

Holy Week Services: Maundy Thursday – April 13th: 7:00 PM (*Please note change in time*) ❖ Good Friday – April 14th: Community Cross Walk leaving St. Joseph at 10:00 AM, Ending at Pine St. Lutheran ❖ **Easter Sunday – April 16th:** 6:00 AM Sunrise Service at Riverfront Park & 10:15 AM Worship Service at Grove.



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 upcoming dates. The next open dates are **April 16 and May 7, 14, & 28.**

Calendar of Church Events

- Sun. Apr. 9:** *Palm Sunday*
 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM Church School
 9:45 AM Adult Choir Rehearsal
 10:15 AM Worship – *Confirmands Join, Children’s Choirs, Adult Bells*
 11:15 AM Pot-Luck Brunch
 7:00 PM Grove Book Club - *Home of Stephanie Smith Cooney*
- Mon. Apr. 10:** *May/June Combined Spire Articles Due*
- Tues. Apr. 11:** 9:00 AM Spiritual Growth Group – *GR*
 6:00 PM Adult Bell Choir
- Wed. Apr. 12:** 5:00 PM Walk Fellowship Group
 5:00 PM Kindermusik A / 5:45 Kindermusik B
 5:30 PM Brownie Troop
 6:30 PM Youth & Jr. Choirs
 6:30 PM Cherub Choir
 6:30 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal
 7:30 PM Kerygma
- Thurs. Apr. 13:** 1:00 PM Office Staff Meeting - *KH*
 7:00 PM Maundy Thursday Service
- Fri. Apr. 14:** *DASD Closed*
 10:00 AM Good Friday Community Cross Walk – *Start at St. Joseph*
 2:30 PM - 7:00 PM Viola / Violin Lessons – *FH*
- Sun. Apr. 16:** *Easter / One Great Hour of Sharing*
 6:00 AM Sunrise Service – *Riverfront Park*
 9:00 AM Mission Sunday – *FH & Kit*
 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM Church School
 9:45 AM Adult Choir Rehearsal
 10:15 AM Worship – *Children’s Choirs*



2017 CHURCH DATA

MONTH TO DATE	AMT.	YEAR TO DATE	AMT.
Apr. Budget Needed	\$ 29,924.50	2017 Budget	\$320,000.00
Apr. Offerings Received	\$ 3,622.00	2017 Offerings	\$ 54,301.47
Apr. Balance Needed =	(\$ 20,302.50)	2017 Balance =	(\$265,698.53)

Attendance April 2: 10:15 AM = 85

Grove Presbyterian Church News

www.GrovePres.org

April 9, 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 Donald A. Auker; given by William A. Auker and daughters Renee, Robin, and Sandra Auker.

Deacons for the month of April are Beth Holmes & Eric Deeter. 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.



Palm Sunday Pot-Luck Luncheon: Come and enjoy a Palm Sunday Pot-Luck luncheon following worship 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.

Today - Grove Book Club: Will meet today, Sunday, April 9th, to discuss “When Breath Becomes Air” by Paul Kalanithi. We will meet at 7 PM in the home of Stephanie Smith Cooney – *56 Overlook Drive, Danville.*

Easter Lilies: We appreciate your understanding that Easter lilies will not be placed in the sanctuary so that Grove may be respectful of members and guests who have sensitivities or allergic reactions to real flowers. Thank you to those who have purchased lilies in honor/memory of loved ones. Those that have purchased lilies may pick them up in Fellowship Hall; the Deacons will deliver the remaining lilies to homebound members.

This Thursday - Family Service of Tenebrae: Grove holds a Family Service of Tenebrae. Based on the traditional service of shadows, this evening is designed for family participation. Please come and experience this meaningful service with the family this Thursday, April 13th at 7:00 PM.

Spire Articles – Due Tomorrow: May/June combined Spire articles are due in the church office tomorrow, **Monday, April 10th**, in order to make the Daily Item deadline for printing.

2017 Danville Area Riverside Cross Walk: Once again the faith communities of Danville-Riverside and the surrounding areas are invited to gather to share in the Good Friday journey of our Lord and Savior on April 14, 2017. The plan is to gather at Saint Joseph's Catholic Church at 10 AM; the walk will wind through Danville, stopping at various churches and venues along the way for meditation and prayer, ending in the garden and gazebo of Pine Street Lutheran. See the bulletin board for more information or email pinestch@ptd.net.

