



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 Lisa Zimmerman

"Praise the Lord, Sing Hallelujah" (Blue hymnal #50)

Welcome and Call to Worship by Richard Buckwalter

Offering for Leadership Support

Children's Time led by Pastor Krista Snader

Worship Songs led by Jim Evans, Ray Horst and Joe Jaskolka

Scripture Reading: John 6: 1-15

Sermon by Pastor Tom Eshleman

"Turning Toward the Bread of Life"

Closing Song

"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" (Blue hymnal #582)

Sharing Time and Prayer

Benediction



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Ruthie Zimmerman: Saturday March 14

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Jeff and Anne Martin: Saturday, March 14

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.

Copies of the minutes from the February Admin. Team Meeting are on the back table.

We welcome Mark and Linda McCulley to our Groffdale family. Their contact info is:

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Bring to the Lord in prayer:

- Pray for Glenn Hershey's grandson Oliver Denlinger and his family as they seek approval for their adopted daughter Melody in Albania to join their family in the US.
- Pray for Faye Woods as she anticipates hip replacement surgery this Wednesday March 11.
- Pray for our Groffdale District leaders retreat being held next weekend March 13 and 14 at the MCC Welcoming Place in Akron.
- Pray for peace in the Middle East. Those most affected by any war are the poor and children. Pray for the Iranian people and for all those in the Middle East who are suffering as a result of the war.
- Pray for our government leaders; for wisdom, courage, discretion and integrity.
- Pray for Elizabeth Martin, close friend of Kayley Eshleman, who is serving with EMM in Jordan. Pray for Elizabeth's safety, health and for the peace of Christ to surround her.
- Pray for our youth as they gather on Wednesday evenings in March to work on their Pinewood Derby cars. Pray for Brian Snader as he gives leadership.
- Pray for Dave Moore as he prepares to preach next Sunday March 15.
- Pray God's protection for Ryan and Gail Bomgardner and their travel group who are currently in the Middle East.

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

Preaching schedule during Lent

March 15: Dave Moore

March 22: Jennifer Eshleman

March 29: (Palm Sunday) Pastor Krista Snader

Easter Sunday April 5: Pastor Tom Eshleman

You are invited to participate in the Groffdale **Day of Prayer** on **Friday, March 20**. The building will be open all day for individual prayer with suggestions for where and how to pray. We will gather for corporate prayer at the beginning of the day at 7:00am and for worship at the end of the day at 7:00pm. You are also invited to pray from home throughout the day (a prayer guide will be provided).



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 Third 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.

Sewing Circle has been rescheduled for **Tuesday, March 10 at 9am.** They welcome any new members that would like to join them.

***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, March 15

Prelude: Bob Mohler/Rick Umble	Projectionist: Diane Weaver
Hymns Leader: Glenn Hershey	Livestream: Keith Stoltzfus
Worship Leader: Lee Zimmerman	Camera Operator: Harold Mohler
Sermon: Dave Moore	Ushers: Elvin and Lois Martin
Sound: Dale Weaver	Offering: Program Fund

OFFERING

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

Missions	\$3,611.00
Renovation Fund	\$ 800.00
Program Fund	\$ 500.00
Church Facilities	\$ 80.00
Leadership Fund	\$ 75.00



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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