

Please Note: The office will be closed Monday – Feb. 20th in observance of Presidents Day.

Grove Presbyterian Church News

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February 5, 2017

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. Your RSVP for the celebration is due 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 Patty at the Presbytery Office 570-368-3906 or presbynorth@comcast.net.

Calendar of Church Events

- 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
- Mon. Feb. 6:** 8:30 – 10:00 AM Tutoring Class - GR
 6:00 PM Committees
 6:45 PM Session Elders
 6:45 PM Deacons – KH
- Tues. Feb. 7:** 9:00 AM Spiritual Growth Group – GR
 9:45 AM Office Staff Meeting - KH
 6:00 PM Adult Bell Choir
- Wed. Feb. 8 :** 4:00 PM Walk into Spring
 5:00 PM Kindermusik A / 5:45 Kindermusik B
 6:30 PM Cherub Choir
 6:30 PM Youth & Jr. Choirs
 6:30 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal
 7:30 PM Kerygma
- Thurs. Feb. 9:** 7:00 PM BSA Troop 39 – FH
- Fri. Feb 10:** 8:30 AM Tutoring Class – GR
 2:30 PM - 7 PM Viola/Violin Lessons – GR
- Sun. Feb. 12:** *Scout Sunday*
 9:00 AM – 10:00 AM Church School & Confirmands
 9:45 AM Adult Choir Rehearsal
 10:15 AM Worship
 7:00 PM Book Club – Kieselhorst Home

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	\$ 16,103.57	2017 Offerings	\$ 16,103.57
Jan. Balance Needed =	(\$ 10,479.76)	2017 Balance =	(\$303,896.43)

Attendance January 29: 10:15 AM = 104

Feb. Budget Needed: 27,627.00

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 loving memory of Helen DeHart, given by Kathy and Eli DeHart.

Communion Elders scheduled for today are William C. Godfrey, William Henning, Bryan L. Holmes, Jim Nemeth, and Robert N. Seebold.

Deacons for the month of February are Russ Cotner and Cindy Stamey. Large print bulletins and bulletins for children are available from the ushers.



Coffee Fellowship: Please join us for coffee fellowship following the service. We thank the Bergerstock family 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.

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

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 which is accessible through the door to the right of the pulpit, then left down the hall. Feel free to ask any usher/greeter for assistance. 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.

Bulletin & Spire Articles: Bulletin articles are due each Tuesday of the week. Bulletins are printed Thursday mornings. Spire articles are due the 2nd Monday of each Month in order to make the Daily Item deadline for printing. Articles for the March Spire are due **Monday, Feb. 13.**

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.

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.

Special Camp Offering: On **Sunday, February 19th** a special offering will be taken to benefit camp experiences. The offering will be split between Camp Scholarships offered by Grove and support of the Traveling Day Camp being held here at Grove June 19-23.

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

Fabric Activity Supplies Needed: Camp Krislund is adding sewing, knitting, crocheting and other fabric activities to its camp experiences. In order to support this, donations of such supplies are needed. A complete list of needs is located in the rear of the sanctuary and at the mailboxes. Donations can be brought in by **Sunday, February 19th** and placed in the Barrel found in the fellowship hall.

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

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.



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.

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.

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.

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.



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.**

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.

Snacks Needed: Young life is looking for snacks for the Hackey House. Non-perishable snacks are needed for the group to enjoy. A donation bin has been provided in the Fellowship Hall. Please contact Beth Holmes with questions, 570-764-4062. Thank you.

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.

Thank You! If you've been over to Kirk House lately, you might have noticed that the place is looking rather spiffy. From paint to furnishings, curtains to wallpaper, the house is getting a makeover. A special thank you goes to Allison and Andrea Cotner for their terrific work on the front hall and conference room (living room). The rooms look gorgeous! And to Cathy and Dave Sanders for the curtains, lamps, knick-knacks, and rearranging of the pastor's study, the curtain in the administration office, and the refurbishment of the downstairs bathroom. What a difference you all have made. The place looks amazing. If you haven't been there lately, pop your head in and check it out. What wonderful talent we have here at Grove.

2017 Per Capita: The per capita apportionment for 2017 for churches in our Presbytery is **\$34.10** per member (including confirmands). Year ending 2016, Grove had a deficit amount of \$6,373.08 which = 189 unpaid members. Please send your per capita payment in to the church office or place in the offering plate. We hope to have all 2017 per capita payments in by July 1st.

Grove Book Club: The selection for **Sunday, Feb 12th** is Glass Castle, by Jeanette Walls. We will gather at 7:00 PM in the home of Kessey Kieselhorst – 4 Heather Hills Drive, Danville. Newcomers are always welcome.

Young Life: As Young Life prepares to move into the Hacky House, there are a few things they are in need of to create the welcoming space they are envisioning. Curtains, TV mount, water bottles/drinks, candy, frozen food (pizza, bagel bites, chicken nuggets), large Young Life print photos, cool pictures or signs for walls, computer, space heater and board games. If you have any of these items around your home or would like to donate the funds to purchase something on this list – please contact Mike Hamme at 302-222-6674 or email northbranchyl@gmail.com.

Born For This: Experience the greatest story ever told! On March 19, 2017 at 6:00 PM, Grove Presbyterian Church and Lift Your Spirits Performing Arts (LYSPA) are presenting "Born for This" at Grove. The production, introduced in England 21 years ago and performed regularly since, is based on the Gospel of Mark, and presents the journey of the Passion in a most memorable way for all ages. Tickets are \$10.00 and can be purchased by calling 570-275-0692 (Grove Office) or 570-847-8659 (Joy Christian). Youth under the age of 16 are free if accompanied by an adult. For more information, call the church office, Joy, or Dan Thomas (Director of LYSPA – 570-590-2368).



Ash Wednesday (March 1, 2017) marks the first day of the forty days of Lent, the season of the church when we prepare our hearts and minds for celebration of Christ's death, burial, and then the joyful Easter celebration of his resurrection.

While many people are familiar with the tradition of "giving something up for Lent", Presbyterians and others of the Reformed faiths place more emphasis on spiritual reflection and growth.

Grove will again observe Ash Wednesday with an ecumenical service in the tradition of Taizé:

**Wednesday, March 1, 2017
at 6:30 PM**

Please join with us in a candlelit service of prayer, singing, Scripture and silence, a time of quieting our hearts before God as instructed in Psalm 131.

The imposition of Ashes will be offered for those who wish.

Professional
Childcare provided.