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 Linda Myers

Opening song led by Lisa Zimmerman

"Dona Nobis Pacem" (Blue Hymnal #346)

Welcome and Call to Worship by Steve Lindsey

Offering for Leadership Support

Prayer of Blessing for those who will read Henry Youndt's book "Gubernator"

Worship songs

"When Peace Like a River"

"Agnus Dei"

"Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)"

Scripture: Colossians 1:15-23, Acts 2:42-47

Sermon by Pastor Tom Eshleman

"In Him All Things Hold Together"

Stories from the Hong Kong Mennonite Church

Closing Song

"The Love of God" (Red Hymnal #67)

Sharing Time and Prayer

Benediction



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Becki Day: Monday, November 9
Holly Horning: Saturday, November 14
Anne Martin: Monday, November 16

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.

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New bulletin board items

Recent newspaper article highlighting Henry Youndt's new book "Gubernator: Biblical Adventure in the Life of a Sailor."

CV SEEDS -November 2026 - News, Prayers and Opportunities

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Janet Martin's funeral service will be at Groffdale Mennonite Church tomorrow **November 9 at 11:00 am with a viewing beginning at 9:00 am.**

Bring to the Lord in prayer:

Pray for Jennifer Eshleman as she participates in her STEP classes on Saturday, November 7.

Pray for the family of Janet Martin as they prepare for her funeral on Monday, November 9.

Pray for Anna and her family as they prepare for the memorial service for Robert Nolt on Saturday, November 21.

Pray for our Groffdale Leadership Team as they meet/met on Friday, November 6 at 9:30.

Pray for Jonathan Bauman who continues as a patient at Ephrata Hospital.

Pray for Chuck Roberts as he continues treatment for cancer.

Pray for Marlin Zimmerman and Norene as Marlin receives treatment for cancer.

Pray for Lisa Zimmerman as she leads the EMM board at their November 13/14 meetings.

Pray for the Youth Group as they grow in their love and knowledge of God. Pray for the lunch and planning meeting after church today, and that if God would will that He would raise up a leader for the Youth Group.



Thank you for continuing to pray about the upcoming Soup Night planned for **Thursday evening November 19 at 6:00 pm.** If you would like to contribute soup, check the sign-up sheet on the back table. Activities include cornhole, a craft option and Pastor Tom's baseball hat collection. We encourage you to invite folks who would enjoy company and a warm meal.

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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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You are invited to put a card in the box on the back table for our college students: Tanner Eshleman - Senior at Messiah University, Caeley Zimmerman - Junior at Lebanon Valley College, Janessa Eshleman - Junior at Messiah University

Seeking Advent writers!

As we prepare for Advent, we are looking for people who would enjoy writing short readings to accompany the lighting of our Advent candles each Sunday.
If you are interested, contact Pastor Tom (tome@groffdale.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.

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The MCC issue of the "Common Place" magazine was placed in each person's mailbox several weeks ago. MCC informed us that the donation envelopes folded into the magazine can be easily torn in half and could be lost in the mail if sent. New envelopes are on the back table if you would like to send a donation.

Thank you to those serving in our worship service today!

Ushers: Glenn Hershey and Charles Bauman
Projectionist: Diane Weaver
Sound Tech: Dale Weaver
Livestream: Jim Evans
Camera Operator: Dawn Moore

Serving next Sunday, November 15

Prelude: Bob Mohler/Rick Umble
Hymns Leader: Glenn Hershey
Worship Leader: Richard Buckwalter
Sermon: Pastor Tom Eshleman
Projectionist: Becki Day

Sound: Dale Weaver
Livestream: Keith Stoltzfus
Camera: Harold Mohler
Ushers: Elvin and Lois Martin
Offering: Program Fund

OFFERINGS

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

Missions	$ 4,835.35
Leadership Support	$ 3,418.27
Program Fund	$ 2,762.10
Church Facilities	$ 115.39



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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