

# *Groffdale Mennonite Church*



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Our Mission: To be a healing community of believers  
passionately committed to Jesus as Lord  
through worship, nurture, and outreach.

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*Welcome! We are glad you are here!*

Order of service

Prelude by Linda Myers

Congregational Singing led by Lisa Zimmerman

"As With Gladness Men of Old" (#163 red hymnal)

Welcome and Call to Worship by Richard Buckwalter

Offering for Leadership Support

Children's Time led by Brian Snader

Praise Team led by Linda Myers and Lisa Zimmerman

Scripture: John 7: 14-24

Sermon by Pastor Tom Eshleman

"Halfway through the Festival..."

Congregational Singing

"I Know Whom I have Believed" (#409 red hymnal)

Sharing time and Prayer

Benediction

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*Thank you to those serving in our worship service today!  
Including Ushers Glenn and Helen Hershey, and those  
behind-the-scenes: Projectionist Janessa Eshleman,  
Sound Tech Dale Weaver, Live Stream Jim Evans, Camera  
Operator Dawn Moore, Back Table Helper Mag Nolt, and  
Nursery Workers Rachel Gavilondo and Faye Woods.*

## Bring to the Lord in prayer:

- Pray for Sharon Eberly as she moves to personal care at Landis Homes.
  - Pray for continued healing for Fred Reeser and praise God for his restored health.
  - Pray for Minerva Nolt as she recovers from surgery.
  - Pray for Tanner Eshleman and Kayley Eshleman as they adjust to Costa Rica and Spain.
  - Pray for J and M as they prepare to return to Central Asia.
  - Pray for the Leadership Team as they meet Tuesday, January 10.
  - Pray for Yamil Gavilondo's sister and family as they move to Texas.
  - Pray God's guidance and wisdom for our United States Congress as they struggle to identify leadership.
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### **Prayer request for Krista Snader**

We invite your prayers for Krista Snader on Wednesday, January 11 as she meets with the LMC Credentialing Commission.

With the blessing and affirmation of Groffdale Leadership Team, Krista is in the process of receiving pastoral ministry credentials through LMC. This has involved extensive written work by Krista in preparation for this interview. We are grateful that Krista's husband Brian is able to accompany Krista to this interview along with Bishop Lloyd Hoover.

Let's be in prayer for Krista as she takes this important step in response to God's call on her life. After Krista concludes the credentialing process with LMC, our Groffdale congregation will be given the opportunity to affirm Krista. The Leadership Team will communicate a timeline for that affirmation process at the conclusion of Krista's process with LMC.

## Events this week:

Wednesday: **Morning Prayer Group**, 8:30am

### **HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

**Faye Woods:** Sunday, January 8

**Jeshua Day:** Monday, January 9

**Brian Snader:** Wednesday, January 11

**Happy 80th Birthday to Miriam Snader:**

Friday, January 13

**Marv Smoker:** Monday, January 16

**Lucinda Snader:** Monday, January 16

### **HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!**

**Andres & Angelica Prins:** Tuesday, January 10



## **Seeking a Church Treasurer**

The church treasurer averages 2-3 hours per week in the following areas:

*Overall oversight to Groffdale finances; processing monthly payroll; developing the offering schedule for each year; giving oversight to bookkeeper; signing checks; monitoring bank statements; attending bi-monthly administrative team meetings and presenting financial report.*

This role is a 3-year term, renewable. If you are interested in learning more, please be in touch with Levi Hoover, Elder of Administration.



Let's bless and encourage Sharon Eberly with a card shower.

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## Looking ahead:

**January 15, 2023**

Sharing in the Lord's Supper as a congregation.

**February 5, 2023**

Fellowship meal and congregational meeting

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### **Invitation to order church periodicals**

Groffdale would like to encourage anyone to sign up to receive periodicals to be placed in their church mailbox.

*Missionary Messenger* (from Eastern Mennonite Missions) is available at no cost. The *Rejoice* devotional will cost \$40 for a year.

If you would like to receive these periodicals, please sign up on the paper on the back table by January 31. If necessary, please also place a check in the church office mailbox.

### **“One Lunch” offering for Mennonite World Conference on January 22.**

Mennonite World Conference is holding a special offering on Sunday, January 22 called “One Lunch” in which we are invited to contribute the cost of a restaurant lunch to Mennonite World Conference.

As part of our remembering the global church on January 22, we invite you to bring a bag lunch to church as we eat together in the all-purpose room.

If you would like to read more about the purpose of this special offering, letters from LMC are available on the back table. (This will be in addition to our regular Sunday offering on January 22.)

Groffdale is blessed to be part of the Mennonite World Conference global Anabaptist family; thank you for caring so much about the global church!

## OFFERING

Listed below are the totals for last week's offering and deposits. Thanks for giving so generously!

Facilities	\$ 150
Leadership Support	\$ 315
Missions	\$ 4453

### Serving Next Sunday, January 15

Prelude: Rick Umble	Camera Operator: Levi Hoover
Hymns Leader: Glenn Hershey	Ushers: Leonard and Mim Martin
Worship Leader: Steve Lindsay	Offering: Church Facilities
Sermon: Tom Eshleman	Back Table: Doris Horst
Projectionist: Diane Weaver	Nursery Workers: Jen Eshleman and Joyce Shenk
Sound Tech: Dale Weaver	
Live Stream: Keith Stoltzfus	



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