Camp Victory Needs You – Sunday, April 23rd, 12:00 Noon: Grove youth AND adults/families are invited to a special "work day" at Camp Victory, in Millville, Sunday - April 23rd. This Church-Wide event will take on some important "spring-spruce-up" projects: rejuvenating flower beds, landscaping, painting park-benches, spreading mulch, raking leaves and tree-debris, cabin-cleanup, etc. AND - - we will have a great lunch in the Camp Dining Hall, have a nice intro to all that occurs at Camp Victory and a tour of this very "Special Camp for Special Kids". This is a great opportunity to help with some important "Spring-cleaning" - - AND to learn a lot more about the wonderful things that happen every season, when 1600+ very special-needs children and youth spend time at this wonderful facility. Hope you can join us on Sunday, April 23rd, at noon. Please RSVP to the church office (570-275-0692) so that we can plan lunch and other accommodations. Carpooling will be available. We hope to see you all there.

Kids to Krislund Fundraising Dinner & Auction: Help raise funds to send campers to Krislund by attending the "Kids to Krislund" Fundraising Dinner & Auction on **Sunday, April 30th**. "Kids to Krislund" will feature a delicious home-cooked meal followed by an auction of unique hand-crafted items by local artisans. All money raised will be used to fund "camperships" to help send "Kids to Krislund". The event starts at 3:00 with a reception; dinner will follow at 4:00. The cost to attend is \$50/person or \$100/couple. If you'd like to attend, please call (814-422-8878) or email info@krislund.org. The deadline to RSVP is **April 21**.

Scout Flowers are Back! Beautiful colorful annuals are available for planting, or grab a hanging basket (or 2 or 3) and spruce up that front porch to enjoy all Summer long. See Eli Henning, Stefan Kupas and Jack Smiley in the fellowship hall following the 10:15 am service to place your orders. Help support our Scouts and get your orders in by Sunday, April 23rd. Pick-up will be on Friday, May 12th, just in time for Mother's Day!!!

Open House: Join The Women's Center on Friday, April 28th from 12:00 PM – 2:00 PM - here at the Kirk House office - to remember the lives that have been touched by sexual violence. Please see the back tables or the bulletin board for more information.

Next Breakfast Group: Will meet **Thursday, April 20st** at 8:30 AM at Ric-Mar Restaurant. Contact persons TBA.

Sunday, April 30: Mark your calendar for brunch after Worship, followed by the **Piano Dedication Worship Service** at 12:30. Good food, good fellowship, good music, and our expression of gratitude for this blessing. Please contact a worship committee member if you can help with a food dish.

Batter Up!!! : Attention Grovers, the start of the season is just weeks away starting in May. So grab your glove and some Ben Gay...Grove is gearing up for softball season. The emphasis is on fun and fellowship...and if we happen to win...then that's just icing on the cake. The Susquehanna Valley Church Softball League is co-ed for anyone 15 or older. So, if you're interested, see Christian LaMotte - lamotte90@gmail.com or Ken Weaver - kweav33@hotmail.com and sign up!

PW Spring Gathering: Presbyterian Women of the Northumberland Presbytery will hold their Spring Gathering **Saturday, April 29**, at the Bloomsburg First Presbyterian Church. "**Prison Ministries in Our Area**" is the theme. Registration begins at 9:30 AM. Lunch will be provided by the women of the church. You are invited to bring stories or pictures from old minutes from your women's groups to share with others during lunch. For more information, please call Diane Kitts at 275-3467.

PW Women's Retreat – June 15-17: The Presbyterian Women's Retreat, is scheduled for June 15-17 at the Marriott Courtyard Convention Center in Altoona, PA. The theme is "**Created to Shine**". Come feel the warmth of God's love and wonder. More information and Registration Forms can be found on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall and in the church office. Registrations must be received by *May 8th*. For questions, please contact Laura Smith at gonhpn@aol.com or Diane Kitts at 570-275-3467 or email dianekitts@gmail.com.

