

***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 Bob Mohler and Rick Umble

Opening Song led by Glenn Hershey

"I to the Hills will Lift my Eyes" (Blue Hymnal #169)

Welcome and Call to Worship by Dave Moore

Offering for Program Fund

Children's Time led by Pastor Krista Snader

My Coins Count Offering

Praise Team led by Jim Evans, Joe Jaskolka, and Ray Horst

Scripture: Matthew 5: 1-12

Sermon by Steve Lindsey

"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God"

This is the third sermon in our series on the Beatitudes.

Closing Song

"More About Jesus" (Red Hymnal #389)

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

Keith Stoltzfus, Camera Operator Harold Mohler.

Bring to the Lord in prayer:

Pray for the Leadership Team as they meet this Friday
March 14 at 9:30am.

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

Pray for Fred Reeser as he recovers after a recent
hospitalization at Ephrata Hospital.

Pray for Steve Lindsey as he brings our message this Sunday.

Pray for Mary Jane Assis and her family as they visit friends
in Brazil.

Give thanks to God for a meaningful and fun experience with
Pinewood Derby in February and last Sunday. Thanks to all
who gave leadership and participated.

Pray for lasting peace in Ukraine. Pray wisdom and good
judgment for all the international leaders involved in the
peace negotiations.

Pray for the Djari/Abdelkerim family as family members
begin new jobs and seek employment.

***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.

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!

HAPPY 82nd BIRTHDAY TO LEONARD MARTIN: Sunday, March 23

All are welcome to stay for lunch in the All-Purpose Room next Sunday, 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. (Checks can be made payable to Lee Zimmerman)

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.



As a way to share worship music between the generations, the Groffdale youth invite you to listen to the song "Good Feeling" by Austin French.

We give thanks to the Sewing Circle for these items that were finished or donated in 2024; and to the congregation for the offerings and the many items donated for health and school kits.

4 wall hangings for Mennonite Disaster Service; 31 comforters, 501 blankets, 444 newborn kits, 97 school kits, 125 baby caps, 439 bars of soap, 52 health kits.

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 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.

SAVE THE DATES!

On Sunday April 6, Peter and Christy Sensenig will be bringing the sermon in our worship service and they will also be sharing in a combined Sunday School class in the All-Purpose room. All Sunday School classes are welcome to join us. Peter and Christy Sensenig and their family live and serve in the Central African country of Chad. Peter teaches and is involved in peace and reconciliation work and Christy works as a nurse/midwife. Peter and Christy and their three children will be living in the 170 House from April through June of this year. We are so grateful that we can learn more about their ministry in Chad on April 6.

April 17 at 6:30pm: Maundy Thursday Service

April 20 Easter Sunday at 9:00am Coffee and pastries will be served In the All-Purpose Room. Sunday School classes will not be meeting.



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!

Leadership Support	\$4,692.70
Program Fund	\$ 300.00
Missions	\$ 230.00
Welsh Mtn. Home	\$ 150.00
Church Facilities	\$ 80.00

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 23

Prelude: Caeley Zimmerman Sound: Brian Snader
Hymns: Mark Wenger Livestream: Jim Evans
Worship Leader: Richard Buckwalter Offering: Leadership Support
Sermon: Pastor Tom Eshleman Ushers: Charles and Fern
Projection: Chris Martin Bauman



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