

A Note from Steve Cureton, Transitional Pastor - Due to my responsibilities as Executive Presbyterian and leader with the Synod of the Trinity, I will be away from the office May 24-25. I am so sorry that I will be spending so much time away from Grove. I will be available by phone, and we have pastoral coverage for those times. I look forward to a calmer June. Please, let me know if you have any questions.

Grove Presbyterian Church News

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Special Session Meeting: The Session of Grove Presbyterian Church has called for a special session meeting on **Sunday, June 4**, after the 9:30 AM worship service for the purpose of electing a member-at-large of the congregation to serve on the 2017 Nominating Committee. The meeting should only last a few minutes, so, please plan on staying in the sanctuary immediately following our worship service.

Bulletin & Spire Articles: Bulletin articles are due each Tuesday of the week. Bulletins are printed Wednesday mornings. July/Aug combined Spire articles are due **Monday, June 12** to make the Daily Item deadline for printing.

Calendar of Church Events

Sun. May 21: *Baccalaureate Sunday / Attendance & Teacher Recognition*

9:00 AM Mission Sunday – FH & Kit
 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM Church School – Last Day
 9:45 AM Adult Choir Rehearsal
 10:15 AM Worship – Children’s Choirs Sing
 11:30 AM Pot-Luck Brunch
 1:00 PM Horn Lake HS Elite Choir from Mississippi @ Grove



Mon. May 22: *Mandated Reporter Training @ Krislund Registration Due*
Mission Work Camp Registrations Due

6:00 PM Softball – Ebenezer Faith Bible vs. Grove @ Mt. Pleasant

Tues. May 23: 9:00 AM Spiritual Growth Group – GR

9:45 AM Office Staff Meeting
 6:00 PM Adult Bell Choir

Wed. May 24: 5:00 PM Walk Fellowship Group

5:30 PM Brownie Troop
 6:30 PM Jr & Youth Choirs

Thurs. May 25: 7:00 PM BSA Troop 39 – FH

Fri. May 26: 2:30 PM - 7:00 PM Viola / Violin Lessons - FH

Sat. May 27: 7:30 AM Restroom Use for T-Rail Race

Sun. May 28: *9:30 AM Summer Worship Hour Begins*

9:00 AM Adult Choir Rehearsal
 9:30 AM Worship

2017 CHURCH DATA

MONTH TO DATE	AMT.	YEAR TO DATE	AMT.
May. Budget Needed	\$ 29,880.00	2017 Budget	\$320,000.00
May. Offerings Received	\$ 12,697.00	2017 Offerings	\$ 93,658.47
May. Balance Needed =	(\$ 17,183.00)	2017 Balance =	(\$226,341.53)

Attendance May 14: 10:15 AM = 99

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 Alma Straub, given by Don, Holly, and Allison.

Deacons for the month of May are Pam Franklin and Kathy Zakarian. Large print bulletins and bulletins for children are available from the ushers.



Pot-Luck Brunch: Join us for a pot-luck brunch with the Horn Lake High School’s Voci Novella Elite Ensemble choir following the service 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. Additional help and contributions for coffee hour are always welcome. Please feel free to assist or co-sponsor a coffee hour, even when slots are filled. Contact the person who is listed to see if you can help assist with any remaining needs. Please remember, no nut products due to allergies.

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.



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 **June 25 and July 9 & 16.**

Church Softball - Batter Up!!! : Attention Grovers, the season is underway so grab your glove and some Ben Gay...let's play some softball. The Susquehanna Valley Church Softball League is co-ed for anyone 15 or older. 2017 schedules are on the back tables of the sanctuary. Call Christian LaMotte, lamotte90@gmail.com or call Ken Weaver at 570-394-2285 with questions.

Today! - Horn Lake Elite Choir Visits Grove: Horn Lake High School is bringing their fabulous Voci Novella Elite Ensemble choir all the way from Mississippi to Grove today **Sunday, May 21**. We will enjoy a **Pot-Luck** brunch with the choir after the worship service. Horn Lake Choir will then 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. *We kindly ask that all able bodied members move your cars over to Shiloh's parking lot at noon to open up parking here for community visitors.*

Baccalaureate Service: Today we honor several Grove graduates during this special service. Congratulations to our High School graduates; Kara J. Bergerstock, Thomas S. Hack, Aidan Kennedy, Madison I. Knowles, and Noah Zakarian. If you are a graduate and your name is not listed, please contact the church office. We don't want to miss a single person.

Summer Hour Of Worship: From Memorial Day weekend to Labor Day weekend, Grove suspends its Church School program, and conducts one service of worship at 9:30 am. Please note that as of **Sunday, May 28th**, we begin holding service **at 9:30 am**.

Registration Due - Mandated Reporter Training: 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. 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 can see Lynne Pabst - *registration required by tomorrow, May 22*.

Traveling Day Camp at Grove: Krislund's Traveling Day Camp comes to Grove again for the week of **June 19**. Mark your calendars now and plan vacations around this wonderful event. Campers ages kindergarten through eighth grade are invited as well as counselors. Cost this year for the entire week is: \$50 /child; \$40 for 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 assisting group leaders. Contact Lynne Pabst if you are able to help.

