

***Groffdale Mennonite  
Church***



***March 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 Lisa and Elyse Zimmerman

Opening Song led by Mark Wenger

"Come We That Love the Lord" (Red Hymnal #18)

Welcome and Call to Worship by Richard Buckwalter

Offering for Leadership Support

Children's Time led by Pastor Krista Snader

My Coins Count Offering

Worship songs led by Mark

"Come Christians Join to Sing" (Red Hymnal #108)

"Let Your Heart Be Broken" (Red Hymnal #315)

"O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee" (Red Hymnal #451)

Scripture: Matthew 5: 1-12

Sermon by Pastor Tom Eshleman

"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth."

*This is the fourth sermon in our series on the Beatitudes.*

Closing Song

"I Bind My Heart" (Blue Hymnal #411)

Sharing Time and Prayer

Benediction

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*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  
Jim Evans, Camera Operator Lucinda Snader.*

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

- Pray healing and restored health for John Shertzer who was a patient this week at LGH.
- Pray for Doug Hoover as he visits his parents in Florida and returns home on Tuesday.
- Pray for Mary Jane Assis as she returns from her family visit to Brazil.
- Pray for Lee and Lisa Zimmerman and their family as they serve a fundraiser meal after church today (Sunday) for Lily's Mennonite Children's Choir tour and Caeley's study term in Italy.
- Pray for health, healing and wholeness for Bob and Anna Nolt.
- Pray for peace in Ukraine and Gaza.
- Pray for the Djari/Abdelkerim family as they continue to learn and grow in adjusting to life in the United States.
- Pray endurance and perseverance for our college students, Tim Wenger at Cedarville, Tanner Eshleman at Messiah, Caeley Zimmerman at Lebanon Valley and Janessa Eshleman at Messiah.
- Give thanks that Fred Reeser was able to return to Welsh Mountain after a time at Ephrata Hospital.

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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).

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Many thanks to the Groffdale family for your soft hearts and understanding in the seasons over the past years of Helen's life challenges. You all have been an amazing blessing in our lives and very recently navigating to her home in heaven. Be blessed for your prayers, kind words, calls, cards, meals and those assisting at the memorial service. God has been so good to our family. Glenn Hershey

**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: HAPPY 82nd BIRTHDAY TO LEONARD MARTIN:** Sunday, March 23  
**Chuck Roberts:** Monday, March 31

Conestoga Valley Christian Community Services (CVCCS) is in need of the following items for their food bank. A box for these items is in the back of the church. Thank you for your generosity.

***Peanut butter, oatmeal, chicken/beef/vegetable broth,  
crackers, taco kits and Hamburger Helper.***

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***Update from Leadership Team***

Thank you for your prayers as Groffdale Leadership Team met on Friday March 14. Here are several highlights of our meeting:

- Lisa Zimmerman led our opening devotional by sharing how God is guiding her and named a specific gift she observed in each team member.
- We reviewed and discussed plans for Lent and Easter and potential ways we can make the most of opportunities to encourage the congregation to invite friends and neighbors.
- We reviewed the draft of a job description for a youth ministry leader.
- The team looked at elder terms and members of our team whose terms are up for renewal in June 2025.
- Giving thanks for our congregation and praying in faith for God to add to our number.

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As a way to share worship music between the generations, the Groffdale youth invite you to listen to the song "Up + Up" by Colton Dixon.

**SAVE THE DATES!**

**Friday, April 4: 4-9pm**

**Saturday, April 5: 7am-3pm**

**69th Annual Pennsylvania Relief Sale**

**Farm Show Complex, Giant Expo Hall, Harrisburg**

Proceeds benefit Mennonite Central Committee (MCC)

See more information at [www.pareliefsale.org](http://www.pareliefsale.org)

**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**

**9:00am** Coffee and pastries will be served in the All-Purpose Room, followed by the children's Easter egg hunt.

Sunday School classes will not be meeting.

**10:00am** Easter worship service, including  
flowering of the cross

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Help fill Easter eggs for the children's egg hunt. Empty eggs are available at the back table, please fill them with a treat and bring them back to church on Easter morning, in time for the egg hunt. Thank you!

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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.*

