

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

"I Sing the Mighty Power of God" (Blue Hymnal #46)

Welcome and Call to Worship by Pastor Tom Eshleman

Offering for Groffdale Missionaries and EMM

(20% Immerse International)

Affirmation Ballot for Elder of Administration

Worship songs led by Rick

"In Thy Holy Place We Bow" (Blue Hymnal #2)

"2 Timothy 2:15" (KJV)

Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

"How Firm a Foundation" (Blue Hymnal #567)

Scripture Reading: Acts 17: 1-15

Sermon by Pastor Krista Snader

"Eager Students"

Closing Song

"More About Jesus" (Red Hymnal # 389)

Sharing Time and Prayer

Benediction



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Dave Moore: Monday, September 8 **Angelica Prins:** Monday, September 8

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

Jeff Martin (Connie): Friday, September 12 Krista Snader: Saturday, September 13 Diane Weaver: Sunday, September 14

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

TODAY: Roy and Dorothy Reiff: Sunday, September 7
Charles and Fern Bauman: Friday, September 12
Tim and Linda Herr: Monday, September 15
Lee and Lisa Zimmerman: Monday, September 15

Dear Groffdale Friends: Thank you for your prayers, cards and words of encouragement during my recovery from recent hip replacement surgery.

Deborah Buckwalter

Bring to the Lord in prayer:

Pray for Peter and Christy Sensenig and family as they move their household from Chad to France. Pray for new vision and a smooth transition for their children.

Pray for the family from Pakistan who moved into the 170 house. Pray for volunteers from Stumptown Mennonite Church who are helping to resettle this refugee family.

Pray for Leonard and Miriam Martin who moved to their new apartment in the Crestview building of Fairmount. Pray for restoration of speech and mobility for Leonard.

Pray for God's peace and comfort for all those affected by the school shooting in Minneapolis.

Pray for Pastor Krista Snader as she brings our message on Sunday.

Give thanks to God for Pastor Tom and Jennifer Eshleman's safe and meaningful trip to Ethiopia to participate in the annual national assembly of Meserete Kristos Church.

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!

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.



You are invited to enjoy the goodness of fresh fruit grown here on the property! There are sweet and juicy white grapes available on the vines beside the 170 house.

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 "God is Not a Boring Old White Man" by John Mark Pantana.

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: Glen and Joyce Shenk
Projectionist: Diane Weaver
Sound Tech: Jeff Martin
Live Stream: Chris Martin
Camera Operator: Mim Auker

Serving next Sunday, September 14

Prelude: Linda Myers Hymns Leader: Lisa Zimmerman Worship Leader: Steve Lindsey

Sound: Dale Weaver Projectionist: Chris Martin Livestream: Jim Evans Camera: Dawn Moore Ushers: Glenn Hershey and Charles Bauman

Offering: Leadership Support

OFFERING

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

Church Facilities \$2,890.00 Missions \$1,600.00 Leadership Support \$ 760.00



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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