GROFFDALE Mennonite Church

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 Joe Jaskolka

Opening song led by Keith Stoltzfus

Welcome and Call to Worship by Brian Snader

Offering for Groffdale Missionaries and EMM

(20% Immerse International)

Worship songs

Scripture: Judges 6 and 7

Sermon by Bishop Ryan Bomgardner

"The Battle Before the Battle"

Closing Song

Sharing Time and Prayer

Benediction



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

HAPPY 86th BIRTHDAY TO EMMA REIFF: Monday, November 2
HAPPY 84th BIRTHDAY TO MARILYN WOLF: Tuesday, November 3
Mag Nolt: Wednesday, November 4
HAPPY 84th BIRTHDAY TO JOAN BOOK: Saturday, November 7
Becki Day: Monday, November 9

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Yamil and Rachel Gavilondo: Wednesday, November 4
Elvin and Lois Martin: Wednesday, November 4
Ray and Doris Horst: Saturday, November 7

Conestoga Valley Christian Community Services (CVCCS) is in need of clothing and items for the food bank. There are papers on the table in the back of the church with these items listed. All items can be placed in the boxes under the table. Thank you for your generosity!

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Copies of the October Admin. Team minutes are on the front and back tables.

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Greeting cards may be sent to Jonathan Bauman at Wellspan Ephrata Hospital, 169 Martin Ave, Ephrata, PA 17522. Jonathan greatly appreciates receiving mail.

Bring to the Lord in prayer:

Pray for Ryan and Gail Bomgardner and their children Max and Maddie. Ryan serves as co-bishop in our Groffdale District along with Pastor Tom. Pray for Ryan and Gail in the many ways they are involved in ministry and church leadership.

Pray for the Wenger's three-week trip to Central Asia starting tomorrow, November 2. Pray for good health, meaningful personal connections and fruitful business meetings. Pray also that God would provide a way forward for their granddaughter's preschool situation.

Pray for Marlin and Norene Zimmerman. On Wednesday Marlin was scheduled for surgery to remove cancerous tumors, but the medical team determined that the surgery was too risky and that the cancer is too far advanced. Pray for Marlin and Norene as they face a very difficult prognosis. Pray for a miraculous healing for Marlin.

Pray for Chuck Roberts who is experiencing significant abdominal pain. Pray for peace over Chuck and Faythe's household.

Thank God for caring staff and dedicated friends who are regularly visiting and interacting with Fred Reeser.

Pray for Anna Nolt and her children Brendon, Devon and Glory as they adjust to Robert's passing and prepare for his memorial service on Nov 21.

Pray for Janet Martin who is experiencing declining health under Hospice Care at Landis Homes. Pray for the family as they anticipate Janet's homegoing.

Pray for the Youth Group as they grow in their love and knowledge of God. Pray for the meeting on November 8, and that if God would will that He would raise up a leader for the Youth Group.

Give thanks to God for our meaningful day of prayer on Wednesday October 28.



Thank you for continuing to pray about the upcoming Soup Night planned for **Thursday evening November 19 at 6:00 pm.** We envision an informal and welcoming gathering for making new friends. Consider attending if meeting new people sounds exciting to you. If you sense God telling you to invite someone, there are paper and digital invitations available. The Leadership Team would welcome connecting with you regarding any thoughts or questions this might inspire.

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A German Christmas Market and Auction will be held on **Saturday, November 14** at Weaverland Church to support the work of Darrel and Miriam Weaver in Germany. See more details on the bulletin board.

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Reminder: Today we will take a group photo outside near the sign in front of the church. Sunday School classes will dismiss early. Gather on the front porch at **9:45 am**.

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, November 3 at 9am. They welcome any new members that would like to join them.

UPCOMING YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Tonight, November 1: 5pm

LMC Youth Wide Worship and Prayer Night at Weaverland

Sunday, November 8

Pizza lunch and planning meeting after church

Thank you to those serving in our worship service today!

Ushers: Glen and Joyce Shenk
Projectionist: Diane Weaver
Sound Tech: Jeff Martin
Livestream: Chris Martin
Camera Operator: Mim Auker

Serving next Sunday, November 8

Prelude: Linda Myers
Hymns Leader: Lisa Zimmerman
Worship Leader: Steve Lindsey
Sermon: Pastor Tom Eshleman
Projectionist: Diane Weaver

Sound: Dale Weaver
Livestream: Jim Evans
Camera: Dawn Moore
Ushers: Glenn Hershey and Charles Bauman
Offering: Leadership Support

OFFERINGS

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

Leadership Support	$ 2,588.00
Youth Group	$ 1,225.00
Church Facilities	$ 175.00
Program Fund	$ 125.00
Missions	$ 125.00



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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