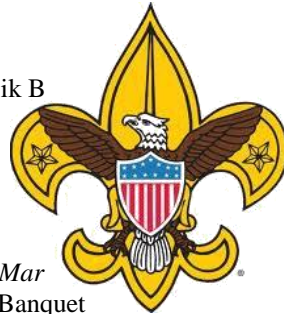


Today - Grove Book Club: The selection for **Sunday, Feb 12th** is Glass Castle, by Jeanette Walls. We will gather at 7:00 PM in the home of Kessey Kieselhorst – 4 Heather Hills Drive, Danville. Newcomers are always welcome.

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. 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*
- Mon. Feb. 13:** **March Spire Articles Due**
 8:30 Tutoring Class - GR
- Tues. Feb. 14:** **Valentine's Day** ♥♥♥
 9:00 AM Spiritual Growth Group – GR
 9:45 AM Office Staff Meeting - KH
 6:00 PM Adult Bell Choir
- Wed. Feb. 15:** 4:00 PM Walk into Spring
 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. 16:** 8:30 AM Breakfast Group – Ric Mar
 4:30 PM – 10:00 PM BSA Troop 39 Annual Banquet
- Fri. Feb 17:** **Krislund Retreat 2/17 – 2/19**
 8:30 AM Tutoring Class – GR
 2:30 PM - 7 PM Viola/Violin Lessons – GR
- Sun. Feb. 19:** **Camp Sunday Special Offering**
Visiting Preacher - The Rev. Penny Dollar
 9:00 AM Mission Sunday – FH & Kit
 9:00 AM – 10:00 AM Church School & Confirmands
 9:45 AM Adult Choir Rehearsal
 10:15 AM Worship – *Children's Choirs*



2017 CHURCH DATA

MONTH TO DATE	AMT.	YEAR TO DATE	AMT.
Feb. Budget Needed	\$ 27,627.00	2017 Budget	\$320,000.00
Feb. Offerings Received	\$ 2,657.00	2017 Offerings	\$ 18,760.57
Feb. Balance Needed =	(\$ 24,970.00)	2017 Balance =	(\$301,239.43)

Attendance February 5: 10:15 AM = 95

Grove Presbyterian Church News

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February 12, 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 Robert Rhawn, given by Linda Neddoff-Weckter, and Rob & Ann Neddoff.

Deacons for the month of February are Russ Cotner and Cindy Stamey. 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 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.



Coffee Fellowship: Please join us for coffee fellowship following the service. We thank Scout Troop 39 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.

Blanket Sunday - Feb. 26th: Contributions to CWS' (Church World Service's) Blankets drive helps families around the world recover from disasters and displacement, and build viable, sustainable lives and communities. Here in the U.S., CWS Blankets provide comfort in many communities also hit by disaster, and in shelters or agencies assisting those experiencing hard times. A special offering in support of Blanket Sunday will be held on Sunday, February 26th.

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

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.

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.

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.

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 Mar. 12.**

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.



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.

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 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 Sunday - Special Camp Offering: Next **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.

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.

Please Note: The office will be closed Monday – Feb. 20th in observance of Presidents Day. Clare will be away Tuesday & Wednesday – Feb. 21 & 22.

Young Life: As Young Life prepares to move into the Hackey 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 journey of Jesus to the cross as never before; visually, musically, spiritually, an event for the whole family. Grove Presbyterian Church will host *Born For This*, a musical presentation of the Passion of Jesus on **Sun., March 19 in the Church at 6 PM.** *Born For This* not only follows Jesus on His journey of love, but draws you into the journey and makes you a part of it. The performance includes overwhelmingly beautiful music written by Mike Stanley and Joann Boyce interwoven with dramatic and moving prose from Jude Martin. Lift Your Spirits Performing Arts, with its full band, chorus and actors, is the only group performing *Born For This* in the United States. Tickets are \$10.00 each. Youth under the age of 16 are free when accompanied by an adult. *Born For This* is a prayerful way to prepare for Holy Week and Easter and is perfect for families. Youth groups are welcome and encouraged to attend. All are invited for refreshments in the Fellowship Hall following the performance. Tickets/info available: church office (570-275-0692) or Joy Christian (570-847-8659).

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.

Presentation on Armenia - The First Christian Nation: Tuesday February 28th @ 7 pm. Please come and learn about a recent mission and touring trip to Armenia by the Zakarian's. This will be an overview of the history of this ancient nation and how it has survived in more recent years since its independence from the U.S.S.R. We will also discuss how Young Life has been active in Armenia and several other former Soviet Union nations. Lots of pictures and information for those curious about this part of the world where Noah's Ark landed on Mt. Ararat.

Scout Troop 39 Hosts Spaghetti Fundraiser! On Sunday, March 5th Boy Scouts from Troop 39 will be hosting a spaghetti lunch immediately following worship. Spaghetti, meatballs, salad, and desserts will be served. Take outs available. Donations will be accepted to help fund the Scouts' trip to Philmont Scout Ranch in July 2018. Philmont Scout Ranch challenges Scouts with more than 214 square miles of rugged northern New Mexico wilderness. Backpacking treks, horseback cavalcades, and training and service programs offer young people many ways to experience this legendary country.

Getting Ahead Class: The Getting Ahead Class is a 12 to 14 week program sponsored by the Good Samaritan Mission Center. The class addresses issues of poverty and resources needed to get ahead. Classes are held Mondays from 5:00 until 7:30 PM at Mahoning Presbyterian Church, 218 Ferry Street. Care is offered for children of participants. Volunteers for childcare are needed. Volunteers must complete Pennsylvania Child Abuse History Clearances (CY113). Call Joan Miller at 570-275-5224 or Sandy O'Rourke at 570-275-2979 if interested in helping.

"Refreshing" Fellowship: A different type of fellowship and fun is planned for **Next Sunday, February 19 at 2:00 PM.** Time to join forces with some housecleaning and refresh, organize, and tidy our kitchen. Anyone interested in helping, just show up at 2 pm.



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 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.

Childcare provided.

EASTER LILY

Due to allergy issues, the sanctuary will not be decorated with live lilies this year. However, it is still possible to order a lily for yourself, for a loved one, or as a gift for a homebound friend. Please fill out the form below and place it in the offering plate, or send it to the church office with your check. **Cost is \$12.50 per lily.** Checks should be made out to Grove Presbyterian Church with 'Easter Lily' written in the memo. Please return no later than **April 2nd**. Lilies will be delivered to the fellowship hall on April 8th. Please check a box below to indicate what you would like to be done with your Lily order. Thank you.


I will pick up my lily

I would like the lily to go to a homebound friend

In Memory of: _____

In Honor of: _____

Given by: _____



of lilies you wish to order: _____ X \$12.50 = \$ _____