

GROVE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OFFICERS

SESSION ELDERS – Beth Christian Clerk of Session

Class of 2017	Class of 2018	Class of 2019
William C. Godfrey	Mary Ellen M. Doll	David D. Betz*
William Henning	Paul W. Kettlewell	Beth Christian*
Bryan L. Holmes	Amanda E. Leicht	Mona S. Cotner*
Jim Nemeth*	Cathy L. Sanders*	Natalie B. Kupas
Robert N. Seebold*	James E. Smith*	Francis C. Moyer*

BOARD OF DEACONS – Kathy Zakarian, Deacon Moderator

Class of 2017	Class of 2018	Class of 2019
Beth A. Holmes	Gary Christian	Eric B. Deeter*
Scott N. Romberger*	Russell S. Cotner, Jr.*	Jennifer Henning
Spring Taylor-Santos	Christian D. LaMotte	Scott A. Lawvere*
Rhonda Seebold	Shelley L. Nemeth	Linda M. Moyer*
Cynthia L. Stamey	David C. Sanders	Kathy Zakarian*

*Serving second consecutive term

CHURCH STAFF

Director of Christian Education	Lynne A. Pabst, Certified Christian Educator
Director of Music/Organist	Joy L. Christian
Adult Choir Director	C. Brian Crane
Junior and Youth Choir Co-Directors	Elise Mark and Penelope A. Andrews
Cherub Choir, Kindermusik	Lynne A. Pabst
Primary Bell Choir Director	Lynne A. Pabst
Adult Bell Choir Directors	Joy L. Christian
Administrative/Financial Secretary	Clare I. McCuen
Office Assistant	Kristin A. M. Keller
Treasurer	George O. Wagner, IV
Custodian	Sandy Lewis
Grounds Keeper	Donald Ross
Sexton	David C. Sanders
Church Photographer	Spring Taylor-Santos
Senior Youth Group Advisors	Alyssa & Christian LaMotte
Women's Association President	Pamela Franklin
Professional Childcare	Sandy Lewis and Chelsey Stamey
Transitional Pastor	The. Rev. Steve Cureton

CHURCH PROFILE

10:15 AM Service of Divine Worship / 9 AM Church School (*Sept – May*)
 9:30 AM Service of Divine Worship (*Memorial Day through Labor Day*)
 Adult Choir Rehearsal Wednesdays 6:30 PM

Cherub, Junior, and Youth Choir Rehearsals Wednesdays 6:30 PM
 Adult Bells Tuesdays, 6:00 PM / Primary Bells Wednesdays, 7:20 PM
 Kindermusik A Wed. 5:00 PM - Kindermusik B Wed. 5:45 PM
 E-Mail address: **GroveSteve17@gmail.com** = Pastor's Email

GroveChurch@aol.com = Church Office

DeskOfCMC@aol.com = Administrative Secretary

Church Office Hours: 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM – Monday through Thursday

Grove Presbyterian Church News

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January 1, 2017

We welcome guests to complete a Pew Card and place it in the offering plate.

If you are new in the area or are looking for a new place of worship and fellowship, we extend to you a warm welcome. For our first time guests we want you to have a special gift. On the windowsills you will find a mug. Please take one with our compliments. Enjoy a cup of tea or coffee on us.

Fully handicapped accessible bathrooms, for both men and women, are located in the foyer of the courtyard entrance, which can be reached through the fellowship hall. The door to the fellowship hall is to the right of the pulpit. See ushers if you need assistance.

All persons are welcome to yield themselves to the Communion of the Lord's Supper, professing faith in Christ Jesus as Lord, devoting their lives to Christian discipleship, removing from their hearts any improper affection or lack of love towards their brothers and sisters in Christ.

Children are welcome to the table, provided they come with parental permission and an appreciation for the meaning of the Sacrament. Adults who are interested in Baptism and church membership are invited to talk with the pastor or any of the Elders. The communion elements consist of cubed bread, gluten free wafers, and regular grape juice.

Communion Elders scheduled for today are Natalie B. Kupas, Beth Christian, David D. Betz, Mona S. Cotner and Francis Moyer.

Deacons for the month of January are Kathy Zakarian and Shelley Nemeth. Large print bulletins and bulletins for children are available from the ushers.



Flowers today are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of George Matey Jr. on the seventh anniversary of his passing, December 31st, 2009; given by his daughter, Karen Carlomano

Thank you for your gifts for today's Food Bank Ingathering. The food bank is sponsored by all area churches and is an emergency supply of food for families in Riverside and Montour County.

Session Reminder – Change of Date: Due to the holiday, Committees of Session, Board of Deacons, and Session Elders will meet **next Monday, Jan. 9th**, starting at 6:00 PM.

Grove Book Club: The selection for **Sunday, January 8th**, "*The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society*" by **Annie Barrows and Mary Ann Shaffer**. We will gather at 7:00 PM, location TBA. Newcomers are always welcome.

