



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 Caeley and Lily Zimmerman

Opening Song led by Mark Wenger

"Come, Holy Spirit" (Red Hymnal #250)

Welcome and Call to Worship by Lee & Lisa Zimmerman

Offering for Leadership Support

Sharing from Youth Group

Worship songs led by Mark

"I Love To Tell the Story" (Red Hymnal #297)

"He's Got the Whole World" (Red Hymnal #344)

"Brethren, We Have Met" (Blue Hymnal #8)

Scripture Reading: Acts 16: 16-34

Sermon by Pastor Tom Eshleman

"Worshipping at Midnight"

Closing Song

"Freely, Freely" (Red Hymnal #447)

Sharing Time and Prayer

Benediction



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Linda Myers: Wednesday, August 27

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Curvin and Lois Buchen : Monday, September 1

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

Help yourselves to these items on the front and back tables:

- ◆ Sunday School books and teacher guides for the fall quarter
- ◆ Admin. Team minutes for the month of August
- ◆ Prayer guides for students, teachers, and staff

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.

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.

Bob Mohler has a new address and phone number:
Oak Knoll Circle, Millersville, PA 17551
(223) 346-0404

Bring to the Lord in prayer:

Pray for Leonard Martin who is now in health care at Fairmount receiving Hospice Care. Pray for Leonard and Mim as they prepare to move into their apartment in the Crestview building of Fairmount.

Pray for Deborah Buckwalter as she recovers from hip replacement surgery.

Pray for Pastor Tom and Jennifer as they travel to Ethiopia August 26-September 3.

Pray for all of our school students, teachers and bus drivers as the new year begins.

Pray for our college students as they return to campus (Tanner Eshleman and Janessa Eshleman (Messiah) , Caeley Zimmerman (Lebanon Valley) and Tim Wenger (Cedarville).

Pray for Aina Maine, recent graduate of Lancaster Bible College and friend of Pastor Tom who will be preaching next Sunday August 31. (Aina is from Madagascar)

Pray for Fred Reeser as he returns to Welsh Mountain Home after a month in a Philadelphia hospital.

Pray for Diane Weaver as she recovers from outpatient surgery this week.

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. Bring a lawn chair.

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.

Save the Date: Sunday evening, October 5

Evening Worship Service celebrating the service of
Bishop Lloyd and Elaine Hoover

Inviting your Participation: The Groffdale District churches are working together to compile a book of hand-written notes in appreciation of Bishop Lloyd and Elaine Hoover. There are pages on the table in the back of the sanctuary on which we invite you to write a note of thanks, a Scripture verse, or special memory for Lloyd and Elaine. These pages will be available in the back of the church on August 24, August 31 and September 7. Thanks so much for your collaboration in blessing Lloyd and Elaine! If you would prefer to write or type a note on regular printer paper and bring it to church you can place it in the basket provided and it will be attached to the provided pages. Feel free to bring any photos you may have of Lloyd and Elaine as well. If you have any questions please contact Jennifer Eshleman.

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

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 "I Found My Hope" by LOVKN.

Pastor Tom and Jennifer to Ethiopia

Pastor Tom and Jennifer will be traveling to Ethiopia for the annual national assembly of Meserete Kristos Church regional leaders at Meserete Kristos College **leaving this Tuesday August 26 and returning on Tuesday 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: Charles and Fern Bauman
Projectionist: Chris Martin
Sound Tech: Brian Snader
Live Stream: Levi Hoover
Camera Operator: Lucinda Snader

Serving next Sunday, August 31

Sermon: Aina Maine
(LBC Student from
Madagascar)
Sound: Dale Weaver

Projectionist : Diane Weaver
Ushers: Deloris Tennis and
Mary Jane Assis
Offering: Church Facilities

OFFERING

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

Program Fund	\$4,758.25
Leadership Support	\$2,860.00
Church Facilities	\$ 880.00
Missions	\$ 755.00



WELCOME GUESTS AND VISITORS!

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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