

Groffdale Mennonite Church



January 5, 2025

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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: Join in singing Christmas carols!

Opening Song led by Rick Umble

“O Beautiful Star of Bethlehem”

Welcome and Call to Worship by Lee Zimmerman

Offering for Groffdale Missionaries and EMM

20% Mennonite Disaster Service

Children's Time led by Pastor Tom

Ladies' Choir led by Lisa Zimmerman

"The Work of Christmas" (see lyrics on back page)

Worship songs led by Rick

Song of Wonder: Red Hymnal # 139

Song of Mystery: Red Hymnal # 160

Song of Persistence: Red Hymnal # 166

Scripture: Matthew 2: 1-12

Sermon by Pastor Tom Eshleman

"Wonder, Mystery, Persistence and Joy!"

Closing Song

Song of Joy: Blue Hymnal #198

Sharing Time and Prayer

Benediction

*Thank you to those serving in our worship service today!
Including Ushers Glen and Joyce Shenk, Projectionist
Diane Weaver, Sound Tech Jeff Martin, Live Stream
Operator Chris Martin, Camera Operator Mim Auker.*

Bring to the Lord in prayer:

Pray for Clete Weaver who experienced an accident last Saturday in his workshop with a jointer, seriously injuring his hand and cutting several fingers. Pray for Clete as his body heals and as he prepares for the adjustments he will face. Pray for Clete and Diane as they face this challenge together.

Continue to pray for Anna Nolt as she receives treatment for breast cancer.

Pray for Andres and Angelica as they spend time with Angelica’s family in Paraguay.

Pray for James and Melani as they prepare to return to Central Asia.

Pray for Levi Hoover who injured his achilles tendon and will need to wear a boot for up to thirteen weeks. Pray for Levi and Marie during this time when Levi won’t be able to drive.

Pray for those impacted by the deadly attack in New Orleans on New Years Eve. Pray for the peace of Christ in the United States and other areas of the world experiencing turmoil.

Pray for our nation as we anticipate leadership transitions in January. Pray that our leaders would govern with wisdom, integrity and courage.

January Sermon Series:

“Growing as Disciples of Jesus”

Over the next several weeks, sermons will focus on the call that God places on our lives to live and grow as disciples of Jesus. God calls us to so much more than correct doctrine and belief. We are called by Jesus to be his disciples, to study and learn his ways, to make Jesus the Lord of every area of our lives and to experience the joy of living with purpose beyond the self-centeredness that so easily defines our lives.

Each week we will focus on a scriptural account of a “discipleship encounter” in which Jesus instructs us in an important truth about what the life of a disciple looks like. Let’s pray that God uses this scripture study to encourage each of us as disciples of 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, January 7 at 9am. They welcome any new members that would like to join them.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Kayley Eshleman: Monday, January 6

Faye Woods: Wednesday, January 8

Michael Berg: Thursday, January 9

Jeshua Day: Thursday, January 9

Brian Snader: Saturday, January 11

HAPPY 82nd BIRTHDAY TO MIRIAM SNADER: Monday, January 13

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Andres and Angelica Prins: Friday, January 10

On the front and back tables, help yourself to the recent issue of the Everence Toolkit and the 2025 Birthday/Anniversary calendars.

Thank you to the Groffdale congregation for the many Christmas cards I received. Sharon Eberly

SAVE THE DATES!

Sunday, January 19, 2025—Two events

Glen and Joyce Shenk will share about their ministry with the Djari/Abdelkerim family in the All-Purpose room during the Sunday School hour. We encourage all classes to attend.

In honor of Anabaptist World Fellowship Sunday, Mennonite World Conference is holding a special offering called “One Lunch”. We are invited to contribute the cost of a restaurant lunch to MWC. As part of remembering the global church on this day, we invite you to bring a bagged lunch to church as we will eat lunch together in the All-Purpose Room.

Sunday, February 2, 2025—Congregational meeting

The Work of Christmas

When the song of the angels is stilled,
When the star in the sky is gone,
When the kings and princes are home,
When the shepherds are back with their flock,
The work of Christmas begins:
To find the lost,
To heal the broken,
To feed the hungry,
To release the prisoner,
To rebuild the nations,
To bring peace among others,
To make music in the heart.

- Poem by Howard Thurman, music by Dan Forrest



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 two week's offerings** and deposits. Thank you for your giving!

Leadership Support	\$4,827.00
Program Fund	4,525.00
Church Facilities	1,050.00
Missions	175.00

Grand total received for Guinea-Bissau preschool is:
\$3,530.11

Serving Next Sunday, January 12

Prelude: Linda Myers

Hymns Leader: Mark Wenger

Worship Leader: Pastor Tom Eshleman

Sermon: Pastor Krista Snader

Projectionist: Diane Weaver

Sound: Dale Weaver

Livestream: Jim Evans

Camera: Dawn Moore

Ushers: Glenn and Helen Hershey

Offering: Leadership Support



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