

Grove Presbyterian Church News

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Kindermusik: Fall classes start **Wednesday, Sept. 13th** at 5:00pm for children 16 months through 3 years of age and their families, and at 5:45pm for children 3 and 4 years old with parents participating the last 10 minutes of class. Pre-registration is required – registration forms can be found on the back tables of the sanctuary, in The Spire, and on the church website. Cost for the younger class is \$70 for members and \$85 for non-members, and for the older class \$50 for members and \$65 for non-members. **Registrations are due by Sunday, August 27th.**

Mark Your Calendars: Christian education staff will be dedicated and third graders will receive bibles on **Sunday, September 10** at 9 am. More details to come.

BANNS: Chelsey Stamey and Kyle Postupack to be united in marriage on Saturday, August 26.

 **Concerts in The Park:** The final concert of the 2017 season will be held **Tuesday, August 15** at 7 PM in Memorial Park (Grove Presbyterian Church if rain): West Branch Barbershop Chorus – (*Classic Barbershop Harmonies*) closes out the 2017 concert series.

Please Note: The office will be closed **Monday, Sept. 4** in observance of Labor Day. Clare will be out of the office Sept. 5th and 6th.

Calendar of Church Events

Sun. Aug. 13: 9:00 AM Adult Choir Rehearsal
 9:30 AM Worship – *Rev. Ray Brown*
 6:00 PM Grove Hosts Ronald McDonald House dinner

Mon. Aug. 14: *Spire Articles Due*
 6:15 PM Grove Vs. Comm. Alliance/Shiloh UCC @ *Mt. Pleasant*

Tues. Aug 15: 7:00 PM Concert in the Park – *West Branch Barbershop Chorus*

Thurs. Aug. 17: 8:30 AM Breakfast Group – *Ric Mar*
 12:00 PM Gate House Golf Tournament Fundraiser – *Frosty Valley CC*
 2:00 PM - 6:30 PM Viola/Violin Lessons - *GR*
 7:00 PM BSA Troop 39 – *FH*

Sun. Aug. 20: 9:00 AM Adult Choir Rehearsal
 9:30 AM Worship – *Rev. Sally Dries*

2017 CHURCH DATA

MONTH TO DATE	AMT.	YEAR TO DATE	AMT.
Aug Budget Needed	\$36,700.00	2017 Budget	\$320,000.00
Aug Offerings Rcvd.	\$ 5,765.00	2017 Offerings	\$142,264.47
Aug Balance =	(\$30,935.00)	2017 Balance =	(\$ 177,735.53)

Attendance Aug 6: 9:30 AM = 59

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 memory of our parents, Ruth and Jess Burns; given by Janet and Robert Burns.

Deacons for the month of August are Eric Deeter and David Sanders. 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 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.



Coffee Fellowship: Please join us immediately following the service for Coffee Fellowship. We thank Louise Hawkins & Judy Gibson 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. Thank you.

Due - September Spire Articles: Are due in the church office tomorrow, **Monday, August 14th** in order to make the Daily Item's print deadline. Bulletin information is due each Tuesday of the week. Bulletins are printed Thursday mornings.

Thursday - Breakfast Group: Will meet at Ric-Mar Restaurant this **Thursday, Aug. 17th**, at 8:30 AM. Please contact Greg Bitler, 570-275-3906 to place your reservation.

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 **today, Sunday, Aug. 13th**.

Today - Grove Hosts Ronald McDonald House Dinner: Grove will be providing dinner for families staying at the Ronald McDonald House today, **Sunday, August 13th 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.



Thursday - Gate House Golf Tournament: The 8th Annual Gate House Golf Tournament will be held at Frosty Valley Country Club on **Thursday, Aug. 17th**. 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.

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*

Grove Get Together: Sunday, August 27th come and worship at 9:30am then stay for *Grove's Get Together*. All committees, groups, and programs of Grove will have representation and information about what their ministry is and how you can get involved. Come enjoy the coffee hour and find out what Grove has planned for the coming year. This is a great time to bring a friend and introduce them to Grove's various ministries.



Church Picnic: Will be held **Sunday, September 17th, at 3 PM**. Welcome in the fall season by joining us at the home of Russ and Allison Cotner (801 5th St., Riverside) for a time of fun, fellowship, and relaxation. Hamburgers, hot dogs, beverages, and place settings will be provided. Please bring a chair and a covered dish to share. We are looking forward to a great time of fun and fellowship for all ages. Outdoor activities will include volleyball, badminton, Dan's always popular game of "Kubb," and possibly an egg toss. Contact any Deacon should you have questions.

Grove Book Club: Will meet **Sunday, September 10th**, at 7PM - location TBA. Newcomers are always welcome. The selection for September is *Britt Marie Was Here* by Fredrik Backman.

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 new church address is 358 Bloom Street and the Office address is 376 Bloom Street. Hacky House is now 314 Bloom Street.

Good Samaritan 'Back to School Day': The Good Samaritan Mission Center is having a "Back to School Day" on **Sat., Aug. 19** from 9-12. We are in need of donations of school outfits that you no longer need for your child. We can then give each child two outfits for school. Could you please drop the clothes off at the mission center? Our hours are Tuesday-Friday 9-4:30. Your generosity is needed and appreciated. Thank you! - *Sandy O'Rourke*

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. July donations = \$49.



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**.

Worship Schedule: Please note that on **Sunday, September 10th**, Grove will resume the fall worship schedule with **One Service held at 10:15** am with a Welcome Back Pot-Luck Luncheon immediately following the service.

The Presbyterian Women's Circle: will reconvene on September 7 at 9 AM at Muffin Man in Riverside to complete the book by Cynthia Heald titled *Becoming a Woman Whose God is Enough*. We'll focus on chapter 8, *God Chooses For You*. It's not too late to order your own book if you wish or just come and enjoy the conversation. We read Bible verses and discuss our lives as those verses apply to us today. We welcome you to join the discussion!

Caring for our Congregation: The Board of Deacons is forming visitation teams to 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, see any Deacon or call/ email the church office - GroveChurch@aol.com, (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,