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Shoe Drive: Donate your shoes to the Danville High School through Elizabeth Henning. Help them raise funds for a July 2017 trip to Costa Rica by donating your gently used or new shoes (usable shoes). Any shoe type and any size are needed. Collected shoes are then shipped to countries in Latin America, the Caribbean, Asia, Africa, and Eastern Europe. Local small business entrepreneurs (i.e. micro-entrepreneurs) around the world purchase the shoes for pennies on the dollar. They are then sold to retail customers for a fraction of their original price in North America. A donation box will be in the fellowship hall until the end of April. Please see Elizabeth Henning should you have any questions. Thank you for your support.

Ronald McDonald House: Grove will be providing dinner for families staying at the Ronald McDonald House on **Sunday May 7th** and again **Sunday June 4th** 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.

Sunday, May 21: Horn Lake High School is bringing their fabulous Voci Novella Elite Ensemble choir all the way from Mississippi to Grove on Sunday, May 21. We will enjoy brunch with the choir after Worship service, then they will provide a concert beginning at 1:00 pm. This is something you won't want to miss! This high school choir travels the east coast, collecting choir prizes at prestigious competitions.

Traveling Day Camp at Grove: Camp Krislund's Traveling Day Camp comes to Grove Presbyterian Church again for the week of June 19, 2017. So mark your calendars now and plan vacations around this wonderful event. Campers ages kindergarten through eighth grade are needed as well as counselors. Cost this year is: \$50 /child; \$40 for the second child in a family, and \$30 for third and others in family. Registration forms can be obtained from the church office or in the narthex. All counselors must have their clearances. Help is needed with lunches and with assisting group leaders. Contact Lynne Pabst if you are able to help.

Mandated Reporter Training - Free! Along with the law that volunteers who work with minors have clearances is the Mandated Reporter Training. Grove has been trying to create a yearly opportunity for volunteers to obtain this training. This year Camp Krislund is offering the opportunity for church volunteers to participate in its Mandated Reporter Training on June 2nd free of charge. Any church staff, or volunteers who would like to take advantage of this training need to see Lynne Pabst as registration is required by May 22nd.

Chaplain Training: If you are interested in gaining a greater understanding of the curriculum being taught during Bible study at Camp this summer, you are invited to attend the Chaplain Training at Camp Krislund on June 5th. You do not need to volunteer at the camp. It would be a great way to connect church curriculum with camp curriculum and reinforce the experience.

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 transition as we prepare for our new chapter in Grove Church.

Weis Cards: Are for sale - "we all need to eat!" Denominations available: \$20, \$25, \$50, \$100. Profits to benefit the Grove Youth Group Missions. Contact Donna Brua to purchase your cards at kdacjbrua@msn.com, 570-275-8937.

Profession of Faith Questions (constitutional questions) for the confirmands:

- Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you turn from the ways of sin and renounce evil and its power in the world?
- Who is Your Lord and Savior?
- Will you trust in his grace and love?
- Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his Word and showing his love?
- You have publicly professed your faith. Will you be a faithful member of this congregation, share in its worship and ministry through your prayers and gifts, your study and service, and so fulfill your calling to be a disciple of Jesus Christ?

Confirmation Class 2017

Statement given to the confirmands: *-This is who I am, this is what I believe is important, and this is how I got to this point in my life... This is a Bible passage that speaks to me and why it is important to me...* Their responses:

Robert Charles (Charlie) Betz

I am a 13 year old kid who enjoys sports and being with my family. I believe that being a good person and following the Lord will help me get through life. I got to this point in life with the help of my Sunday School teachers and other members of the church. The Bible passage is Philippians 4:13 and it helps me to believe that Jesus will always be in my corner and always be with me.

Alexandra Kathryn (Allie) Lewis

My name is Alexandra Kathryn Lewis. I am the daughter of Steve and Jackie Lewis. First and foremost I am a child of God. I believe Jesus Christ is my Savior. He died on the cross for my sins, and through him I will have eternal life. I have gotten to this point in my life through my faith, my family, and my friends. I have been blessed with kind, caring teachers who genuinely care about the person I become. My favorite Bible passage is Isaiah 41:10 "So, do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand." I like this passage because it gives me confidence to know that as I walk through life, God is always by my side.

Noelle Stamm

I am a student, artist, friend, daughter, red belt, and lover of music. But most importantly, I am a child of God. I love John 16:33 because Jesus had told his disciples to have courage and that despite the struggles they would face, they aren't alone. If we remember that Christ is always with us, we can overcome anything.