Today - Special Needs Dance: Spring has sprung and the showers of April have left behind colorful May flowers. Come celebrate this beautiful change of the season with a dance. Shiloh is inviting people with disabilities and their loved ones to join us for an afternoon of music and dance today **Sunday, May 21** from 3 PM – 5 PM, 2017. Light refreshments will be served. Call Shiloh United church of Christ at 570-275-1943 for more information. This is part of our A2A (Accessible to All) ministry.

Please Note: The office will be closed **Monday, May 29th** in observance of Memorial Day.

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

Mission Work Camp: Did you know that the counties near Krislund have some of the highest poverty rates in Pennsylvania? Many include elderly families who live in homes that need repair. Krislund wants to help you help your neighbors. Northumberland Presbytery is organizing a Mission Work Camp through Krislund which will take place **June 25 – 30**. Volunteers can help out several ways: 1. Participate, 2. Help recruit, 3. Contribute part of the cost for someone to participate (\$375.00 for direct costs and construction materials), or 4. Pray for the success of the camp. Please see the back tables for flyers with more information. Contact The Committee on Service Northumberland Presbytery for registration forms or more information: 570-368-3906, presbynorth@comcast.net. *Registrations are needed by May 22 to make this event possible.*

June 2nd - Ronald McDonald Fundraising Event @ The Woodlands – Deuces Wild, Dueling Pianos! Please join us for a wonderful evening of frivolity and singing. Todd Gibson is leading a charge to raise \$100k for the Ronald McDonald House Family Room in the Janet Weis Children's Hospital. He and his team have also received commitment from Geisinger Health Plan to match every dollar raised up to \$100k. Dueling Piano is a wonderful event showcasing two exceptional and nationally recognized performers. You will not be disappointed. Ticket sales are limited, first come first serve. See back tables for registration brochures, sponsorships/donations and ticket information.

Good Samaritan Sunday: Please remember to help the poor in our community with a contribution to support the Good Samaritan Fund. All contributions go directly to help the families. A special offering will take place **Sun, June 18th**.

Chicken BBQ: Imagine a delicious BBQ chicken dinner on a hot summer night . . . sound good? Grove is planning on a Chicken BBQ Dinner fundraiser for the Traveling Day Camp. Pick Up your yummy dinner on **Sunday, June 11th** from 3PM-5PM only. Tickets are \$10 each and include half BBQ chicken, potato salad, baked beans, cornbread and a dessert. Tickets available during fellowship hour, at the church office, or from any Nurture Committee member. Limited number available so don't delay!

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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. For more information contact Krislund Camp at 814-422-8878.

Come One...Come all! The Ice Cream Social will be held on Father's Day, **June 18th**, immediately following the Worship Service. Anyone who would like to help, please contact Sue Oberkircher 275-7699.

Thursday - Kids Peace FUNraising Event: Kids Peace is a non-profit foster care agency that serves children from all over PA, including right here in our own back yard! You can help raise money for Kids Peace on **Thursday, May 25th**, 7 AM – 10 PM by simply eating at Friendly's Restaurant in Danville. You will find certificates for this event on the back tables of the sanctuary. Present this certificate to your server and 20% of your check will be donated to Kids Peace. Call 570-271-0590 for more information.

Syrian Refugees Fundraising Event: Come join in on a festive evening of Middle Eastern appetizers and good fellowship to raise funds for Syrian refugees. The appetizer event will be held on **Friday, June 16th** at 6:30 pm, at the home of Mary Ellen and Helmut Doll (66 Overlook Dr., Danville). A free will offering will be accepted. Contact Mary Ellen should you have questions mewd@ptd.net. We hope to see you all there.

Today - The Joe Murray Band: Zion Lutheran Church in Turbotville is excited to invite you to their 11th annual evening of Country Gospel Music today **Sunday, May 21st**, featuring The Joe Murray Band. A *Soup and Sandwich Meal* will be served by members of Zion's sponsored Boy Scout Troops at 5:00 PM - no reservations required; a donation will be taken to cover the costs of the meal. The concert will begin at 6:30 PM; a freewill offering will be taken.

Concerts in The Park: The 2017 Free Summer Concert Series will start Tuesday, June 6th at 7 PM, featuring Van Wagner – a fundraising event to benefit the Good Samaritan Mission Center. The following will be held Tuesdays, at 7 PM in the Memorial Park (*exception – June 13); if rain, concerts will be held inside Grove Presbyterian Church.

June 6 – Van Wagner – *Fundraiser Concert*

June 13 – Danville, Catawissa & Sunbury Bands – **At Hess Field*

June 20 – The Sweeney Blues Revue – *The name says it all!*

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July 18 – Clickard Consortium – *Cool Jazz Orchestra*

July 25 – KJ and The Funshine Band – *All the FUN Sing & Dance-Along Songs*

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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.

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.

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.

2017 Per Capita: The per capita apportionment for 2017 for churches in our Presbytery is **\$34.10** per member. 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.

The "Pirlie Pig": We continue to ask everyone to make a sacrifice once each week by not drinking your usual purchased coffee, a soft drink, or donut, etc. and put that money in the "pig". Donations continue to fund the progress of Krislund Camp. *April donations = \$10.*

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