



***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 Linda Myers

Opening Song led by Anne Martin

“Praise the Lord, Sing Hallelujah” (Blue Hymnal #50)

Welcome and Call to Worship by Pastor Krista Snader

Offering for Leadership Support

Children and Youth time led by Mag Nolt

Worship songs led by Marlin and Norene Zimmerman

Scripture Reading: Acts 6: 1-10

Sermon by Pastor Tom Eshleman

“Strengthened in Faith,

Led By the Holy Spirit,

Growing Daily”

Closing Song

“Teach Me, O Lord” (Blue Hymnal #487)

Sharing Time and Prayer

Benediction



## **HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

**Thelma Eberly (Miss):** Tuesday, August 12

**Lee Zimmerman:** Thursday, August 14

**Janelle Horning:** Friday, August 15

**HAPPY 81st BIRTHDAY TO RHODA SMOKER:** Saturday, August 16

**HAPPY 81st BIRTHDAY TO JEAN WISSLER:** Monday, August 18

**Fred Reeser:** Tuesday, August 19

## **HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!**

**TODAY: Levi and Marie Hoover:** Sunday, August 10

Everence is offering a "Freed Up" seminar that helps guide and equip believers to manage money through biblical wisdom. See more detailed information posted on the bulletin board in back of the church.

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

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Our Finance team would like to remind everyone that automatic electronic fund transfers are available for those who would prefer to have their offering deducted from a checking or savings account. The offering is deducted monthly and distributed according to the offering schedule or as you choose to designate. See Jeff Martin or Diane Weaver to complete a form.

### ***Bring to the Lord in prayer:***

Pray for Janet Eberly as she recovers from a stroke and continues in therapy.

We give thanks to God that Leonard Martin was able to return home this past week. Pray for continued recovery for Leonard and for Mim and Leonard as they prepare to move to Fairmount Homes next month.

We give thanks to God that Faythe Roberts was able to return home this past week. Continue to pray for her full recovery.

Pray for Mary Jane Assis as she recovers from knee replacement surgery and goes through physical therapy.

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

We give thanks to God for a good health report for Glen Shenk and a PET scan showing no cancer.

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I want to thank everyone for their cards, thoughts and prayers and food shared with us following my surgery. It is all greatly appreciated and it was great to know of all the prayer support we had. Thanks so much to all !!!

Ruthie Youndt

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### ***MCC School Kits***

MCC is collecting school kits. Please feel free to pick up one or more bags from the back of the church and fill them with the following items:

- 4 spiral or perforated notebooks (8-1/2 x 10 1/2" and 70 pages)
- 8 new unsharpened pencils
- 1 ruler (flat, good quality, indicating 30 cm; inch markings optional)
- 12 colored pencils (in packaging)
- 1 large pencil eraser
- 4 new black or blue ballpoint pens
- 1 metal pencil sharpener

***Thank you for your generosity!***

### ***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

### ***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.

**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 "Straight and Narrow" by Sam Barber.

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***Pastor Tom and Jennifer to Ethiopia in August***

Pastor Tom and Jennifer 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) Tom and Jen are grateful for the opportunity to worship and fellowship with the Meserete Kristos Church, the largest Mennonite Church in the world that began through the work of EMM missionaries in the 1950's.

***Thank you to those serving in our worship  
service today!***

Ushers: Glen and Joyce Shenk

Projectionist: Diane Weaver

Sound Tech: Dale Weaver

Live Stream: Jim Evans

Camera Operator: Dawn Moore

***Serving next Sunday, August 17***

Prelude: Bob Mohler and Rick Umble

Hymns Leader: Glenn Hershey

Sound: Dale Weaver

Projectionist : Becki Day

Livestream: Keith Stoltzfus

Camera Operator: Harold Mohler

Offering: Program Fund

### OFFERING

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

Missions	\$3,430.00
Leadership Support	\$ 375.00
Church Facilities	\$ 375.00
Program Fund	\$ 175.00



*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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