



Welcome! We are glad you are here today!

Our Vision: A growing community of disciples of Jesus, expressing Christ's redeeming love and reconciliation.

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Prelude

Opening Song led by Glenn Hershey

“Stand Up and Bless the Lord” (Red Hymnal #21)

Welcome and Call to Worship by Richard Buckwalter

Offering for Program Fund

Worship Songs led by Tom and Jen Eshleman

Scripture Reading: Matthew 5: 3-10

Sermon by Pastor Tom Eshleman

“Blessed Are the Merciful”

Closing Song led by Glenn

“Satisfied” (Red Hymnal #531)

Sharing Time and Prayer

Benediction



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Mary Jane Assis: Wednesday, June 25

Caeley Zimmerman: Monday, June 30

HAPPY 81st BIRTHDAY TO CHARLES BAUMAN: Tuesday, July 1

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

TODAY: Henry and Ruthie Youndt: Sunday, June 22

Joe and Donna Jaskolka: Monday, June 30

Update on discernment process for Elder of Administration:

The Leadership Team invites your continued prayers for our Elder of Administration discernment process. We are grateful to have received eleven nominations from the congregation. Thank you! Each of these nominees have been notified of their nomination and invited to consider a conversation with members of Leadership Team. We are currently having initial conversations with those who expressed some level of interest. A next step will be a more formal conversation with our Discernment Team which will be comprised of several Leadership Team members and other members of our congregation. When our Discernment Team recommends a candidate, the congregation will be given an opportunity to respond with a ballot of affirmation. We are grateful that Levi Hoover is willing to continue serving as Elder of Administration while we work diligently and prayerfully at calling his successor by September 1.

The Administration Team made a decision that any fees for rental of our facilities will be on a donation basis for members and active participants. The facilities are a blessing to Groffdale and can be used as a gift of appreciation for the ways you give and serve.

Bring to the Lord in prayer:

Pray for peace in the Middle East during this time of hostilities between Israel and Iran. Pray for the nations of the world to work together for peace.

Pray for Peter and Christy Sensenig and their family who are living in the 170 house as they face uncertainties about whether they will be allowed to return to Chad in September due to new visa restrictions. Pray especially for their children who could be disrupted from their French school and life in Chad.

Pray for Pastor Krista, Brian, Brandon and Lucinda and also Anna and Becki Day on their trip to Alaska.

Pray for Lee and Lisa Zimmerman and their family as they are at the beach in Delaware this week.

Pray for Keith Stoltzfus as he recovers from hip replacement surgery.

Pray for Leonard Martin as he receives treatment for cancer. Pray for healing for Lenny and strength for Mim as she supports him.

Pray for God's leading in our calling someone to serve as Elder of Administration.

Pray for Henry Youndt as he undergoes a second cataract surgery on June 23. Give thanks that his first one went well last week.

Our congregation is grateful for the Renew Sunday School materials that we are using. These materials are published through the First Mennonite Church of Bern, Indiana. Recently, the leaders of Renew requested that congregations pray for all who are involved in publishing these materials. Pray for our team of writers, editors, layout designer, proofreader, and administrator.

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Friday, July 11—Sunday, July 13

Woodcrest Camping Weekend

Our summer weekend at Woodcrest Retreat is scheduled for July 11-13. If you would like to camp on Friday and Saturday nights, please make reservations by signing up on the paper sign-up sheet on the table at the back of the church or by contacting Keith Stoltzfus at knkjs@gmail.com or 717-286-8565. Costs of campsites are \$37 per night for church participants. Checks can be made payable to Groffdale Mennonite Church with memo “camping” and placed in the “church office” mailbox. Please place cash payments in an envelope with a note indicating your name and “Woodcrest camping”.

Conestoga Valley Christian Community Services (CVCCS) is in need of the following items for their food bank. A box for these items is in the back of the church. Thank you for your generosity!

- Canned pineapple
- Canned mandarin oranges
- Canned carrots
- Baked beans
- Instant potatoes
- Tomato sauce/pasta sauce
- Taco kits

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.



As a way to share worship music between the generations, the Groffdale youth invite you to listen to the song "Steadfast" by Josh Garrels.

Thank you to those serving in our worship service today!

Ushers: Charles and Fern Bauman

Projectionist: Chris Martin

Sound Tech: Jeff Martin

Live Stream: Levi Hoover

Camera Operator: Clete Weaver

Serving next Sunday, June 29

Hymns Leader: Marv Smoker

Children & Youth Time:

Kathy Stoltzfus

Sound: Brian Snader

Projectionist: Diane Weaver

Livestream: Keith Stoltzfus

Camera: Ruthie Umble

Offering: Leadership Support

Usher: Minerva Nolt

OFFERING

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

Leadership Support	\$ 3,278.00
Church Facilities	\$ 495.00
Missions	\$ 380.00
Program Fund	\$ 80.00



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.

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