

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, March 3 at 9am. They welcome any new members that would like to join them.



As a way to share worship music between the generations, the Groffdale youth invite you to listen to the song "I Need Help" by Connor Price.

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, March 8

Prelude: Linda Myers
 Hymns Leader: Lisa Zimmerman
 Worship Leader: Richard Buckwalter
 Sermon: Pastor Tom Eshleman
 Sound: Dale Weaver
 Projectionist: Diane Weaver
 Livestream: Jim Evans
 Camera Operator: 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!

Program Fund	\$5,881.00
Leadership Support	\$3,747.00
Church Facilities	\$1,194.00
Missions	\$1,094.00
Renovation Fund	\$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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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
 "Holy God, We Praise Thy Name" (Blue hymnal #121)
 Welcome and Call to Worship by Becki Day
 Offering for Groffdale Missionaries and EMM
 20% Transition to Community (Potter's House)
 Worship songs
 "Come, Christians, Join to Sing" (Red hymnal #108)
 "I Will Call Upon the Lord" (Red hymnal #38)
 "Only Trust Him" (Red hymnal #330)
 Scripture Reading: John 3: 1-17
 Sermon by Pastor Tom Eshleman
 "Turning toward God: Nicodemus visits Jesus at night"
 Closing Song
 "Marvelous Grace of Our Loving Lord" (Blue hymnal #157)
 Sharing Time
 Benediction



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Jonathan Bauman: Monday, March 2

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

HAPPY 80th BIRTHDAY TO RUTHIE UMBLE: Wednesday, March 4

HAPPY 87th BIRTHDAY TO ADA BURKHART: Thursday, March 5

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

CVSEEDS is hosting an informational meeting on Wednesday March 11th from 6:30-7:30pm. See the poster at the back table or talk to Joyce Shenk for more info.

Lucinda Snader is in the musical Annie Jr with Ephrata Middle School 528 theater! Performances are March 13 and 14 at 7pm. See the poster at the back table for more info.

The Mennonite Children’s Choir of Lancaster and the Wheatland Chorale will join together for the first time in a special intergenerational concert, *United in Song*, on Saturday, March 7, 2026, at 3:00pm at Neffsville Mennonite Church.

Bring to the Lord in prayer:

Pray for peace in the Middle East and other areas of turmoil in our world.

Pray for refugees and immigrants among us who face new uncertainties and fears.

Pray for Lisa Zimmerman as she begins serving as Minister of Discipleship and Outreach.

Pray for Groffdale Leadership Team meeting this Friday March 6.

Pray for the Gavilondo family as they return from their mission trip to Hawaii.

Pray for our youth as they have their first Pinewood Derby night on Wednesday March 4. Pastor Tom Philpot from Village Chapel will be leading a devotional.

Pray for Robert and Anna Nolt at Fairmount. Pray for grace, strength and courage as Robert is in health care and as Anna faithfully supports him.

Pray for Paul and Edith Gehman as Paul receives Hospice Care at Fairmount.

We are grateful to announce that Pastor Krista Snader’s ordination has been rescheduled for **Sunday afternoon April 12 at 3:00 pm** here at Groffdale Mennonite Church.

Preaching schedule during Lent

March 1: Pastor Tom Eshleman

March 8: Pastor Tom Eshleman

March 15: Dave Moore

March 22: Jennifer Eshleman

March 29: (Palm Sunday) Pastor Krista Snader

Easter Sunday April 5: Pastor Tom Eshleman



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 second 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.