Groffdale Mennonite Church



Cain and Abel

God's Gift of Reconciliation

August 25, 2024

Groffdale Mennonite Church

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!

Prelude by Lily and Elyse Zimmerman Opening Song led by Mark Wenger

"Now Thank We All Our God" (Blue Hymnal #86)

Welcome and Call to Worship by Steve Lindsey

Offering for Leadership Support

Worship Songs led by Mark Wenger

"Dear Lord and Father of Mankind" (Blue Hymnal #523)

"The Lord's My Shepherd" (Blue Hymnal #578)

"Gracious Spirit, Dwell with Me" (Blue Hymnal #507)

Scripture: Genesis 4: 1-16

Sermon: Pastor Tom Eshleman

"God's gift of reconciliation---

a tragic story that points to Jesus!"

Song of Response

"Guide My Feet" (Blue Hymnal #546)

Sharing Time and Prayer

Benediction

Thank you to those serving in our worship service today! Including Ushers Leonard and Mim Martin, Projectionist Chris Martin, Sound Tech Brian Snader, Live Stream Operator Levi Hoover, Camera Operator Lucinda Snader.

Bring to the Lord in prayer:

Pray for our students returning to school: Adriel, Elyse, Elijah, Jose, Jeshua, Lucinda, Brandon, Lily and Emma.

Pray for our college students as they begin classes; Janessa, Caeley, Timothy and Tanner.

Pray for our teachers, Kayley, Lisa, Dave, and Kathy and our bus driver Doris.

Pray for Jonas Reiff as he recovers from heart valve replacement surgery on Tuesday.

Pray for Clarence Martin as he continues in rehab at Fairmount.

Pray for Ella Mae Martin as she continues in the care of Hospice at Fairmount.

Pray for Nora Stauffer as she begins Hospice Care at Lincoln Christian Home.

Pray for Tanner Eshleman as he begins his study semester in Granada, Spain. (Tanner leaves for a week in the Netherlands before arriving in Spain on August 29)

Pray for Angelica Prins as she recovers from thyroid surgery last week. Pray for wisdom for Andres and Angelica as they discern when to return to Morocco. (Current plan is September 13) **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.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Linda Myers: Tuesday, August 27 **Helen Hershey:** Friday, August 30

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Curvin and Lois Buchen: Sunday, September 1

The fall Sunday School quarterlies are on the back table and in the Conference room at the south entrance.

You are invited to enjoy the goodness of fresh fruit grown here on the property! There are sweet and juicy white grapes available on the vines beside the 170 house. There is also an abundance of green apples on the tree behind the garage by the 170 house. You are welcome to harvest and enjoy these fruits!

Copies of the minutes from the August Administration team meeting are on the back table.

Everence News

The quarterly "Toolkit" from Everence is no longer being distributed in paper form. We will email a notice when it is available to view electronically. If you would like to have a paper copy, please let Glenda Evans know—717-826-2489, glenda@evanstec.com, or put a note in her mailbox at church.

Everence is offering a FreedUp stewardship training program. There are flyers at the front and back table listing details.

School Kits

MCC is collecting school kits. Please feel free to pick up one or more bags from the foyer 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

Note for 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.

OFFERING

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

Program Fund \$4,559.00 Leadership Support 938.00 Church Facilities 550.00 Missions 318.00

The CV Home of Hope is included in our offering schedule for September 1; however, we recently learned the Home has closed. The funds for the Home will be held in a special account until the Admin. team makes a determination for allocation of these funds (possibly a similar home or Love, INC).

Serving Next Sunday, September 1

Hymns Leader: Rick Umble Sound Tech: Jeff Martin
Worship Leader: Ruthie Umble Livestream: Chris Martin
Sermon: Pastor Krista Snader Camera: Mim Auker

Projectionist : Diane Weaver Ushers: Glen and Joyce Shenk
Offering: Groffdale Missionaries &

EMM



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