

# ***Groffdale Mennonite Church***



***March 30, 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

Opening Song led by Anne Martin

“God is Here Among Us” (Blue Hymnal #16)

Welcome and Call to Worship by Pastor Krista Snader

Offering for Church Facilities

Children's Time led by Pastor Krista Snader

My Coins Count Offering

Worship songs led by Anne

“O Worship the Lord” (Blue Hymnal #124)

“Holy, Holy, Holy” (Blue Hymnal #75)

“Breath On Me, Breath of God” (Blue Hymnal #356)

Scripture: Matthew 5: 1-12

Sermon by Pastor Tom Eshleman

"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for  
righteousness, for they will be filled."

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

Closing Song

“Let Your Heart Be Broken” (Red Hymnal #315)

Sharing Time and Prayer

Benediction

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*Thank you to those serving in our worship service today!*

*Including Usher Delores Tennis, Projectionist*

*Diane Weaver, Sound Tech Jeff Martin, Live Stream*

*Keith Stoltzfus, Camera Operator Ruthie Umble.*

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

Pray for Peter and Christy Sensenig and their family as they prepare to move into the 170 house. (Peter and Christy will be sharing at Groffdale next Sunday)

Pray for Brian Snader as he shares this Sunday at Neffsville Mennonite Church on behalf of MCC.

Pray for John Shertzer as he continues to recuperate after time in the hospital last week.

Pray for the people of DR Congo during this time when so many are experiencing displacement and suffering. Pray for our brothers and sisters of the Mennonite Church of DR Congo.

Pray for peace in Ukraine and Gaza.

Pray for the Djari/Abdelkerim family as they adjust to new jobs.

Pray for James and Melani in Central Asia.

Pray for Andres and Angelica in Morocco.

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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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*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.*

**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.

**Sewing Circle** will meet on Tuesday, April 1 at 9am. They welcome any new members that would like to join them.



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

**Chuck Roberts:** Monday, March 31

**HAPPY 84th BIRTHDAY TO JONAS REIFF:** Wednesday, April 2

**Yamil Gavilondo:** Friday, April 4

**HAPPY 80th BIRTHDAY TO JANET EBERLY:** Sunday, April 6

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!**

**Rick and Ruthie Umble :** Sunday , April 6

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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As a way to share worship music between the generations, the Groffdale youth invite you to listen to the song "Walking Free" by Micah Tyler.

**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)

***Next 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.

***Sunday, April 13***

Palm Sunday service in morning

Rosedale Chorale 7pm

***April 17 at 6:30pm***

Maundy Thursday service in the All-Purpose Room. A light supper will be served, followed by communion and foot washing. An offering will be received for the Brotherhood Fund which assists people experiencing financial need.

***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!

## OFFERING

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

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| Leadership Support | \$4,465.00 |
| Missions           | \$2,175.00 |
| Program Fund       | \$1,365.00 |
| Church Facilities  | \$1,125.00 |
| Welsh Mtn. Home    | \$ 800.00  |

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, April 6

Prelude: Joe Jaskolka  
Worship Leader: Pastor Tom Eshleman  
Sermon: Peter and Christy Sensenig  
Projectionist: Diane Weaver  
Sound: Brian Snader  
Livestream: Chris Martin  
Camera: Mim Auker  
Offering: Groffdale Missionaries and EMM/20% Sewing Circle  
Ushers: Glen and Joyce Shenk



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