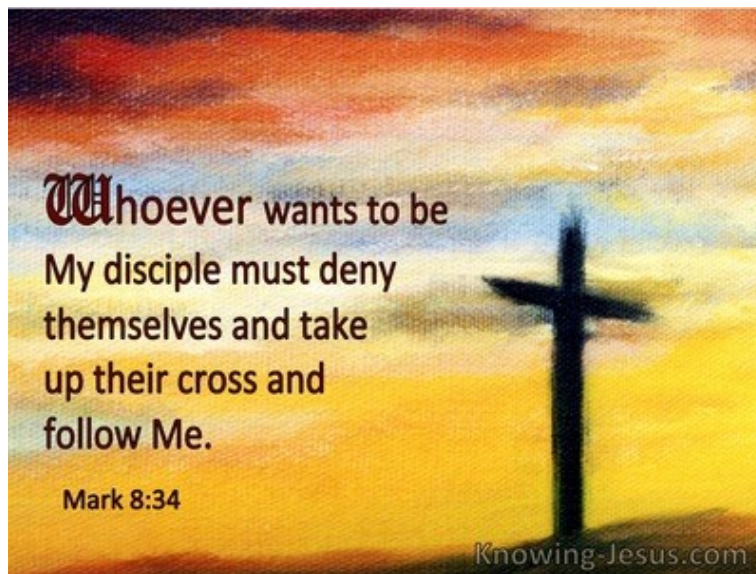


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Our Vision: A growing community of disciples of Jesus,
expressing Christ's redeeming love and reconciliation.

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Welcome! We are glad you are here!

Prelude by Bob Mohler and Rick Umble

Opening Song led by Lisa Zimmerman

“Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing” (Red Hymnal #2)

Welcome and Call to Worship by Brian Snader

Offering for Leadership Support

Sharing by the Gavilondo Family about their trip to Belize

Praise team led by Lisa Zimmerman and Linda Myers

Scripture: Mark 8: 27-38

Sermon by Mark Wenger

"Discipleship Shaped by the Cross"

*Key Verse: Whoever wants to be my disciple must
deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.*

This is the fifth sermon in our series, Growing as
Disciples of Jesus.

Closing Song

“I Surrender All” (Red Hymnal #366)

Sharing Time and Prayer

Benediction

*Thank you to those serving in our worship service today!
Including Ushers Glen and Joyce Shenk , Projectionist
Becki Day, Sound Tech Dale Weaver, Live Stream
Operator Jim Evans, Camera Operator Harold Mohler.*

Bring to the Lord in prayer:

- Pray for Glenn and Helen Hershey and their family as Helen anticipates her homegoing to Jesus. Pray comfort and strength for the family.
- Pray for Robert and Anna Nolt as they persevere through health challenges. Pray for Robert as he gains strength in rehab at Fairmount.
- Pray for John Shertzer as he recovers from surgery on his wrist, hand and finger on February 13.
- Pray for the Djari/Abdelkerim family as they begin transition to their new jobs.
- Pray for Leadership Team as they meet on February 14.
- Pray for our children and youth as they gather on Wednesday evenings in February for a short Bible lesson and to work on their Pinewood Derby cars.
- Pray for Mark Wenger as he brings our message this Sunday.

Host families needed for Rosedale Chorale on Palm Sunday evening April 13!

Rosedale Chorale (from Rosedale Bible College in Irwin, Ohio) is coming to Groffdale as part of their Spring Tour 2025. The choir will present a program here at Groffdale on Palm Sunday evening, April 13 at 7:00 pm. We are looking for host homes for choir members for Sunday evening April 13. This involves providing overnight accommodations on Sunday night after the program, breakfast on Monday morning and a packed lunch for the student to take with them. Choir members will also need transportation back to Groffdale on Monday morning as they continue their tour. If you are interested in hosting one, two or more students, email or contact Diane Weaver at churchoffice@groffdale.com.

Update on Groffdale District bishop discernment process

Please keep our Groffdale District in your prayers as they discern new bishop leadership. To keep you updated, the search team is just now beginning their work and met for the first time on February 3. Search team members include LMC Bishop Elder Rodney Martin, Conference minister Adelberto Santiago, Tom Philpot, Lanny Millette and Jeff Horst. The search team is meeting with all the district leaders this Tuesday evening February 18 at Carpenters Church. At some point the team plans to invite nominations, but that has not yet taken place. We invite you to pray for the search team and the district as we trust this process to God's leading.

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!

TODAY, FEBRUARY 16 WE CELEBRATE FOUR BIRTHDAYS

**Marie Hoover, Jeff Martin (Anne),
Sharon Nolt and Brenda Weaver**

Earl Myers: Monday, February 24

Ruthie Youndt: Monday, February 24

Ruth Zimmerman: Tuesday, February 25



PINEWOOD DERBY EVENT

The children and youth are invited to come to Groffdale on Wednesday evenings in February from 7-8:30pm. We will study God's Word and build Pinewood Derby cars!

Anyone else who would like to is invited to make a Pinewood Derby car! Opportunities to make a car here at Groffdale are Wednesdays February 19th and 26th from 9:30am-11:00am and on Sunday February 23rd after the One Lunch in the afternoon. Or you are welcome to pick up a kit and build the car at home. Race day is Sunday March 9th after our morning worship service. Pizza will be provided. Everyone is invited to stay and cheer on the youth and adult racers! If you have any questions or to get a kit, ask Brian Snader.

“ONE LUNCH” AND GAME DAY

The “One Lunch” event in honor of Anabaptist World Fellowship Sunday is rescheduled for next **Sunday, February 23**. The idea is that each participating person packs a lunch and contributes the cost of a lunch out to support the important work of Mennonite World Conference. **You are invited to pack a lunch and bring a favorite game** for a time of fellowship in the All-Purpose room after the service .

There will be a donation box available for anyone to contribute the cost of a lunch toward our global brothers and sisters of MWC. (Of course, you can contribute to the offering even if you don’t stay for lunch.) Let’s join in prayer for the global church!

You are invited to send a card of encouragement to our college students. There is a box at the back table you can put your cards in starting today through March 9th. We currently have 4 college students. They are Tim Wenger at Cedarville College, Tanner Eshleman and Janessa Eshleman at Messiah University , and Caeley Zimmerman at Lebanon Valley College. Thanks for supporting them!

When the Pastoral team needs to inform the congregation about a change/cancellation of a service or other important news, we use a web portal that allows us to send mass phone calls. Last weekend, we used it (along with a group email) to inform everybody about the cancellation of the service due to the weather. If you did not receive the phone call or email, send an email to churchoffice@groffdale.com with your updated email address or phone number.

Lucinda Snader is Sister Margareta in Ephrata Middle School’s production of “The Sound of Music Jr.” Performances are March 14 and 15 at 7pm. Tickets are available at the door.

Help yourself to the new Sunday School quarterlies on the table in the back of the church or the table inside 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.

Serving Next Sunday, February 23

Prelude: Lily Zimmerman

Sound: Brian Snader

Hymns Leader: Mark Wenger

Livestream: Levi Hoover

Worship Leader: Mag Nolt

Ushers: Charles and Fern Bauman

Sermon: Dave Moore

Offering: Program Fund

Projection: Chris Martin



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