Pastor Emeritus: The Session of Grove Presbyterian Church has voted unanimously to give the title of Pastor Emeritus to the Rev. Dr. Robert J. Andrews. This is an honorary title given to a retiring pastor and carries with it no special responsibilities or expectations. It is our way of saying, "Pastor Andrews, you hold a special place in our hearts, thank you."

Attention Committee Chairs' – 2016 Annual Reports Due Wednesday: Members of the congregation have asked we revert back to a full annual report which will include reports from all committees. It was asked the reports be available a week prior to the congregational meeting which will be held on Sunday, January 22nd. As it is asked that your reports be sent in by this Wednesday, January 4th.

Next Sunday - Special Coffee Hour: There will be a special Coffee Hour reception on **Sunday, January 8th** to welcome our transitional pastor the Rev. Steve Cureton, and to honor our other guest that morning, The Rev Dr. William Knudsen, Executive Presbyter, who retires from Northumberland Presbytery in March 2017. The Fellowship Committee is coordinating this and if you wish to contribute please contact a member of the committee.

Child Care During Worship: Children are always welcome in worship, but we know sometimes other options are needed. Professional child care is provided by Sandy Lewis and Chelsey Stamey for children birth through age five starting at 9AM in the Infant/Toddler Room. Worship bags are located on the giraffe coat rack in the front of the sanctuary and are available for children's use during the service and returned to the giraffe after the service.

Next Breakfast Group: Will meet **Thursday, January 19th** at 8:30 AM at Ric-Mar Restaurant. Please contact **Bill & Betty Godfrey: 570-284-4248** for your reservation.

2017 Offering Envelopes: Are now available in the Fellowship Hall on the table by the kitchen. If you are visiting a member who cannot make it to church, please lend a hand and bring them their envelopes. If you prefer to not use envelopes, please contact the office and let us know so that number can be removed from the system. - **Please do not use the new envelopes until 2017.**

Kindermusik: The second semester of Kindermusik starts **Wed., Feb. 1st**. Classes will be held on Wednesdays in the preschool room and are offered to two different age groups. Children aged 16 months – three years will meet at 5:00 PM. Children ages three to four years will meet at 5:45 PM. Since materials need to be ordered, completed registration forms and the materials' fee are due in the church office no later than **Sunday, Jan. 22**. Registration forms can be found on the tables in the back of the sanctuary, by the mailboxes outside the fellowship hall, on the church website, and in the December Spire.

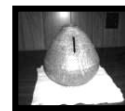
Securing Your Property: 'Tis the season – with the holidays upon us and the weather getting colder, staff has been encountering transients. Some are out of town transients simply passing through the area, and some are locals in need of financial assistance or housing. We remind you to please check all doors if you are the last to leave. Unlocked doors can put our members and property at risk. So, please remember to double check when exiting (push and pull to make sure doors latched correctly). Many have been found unlocked and/or not latched. You can also help by keeping an eye out on the church when passing for any suspicious activities. If you notice non-members congregating, groups of skateboarders, etc., you can call the Danville police non-emergency line (275-2101) to have them investigate. We thank you all for your assistance in securing the property.

Please Note: The books are now closed from Monday, December 26th, to January 6th. Checks cannot be written until January 9th, 2017.

Grove Elders are asking each of our parishioners to please include in your prayers in the days ahead the following: the Pastor Nominating Committee - for help, guidance, and direction; and the Session - to bring wisdom and understanding in our transformation as we prepare for our new chapter in Grove Church.

Member Information: In anticipation of the 2017 in-house member directory, we would like to ask that you please let the office know should you have any changes (name, family status, address, home phones, cell phones, email addresses, etc.) Email your changes to GroveChurch@aol.com or phone the church office.

Robert Burns Supper: All are invited to attend the Annual Burns Supper on **Saturday, January 28th**, 6:30 PM at Rolling Pines Country Club in Berwick, to celebrate the birthday of Scotland's Immortal Bard, Robert Burns. Come and display your Tartan and enjoy an evening of Authentic Scottish food, Bagpipes, Poetry and Singing. There will be many toasts (cash bar) and of course, the HAGGIS will be addressed. The cost of the evening is \$30.00 and attendance is not limited. Contact Bill Godfrey (570-284-4248, wsgodfrey1@gmail.com) or Greg Bitler (484-332-4874, gbitler@ptd.net) for reservations and payment.



The "Pirlie Pig": The Scottish name for the pottery money-box with a slot for the insertion of money is a "pirlie-pig". Donations continue to fund the progress of Krislund Camp. December donations totaled \$25.00.

Please Note: The office will be closed tomorrow, January 2, and Monday, January 16 in observance of the holidays.

PW Meeting: "Dear children, keep away from anything that might take God's place in your hearts." I John 5:21. On **Thursday, January 5**, the Presbyterian Women's Group will discuss *Seeking Satisfaction in Idols* at 9 AM in Muffin Man's Fireplace Room. Newcomers are welcome. There will be no meeting in February.

