

**Address Changes:** As the new addresses change throughout the next few weeks – please remember to phone in or email (deskofcmc@aol.com) your new address to the church office. Hopefully all will be complete for the new 2018 in-house directory. The church & office & hacky house addresses should be corrected and complete in the next week or so and will be announced at that time. Thank you.



**Gate House Golf Tournament:** The 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Gate House Golf Tournament will be held at Frosty Valley Country Club on **Thursday, Aug. 17<sup>th</sup>**. Requesting all registrations be in by Aug. 5<sup>th</sup> or sooner; later registrations will still be accepted. Cost is \$85 per person. Event held rain or shine. For more information call the Gate House at 570-275-6766 or see Dave Sanders. Registration forms can be found on the back tables of the sanctuary and on the Grove website.

**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 9:15 AM 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 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 31<sup>st</sup>.

### Calendar of Church Events

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| <b>Sun. July 23:</b>   | 9:00 AM Adult Choir Rehearsal                                     |
|                        | 9:30 AM Worship – <i>W. Todd Gibson</i>                           |
|                        | 10:45 AM Telling God's Story with Paper                           |
|                        | 6:00 PM Grove Hosts Ronald McDonald House Dinner                  |
| <b>Mon. July 24:</b>   | 6:15 PM Grove vs. Ebenezer Faith Bible @ <i>Mt. Pleasant</i>      |
| <b>Tues. July 25:</b>  | 5:00 PM Art of Caring Conversation – <i>Spiritual Care Center</i> |
|                        | 7:00 PM Concert in the Park – <i>KJ and The Funshine Band</i>     |
| <b>Thurs. July 27:</b> | 2:00 PM – 6:30 PM Viola / Violin Lessons – <i>GR</i>              |
|                        | 7:00 PM BSA Troop 39 – <i>FH</i>                                  |
| <b>Fri. July 28:</b>   | <i>Presbyterian Women's Retreat 7/28&amp;7/29 - Williamsport</i>  |
| <b>Sun. July 30:</b>   | 9:00 AM Adult Choir Rehearsal                                     |
|                        | 9:30 AM Worship – <i>Rev. Sally Dries</i>                         |
|                        | 10:45 AM Telling God's Story with Pictures                        |



## Grove Presbyterian Church News

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July 23, 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 our parents; given by Marlin & Jane Bradford.

Deacons for the month of July are Gary Christian and Jennifer Henning. Large print bulletins and bulletins for children are available from the ushers.



**Coffee Fellowship:** Please join us for Coffee Fellowship today, immediately following the service. We thank Sue Oberkircher 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. Additional help and contributions for coffee hour are always welcome. Please remember, no nut products due to allergies.

**Meeting Night:** The next meeting of Committees, Deacons and Elders will be held **Monday, August 7<sup>th</sup>** starting at 6 PM.

**Today - Grove Hosts Ronald McDonald House Dinners:** Grove will be providing dinner for families staying at the Ronald McDonald House today, **Sunday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>** at 6pm. A sign-up sheet is posted in the fellowship hall. Help with cooking and set-up is appreciated. Please contact Amanda Leicht at 570-275-7761 or email amandaleicht@hotmail.com if you have any questions.

**Treasurer's Note:** *Because of summer, our regular attendance is down. This affects our giving receipts. I ask that you continue with your scheduled giving, as our monthly expenses still continue. Thank You – George O. Wagner, Treasurer*

**Caring for our Congregation:** As a Grove family, we continue to provide care for our congregation. The Board of Deacons is stepping up and forming visitation teams to go out and visit our folks in the hospital, local care facilities, and in their homes. We will also be putting together teams to take home communion out to our members each month. Training will be provided to both groups. If you feel called to be part of this important ministry or would like more information, please see any Deacon or call/email the church office - GroveChurch@aol.com or call (570) 275-0692. Also, if you or someone you know can benefit from this ministry; be it transportation, a visit, cards, a 'check-in-on' phone call or email, prayers – please let the office know. Thank you for considering being a part of this vital ministry.

**Friday - Presbyterian Women's Retreat:** A Women's Retreat, *Be Balanced. Spiritual Direction for Your Life*, will be held at Linck Hill Inn (just west of Williamsport – part of Three Springs Ministries) on **July 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>**. Learn how working with a Spiritual Director can help you find balance in your life as a woman of faith. Opportunities for sharing together, for experiencing silence, and for discovering a spiritual discipline will be provided in an informal setting. Our health and fulfillment in life depends on keeping balance in body, mind and spirit. Working with a spiritual director can help give focus to your spiritual life. Registration forms can be found on the back tables of the sanctuary or call 570-324-5757.



**2017 Flower Chart:** The Flower Chart for 2017 is located on the wall leading to the church kitchen. In order to ensure beautiful flowers each Sunday, please help by filling in upcoming dates. Please remember to put whom the flowers are in Memory of or in Honor of and by whom the flowers are given. 2017 pricing is **\$27.00** per arrangement. The next open dates are **August 27, September 10 & October 1**.

**Property Reminder:** The Property Committee would like to remind you to check all doors if you are the last to leave. Please remember to double check the doors when exiting (push and pull). And remember, when in doubt, lock! We thank you all for your assistance in securing our property.

**45 at 10:45am:** Each Sunday in July, children and adults alike are invited to stay for 45 minutes of exploring ways to tell God's Story. Fact filled fun times will challenge us to share God's Story and explore our own way of sharing. The topics are outlined below:

July 23	<i>Telling God's Story with Paper</i>	<i>Folding the Story</i>
July 30	<i>Telling God's Story with Pictures</i>	<i>Drawing the Story</i>




**Concerts in The Park:** The 2017 Free Summer Concert Series has begun. The following will be held Tuesdays at 7 PM in Memorial Park. If rain, concerts will be held inside Grove Presbyterian Church.

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

**August 1** – Brian Crane & Fred Krug – *Timeless Songs / Intricate Harmonies*

**August 8** – The Coller Family Band – *Folk / Rock / Blues Tradition*

**August 15** – West Branch Barbershop Chorus – *Classic Barbershop Harmonies* 

**The "Pirlie Pig":** We continue to ask everyone to make a sacrifice once each week by forgoing your usual purchased coffee, soft drink, or donut, etc. and putting that money in the "pig". Donations continue to fund the progress of Krislund Camp. June donations = \$20.

**Fellowship of Prayer:** Grove's dedicated Prayer Chain take your request for prayers to God each morning. We would like to receive some updates from you on the people you've asked to be placed on the Fellowship of Prayer. Please take a look at the fellowship of prayer on the back of the bulletins and see if there is someone you have placed on the list that you can give progress reports on or feel can be removed. You can call or email the update into the church office at GroveChurch@aol.com - 275-0692. Thank you.

**Bulletin & Spire Articles:** Bulletin articles are due each Tuesday of the week. Bulletins are printed Wednesday mornings. Spire articles are due the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each Month in order to make the Daily Item deadline for printing. Articles for the September edition are due **Mon, Aug. 14<sup>th</sup>**.

**Good Samaritan – Socks & Underwear Drive:** The Good Samaritan Mission Center is collecting socks and underwear for school children. If you can help – please see Wendy Adelsberger. The collected donations need to be in by Sunday – Aug. 13<sup>th</sup>.