



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 Joe Jaskolka

Opening Song led by Rick Umble

 "Praise to God, Immortal Praise" (Blue Hymnal #91)

Call to Worship led by Lee and Lisa Zimmerman

Offering for Groffdale Missionaries and EMM

 20% Welsh Mountain Homes

Appreciation for Levi Hoover, outgoing Elder of Administration

Worship songs led by Rick

 "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" (Red Hymnal #2)

 "Grace Greater Than Our Sin" (Red Hymnal #201)

 "Ancient Words"

Scripture Reading: Acts 20: 22-38

Sermon by Pastor Tom Eshleman

 "The Word of Grace Which Can Build You Up"

Closing Song

 "Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing" (Red Hymnal #601)

Sharing Time and Prayer

Benediction



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Rick Umble: Monday, October 6

HAPPY 82nd BIRTHDAY TO ANNA DAY: Wednesday, October 8

Robert Nolt: Monday, October 13

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Brian and Krista Snader: Wednesday, October 8

Special Guest speaker from Ethiopia next Sunday, October 12.

We are thankful to announce that President Desalegn Abebe from Meserete Kristos Church of Ethiopia will be preaching at Groffdale next Sunday October 12. Mark Wenger serves with the Meserete Kristos College Link board that promotes the College here in the US and is coordinating the visit of College Principal Gishu Jebachu and Church President Desalegn. Thank you Mark for inviting Desalegn to preach here at Groffdale on October 12.



As a way to share worship music between the generations, the Groffdale youth invite you to listen to the song "Matthew 7:7" by Kijan Boone.

Bring to the Lord in prayer:

Pray for health and healing for Faythe Roberts.

Pray for Bob Book who spent time in the hospital last week.

Pray God's blessings for Levi and Marie Hoover as today we give thanks to God for Levi's years of service as Elder of Administration.

Pray for Bishop Lloyd and Elaine Hoover as this Sunday evening we honor and celebrate their thirty years of ministry in our Groffdale District.

Give thanks to God for the provision of new carpet that we received this week and for all those who gave leadership to this project.

Pray for President Desalegn Abebe from the Meserete Kristos Church of Ethiopia as he visits the US and preaches here at Groffdale next Sunday. Pray for Mark Wenger as he coordinates the visit of Gishu Jebachu and Desalegn on behalf of the Meserete Kristos College.

Pray for Andres Prins's father who has been in the hospital recently with several blood clots.

Pray for areas of the world where there is conflict, violence and turmoil. Pray for the peace of Christ to transform hearts.

Pray for the family living in the 170 house, (Saba, Hamid and their son Jeremiah) Pray that their daughter Diana can soon travel safely from Pakistan to the US to join her family.

***Invitation to an Event honoring
Bishop Lloyd and Elaine Hoover
Tonight October 5
from 7:00-8:15 pm here at
Groffdale Mennonite Church.***

Everyone is invited! This will be a time of worshiping God, sharing testimonies and honoring Lloyd and Elaine for their thirty years of ministry in our district. A district worship team will be leading some of Lloyd and Elaine's favorite songs. There will be a special gift presented to Lloyd and Elaine and refreshments afterwards. We hope you will join us as we show our appreciation to Lloyd and Elaine.

Volunteer Day at MRC

Groffdale is scheduled to volunteer at the MCC Material Resource Center at 517 W. Trout Run Rd., Ephrata on **Tuesday, October 14 from 9am to 3pm**. You can come and go at any time during that time period. There are activities for young and old - from sewing to packing kits to recycling books. If you plan to stay over lunchtime, please bring your own lunch.

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 on Tuesday, October 7 at 9am. They welcome any new members that would like to join them.

Sewing Circle is thankful for your participation in donating school kits for MCC. Sewing Circle donated 40; members of the congregation added 58 bringing the total kits from Groffdale to 98. For the fiscal year April 2024-March 31, 2025 MCC shipped 52,481 school kits to locations all over the world "In the Name of Christ".

***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, October 12

Prelude: Linda Myers

Hymns Leader: Lisa Zimmerman

Worship Leader: Pastor Tom
Eshleman

Sermon: Desalegn Abebe

Sound: Dale Weaver

Projectionist : Diane Weaver

Livestream: Jim Evans

Camera: Dawn Moore

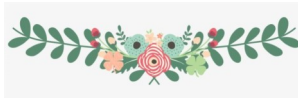
Ushers: Glenn Hershey and
Charles Bauman

Offering: Leadership Support

OFFERING

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

Leadership Support	\$4,286.00
Program Fund	\$1,470.00
Missions	\$1,150.00
Church Facilities	\$1,000.00



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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