



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 Linda Myers

Opening Song led by Brian Snader

Welcome and Call to Worship by Dave Moore

Offering for Church Facilities

Worship songs led by Lisa Zimmerman and
Jennifer Eshleman

Scripture Reading: 1 Peter 1: 3-9, 13-21

Sermon by Pastor Tom Eshleman

"New Birth, Living Hope"

Closing Song

Benediction



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

HAPPY 90th BIRTHDAY TO ELVIN MARTIN: Monday, February 9

HAPPY 91st BIRTHDAY TO LYDIA MARTIN: Thursday, February 12

HAPPY 87th BIRTHDAY TO LOIS BUCHEN: Friday, February 13

Dale Weaver: Saturday, February 14

Marie Hoover: Monday, February 16

Jeffrey Martin (Anne): Monday, February 16

Sharon Nolt: Monday, February 16

Brenda Weaver: Monday, February 16

Anticipating Lent

This year, Lent begins on Ash Wednesday February 18. Our congregational Lenten theme this year is “Turn toward God” from Acts 3:19, “*Repent, then, and **turn to God**, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord.*” During Lent, we often think about those things we want to turn away from. This is a very important part of repentance. But even more important is who we turn toward. We are called to turn toward Jesus who brings abundant life and times of refreshing. During Lent this year, we invite you to think and pray about a practice, a hobby, an activity, a discipline that you could add to your life as a tangible way of turning toward God. Perhaps it is something that was life-giving for you in the past that you want to resume. It may be something you’ve never done before. We invite you to choose something that can bring you renewal as you turn toward God through that activity. It can be something very simple or it can be something that feels much more significant. Our Lenten theme connects to our 2026 theme of “Be Strong and Courageous.” As we turn away from fear and anxiety, we turn toward Jesus who brings us courage and strength.

Bring to the Lord in prayer:

Pray for the family of Mae Shreiner, including Diane and Clete Weaver, as they grieve her passing and celebrate her life.

Pray for Doug Hoover as he adjusts to living in his new apartment.

Pray for Mag Nolt as she continues her recovery and rehabilitation.

Pray for the baby who is at Hershey Medical Center after being shaken and seriously injured. The mother of the baby is a close friend of Delores Tennis's granddaughter.

Pray for Levi Hoover to experience healing and relief from back pain.

Pray for the refugees who attend the English classes at SEEDS. Recently attendance has been very low because the participants are fearful of being arrested by ICE.

Pray for peace in Minnesota and other troubled areas of our country.

Pray for our congregational meeting today.

Pray for our congregation as we anticipate communion next Sunday February 15.



SAVE THE DATES!

Communion has been scheduled for next **Sunday, February 15**. We invite you to prayerfully prepare to celebrate the Lord's Supper together.

Sunday, February 22—Ordination service for Pastor Krista followed by a potluck lunch. Since family and friends of Krista will be attending the service, we are asking those who are able to bring a **large** hot or cold dish to share.

Friday, March 20—Groffdale Day of Prayer

Sunday March 22 -after the morning worship service we will host a **Chili Cook-off** and a **Pinewood Derby Race!** Everyone is invited to come to this time of fellowship and cheering on the racers! More details to follow.

Conestoga Valley Christian Community Services (CVCCS) is in need of clothing and items for the food bank. There are papers on the table in the back of the church with these items listed. All items can be placed in the boxes under the table. ***Thank you for your generosity!***

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 "Make Room" by The Church Will Sing.

Thank you to those serving in our worship service today!

Ushers: Glenn Hershey and Charles Bauman
Projectionist: Becki Day
Sound Tech: Dale Weaver
Live Stream: Jim Evans
Camera Operator: Dawn Moore

Serving next Sunday, February 15

Prelude: Bob Mohler/Rick Umble Livestream: Keith Stoltzfus
Hymns Leader: Glenn Hershey Camera Operator: Harold Mohler
Sermon: Pastor Tom Eshleman Ushers: Elvin and Lois Martin
Sound: Dale Weaver Offering: Leadership Support
Projectionist : Diane Weaver

OFFERING

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

Renovation Fund	\$ 7,950.00
Missions	\$ 4,561.25
Leadership Support	\$ 3,921.25
Church Facilities	\$ 3,385.55
Program Fund	\$ 1,187.70
Sewing Circle	\$ 155.00



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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