



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

Opening song led by Mark Wenger

"Come Thou, Almighty King" (Red Hymnal #297)

Welcome and Call to Worship by Richard Buckwalter

Prayer for the Offering by Lisa Zimmerman

Offering is for Church Facilities

Worship songs led by Mark

"Wonderful Words of Life" (Red Hymnal #270)

"How Firm a Foundation" (Red Hymnal #275)

"Break Thou the Bread of Life" (Blue Hymnal #360)

Scripture Reading by Jennifer Eshleman

Hebrews 4: 9-16; Ephesians 6: 10-22

Sermon by Pastor Tom Eshleman

"The Living Active Word of God"

Closing Song

"Standing on the Promises" (Red Hymnal #271)

Sharing Time and Prayer

Benediction led by Pastor Krista Snader



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Nancy Ressler: Friday, September 4

Clair Mast: Saturday, September 5

Glen Shenk: Sunday, September 6

Dave Moore: Tuesday, September 8

Angelica Prins: Tuesday, September 8

HAPPY 91st BIRTHDAY TO CHARLES WERT: Tuesday, September 8

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Curvin and Lois Buchen: Tuesday, September 1

Roy and Dorothy Reiff: Monday, September 7

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.

Last Sunday during our worship service we announced that the elder discernment process has borne fruit and Henry Youndt has been identified as the person we believe God is calling to this role. The discernment team and leadership team are in agreement with this decision and we will be inviting affirmation from the entire congregation by ballot on Sunday, September 13. Thank you for your continued prayers for our congregation throughout this discernment process.

Bring to the Lord in prayer:

Pray for Ron Hock who was hospitalized this week after experiencing a mild heart attack. Ron came home from the hospital on Tuesday.

Pray for Adriel Gavilondo and Elyse Zimmerman as they prepare for their baptism on October 4.

Pray for Nixon Padilla and his wife Sonya as they travel to the US from Belize and preach at Groffdale on September 6. Pray for Bill Houser as he translates for Nixon.

Pray for our church picnic being held this Friday evening August 28.

Pray for all of our students, teachers and school personnel as they adjust to this new school year.

Pray for healing and restored health for Jonathan Bauman and pray for a good housing situation for him.

Pray for the people of Nepal who experienced loss from recent floods that swept away villages and homes.

Next 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 8:30am 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, September 1 at 9am.

They welcome any new members that would like to join them.

SAVE THE DATES!

The Property Team is planning to mulch the church property on **Saturday, October 3**. All ages are welcome to help. We plan to start at 7:30am; come when you can. Refreshments will be served. The rain date is Saturday, October 10.

With joy we share that **Adriel Gavilondo and Elyse Zimmerman** have expressed a desire to be baptized! We invite you to come and support them as they are baptized on **Sunday October 4** immediately following the morning worship service. The baptism will be held at the former Hurst House Pond beside Fairmount Homes.

Thank you to those serving in our worship service today!

Ushers: Delores Tennis and Mary Jane Assis

Projectionist: Diane Weaver

Sound Tech: Jeff Martin

Livestream: Jim Evans

Camera Operator: Lucinda Snader

Serving next Sunday, September 6

Prelude: Joe Jaskolka

Hymns Leader: Keith Stoltzfus

Worship Leader: Pastor Krista
Snader

Sermon: Nixon Padilla

Projectionist: Diane Weaver

Sound: Brian Snader

Livestream: Chris Martin

Camera: Mim Auker

Ushers: Glen and Joyce Shenk

Offering: Groffdale

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OFFERINGS

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

Leadership Support	\$ 5,081.00
Program Fund	\$ 1,265.00
Church Facilities	\$ 965.00
Missions	\$ 665.00



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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