



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 Bob Mohler and Rick Umble

Opening song led by Glenn Hershey

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" (Blue Hymnal #37)

Welcome and Call to Worship by David Umble

Prayer for the Offering by Brandon Snader

Offering is for Program Fund

Youth Sharing about their Summer Retreat

Worship songs

Scripture: Ephesians 6: 1-18; Isaiah 52: 6-9

Sermon by Pastor Tom Eshleman

"Preparing our Feet to Bring Good News"

Part 3 of series on the Armor of God

Closing Song

"Our God Reigns" (Red Hymnal #229)

Sharing Time and Prayer

Benediction



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

TODAY: HAPPY 82nd BIRTHDAY TO RHODA SMOKER: Sunday, August 16

HAPPY 82nd BIRTHDAY TO JEAN WISSLER: Tuesday, August 18

Fred Reeser: Wednesday, August 19

HAPPY 82nd BIRTHDAY TO HAROLD MUSSELMAN: Thursday, August 20

HAPPY 92nd BRITHDAY TO LEANE GROFF: Friday, August 21

HAPPY 82nd BIRTHDAY TO HAROLD MOHLER: Sunday, August 23

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Charles and Faythe Roberts: Friday, August 21

To give our teachers a summer break, Sunday School classes will not be meeting during the month of August nor on Labor Day weekend. We will begin classes again on Sunday, September 13.

A special thanks to the Groffdale congregation for helping to celebrate my birthday. You surprised me with a card shower on my 90th birthday. The cards just kept coming until they reached more than 80 which also included family and friends. I found myself looking forward to mail time each day. Thank you for blessing and encouraging me on this shingle journey with your prayers, personal messages and cards. God bless each of you for your kindness.

Curvin Buchen

Thank you for your prayers, cards and other kind expressions of sympathy since Paul's passing. The support of friends is comforting. Paul is now experiencing the joys of Heaven. Praise the Lord! Edith Gehman

Bring to the Lord in prayer:

Pray for Robert Nolt as he continues to receive care from Hospice at Fairmount. Pray for Anna and the family as they support him.

Pray for Andres and Angelica Prins during this time in PA living at the 170 house. Pray that God would give them rest and renewal.

Pray for Lisa Zimmerman as she leads the EMM Board at their meetings in Ohio this weekend.

Pray healing and restored health for Jonathan Bauman who continues as a patient at LGH.

Pray for our Groffdale Leadership Team as they meet on Thursday August 20.

Pray for restored health for Ada Burkhart as she struggles with some balance and equilibrium issues.

Pray for our youth group as they plan activities for this fall.

Pray for Chuck Roberts as he faces some medical challenges. Pray for Faythe as she supports him.

Pray for all of our school students as they anticipate and prepare for the upcoming school year.

Pray for Jennifer Eshleman's cousin Nate Beachy who is struggling with cancer. Nate lives with his family in Northern New York state near Montreal. He is in the hospital in Boston.

Pray for Henry Youndt who was recently diagnosed with prostate cancer. Pray for Henry as treatment options are considered.

MCC SCHOOL KITS

MCC is collecting school kits. Please feel free to pick up one or more bags from the back of the church and fill them with the following items:

- 4 spiral or perforated notebooks (8-1/2 x 10 1/2" and 70 pages)
- 8 new unsharpened pencils
- 1 ruler (flat, good quality, indicating 30 cm; inch markings optional)
- 12 colored pencils (in packaging)
- 1 large pencil eraser
- 4 new black or blue ballpoint pens
- 1 metal pencil sharpener

Thank you for your generosity!!!

LMC is offering a class on "The Baptism of Believing Disciples" looking at the biblical theology and practice of water baptism. The class will be taught by William Higgins. The same class will be offered at two times each week for seven weeks:

Tuesday evenings 6:30pm-8:05pm, starting on September 8, 2026.

Thursday mornings 10:30am-12:05pm, starting September 10, 2026.

All classes will be held in person at 450 N. Prince Street, Lancaster, and by Zoom.

Register by September 1st. Contact William Higgins at whiggins@lmchurches.org to register.

Morning Prayer Group meets every Wednesday at 8:30 am in the Conference Room. Everyone is invited to join this group for a meaningful time of prayer and fellowship.

SAVE THE DATE!
GROFFDALE OUTDOOR PICNIC
Friday August 28 at 6pm

We plan to have a night of informal fellowship with a campfire, s'mores, ice cream and snacks; and games led by the youth group.

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

Ushers: Elvin and Lois Martin

Projectionist: Becki Day

Sound Tech: Dale Weaver

Livestream: Keith Stoltzfus

Camera Operator: Harold Mohler

Serving next Sunday, August 23

Prelude: Caeley Zimmerman

Hymns Leader: Mark Wenger

Worship Leader:

Lee Zimmerman

Back to School Sunday:

Blessing of the Backpacks

Sermon: Pastor Krista Snader

Sound: Brian Snader

Projectionist: Chris Martin

Livestream: Levi Hoover

Ushers: Charles and Fern

Bauman

Offering Leadership Support

OFFERINGS

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

Leadership Support	\$ 4,164.00
Missions	\$ 365.00
Program Fund	\$ 65.00
Church Facilities	\$ 65.00



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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