectionist:: Diane Weaver
Livestream: Jim Evans
Camera: Dawn More
Offering: Leadership Support
Ushers: Glenn Hershey and Charles Bauman



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