



***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 Bob Mohler and Rick Umble

Opening Song led by Glenn Hershey

    "Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken" (Blue Hymnal #619)

Welcome and Call to Worship by Dave Moore

Offering for Program Fund

    "Blessing of Backpacks" led by Pastor Krista Snader

Worship songs led by Glenn

    "Glory to His Name" (Red Hymnal #527)

    "And Can It Be?" (Red Hymnal #203)

    "Jesus, I Come" (Red Hymnal #336)

Scripture Reading: Acts 16: 11-15

Sermon by Pastor Tom Eshleman

    "The Lord Opened Her Heart"

Closing Song

    "Only Trust Him" (Red Hymnal #330)

Sharing Time and Prayer

Benediction



## **HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

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

**Fred Reeser:** Tuesday, August 19

**HAPPY 81st BIRTHDAY TO HAROLD MUSSELMAN:** Wednesday, August 20

**HAPPY 91st BIRTHDAY TO LEANE GROFF:** Thursday, August 21

**HAPPY 81st BIRTHDAY TO HAROLD MOHLER:** Saturday, August 23

## **HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!**

**Charles and Faythe Roberts:** Thursday, August 21

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.

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See the newsletter at the back of the church on the bulletin board from Austin and Janelle Horning. They are attending Leadership Training School in Kona, Hawaii for 2 months.

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

Pray for Leonard Martin as he continues to receive treatments for cancer and for Leonard and Mim as they prepare to move to Fairmount in early September.

Give thanks to God for Norma Rutt's wonderful adventure to Alaska.

Pray for Bob Mohler as he adjusts to his new home in Millersville.

Pray for Deborah Buckwalter as she anticipates hip replacement surgery on Monday August 18.

Pray for Mary Jane Assis as she recovers from knee replacement surgery last week.

Pray for all of our students returning to school and also for teachers, bus drivers and others involved in the new school year.

Pray for Pastor Tom and Jennifer as they anticipate traveling to Ethiopia from August 26 through September 2.

Pray for Janet Eberly as she recovers in Health Care at Landis Homes after being hospitalized several weeks ago.

Pray for the Groffdale Leadership Team as they meet on Tuesday August 19 at 9:30.

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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!***

### ***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.

### ***Mulch Day***

The Property Team is planning to mulch the church property on **Saturday, September 6**. All ages are welcome to help. We plan to start at **7:30am**; come when you can. Refreshments will be served. The rain date is Saturday, September 27.

### ***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](mailto: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.

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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: Elvin and Lois Martin  
Projectionist: Becki Day  
Sound Tech: Dale Weaver  
Live Stream: Keith Stoltzfus  
Camera Operator: Harold Mohler

***Serving next Sunday, August 24***

Prelude: Lily Zimmerman  
Hymns Leader: Mark Wenger  
Worship Leaders: Lee & Lisa  
Zimmerman  
Sermon: Pastor Tom Eshleman

Sound: Brian Snader  
Projectionist : Chris Martin  
Livestream: Levi Hoover  
Ushers: Charles and Fern Bauman  
Offering: Leadership Support

### OFFERING

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

Leadership Support	\$6,122.00
Missions	\$ 370.00
Program Fund	\$ 220.00



*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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