



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 by Caeley and Lily Zimmerman

Opening Song and Call to Worship led by Mark Wenger

"Come Thou Fount" (Blue Hymnal #521)

Offering for Leadership Support

Children and Youth Time led by Pastor Krista Snader

Worship songs led by Mark

"O God Your Constant Care" (Blue Hymnal #481)

"O Power of Love" (Blue Hymnal #593)

"Be Thou My Vision" (Blue Hymnal #545)

Scripture Reading: Philippians 3: 1-11

Sermon by Lee Zimmerman

"Taking Out the Trash"

Closing Song

"My Life Flows On" (Blue Hymnal #580)

Sharing Time and Prayer

Benediction



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

TODAY: HAPPY 80th BIRTHDAY TO FERN BAUMAN:

Sunday, November 23

Angela Hahn: Monday, December 1

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Jonas and Emma Reiff: Friday, November 28



Advent begins on Sunday November 30

Our theme this year comes from Psalm 24: 7 (NIRV)

Open wide, you gates.

Open up, you ancient doors.

Then the King of glory will come in.

God calls each of us to open wide the gates of our hearts to the transforming renewal of Jesus.

God calls us to open wide our gates to a world that needs to experience the love and compassion of Jesus.

Bring to the Lord in prayer:

Pray for Lee Zimmerman as he brings our message today.

Pray for Ron Hock's daughter Donna Burns who is experiencing significant health concerns.

Pray for healing and pain relief for Curvin Buchen as he recently had an outbreak of shingles.

Continue to pray for the people of Jamaica as they recover from the recent hurricane.

Pray for James and Melani as they serve and minister in Central Asia.

Pray for Andres and Angelica as they prepare to return to Morocco with Angelica's mother.

Pray for the EMM Advance team who will be joining our youth this afternoon for a pizza lunch, testimonies and open gym time.

Pray for Jeff Martin (husband of Connie) as he anticipates surgery in the next month.

Jason and Jennifer Hamilton attended Groffdale years ago in their work with Friendship Community. Their 24 year old daughter Savannah was tragically killed in an accident last month. If would you like to send the family a card, their address is P.O Box 156, Skull Valley, AZ 86338.

Important happenings

On Wednesday December 10, Pastor Krista Snader will be meeting with the LMC Credentialing Commission for her interview leading up to ordination. We invite your prayers for Krista as she anticipates this important event in her life and ministry.

This past Saturday November 15, the EMM board elected Lisa Zimmerman as their chairperson. Lisa has served on the EMM board for the past seven years. We invite your prayers for Lisa as she begins this significant responsibility.

Save the Date: Bishop Installation

The Groffdale District bishop installation service for Ryan Bomgardner and Tom Eshleman will be held on **Sunday afternoon January 18, 2026 at 3:00 pm** at Metzler Mennonite Church. All are welcome to attend.

To encourage our college students you are invited to write a card and put it in the box on the back table by December 7th. Our college students are Tim Wenger at Cedarville College, Caeley Zimmerman at Lebanon Valley College, and Tanner and Janessa Eshleman at Messiah University.

Help yourself to the Winter Sunday School quarterlies on the front and back tables.

Morning Prayer Group will not be meeting next week
at our usual time on Wednesday morning.



As a way to share worship music between the generations, the Groffdale youth invite you to listen to the song “Cloud and Fire” by Josiah Queen.

Affirmation ballots will be available next Sunday, November 30 for your response and comments to the flooring proposal recommended by the Admin. Team. You will find cost estimates in your mailbox this morning. Absentee ballots are available by request by contacting Levi Hoover lhoov@frontier.com

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

Ushers: Charles and Fern Bauman

Projectionist: Diane Weaver

Sound Tech: Brian Snader

Live Stream: Levi Hoover

Camera Operator: Mag Nolt

Serving next Sunday, November 30

Hymns Leader: Brian Snader

Worship Leaders: Lee and Lisa
Zimmerman

Sermon: Pastor Tom Eshleman

Sound: Brian Snader

Projectionist : Diane Weaver

Livestream: Keith Stoltzfus

Ushers: Delores 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	\$4,911.00
Leadership Support	\$3,931.70
Missions	\$2,480.00
Church Facilities	\$1,540.00



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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