

***Groffdale Mennonite  
Church***



***September 15, 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 Rick Umble

Opening Song led by Glenn Hershey

“Blessed Assurance” (Red Hymnal #345)

Welcome and Call to Worship by Pastor Krista Snader

Offering for Program Fund

Children’s Time

Worship Songs led by Glenn

“When Peace, Like a River” (Blue Hymnal #336)

“I Need Thee Every Hour” (Blue Hymnal #555)

Scripture: Revelation 2: 1-7

Sermon: Pastor Tom Eshleman

Letter to the Church in Ephesus: “Return to your first love”

Song of Response

“Heaven Came Down” (Red Hymnal #495)

Sharing Time and Prayer

Benediction

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*Thank you to those serving in our worship service today!  
Including Ushers Leonard and Mim Martin, Projectionist  
Becki Day, Sound Tech Dale Weaver, Live Stream  
Operator Levi Hoover, Camera Operator Lloyd Weaver,  
Nursery Workers Joyce Shenk and Caeley Zimmerman..*

***Bring to the Lord in prayer:***

Pray for Robert and Anna Nolt as they move and adjust to life at Fairmount Homes (moving day Sept 12).

Pray for Andres and Angelica Prins as they return to Morocco and re-engage with their many friends and co-workers.

Pray for Ella Mae Martin’s son Roger and his wife Lisa and their daughter Kimberly as they travel from their home in Trinidad to visit Ella Mae at Fairmount Homes.

Pray for Jennifer Eshleman as she attends the 100th anniversary celebration of the church where she grew up at Alden Mennonite in New York this weekend.

Pray for James and Melani as they continue to adjust to Central Asia after being in the US this summer.

Pray for our nation as we anticipate the election this November. Pray for a voting process that is peaceful, fair and just.

Pray for our college students, Tim Wenger at Cedarville, Caeley Zimmerman at Lebanon Valley, Janessa Eshleman at Messiah and Tanner Eshleman at University of Granada, Spain through Messiah.

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***Pastor Tom’s LMC trip to Europe in October***

As part of his work as LMC Global Delegate, Pastor Tom will be participating in a “European Prayer Drive” with International Missions Association from October 7-19. The larger group will gather in Amsterdam for several days before breaking into small groups to pray in different parts of Europe, regathering in Halle, Germany to conclude their time. International Missions Association includes Anabaptist churches from Africa, Asia, Latin America and the US.

**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!***

**Donald Beck:** Tuesday, September 17

**Mark Wenger:** Thursday, September 19

**HAPPY 80th BIRTHDAY TO RAY BOLL:** Saturday, September 21

**HAPPY 82nd BIRTHDAY TO BOB BOOK:** Sunday, September 22

**HAPPY 83rd BIRTHDAY TO LANCE WATT:** Sunday, September 22

***HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!***

**TODAY**

**Tim and Linda Herr:** Sunday, September 15

**Lee and Lisa Zimmerman:** Sunday, September 15

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**Glen and Joyce Shenk:** Tuesday, September 17

**Marlin and Norene Zimmerman:** Tuesday, September 17

**Save the Dates!**

**Outdoor Work Day**

The Property Team is planning to finish the trimming and mulching on Saturday, October 5 at 8am. Volunteers of all ages are welcome to help. If you have any questions, contact Clete Weaver.

**Volunteer Day at MRC**

Groffdale is scheduled to volunteer at the MCC Material Resource Center at 517 W. Trout Run Rd., Ephrata on Tuesday, October 8 from 9am to 3pm. You can come and go at any time during that time period. There are activities for young and old - from sewing to packing kits to recycling books. If you plan to stay over lunchtime, please bring your own lunch.

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Susie King has been cleaning the church every week for the last few years. Recently, she had stomach surgery and will not be able to work for an indefinite period of time. In the meantime, Nancy King (no relation to Susie) will be cleaning weekly. If you would like to send a card to Susie, her address is : 985 W. Main St., New Holland, PA 17557

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**Note for quests 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!

Leadership Support	\$4,044.00
Missions—EMM	80.00

### Serving Next Sunday, September 22

Prelude: Caeley Zimmerman

Hymns Leader: Mark Wenger

Sermon: Pastor Tom Eshleman

Projectionist : Chris Martin

Sound Tech: Brian Snader

Livestream: Keith Stoltzfus

Ushers: Charles and Fern Bauman

Offering: Leadership Support

Nursery Worker: Anne Martin



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