



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

“On Jordan’s Stormy Banks” (Red Hymnal #552)

Welcome and Call to Worship by Lisa Zimmerman

Gratitude to Mim Auker for service on Leadership Team

Commissioning for Henry Youndt to serve on Leadership Team

Offering for Program Fund

Worship Songs led by Glenn

“Come, Gracious Spirit” (Blue Hymnal #303)

“Joys are Flowing Like a River” (Blue Hymnal #301)

Scripture: Matthew 3: 1-17

Sermon by Lee Zimmerman

"Repent of your sins and turn to God"

Closing Song

“Have You any Room for Jesus” (Red Hymnal #328)

Sharing Time and Prayer

Benediction



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

HAPPY 82nd BIRTHDAY TO RAY BOLL: Monday, September 21

HAPPY 84th BIRTHDAY TO BOB BOOK: Tuesday, September 22

HAPPY 85th BIRTHDAY TO LANCE WATT: Tuesday, September 22

Glenda Evans: Saturday, September 26

Donna Jaskolka: Monday, September 28

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Bob and Joan Book: Saturday, September 26

To raise funds for youth group activities, a Silent Auction Bake Sale will be taking place **today September 20 and next Sunday, September 27**. If you want a chance of winning a treat made by youth and youth leaders, check out the bidding sheets on the back table! The highest bidders will be able to choose a date to receive their dessert.

Pastor Tom will be traveling to Hong Kong from October 8-19 for the fiftieth anniversary of the Hong Kong Mennonite Church.

James and Melani Wenger will be living in the 170 house until June 1, 2027.

It's time for a new church group photo for our website!
Next Sunday September 27, at 9:45am, we invite anyone who would like to be part of this photo to meet in front of the church near the church sign. Sunday School classes will dismiss early so you can join us. We hope that each of you will join us for this picture. More information and reminders to come.

Bring to the Lord in prayer:

- Pray for Lee Zimmerman as he brings our message this Sunday.
- Pray for Andres and Angelica as they readjust to life in Morocco after several months in the US.
- Pray for Fred Reeser who is at Ephrata Hospital being treated for an infection in his foot.
- Pray continued healing and restored health for Ada Burkhardt who was in the hospital last week with balance issues.
- Pray for the family of Ron Hock as they gather/gathered for his funeral service on Friday September 18.
- Pray for Brian Snader as he participates in the Mennonite Central Committee Learning Tour to Malawi from September 17-October 1.
- Pray for healing and restored health for Chuck Roberts.
- Pray for Marlin and Norene Zimmerman as they walk together in Marlin's journey with cancer. Pray with Marlin and Norene for Marlin's complete healing.
- Pray for our youth as they meet on Monday September 21 for their first Fall Youth Bible Study.
- Continue to pray for Jonathan Bauman as he receives care at Lancaster Behavioral Health Hospital.

Upcoming Groffdale Youth Events

Monday September 21 – 7:00pm

Bible Study here at the church

Monday September 28 – 7:00pm

Bible Study at Tom and Jen Eshleman's house

Monday October 5 – 7:00pm

Gym night at Groffdale

Sunday October 11 – 5:00 -8:00pm

Youth Rally with Stumptown and Conestoga River District churches
(Meet at Groffdale—time to be announced)



Sharing the Lord's Supper next Sunday September 27:

We look forward to this important time of remembering God's love for us expressed through Christ's death on the cross. We invite you to prepare your heart for this time of Communion.

Next Sunday September 27 we look forward to receiving David Umble as a member of Groffdale Mennonite Church. We welcome you David and we are thankful that you are part of our church family.

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.

Everyone is invited to spend some time volunteering at MCC's Material Resource Center on Trout Run Rd in Ephrata on **Tuesday October 13 from 9am-2:30pm**. You can come and go as you please. Bring a lunch if you plan to volunteer all day.

EVERENCE MY NEIGHBOR PROGRAM

The Everence MyNeighbor Program is a credit card rewards initiative where Everence Federal Credit Union donates 1.50% of every purchase amount to a designated charitable organization or congregation of your choice. The donations are paid out annually to the selected charity.

If you have an Everence credit card and an online account, look for the Account Summary page with the My Neighbor link. You can designate Groffdale Mennonite Church as your charitable recipient (or any other organization like Mennonite Central Committee or Global Disciples). If you do not have an online account set up, call 800-451-5719 or email infocu@everence.com

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.

CV SEEDS News, Opportunities, and Prayers

News: Our FREE Community Breakfast is back! Oct 8 from 7-8:30am. Sign up on the SEEDS website: seedscv.com

Prayers: Pray with us for our families and students who started a new school year - for strength, courage, and safety for them!

Opportunities: Volunteers for our fall session of ESL are needed! Childcare (all ages), teachers, bringing a meal, transportation, or a floater. Learn more at seedscv.com/volunteer-opportunities or see Joyce Shenk for more information.

***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, September 27

Prelude: Lily Zimmerman

Hymns Leader: Henry Youndt

Sermon: Pastor Tom Eshleman

Communion

Projectionist: Chris Martin

Sound: Jeff Martin

Livestream: Levi Hoover

Ushers: Charles and Fern

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Offering: Leadership Support

OFFERINGS

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

Leadership Support	\$ 5,058.00
Missions	\$ 3,290.00
Program Fund	\$ 240.00
Church Facilities	\$ 115.00



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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