



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 Zimmerman

Opening song led by Marv Smoker

"I Sing the Mighty Power of God" (Blue Hymnal #46)

Welcome and Call to Worship by Lee Zimmerman

Offering for Leadership Support

Back to School Blessing led by Pastor Tom

Worship songs led by Marv

Scripture: Ephesians 2: 1-10

Sermon by Pastor Krista Snader

"But because of God's great love for us"

Closing Song

"Marvelous Grace" (Blue Hymnal #151)

Sharing Time and Prayer

Benediction



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

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

Linda Myers: Thursday, August 27

Bill Houser: Thursday, August 27

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Curvin and Lois Buchen: Tuesday, September 1

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.

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

See the latest CV SEEDS update on the bulletin board in back of the church with news, prayer requests, and opportunities to volunteer. This organization is doing amazing work in the CV community.

As we approach the end of summer, we invite you to be watching and alert to the ways God is speaking to us through ordinary and sometimes extraordinary ways. Be on the lookout (at home or in your travels) for an “artifact” that represents this encounter with God.

Ruthie Zimmerman has a new address:

1515B W. Main St.

Ephrata PA 17522

Bring to the Lord in prayer:

- Pray for Jonathan Bauman as he has moved from LGH to Lancaster Behavioral Health Center.
- Pray for Pastor Krista as she brings our message this morning.
- Pray for Marlin Zimmerman as he explores treatment options for cancer. Pray for Norene as she supports and cares for Marlin on this journey.
- Pray for health and healing for Andres and Angelica Prins as they prepare to return to Morocco in mid-September.
- Pray for Jeff and Connie Martin as they remember and celebrate the life of Connie's mother, Alice Vidzicki, at a memorial service here at Groffdale's All-Purpose room on Saturday August 22 at 1:00 pm.
- Pray for all of our students as they return to school in the next days and weeks. Pray for Tanner and Janessa Eshleman at Messiah, Caeley Zimmerman at Lebanon Valley College, Jeshua Day, Elijah, Jose, Adriel and Ezekiel Gavilondo at Garden Spot, Lily Zimmerman and David Umble at Conestoga Valley High School, Elyse Zimmerman at Hinkletown, Brandon and Lucinda at Ephrata, and Jennifer Eshleman in the LMC STEP Program.
- Pray for our teachers Kathy Stoltzfus at Pathways, Dave Moore at Hinkletown, and Kayley Eshleman at Ephrata High School. Pray for Doris Horst, bus driver at Garden Spot.

SAVE THE DATE!!

On Sunday September 6, we welcome a special guest speaker, Pastor Nixon Padilla, President of the Belize Evangelical Mennonite Church. Bill and Judy Houser are longtime friends of Pastor Nixon and his wife Sonya from their years together in Belize. Bill will be translating for Nixon when he preaches on September 6. Bill and Judy Houser live at Fairmount Homes and have recently begun attending Groffdale regularly. Welcome to Bill and Judy and welcome to Pastor Nixon and Sonya Padilla!



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.

***END OF SUMMER
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. We encourage everyone to bring flowers and/or produce from your gardens to share with others.

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

Ushers: Charles and Fern Bauman

Projectionist: Chris Martin

Sound Tech: Brian Snader

Livestream: Levi Hoover

Camera Operator: Mag Nolt

Serving next Sunday, August 30

Hymns Leader: Mark Wenger

Sermon: Pastor Tom Eshleman

Projectionist: Diane Weaver

Ushers: Delores Tennis/

Mary Jane Assis

Offering: Church Facilities

OFFERINGS

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

Program Fund	\$ 2,749.00
Leadership Support	\$ 1,237.70
Sewing Circle	\$ 100.00



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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