Snow Policy: There will always be worship service at Grove Church. When the snow and bad weather arrive, Church School will be canceled by a joint decision of the Director of Children’s Ministry and the pastor. An announcement will be made over the radio and TV, if possible. Teachers will be informed of the cancellation by the phone chain. All efforts will be made to have the sidewalks and parking areas plowed and cleaned as soon as possible. **During the week, in the event that the Danville Schools are closed due to bad weather, Grove’s Church Office will also be closed, and all activities scheduled for that day will be canceled.** If the schools open one or two hours later, the office will be open and the activities will be held as scheduled.

Annual Meeting: Session hereby issues a call for the Annual Meeting of the Congregation and Corporation of the Grove Presbyterian Church for 11:15 PM on **Sun. Jan. 22nd** for the purpose of hearing and acting upon the Annual Reports, as well as any other pertinent business. We adjourn from the Worship Service at 11:15 into the Fellowship Hall for our regular congregational meeting. Copies of the 2016 Annual Report will be available in the Fellowship Hall a week prior for pre-review on Sun. Jan 15th.

Get In The Grove: Free WiFi is now available throughout the church building. To access the wifi, choose **GroveConnect**, then enter password **GetInTheGrove**. Thank you to Grove’s new IT team for their hard work in making this possible.

2017 Per Capita: The per capita apportionment is generally recognized as a fair way of spreading across the whole church membership the basic operating costs of presbyteries, synods and the General Assembly. Payments continue to provide funding for the administrative expense of governing bodies, which benefits the entire church and the local congregation. The mission of our connectional church is funded by mission contributions to the Church’s General Mission Fund which is separate from the administrative budgets supported by the per capita. The per capita apportionment for 2017 is **\$34.10** per member.



2017 Flower Chart: The Flower Chart for 2017 is located on the wall leading to the church kitchen. Please remember to put whom the flowers are in Memory of or in Honor of and by whom the flowers are given. 2017 pricing increased to **\$27.00 an arrangement** per florist.

In order to ensure beautiful flowers each Sunday, *please help by filling in January first.* Immediate dates untaken are: **Jan. 15 & 22 and Feb. 5, 19 & 26.**

Volunteer Chaplain Assistant: The Spiritual Care Department of Geisinger Medical Center is offering the “Art of Caring Conversation” this summer. This four-week, twelve-hour training is the basic requirement for persons wishing to volunteer as a Chaplain Assistant in the hospital. Classes will be held Tuesday evenings, from 5 PM – 8 PM at Geisinger Spiritual Care Center, 100 N. Academy Ave, Danville, Jan 10th, 17th, 24th, and 31st, 2017. To reserve your place, contact Tina Kester, 570-271-3700. See the FH bulletin board for additional information.

Office Staff Schedule – Starting in January, Kristin will be here Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9:30 AM – 4 PM. Bulletins will now be printed Thursday mornings. News articles are still needed on Tuesdays. The office will be open Mon. through Thurs. 8 AM – 4 PM as always. Although the office is not advertised as open on Fridays, Clare is always here – but uses that day to run errands and such.

Calendar of Church Events

- Sun. Jan. 1:** *No Church School / Ingathering Offering*
New Years Day
 9:45 AM Adult Choir Rehearsal
 10:15 AM Café Communion Worship Service / Brunch
 11:15 AM Worship & Music Committee Mtg.
- Mon. Jan. 2:** *Office Closed / DASD Closed*
 8:30 AM Tutoring Class – GR
- Tues. Jan. 3:** 9:00 AM Spiritual Growth – GR
 9:45 AM Office Staff Meeting - KH
 6:00 PM Adult Bells
- Wed. Jan. 4:** 11:00 AM DRAMA - Shiloh
 5:30 PM Brownie Troop
 6:30 PM Jr. & Youth Choirs
 6:30 PM Cherub Choir
 6:30 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal
- Thurs. Jan. 5:** 9:00 AM Presbyterian Women – Muffin Man
 6:30 PM BSA Committee Meeting - GR
 7:00 PM BSA Troop 39 – FH
- Fri. Jan. 6:** 8:30 AM Tutoring Class – GR
 2:30 PM - 7 PM Viola/Violin Lessons – GR
- Sat. Jan 7:** *Wedding of Spring Taylor & John Gardiner*
- Sun. Jan. 8:** *Communion / Rev. Dr. William Knudsen*
 9:00 AM – 10:00 AM Church School & Confirmands
 9:45 AM Adult Choir Rehearsal
 10:15 AM Worship - Adult Bells
 11:15 AM Special “Welcome” Coffee Hour
 7:00 PM Church Book Club – TBA



2016 CHURCH DATA

MONTH TO DATE	AMT.	YEAR TO DATE	AMT.
Dec. Budget Needed	\$ 94,921.90	2016 Budget	\$319,000.00
Dec. Offerings Received	\$ 41,222.00	2016 Offerings	\$265,300.10
Dec. Balance Needed =	(\$ 53,699.90)	2016 Balance =	(\$53,699.90)

Attendance December 24: 7PM = 260 / 10 PM = 78

Attendance December 25: 10:15 AM = 117

2017 Budget Needed = \$319,000.00
January Budget Needed = \$26,583.33