



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 led by Joe Jaskolka

Opening Song led by Rick Umble

 "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing" (Blue Hymnal #81)

Welcome and Call to Worship by Richard Buckwalter

Offering for Groffdale Missionaries and EMM

 20% CV Christian Community Services

Worship songs led by Rick

 "I Shall Not Be Moved"

 "Who Now Would Follow Christ" (Blue Hymnal #535)

 "In the Rifted Rock I'm Resting" (Blue Hymnal #526)

Scripture Reading: Matthew 5: 1-12

Sermon by Lee Zimmerman

 "Persecuted for Doing Right"

Closing Song

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

Sharing Time and Prayer

Benediction



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

HAPPY 89th BIRTHDAY TO CURVIN BUCHEN: Monday, August 4

HAPPY 87th BIRTHDAY TO ROY BURKHART: Thursday, August 7

Colton Cameron Heft: Thursday, August 7

HAPPY 82nd BIRTHDAY TO ANNA NOLT: Friday, August 8

Verna Martin Boll: Saturday, August 9

Thelma Eberly (Miss): Tuesday, August 12

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Paul and Edith Gehman: Saturday, August 9

Earl and Linda Myers: Saturday, August 9

Levi and Marie Hoover: Sunday, August 10

Copies of the recent issue of the Everence Toolkit newsletter are on the front and back tables.

Sunday School classes will not be meeting during the month of August. Classes will begin again on Sunday, September 7.

Looking ahead to 2026

Leadership Team is inviting your participation as we discern a theme scripture or phrase for 2026. From Sunday July 27 through Sunday September 14 we will have colored paper available on the church benches for you to submit scripture or phrase suggestions. You may put your submissions in the offering basket. We anticipate the ways God will speak and stir vision among us for 2026. You may also email scripture/phrase suggestions to either Pastor Krista or Pastor Tom.

Bring to the Lord in prayer:

Pray for Leonard Martin as he goes through rehab at Ephrata Hospital.

Pray for Faythe Roberts who has been a patient at Hershey Medical Center with an inflamed pancreas.

Pray for Mary Jane Assis as she anticipates and recovers from knee replacement surgery on Friday August 1.

Pray for Fred Reeser who is currently a patient at the Friends Psychiatric Hospital in Philadelphia.

Pray for Janet Eberly who was hospitalized this week with sepsis. Janet is doing much better and is now in Landis Homes nursing care receiving IV antibiotic infusions for the next six weeks.

Pray for Pastor Krista, Brian, Brandon and Lucinda as they are camping with family and friends in Ohio this weekend.

Pray for Pastor Tom, Jennifer and family as they travel to Ohio this weekend for the wedding of Leah Bowman (granddaughter of our former Groffdale pastor Jim and Beth Leaman). Kayley Eshleman is Leah's maid of honor.

Give thanks to God for a wonderful New York City adventure last Saturday for our youth boys as they attended a Yankees game in honor of Jeshua, Elijah and Jose's grandfather, Cliff Day.



Give thanks to God for the birth of Lucy Renee, granddaughter of Mark and Kathy Wenger, born on Tuesday July 29 to Regina Wenger Sclotterback and her husband Ryan.

Children's Ministry Invitation

We invite anyone who has an interest in serving with children's ministry in any way to join us and others for a **lunch meeting on Sunday, August 17** after the worship service at Groffdale. We would love to hear your thoughts, input, ideas and vision for discipling children at Groffdale in this season of our church life. We invite you to be thinking and praying about how you might like to be involved going forward. Please RSVP by August 11 if you plan to attend. Lunch will be provided! If you are unable to attend, but interested in sharing your thoughts and ideas, please feel free to email or talk to Jen or Tom Eshleman.

Blessing of the Backpacks

During our morning worship service on **Sunday August 17** we will be blessing students, teachers and bus drivers as they prepare for another school year. Students are invited to bring their backpacks to church on this day.

Ice Cream and Cornhole

Join us on **Sunday evening, August 31 at 6pm** here at Groffdale for ice cream sundaes, cornhole and a time of informal fellowship.

LMC Class

LMC is offering a free 7-week class on the **Confession of Faith in a Mennonite Perspective articles 13-24**. The class will be taught by William Higgins (LMC staff). Classes are held at Hub450 in Lancaster and also on Zoom. Classes are Tuesdays 6:30pm-8:00pm or Thursdays 10:30am-12noon. Classes begin the second week of September. Register by September 2nd by contacting William 717 293-5246 ext 121 – whiggins@lmcchurches.org

Update on Elder of Administration search process

The discernment team is currently in the process of interviewing nominees for the Elder of Administration role. The team includes Pastor Krista, Pastor Tom, Levi Hoover, Lloyd Weaver, Rick Umble and Joyce Shenk. This team is grateful for your prayers and for how God is guiding the process. A recommendation will be made to Leadership and Administrative teams and then the candidate will be recommended to the congregation for an opportunity to affirm by ballot.

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, August 5 at 9am. They welcome any new members that would like to join them.



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

Pastor Tom to Ethiopia in August

Pastor Tom will be traveling to Ethiopia for the annual national assembly of Meserete Kristos Church regional leaders at Meserete Kristos College August 26-September 2. Meserete Kristos is the Ethiopian Mennonite Church which means "Christ our Foundation." (I Corinthians 3:11)

Thank you to those serving in our worship service today!

Ushers: Glenn Hershey and Charles Bauman
Projectionist: Diane Weaver
Sound Tech: Jeff Martin
Live Stream: Chris Martin
Camera Operator: Mim Auker

Serving next Sunday, August 10

Prelude: Linda Myers	Sound: Dale Weaver
Hymns Leader: Anne Martin	Projectionist: Diane Weaver
Worship Leader: Pastor Krista Snader	Livestream: Jim Evans
Praise Team: Marlin and Norene Zimmerman	Camera Operator: Dawn Moore
Sermon: Pastor Tom Eshleman	Offering: Leadership Support
	Ushers: Glen and Joyce Shenk

OFFERING

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

Program Fund	\$3,695.00
Leadership Support	\$2,181.00
Missions	\$1,149.00
Church Facilities	\$ 881.00
Sewing Circle	\$ 155.00



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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