



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 Joe Jaskolka

Opening Song led by Rick Umble

 "God of Our Life" (Blue Hymnal #486)

Welcome and Call to Worship by Lee and Lisa Zimmerman

Offering for Groffdale Missionaries and EMM

 20% Mennonite Disaster Service

Worship songs led by Rick

 "Oh, Beautiful Star of Bethlehem"

 "In the Name of the Lord" (Red Hymnal #90)

 "As with Gladness Men of Old" (Red Hymnal #163)

Scripture Reading: Matthew 2: 1-12, Joshua 1: 9

Sermon by Pastor Tom Eshleman

 "We Have Come to Worship Him"

Introduction of our 2026 theme: Joshua 1: 9 "Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go."

Closing Song

 "Oh Come Let Us Adore Him"

Sharing Time and Prayer

Benediction



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Tuesday, January 6: Kayley Eshleman

Thursday, January 8: Faye Woods

Friday, January 9: Michael Berg

Friday, January 9: Jeshua Day

Sunday, January 11: Brian Snader

HAPPY 83rd BIRTHDAY TO MIRIAM SNADER: Tuesday, January 13

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

TODAY: **Dave and Dawn Moore:** Sunday, January 4

Andres and Angelica Prins: Saturday, January 10

Items on the front and back tables

2026 Birthday/Anniversary calendars; this year's calendar is in a different format.

Admin. Team minutes for November and December

LMC is offering classes on the **Gospel of Mark chapters 14-16.** Classes are Tuesday evenings at 6:30pm or Thursday mornings at 10:30am. Both days classes are offered at LMC offices at 450 N. Prince St. and over Zoom. Classes begin the week of January 13 and will run for 7 weeks, each class meets for 90 minutes. Register by contacting William Higgins at whiggins@lmcchurches.org or 717 293-5246

Bring to the Lord in prayer:

Pray for Lloyd Wenger, father of Dawn Moore and Melani Wenger, who has been a patient at Ephrata Hospital this week.

Pray for Ron Hock and his family as they grieve the passing of Ron's daughter Donna Burns. Donna's memorial service is/was Saturday January 3, 12:00 noon at Groffdale.

Pray for our college students as they prepare to return to school, Timothy Wenger at Cedarville, Caeley Zimmerman at Lebanon Valley, Tanner and Janessa Eshleman at Messiah.

Pray for our congregation in the year ahead as we discern God's word to us from our theme from Joshua 1:9; "Be strong and courageous, do not be afraid, do not be discouraged."

Pray for James and Melani as they prepare to return to Central Asia.

Pray for Andres and Angelica as they serve in Morocco.

Give thanks to God for Kayley Eshleman's meaningful trip to Jordan to visit her friend Elizabeth who is serving with EMM. (Kayley returned on January 1)

Give thanks to God for our meaningful worship experiences over Advent and Christmas and especially for all the creativity of our youth and children.

Pray for Groffdale leadership team as they meet on Friday January 9 at 1:00pm.

Pray for Pastor Tom as he participates in Mennonite World Conference meetings at MCC Akron January 6-8.



SAVE THE DATES!

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.

January 25—Communion

February 8—Congregational meeting and lunch

February 22—Ordination service for Pastor Krista

The Admin Team is grateful for the strong affirmation for the proposed painting and carpet replacement project. We have agreed that the project will begin once we have received 80% of the estimated cost of \$61,125 (which is \$48,900).

We invite you to contribute as you are able to the “Renovation Fund” of Groffdale Mennonite Church. Contributions may be made through Sunday morning offerings by designating a portion of your offering for the Renovation Fund on your offering envelope.

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.

Thank you to those serving in our worship service today!

Ushers: Glen and Joyce Shenk

Projectionist: Diane Weaver

Sound Tech: Brian Snader

Live Stream: Chris Martin

Camera Operator: Mim Auker

Serving next Sunday, January 11

Prelude: Linda Myers

Projectionist : Diane Weaver

Hymns Leader: Lisa Zimmerman

Livestream: Keith Stoltzfus

Worship Leader: Steve Lindsey

Camera: Dawn Moore

Sermon: Pastor Krista Snader

Ushers: Glenn Hershey and

Sound: Dale Weaver

Charles Bauman

Offering: Leadership Support

OFFERING

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

Sewing Circle	\$ 25.00
Church Facilities	\$ 1,050.00
Chestnut Housing	\$ 1,509.00
Missions	\$ 1,544.00
Program Fund	\$ 5,016.00
Leadership Support	\$ 9,810.70
Renovation Fund	\$ 17,250.00



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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