

Groffdale Mennonite Church



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Our Vision: A growing community of disciples of Jesus,
expressing Christ's redeeming love and reconciliation.

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Welcome! We are glad you are here!

Prelude by Caeley Zimmerman

Opening Song led by Mark Wenger

 "Glorify Thy Name" (Red Hymnal #29)

Welcome and Call to Worship by Ruthie Umble

Offering for Leadership Support

Children's Time led by Pastor Tom Eshleman

Worship songs led by Mark

 "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" (Blue Hymnal #71)

 "We Plow the Fields & Scatter" (Blue Hymnal #96)

 "Let There Be Light" (Blue Hymnal #371)

Scripture: I Thessalonians 5: 12-24

Sermon by Pastor Tom Eshleman

 "Rejoice Always, Pray Continually, Give Thanks!"

Closing Song

 "Praise, I Will Praise you Lord" (Blue Hymnal #76)

Sharing Time and Prayer

Benediction

*Thank you to those serving in our worship service today!
Including Ushers Charles and Fern Bauman, Projectionist
Diane Weaver, Sound Tech Brian Snader, Live Stream
Operator Levi Hoover, Camera Operator Lucinda Snader,
Nursery Workers Mag Nolt and Caeley Zimmerman.*

Bring to the Lord in prayer:

Continue for Robert and Anna Nolt as Robert continues to adjust in his return to Fairmount after rehab.

Pray for Janet Eberly as she anticipates aortic valve surgery on December 10.

Pray for the Mennonite churches of West Africa in Gambia, Guinea Bissau, and Guinea Conakry. Pray for pastors Adriano, Daniel, Djibe, Sangpierre and Martin as well as EMM workers Nate and Krystal Thorne and their family.

Continue to pray for our nation during this time of leadership transition. Pray for wisdom, humility, righteousness and compassion for all who will be entering national leadership positions.

Pray for Lance Watt as he continues rehab at Brethren Village.

Pray for Richard Buckwalter as he anticipates hip replacement surgery on December 23. Pray that Richard would be able to experience relief from pain and discomfort in the weeks leading up to surgery.

Pray for Chris Martin as he travels in India.

Pray for our college students Caeley Zimmerman at Lebanon Valley, Janessa Eshleman at Messiah, Timothy Wenger at Cedarville University, and Tanner Eshleman studying in Spain as they anticipate final exams and end of semester projects in the next month.

Pray for the Djari-Abdelkerim family as they continue the many adjustments of living in a new culture. Give thanks for the many ways the family is flourishing. Pray that they would come to know Jesus.

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.

Sewing Circle will meet on Tuesday, December 3 at 9am. Bring 3 dozen cookies to pack cookie plates for shut-ins and friends. Also bring a finger food to share for lunch; sandwiches will be provided. They welcome any new members that would like to join them!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Angela Hahn: Sunday, December 1

Miriam Auker: Tuesday, December 3

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Jonas and Emma Reiff: Thursday, November 28

Conestoga Valley Christian Community Services (CVCCS) is in need of gently used or new warm winter children's clothing (pants, shirts, coats, hats, mittens), size 8 shoes for boys, men's small and medium winter coats, and women's large winter coats. A box for these items is in the back of the church under the table. Thank you for your generosity.

SAVE THE DATES!

Christmas Eve service -**Tuesday, December 24**
at 6:30pm.

Rosedale Bible College Chorale will perform at Groffdale on the evening of **Palm Sunday, April 13, 2025.** We are one of several churches that will host them during their spring semester tour.

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



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!

Program Fund	\$5,089.00
Leadership Support	1,353.00
Missions	1,219.00
Mennonite Disaster Service	850.00
Church Facilities	500.00

Special Offering for MDS: Mennonite Disaster Service represents our congregation through their ministry to low-income victims of disasters like the recent hurricanes in the south. The Admin. Team has authorized a special MDS Fund for the month of November. If you wish to contribute, designate the donation to the MDS Fund.

Serving Next Sunday, December 1

Hymns Leader: Rick Umble

Worship Leader: Pastor Krista Snader

Projectionist: Diane Weaver

Sound Tech: Jeff Martin

Livestream: Chris Martin

Camera Operator: Mim Auker

Ushers: Glen and Joyce Shenk

Offering: Groffdale Missionaries &
EMM (20% Sewing Circle)

Nursery Worker: Dawn Moore



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