



***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 led by Mark Wenger

    "Joyful Joyful We Adore Thee" (Blue Hymnal #71)

Welcome and Call to Worship by Pastor Tom Eshleman

Offering for Program Fund

Worship songs led by Lisa Zimmerman

    "Beautiful Things"

    "Agnus Dei"

    "Light of the World (Sing Hallelujah)"

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 43: 1-3

Sermon by Marcia Mylin (LMC Executive Bishop)

    "Transitions"

Ordination of Pastor Krista Snader by Bishop Keith Nyce

Prayer of Blessing by Bishop Ryan Bomgardner

    (Co-Bishop of Groffdale District)

Closing Song

    "To God Be The Glory" (Blue Hymnal #102)

Benediction



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

**Earl Myers:** Tuesday, February 24

**Ruthie Youndt:** Tuesday, February 24

**Ruth Zimmerman:** Wednesday, February 25

**Jonathan Bauman:** Monday, March 2

**HAPPY 84th BIRTHDAY TO DELORES TENNIS:** Monday, March 2

Correction on Doug Hoover's new address:

401 W. Main St.-Apt C

East Earl, PA 17519

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See the Shopping News article posted on the bulletin board in the back of the church about Elvin and Lois Martin!

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

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In celebration of the ordination of Pastor Krista Snader, on Sunday morning you are invited to **choose a piece of fabric and sign your name** and/or write a brief message on the fabric. These pieces will then be sewn together by the Sewing Circle to make a wall-hanging for Krista. The fabric will be in the foyer at the back of the sanctuary before the service and then moved to the All-Purpose room during lunch. Thanks for creating a beautiful gift for Krista to remember this special event!

***Bring to the Lord in prayer:***

Pray for The Gavilondo family, Rachel, Yamil, Jeshua, Elijah, Jose, Adriel, Ezekiel, and Anna Day as they serve and minister at the YWAM base in Kona, Hawaii.

Pray God's blessing on Pastor Krista, Brian, Brandon and Lucinda on this day of celebrating God's call on Krista's life to serve in pastoral ministry.

Pray healing for Levi Hoover's back pain.

Pray for Mag Nolt's continued healing and recovery.

Pray for Diane and Clete Weaver as they travel to Florida. Pray God's refreshment and renewal for them.

Pray for the Djari-Abdelkarim family from Sudan as they continue to adjust, learn and grow in their home in Columbia, PA. Pray for Glen and Joyce Shenk as they visit regularly.

Pray for peace in our nation, the peace of Christ for all people.

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We give thanks to God for the strong congregational affirmation Lisa Zimmerman received on Sunday, February 15 to serve as Minister of Discipleship and Outreach. Pray for Lisa as she prepares to begin serving in this role.



## **SAVE THE DATES!**

**Friday, March 20**—Groffdale Day of Prayer



**Chili-Cook-off and Pinewood Derby Race on Sunday March 22** after the morning worship service. Everyone is invited to come to this time of fellowship, chili contest and cheering on the racers! Youth will be making their cars during Wednesday evening gatherings. Adults are invited to make a pinewood car at home or on March 8 and 15 after the morning service. Contact Brian Snader for more information. **If you would like to make a large crockpot of chili for the cook-off, please sign up on the sheet on the back table.**

### ***Lent 2026 “Turn Toward God”***

Today is the first Sunday of Lent. Our theme this year comes 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 need 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 us 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 *“Be Strong and Courageous.”* As we turn away from fear and anxiety, we turn toward Jesus who brings us courage and strength.

**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 “Flowers ” by Samantha Ebert.

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

Ushers: Charles and Fern Bauman

Projectionist: Chris Martin

Sound Tech: Jeff Martin

Live Stream: Levi Hoover

Camera Operator: Ruthie Umble

***Serving next Sunday, March 1***

Prelude: Joe Jaskolka

Hymns Leader: Rick Umble

Worship Leader: Becki Day

Sound: Jeff Martin

Projectionist: Diane Weaver

Livestream: Chris Martin

Camera Operator: Mim Auker

Ushers: Glen and Joyce Shenk

Offering: Groffdale Missionaries

&EMM(20% Transition to  
Community –Potter’s House)

## OFFERING

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

Leadership Support	\$ 4,825.70
Church Facilities	\$ 468.00
Missions	\$ 65.00



## LENT

### ***WELCOME GUESTS AND VISITORS!***

*We give a special welcome to family, friends and church leaders who are worshipping with us this morning as we celebrate the ordination of Pastor Krista Snader. Everyone is invited to join us for a celebration meal in the All-Purpose Room after church.*

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