

**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. 6<sup>th</sup>**, starting at 6:00 PM.

**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.

## Calendar of Church Events

- Sun. Jan. 22:**  
*Kindermusik Registration Due*  
*Burns Supper Reservations Due*
- 9:00 AM – 10:00 AM Church School & Confirmands – *Kit & FH*  
 9:45 AM Adult Choir Rehearsal  
 10:15 AM Worship  
 11:15 AM Congregational Meeting  
 11:15 AM Traveling Day Camp Fundraiser  
 4:00 PM Sunday Vespers – *Basilica of Saints Cyril and Methodius*
- Mon. Jan. 23:** 8:30 AM Tutoring Class – *GR*
- Tues. Jan 24:** 9:00 AM Spiritual Growth – *GR*  
 9:45 AM Office Staff Meeting - *KH*  
 6:00 PM Adult Bells
- Wed. Jan 25:** 6:30 PM Jr. & Youth Choirs  
 6:30 PM Cherub Choir  
 6:30 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal  
 7:30 PM Kerygma
- Thurs. Jan 26:** 7:00 PM BSA Troop 39 – *FH*
- Fri. Jan. 27:** 8:30 AM Tutoring Class – *GR*  
 2:30 PM - 7 PM Viola/Violin Lessons – *GR*
- Sat. Jan. 28:** 6:30 PM Burns Supper – *Rolling Pines*
- 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

### 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	\$ 11,598.25	2017 Offerings	\$ 11,598.25
Jan. Balance Needed =	(\$ 14,985.08)	2017 Balance =	(\$308,401.75)

Attendance January 15: 10:15 AM = 91

## Grove Presbyterian Church News

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Jan 22, 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 honor of our mothers, given by Bob & Rhonda Seebold.

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.



**Traveling Day Camp Fundraiser:** Stay for the Annual Meeting today and enjoy soup and sliders (Gluten-free options too) prepared by the Sunday school children. A free-will donation basket will be available to benefit the Traveling Day Camp being held here at Grove in June. 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**.

**Today - 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 today, **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 are available on the back tables of the sanctuary.

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 – Registration Due Today:** The second semester of Kindermusik starts **Wed., Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>**. 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 **today, 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.

**Today - Sunday Vespers:** In observance of The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, the Danville Riverside Area Ministerium Association invites you to attend Sunday Vespers at the Basilica of Saints Cyril and Methodius today, **Sunday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>**, at 4:00 PM.

**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.

**Grove Serves Ronald McDonald House – Next Sunday:** Grove will be providing dinner for families staying at the Ronald McDonald House next **Sunday, Jan. 29<sup>th</sup>**, at 6pm and again **Sunday February 26<sup>th</sup>** 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.

**Saturday - Robert Burns Supper:** Join us this **Saturday, January 28<sup>th</sup>**, 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, wcgodfrey1@gmail.com) or Greg Bitler (484-332-4874, gbitler@ptd.net) for reservations and payment.



Join in on the Chili Cook-Off, on **Saturday, February 25<sup>th</sup>** 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! Please call 271-1095 if questions – All are welcome and we hope to see you all there.

**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](mailto: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 January first*. Immediate dates untaken 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.

**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.

**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](mailto:bbbscolumbia@verizon.net) for further information. The rewards for such a small investment are immeasurable!

**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](mailto:presbynorth@comcast.net).