

***Groffdale Mennonite  
Church***



***"Blessed are those who mourn"***

***March 9, 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 Linda Myers

Opening Song led by Lisa Zimmerman

    "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" (Blue Hymnal #37)

Welcome and Call to Worship by Tom and Jennifer Eshleman

Offering for Leadership Support

Children's Time led by Pastor Krista Snader

My Coins Count Offering

Worship songs led by Lisa, Caeley and Linda

Scripture: Matthew 5: 1-12

Sermon by Pastor Krista Snader

"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be  
comforted." *This is the second sermon in our series  
on the Beatitudes.*

Closing Song

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

Sharing Time and Prayer

Benediction

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*Thank you to those serving in our worship service today!  
Including Ushers Glenn Hershey and Charles Bauman,  
Projectionist Becki Day, Sound Tech Dale Weaver,  
Live Stream Jim Evans, Camera Operator Dawn Moore.*

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

Pray for Mary Jane Assis as she and her family visit Brazil where her family served as missionaries for ten years.

Pray for Lucinda Snader as she participates in the Ephrata Middle School production of "Sound of Music" next weekend.

Pray rest and renewal for our college students as they experience spring break.

Pray for all of those struggling with illness.

Pray healing for Fred Reeser who was admitted to Ephrata Hospital on Wednesday.

Pray for Pastor Krista as she brings our message today.

Pray for our congregation this afternoon as we have our lunch and the Pinewood Derby race after church.

Pray for peace in Ukraine and wisdom for all the world leaders involved in the peace negotiations.

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***Preparing for Lent***

We have entered the season of Lent which leads us on a journey toward Holy Week and Easter on April 20. Lent presents a special opportunity for followers of Jesus to examine their lives and to experience repentance, forgiveness and renewal as we give thanks for salvation through Jesus. Our Lenten worship/scripture focus this year will be on the Beatitudes of Matthew 5.

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***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](mailto:churchoffice@groffdale.com).

**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!***

**Ruthie Zimmerman:** Friday, March 14

***HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!***

**Jeff and Anne Martin:** Friday, March 14

All are welcome to stay for lunch in the All-Purpose Room on March 23 after the service. The Zimmerman family will provide soup, bread, applesauce, and cookies (and live music). You are invited to donate towards Caeley's study abroad trip and Lily's MCCL trip. Caeley will spend 5 weeks in Perugia, Italy at the Umbra Institute (with Lebanon Valley College), and Lily will perform in North Carolina and Virginia with the Mennonite Children's Choir. ***Sign-up at the back table if you plan to come.***

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As a way to share worship music between the generations, the Groffdale youth invite you to listen to the song "Anchor" by Skillet.

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. 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!

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Lucinda Snader is Sister Margaretta in Ephrata Middle School's production of "The Sound of Music Jr." **Performances are this coming week on Friday, March 14 and Saturday, March 15 at 7pm. Tickets are available at the door.**

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Copies of minutes from the February Admin. Team meeting are on the back table.

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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@lmchurches.org](mailto:whiggins@lmchurches.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.

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

EMM/Missions	\$ 4,391.00
Welsh Mtn. Home	\$ 300.00
Program Fund	\$ 145.00
Leadership Support	\$ 30.00

Welsh Mountain Home has begun the final phase of building renovations to meet needs of current and future residents. Costs have exceeded initial estimates. The Groffdale Admin Team has authorized a special fund in March & April for this capital project. To contribute, donate to Groffdale Mennonite Church, designated to Welsh Mountain Home.

### Serving Next Sunday, March 16

Prelude: Bob Mohler and Rick Umble	Projection: Becki Day
Hymns Leader: Glenn Hershey	Sound: Dale Weaver
Worship Leader: Dave Moore	Livestream: Keith Stoltzfus
Praise Team: Joe Jaskolka, Ray Horst, and Jim Evans	Camera: Harold Mohler
Sermon: Steve Lindsey	Offering: Program Fund
	Ushers: Glen and Joyce Shenk



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