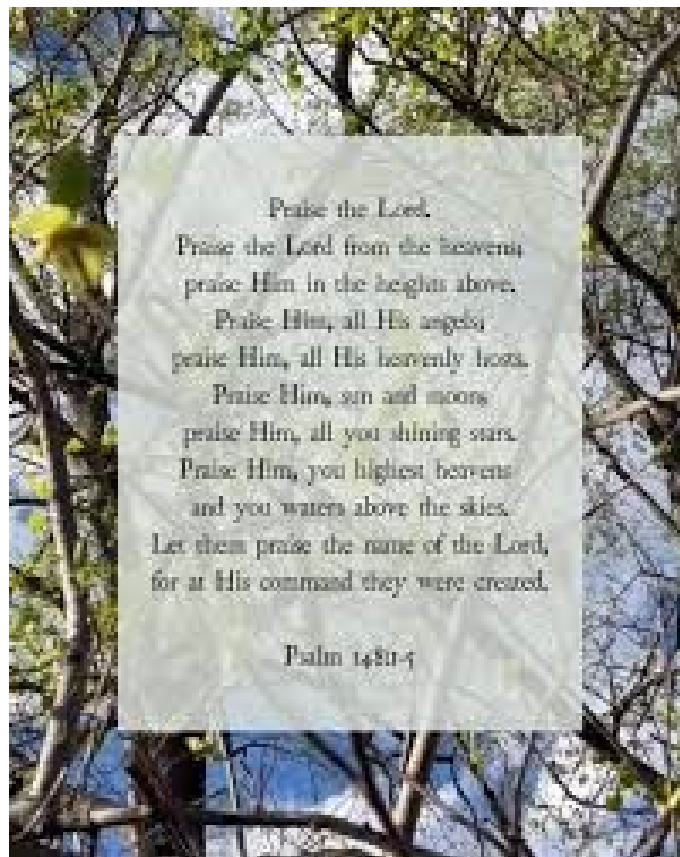


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February 23, 2025

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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 by Lily and Caeley Zimmerman

Opening Song led by Mark Wenger

“Oh, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing” (Blue Hymnal #110)

Welcome and Call to Worship by Mag Nolt

Offering for Program Fund

Worship songs led by Mark

“O Lord, our Lord, How Majestic” (Blue Hymnal #112)

“For the Beauty of the Earth” (Blue Hymnal #89)

“Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens, Adore Him” (Red Hymnal #9)

Scripture: Luke 19: 28-40

Sermon by Dave Moore

"All Creation Sings" based on Psalm 148

This is the sixth sermon in our series,

Growing as Disciples of Jesus.

Closing Song

“Praise the Lord, Sing Hallelujah” (Blue Hymnal #50)

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
Levi Hoover, Camera Operator Lloyd Weaver,
Announcement regarding offerings for the Welsh Mtn.
Home renovations– Richard Buckwalter.*

Bring to the Lord in prayer:

- ◆ Pray for Glenn Hershey and his family as they grieve Helen’s passing and celebrate her life and faithfulness to God. Helen’s memorial service is at Groffdale on Monday February 24 at 3:00 pm.
- ◆ Pray for our children and youth here at Groffdale. Pray for the Lord’s guidance as our congregation seeks to prioritize discipleship of our children and youth.
- ◆ Pray for the Groffdale District in the discernment process for district leadership as Bishop Lloyd moves toward retirement.
- ◆ Pray for all those in our church and community who are struggling with illness, the flu, colds etc.
- ◆ Pray for Robert Nolt as he regains strength in the rehab unit of Fairmount. Pray for Anna as she continues treatment for cancer and supports Bob.
- ◆ Pray for the Welsh Mountain Home and all who live there including our own Fred Reeser. Pray for Miriam Weaver in her home at Abbeyville in Lancaster.
- ◆ Pray for our Pinewood Derby project each Wednesday evening in February and for our children and youth as they learn about what the Bible says about wisdom.

***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 Discernment team is just now beginning their work and met for the first time on February 3. Discernment team members include LMC Bishop Elder Rodney Martin, Conference minister Adelberto Santiago, Tom Philpot, Lanny Millette and Jeff Horst. The team met with all the district leaders on Tuesday evening February 18 at Carpenters Church. The Discernment team is now in the process of receiving nominations from leadership. We invite you to pray for the 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!

Earl Myers: Monday, February 24

Ruthie Youndt: Monday, February 24

Ruth Zimmerman: Tuesday, February 25

Jonathan Bauman: Sunday, March 2

HAPPY 83rd BIRTHDAY TO DELORES TENNIS: Sunday, March 2

Ruthie Umble: Tuesday, March 4



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 this Wednesday-February 26th from 9:30am-11:00am and today after the One Lunch. 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.

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. We used it on February 8(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 Margaretta 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.

LMC is offering an Anabaptist Classics Reading Group led by William Higgins. It will be a guided tour of 20 Swiss Anabaptist writings from 1524-1589. The 5 sessions will be held every other week, all on Zoom. Sessions are held Tuesday evenings at 6:30pm and Thursday mornings at 10:30am, you can choose which day to participate. Sessions begin the last week of March. Email or call William to register and for more information:

whiggins@lmcchurches.org 717-293-5246 ext.121. If you plan to participate, let Mark Wenger (treasurer) know and Groffdale will donate \$20 to LMC to support the class.

Weaverland Anabaptist Faith Community is hosting a chicken BBQ fundraiser for Darrel and Miriam Weaver, EMM workers in Germany, on Saturday, March 8 from 11am - until sold. More details are on the bulletin board in back of the church.

This email was sent to Groffdale from Jon Barrett, Executive Director of Conestoga Valley Christian Community Services (CVCCS): ***We just wanted to say a big thank you to your congregation. Every item you donated was exactly what we needed in the food bank! We are so grateful for your love and partnership.***

OFFERING

Listed below are the totals for last week's offerings and deposits. Thank you for your giving!

Leadership Support	\$4,571.70
Church Facilities	\$2,710.00
Program Fund	\$ 585.00
Missions	\$ 400.00

Serving Next Sunday, March 2

Prelude: Joe Jaskolka

Hymns Leader: Rick Umble

Sermon: Pastor Tom Eshleman

Projection: Diane Weaver

Sound: Jeff Martin

Livestream: Chris Martin

Camera: Mim Auker

Ushers: Glen and Joyce Shenk

Offering: Groffdale Missionaries &

EMM 20% Transition to Community

(Potter's House)



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