### Groffdale Mennonite Church

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

# Volume 69September 22, 2024Number 38Welcome! We are glad you are here!

Prelude by Caeley Zimmerman

Opening Song led by Mark Wenger

"I am thine O Lord" (Blue hymnal #505)

Welcome and Call to Worship by Dave Moore

Offering for Leadership Support

Worship Songs led by Mark Wenger

"A Wonderful Savior" (Blue hymnal #598)

"Come ye Disconsolate" (Blue hymnal #497)

"Faith of the Martyrs" (Blue hymnal #413)

Scripture: Revelation 2: 8-11

Sermon: Pastor Tom Eshleman

"Whoever has ears, let them hear" (The message to the church in Smyrna)

Song of Response

"God of our Life" (Blue hymnal #486) Sharing Time and Prayer Benediction

Thank you to those serving in our worship service today! Including Ushers Charles and Fern Bauman, Projectionist Chris Martin, Sound Tech Brian Snader, Live Stream Operator Keith Stoltzfus, Camera Operator Emma Lindsey Nursery Worker Anne Martin .

#### Bring to the Lord in prayer:

Pray for Ella Mae Martin's son Roger, his wife Lisa and their daughter Kimberly as they return to Trinidad after a meaningful visit with Ella Mae. Continue to pray for Ella Mae and her family as she receives Hospice Care at Fairmount.

Pray for Clarence Martin as he moves into personal care at Fairmount.

Pray for Robert and Anna Nolt as they adjust to their apartment at Fairmount.

Pray for our youth as they prepare to lead our worship service next Sunday.

Pray for Clete and Diane Weaver as they return from a well-deserved vacation this week.

Pray for our nation during this election year: Pray for the safety, protection, health and well-being of all the candidates.

#### **Youth Sunday**

Next Sunday, September 29, the Groffdale youth will be leading our worship service. We look forward to this special Sunday of hearing from the youth about how they experience God in their lives. The theme verse for the morning is Philippians 4:13 "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."

#### Thank you Bishop Lloyd!

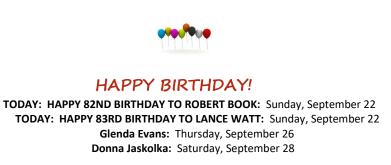
After twenty nine years serving as the bishop of our Groffdale District churches, Bishop Lloyd Hoover has announced his retirement in May of 2025. Lloyd and his wife Elaine have been a wonderful blessing to our congregation these many years. On Tuesday September 17, district pastors met for the first time with LMC Bishop Elder Rodney Martin to begin a discernment process for future leadership in our district. We invite your prayers.

## **LMC Resource Partner Expo:** Friday September 27, 2024; 5:00-8:00 pm at Weaverland

An event for the whole family

Everyone is invited to come and learn about the mission and ministry of organizations that partner with LMC.

Table displays, ice cream social, Giveaway gifs for all, Door prizes, Scavenger hunt for children



#### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

HAPPY 60TH ANNIVERSARY TO BOB & JOAN BOOK: Thursday, September 26

### Welcome to

# Groffdale Mennonite Church

Serving Next Sunday, September 29

Service led by Groffdale Youth

Projectionist : Diane Weaver Sound Tech: Jeff Martin Livestream: Jim Evans

Camera: Harold Mohler Usher: Minerva Nolt Offering: Church Facilities Nursery Workers: Steve and Sharon Nolt September 22, 2024