

# *Groffdale Mennonite Church*



*The people living in darkness have seen a  
great light: on those living in the land of  
the shadow of death a light has dawned.*

*Matthew 4:16*

***October 20, 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 led by Bob Mohler and Rick Umble

Opening Hymn led by Glenn Hershey

“Now Thank We All Our God” (Red Hymnal #556)

Welcome and Call to Worship by Pastor Krista Snader

Offering for Program Fund

Vision Statement announcement from Leadership Team

Worship songs

“Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross” (Blue Hymnal #617)

“My Jesus, I Love Thee” (Blue Hymnal #522)

Scripture: Matthew 4: 12-25

Sermon by Steve Lindsey

“The Kingdom of Heaven: a Silo or an Ecosystem?”

Closing Song

“O Love That Will Not Let Me Go” (Red Hymnal #374)

Sharing time and Prayer

Benediction

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*Thank you to those serving in our worship service today!  
Including Ushers Charles and Fern Bauman, Projectionist  
Becki Day, Sound Tech Dale Weaver, Live Stream  
Operator Chris Martin, Camera Operator Harold Mohler,  
Nursery Workers Joyce Shenk and Ruthie Umble.*

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

Pray for all those impacted by Hurricane Helene and Hurricane Milton.

Pray for peace in the Middle East and Sudan.

Pray for our nation during these weeks leading up to Election Day on November 5. Let us pray as Jesus taught us, "May your kingdom come, may your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven."

Pray for all families going through various transitions and difficulties.

Pray for Pastor Tom as he returns home from a prayer trip with the International Missions Association in the Netherlands and Germany.

Pray for Lee and Lisa Zimmerman as they prepare to travel with the EMM board in Thailand and Laos October 24-November 4.

Pray for Tanner Eshleman as he begins his internship in a hospital emergency room in Granada, Spain.

Give thanks to God for the birth of Steve and Sandy Lindsey's granddaughter, Aysha Marie Lindsey. Pray for Aysha's parents Taylor and Kelsey as they begin their journey as parents.

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Thank you for your prayers, cards, and visits during my hospitalization and recovery. It was greatly appreciated.  
Blessings to you all. Jonas Reiff

**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***

**Andres Prins:** Wednesday, October 23

**Elaine Hoover:** Friday, October 25

**Timothy Wenger:** Friday, October 25

**Melani Wenger:** Saturday, October 26

**HAPPY 90th BIRTHDAY TO JANET MARTIN:** Sunday, October 27

**Lucas Heft:** Monday, October 28

### ***HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!***

**TODAY: Steve and Sharon Nolt:** Sunday, October 20

**Harold and Doris Musselman:** Wednesday, October 23

**Glenn and Helen Hershey:** Monday, October 28

Copies of the Administrative Team meeting minutes for October are on the back table.

## ***Upcoming events***

**Sunday evening, October 27**, the youth are gathering at Brian and Krista Snader's house for a time of fellowship and Bible study with a focus on discipleship.

**Sunday, November 10** -Community Life Team will host a potluck fellowship meal after the service.

**Sunday, November 17**—Communion

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Congratulations to Lisa Zimmerman for completing her Associates of Arts in Ministry Leadership degree from Lancaster Bible College! Well done!

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You are invited to watch Lucinda Snader perform in the Ephrata Middle School comedy "Dracula: the Twilight Years". Performances are November 1 at 7pm and November 2 at 7pm. Tickets are available at the door.



### **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 offerings and deposits.

Thank you for your giving!

Leadership Support	\$4,314.58
Program Fund	1,171.17
Missions	786.17
Church Facilities	455.78
Sewing Circle	150.00

### Serving Next Sunday, October 27

Prelude: Linda Myers

Hymns Leader: Henry Youndt

Worship Leader: Dave Moore

Sermon: Pastor Tom Eshleman

Projectionist: Chris Martin

Sound Tech: Brian Snader

Ushers: Leonard and Mim Martin

Offering: Church Facilities



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