



***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 Henry Youndt

“God of Our Strength” (Blue Hymnal #36)

Welcome and Call to Worship by Pastor Krista Snader

Offering for Church Facilities

Worship songs led by Henry

“O Worship the King” (Red Hymnal #10)

“The Love of God” (Red Hymnal #67)

Scripture Reading:

Genesis 3: 1-15, Romans 8: 1-11, Romans 16:20

Sermon by Aina Maine

"Genesis 3 and the Hope of the Gospel"

Closing Song

“Joy to the World” (Red Hymnal #125)

Sharing Time and Prayer

Benediction



## **HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

**Nancy Ressler:** Thursday, September 4

**Clair Mast:** Friday, September 5

**Glen Shenk:** Saturday, September 6

**Dave Moore:** Monday, September 8

**Angelica Prins:** Monday, September 8

**HAPPY 90th BIRTHDAY TO CHARLES WERT:** Monday, September 8

**Jennifer Eshleman:** Tuesday, September 9

## **HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!**

**Curvin and Lois Buchen :** Monday, September 1

**Roy and Dorothy Reiff:** Sunday, September 7

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

- ◆ Sunday School books and teacher guides for the fall quarter. **Sunday School classes will begin next Sunday, September 7.**

- ◆ Admin. Team minutes for the month of August

- ◆ Prayer guides for students, teachers, and staff

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### ***Elder of Administration affirmation***

On Sunday, September 7th, we invite you to affirm Richard Buckwalter to serve as elder of administration on Groffdale's Leadership Team and chair of Administration Team. During our worship service we will distribute the affirmation forms immediately after the offering, followed by 2-3 minutes of recorded music when we invite you to prayerfully complete your written form. The affirmation form gives you opportunity to "affirm" or to "not affirm" Richard Buckwalter for this role. Ushers will then collect the forms and members of Leadership Team will review the forms and make an announcement at the close of the service. If you are not able to be present on Sunday, you are invited to email Lee Zimmerman at [leelisaz@gmail.com](mailto:leelisaz@gmail.com) and let him know whether you can affirm Richard Buckwalter as elder of administration, along with any comments. We encourage you to send this email to Lee prior to the morning of September 7th. Thank you for your continued prayers as we call leadership for our congregation and thank you to the discernment team for their service. Members of the discernment team are Rick Umble, Lloyd Weaver, Joyce Shenk, Levi Hoover, Pastor Tom Eshleman and Pastor Krista Snader.

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

- Pray for Aina Maine, recent graduate of Lancaster Bible College and friend of Pastor Tom who is preaching today (Sunday August 31). (Aina is from Madagascar)
- Pray for Peter and Christy Sensenig and their family as they fly to Chad on Sunday. After spending several days in Chad, they will then move to France. Pray for God's wisdom and guidance in this next chapter of their ministry.
- Pray for Faythe Roberts who continues as a patient with pancreatic issues and stomach pain at Hershey Medical Center.
- Pray for Leonard Martin who is 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 Miriam Snader as she heals from a recent heart surgery. Praise God the surgery went well and she is at home recovering.
- Pray for Pastor Tom and Jennifer as they participate in the annual national assembly of Meserete Kristos Church in Ethiopia. Pray for Pastor Tom as he preaches on Sunday.
- Pray for all of our school students, teachers and bus drivers as the new year begins.
- Pray for God's peace and comfort for all those affected by the school shooting in Minneapolis.
- Pray for Fred Reeser as he readjusts to life at Welsh Mountain Home after a month in a Philadelphia hospital.

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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***

All are invited to join us tonight **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 Dates***

Groffdale potluck fellowship meal on **Sunday September 21**. Everyone is welcome to stay for lunch after the morning worship service. You are invited to bring some food to share. The Fireside Sunday School class will be helping to serve the meal.

**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.

**Sewing Circle** will meet Tuesday, September 2 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 "Grace Alone" by The Modern Post.

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### ***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.

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

Ushers: Delores Tennis and Mim Auker  
Projectionist: Diane Weaver  
Sound Tech: Dale Weaver  
Live Stream: Keith Stoltzfus  
Camera Operator: Brian Snader

### ***Serving next Sunday, September 7***

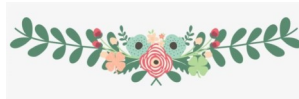
Prelude: Joe Jaskolka  
Hymns Leader: Rick Umble  
Worship Leader:  
    Pastor Tom Eshleman  
Sermon: Pastor Krista Snader  
Sound: Jeff Martin

Projectionist : Diane Weaver  
Livestream: Chris Martin  
Camera: Mim Auker  
Ushers: Glen and Joyce Shenk  
Offering: Groffdale Missionaries  
& EMM (20% Immerse International)

## OFFERING

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

Leadership Support \$3,955.00



## ***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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