

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.

Session Reminder: The next Committees of Session, Board of Deacons, and Session Elders will meet **Monday, Feb. 6th**, starting at 6:00 PM.

Calendar of Church Events

- Sun. Jan 29:** 9:00 AM – 10:00 AM Church School & Confirmands
 9:45 AM Adult Choir Rehearsal
 10:15 AM Worship
 6:00 PM Grove Serves Ronald McDonald House
- Mon. Jan. 30:** 8:30 AM Tutoring Class – GR
- Tues. Jan. 31:** 9:00 AM Spiritual Growth Group – GR
 9:45 AM Office Staff Meeting - KH
 6:00 PM Adult Bell Choir
- Wed. Feb. 1:** 11:00 AM DRAMA
 5:00 PM Kindermusik A / 5:45 Kindermusik B
 5:30 PM Brownie Troop
 6:30 PM Cherub Choir
 6:30 PM Youth & Jr. Choirs
 6:30 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal
 7:30 PM Kerygma
- Thurs. Feb. 2:** 6:30 PM BSA Committee Mtg. - GR
 7:00 PM BSA Troop 39 – FH
- Fri. Feb 3:** 8:30 AM Tutoring Class – GR
 2:30 PM - 7 PM Viola/Violin Lessons – GR
- Sun. Feb. 5:** **Communion / Ingathering Offerings**
 9:00 AM – 10:00 AM Church School & Confirmands
 9:45 AM Adult Choir Rehearsal
 10:15 AM Worship
 11:15 AM Worship & Music Committee



2017 CHURCH DATA

MONTH TO DATE	AMT.	YEAR TO DATE	AMT.
Jan. Budget Needed	\$ 26,583.33	2017 Budget	\$320,000.00
Jan. Offerings Received	\$ 13,961.56	2017 Offerings	\$ 13,961.56
Jan. Balance Needed =	(\$ 12,621.77)	2017 Balance =	(\$306,038.44)

Attendance January 22: 10:15 AM = 102

Grove Presbyterian Church News

www.GrovePresbyterianChurch.org

January 29, 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.



Flowers today are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Steve Kistler, given by Judy and Bill Gibson.

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

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.



Coffee Fellowship: Please join us for coffee fellowship following the service. We thank Dave & Tish Betz for hosting today. Help us continue to enjoy simple coffee hour fellowship after worship each Sunday by signing up to host. A sign-up sheet can be found hanging on the wall outside the church kitchen. Coffee hour will not take place on the days the sign-up sheet remains vacant. Please remember, **no nut products** due to allergies. Thank you.

Food Bank: Next Sunday will be our Food Bank Ingathering. Each month we ask members to bring a donation of food to help stock the area Food Bank. We specifically need **Canned Vegetables** at this time.

Grove Serves Ronald McDonald House – Today: Grove will be providing dinner for families staying at the Ronald McDonald House today, **Sunday, Jan. 29th**, at 6pm and again **Sunday February 26th** at 6pm. Sign-up sheets are posted in fellowship hall. Help with cooking and set-up are appreciated. Please contact Amanda Leicht at 570-284-4144 or amandaleicht@hotmail.com if you have any questions.

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.



Kindermusik – Wednesday: The second semester of Kindermusik starts **Wed, Feb. 1st**. Classes will be held on Wednesdays in the preschool room. Children aged 16 months – 3 years will meet at 5:00 PM. Children ages 3 – 4 years will meet at 5:45 PM. Registration required.

2017 Grove In-House Member Directories: Can be found on the back tables of the Sanctuary. Please let the office know should you have any changes (names, address, home phones, cell phones, email addresses, family status, etc.). Directory corrections and updates will be announced in future Spires. Please be respectful of each other's' privacy – contact information is for church purposes only.



