

**Grove Serves Ronald McDonald House:** Grove will be providing dinner for families staying at the Ronald McDonald House on 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.

**Office Staff Schedule** – Kristin is in the office 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.

**Robert Burns Supper: 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, wcgodfrey1@gmail.com) or Greg Bitler (484-332-4874, gbitler@ptd.net) for reservations and payment.

**Calendar of Church Events**

**Sun. Jan. 8:** Communion / Visiting Preacher, 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 Worship & Music Committees
- 11:15 AM Special “Welcome” Coffee Hour
- 7:00 PM Church Book Club – *Kupas Home*

**Mon. Jan. 9:** 8:30 AM Tutoring Class – GR

- 6:00 PM Committees
- 6:45 PM Session Elders
- 6:45 PM Deacons – *KH*

**Tues. Jan. 10:** 9:00 AM Spiritual Growth – GR

- 9:45 AM Office Staff Meeting - *KH*
- 6:00 PM Adult Bells

**Wed. Jan. 11:** 6:30 PM Jr. & Youth Choirs

- 6:30 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal

**Thurs. Jan. 12:** 7:00 PM BSA Troop 39 – FH

**Fri. Jan. 13:** 8:30 AM Tutoring Class – GR

- 2:30 PM - 7 PM Viola/Violin Lessons – GR

**Sun. Jan. 15:** **Annual Reports Available for pre-review / Mission Sunday**

- 9:00 AM – 10:00 AM Church School & Confirmands
- 9:45 AM Adult Choir Rehearsal
- 10:15 AM Worship - *Children’s Choirs*



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January 8, 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.



Flowers today are given to the Glory of God and in celebration of the new year, given by Amamda Leicht.

Communion Elders scheduled for today are Natalie B. Kupas, Beth Christian, David D. Betz, Cathy L. Sanders and Francis C. 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.



**Special Coffee Hour:** There will be a special Coffee Hour reception today, **Sunday, January 8<sup>th</sup>** to welcome our transitional pastor, the Rev. Steve Cureton, and to honor our guest this morning, the Rev. Dr. William Knudsen, Executive Presbyter, who retires from Northumberland Presbytery in March 2017. We thank the Fellowship Committee 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.**

**Session Reminder – Tomorrow:** Committees of Session, Board of Deacons, and Session Elders will meet **tomorrow, Monday, Jan. 9th**, starting at 6:00 PM

**2016 CHURCH DATA**

MONTH TO DATE	AMT.	YEAR TO DATE	AMT.
Jan. Budget Needed	\$ 26,583.33	2016 Budget	\$319,000.00
Jan. Offerings Received	\$ 1,531.00	2016 Offerings	\$ 1,531.00
Jan. Balance Needed =	(\$ 25,052.33)	2016 Balance =	(\$317,469.00)

Attendance January 1: 10:15 AM = 41

**Grove Book Club - Today:** The selection for today, **Sunday, January 8th**, is "*The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society*" by **Annie Barrows and Mary Ann Shaffer**. We will gather at 7:00 PM in the home of Doug & Natalie Kupas – 209 Abbey Rd, Danville. 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."

**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 19<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Kindermusik:** 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 **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 weather getting colder, staff has been encountering more transients. Some are out of town transients simply passing through the area, and some are locals in need of financial assistance, food, housing, or warmth. 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 recently 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 see suspicious activities, 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.

*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.

**Please Note:** The office will be closed Monday, January 16 in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

**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. 22<sup>nd</sup>** 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 15<sup>th</sup>.

**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. 22 and Feb. 5, 19 & 26.**