Join in on the Chili Cook-Off, on **Saturday, February 25th** hosted at the home of Natalie and Doug Kupas, (209 Abbey Rd., Danville) from 4-8 pm (judging at 5pm). Hot Chili and good friends! Enter your favorite chili recipe or just come to be a judge. Maalox Supplied! Funds raised will be donated to the Rev. Dr. R. J. Andrews Fund which directs donations towards local, national or international ministries based on need/world events. Please call 271-1095 if questions – All are welcome and we hope to see you there.

2017 Winter Leadership Conference: *Equipping the Saints: Helping Church Leaders Lead* is a free training for church leaders and officers organized by the Northumberland Presbytery to be held **Saturday, Feb 25 (Mar. 4 snow date)**, 8:30 AM – 12:00 PM at Montoursville Presbyterian Church. Our congregation is encouraged to participate. Workshop offerings include Ruling Elder & Deacon Training, “Embracing your Mission Groove”, “Come Meet a Muslim”, and “Compassion for the Suffering and the Abandoned in Syria and the Middle East”. Please see the back tables of the sanctuary for registration forms / additional information or call 570-368-3906.

Next Breakfast Group - Thursday: Will meet **Thursday, Feb. 16** at 8:30 AM at Ric-Mar Restaurant. Please contact Rich & Nancy Tobin: 570-275-2815.

Taize Ash Wednesday Service: Please join us **Wednesday, March 1** at 6:30 PM for an ecumenical Ash Wednesday Service. This service is patterned after prayer from the Taize community in France as a wonderful way to experience inner stillness and peace in the midst of our busy, hectic lives. Let us quiet our hearts before God with prayer, singing, scripture, and silence.

Hymn Requests: Do you have a favorite hymn you have been longing to sing during Sunday Worship? You are invited to e-mail your hymn requests to the Grove Office (grovechurch@aol.com). We will keep a list and do our best to fit in beloved hymns in the upcoming months.



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 the upcoming immediate dates – which are: **Feb. 19 and March 5 & 12.**

2017 Offering Envelopes: Are 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.

Kerygma Bible Study Group: continues to meet on Wednesday evenings at 7:30pm (when choir rehearsals end). Currently the group is working through the Acts of the Apostles. Each evening starts with conversation on current topics and events in people's lives, and then moves into the scripture. Please come and join us.

Retirement Celebration: You are cordially invited to attend Rev. Knudsen's Retirement celebration on **Saturday, March 18, 2017** - 10 AM Registration, 11 AM Worship Service, Celebration following worship - at Covenant Central Presbyterian Church in Williamsport. We are hoping to provide a multi - church choir for the celebration. If anyone in your church is available and willing to participate I will need to know ASAP. If we receive enough interested in participating we will send out the music selection by the end of January. If you are interested we are also asking for each participant to wear their choir robes for a multi-colored choir. If you do not have a robe one will be presented for your use on that day. We need your RSVP for the celebration no later than Feb 15, 2017 with your choice of entrée (Stuffed Shells with Meatballs or Fried Chicken with Potatoes) and how many will be attending. You may contact me, Patty at the Presbytery Office 570-368-3906 or presbynorth@comcast.net.

Rock the Camp 2017: Registration for Camp Krislund's Rock the Camp 2017, a service retreat for youth, opens Feb 1st. Come out for a time of worship, fun & games, and serving the Lord. The retreat will be held from 7 PM April 13th to 10 AM April 15th. Cost is \$40. Registration is due by April 6th.

Come Walk Into Spring: All are welcome to join in for a nice walk each Wednesday. We gather in the church parking lot at 4:00 pm, and feel free to bring along a friend or family member! You can call Mary Ellen Doll if you have any questions, 570-854-1286.

Big Brother / Big Sister: As we begin a new year, please consider donating an hour of your time, a few times a month, to a child facing adversity by becoming a Big Brother or Big Sister for the Big Brothers Big Sisters Program in Columbia/Montour Counties. Please contact Diane Macri, Caseworker, at 570-784-0791 or bbbscolumbia@verizon.net for further information. The rewards for such a small investment are immeasurable!