

Thank you for your gifts for today's Food Bank Ingathering. **Giveaways** are the 1<sup>st</sup> **Saturday of each month**. Sorting starts at 7:30 am with the giveaways from 10am-1pm. Volunteers are always needed. Contact Sue Pierce 570-275-2142 or Joe Neizer 570-441-6867 for more information or to volunteer.

## Grove Presbyterian Church News

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**Spire Article Deadline:** Due to Session meeting being the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of September, the Spire deadline has been extended – October Spire articles will be needed no later than **Wednesday morning, Sept. 13<sup>th</sup>**.

**Please Note:** The office will be closed **Mon., Sept. 4** in observance of Labor Day and **Fri., Sept. 8**. Clare will be out of the office Sept. 5<sup>th</sup> – Sept. 8<sup>th</sup>.

### Calendar of Church Events

**Sun. Sept. 3:** *Communion & Ingathering Offerings*  
*Last 9:30 AM Service of the Summer*

9:00 AM Adult Choir Rehearsal  
9:30 AM Worship – Rev. Nancy Hardy  
11:15 AM Worship & Music Committee

**Mon. Sept. 4:** *Labor Day / Office Closed / DASD Closed*

**Tues. Sept. 5:** *Clare Away 9/5-9/8*

**Wed. Sept. 6:** 11:00 AM DRAMA  
6:30 PM Cherub, Jr. & Youth, and Adult Choirs  
6:30 PM Fellowship & Study  
7:45 PM Kerygma

**Thurs. Sept. 7:** 9:00 AM Presbyterian Women – *Muffin Man*  
6:30 PM BSA Committee Mtg - GR  
7:00 PM BSA Troop 39 – FH

**Fri. Sept. 8:** 2:30 PM – 7:00 PM Viola/Violin Lessons - GR

**Sun. Sept. 10:** **Commence One Service at 10:15 AM**  
*3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Bible Distribution / Teacher Dedication*

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** - Rev. Steve Cureton - *Adult Bells*  
11:15 AM Welcome Back Pot-Luck Luncheon  
6:00 PM Grove Serves Ronald McDonald House Dinner  
7:00 PM Church Book Club – *Clement Home*



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.


All persons are welcome to yield themselves to the Communion of the Lord's Supper, professing faith in Christ Jesus as Lord, devoting their lives to Christian discipleship, removing from their hearts any improper affection or lack of love towards their brothers and sisters in Christ.

Children are welcome to the table, provided they come with parental permission and an appreciation for the meaning of the Sacrament. Adults who are interested in Baptism and church membership are invited to talk with the pastor or any of the Elders. The communion elements consist of cubed bread, gluten free wafers, and regular grape juice.

Communion Elders scheduled for today are James E. Smith, Cathy L. Sanders, Amanda E. Leicht, Mary Ellen M. Doll, and Paul W. Kettlewell.

 Flowers today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of James Neddoff; given by Linda Neddoff Weckter.

Deacons for the month of September are Pam Franklin and Linda Moyer. Large print bulletins and bulletins for children are available from the ushers.

 **Coffee Hour:** There will be no coffee fellowship 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.

**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.

### 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.	\$16,846.00	2017 Offerings	\$150,175.47
Aug Balance =	(\$ 19,854.00)	2017 Balance =	(\$ 166,654.53)

Attendance Aug 27: 9:30 AM = 66

September Budget Needed = \$41,664.00

**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 (9:00 AM beginning next Sunday, Sept. 10) 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.

**Next Sunday - Worship Schedule Change:** Please note that on **Sunday, Sept. 10th**, Grove will resume the fall worship schedule with **One Service held at 10:15am, with Sunday School at 9 am**. Please join us for a Welcome Back Pot-Luck Luncheon immediately following the service.

**Family Night at Grove:** Come join us for Family Night - a new happening at Grove on Wednesday evenings beginning **September 6!** Family night will feature a light meal at 6 PM, then Choirs will rehearse at 6:30. If you're not a chorister, Gerry Marks and Bryan Holmes are leading a book study/prayer time at 6:30 in the Great Room - everyone welcome as we delve into "*The Purpose Driven Life*" by Rick Warren (if you have a copy you can lend, please contact the church office). Kerygma will meet at 7:45 PM (when Choir ends) in the Great Room. The fall topic is The Reformation. Using a curriculum and book by Donald K. McKim, interested participants will take turns in leadership. Taking a leadership turn is not a requirement. Come and let's talk about the Reformation. See you there!

**Kindermusik:** Fall classes start **Wednesday, Sept. 13<sup>th</sup>** 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.

**Thursday - The Presbyterian Women's Circle:** will reconvene on **Sept. 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 read Bible verses and discuss our lives as those verses apply to us today. We welcome you to join the discussion!

**Next Sunday - Grove Hosts Ronald McDonald House Dinner:** Grove will be providing dinner for families staying at the Ronald McDonald House **Sunday, Sept. 10** 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.

**Next Sunday - Teacher Dedication:** Christian education staff will be dedicated on **Sunday, Sept. 10** at the 10:15am service of worship. Please plan to attend if you are part of the staff so that the congregation can meet and get to know those who are nurturing their children. If you are not part of the staff, please come and offer your support to those who are teaching and advising this year. Remember, it takes a whole congregation to nurture spiritual development.

**Grove Book Club:** Will meet next **Sunday, Sept. 10th**, at 7PM, at the home of Barbara & John Clement, 38 Overlook Dr., Danville. Newcomers are always welcome. The selection for September is *Britt Marie Was Here* by Fredrik Backman.

**Next Sunday - Third Graders Receive Bibles:** Next Sunday, **Sept. 10**, during the 10:15am service of worship, third graders will receive Bibles. This year those receiving Bibles are: Adelay Cooney, Janie Cotner, Benjamin Crane, Paige DeHart and Savannah Notz. If anyone has been overlooked, please let us know so that we can remedy the mistake immediately. Plan to attend worship on this special day to help these children celebrate this milestone in their spiritual lives.



**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. Remaining open dates are: **Nov. 19 & 26 and Dec. 17, 24 & 31**.

**Senior Bell rehearsals:** Will commence **Tuesday, Sept 12** at 6 pm. All welcome - if you're curious, stop in, we'll make you welcome!

*The Good Samaritan Mission sends a big "thank you" to the 18 churches and its members who adopted 170 children for the "new socks and underwear program". Other bags of extras were also donated. They will be given to children who were missed and extra packs to the nurses for emergencies. What is donated usually lasts the school year. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.*



**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 5<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Next Breakfast Group:** Will meet **Thursday, Sept. 21<sup>st</sup>** at 8:30 AM at Ric-Mar Restaurant. Please contact Greg Bitler (570-275-3906) to place your reservation.

**Calling All Prayer Warriors!** The PNC would like to repeat the 40 Day Prayer Guide we asked the congregation to do during Lent. We are asking the congregation to pray for our PNC, the Church and our future pastor. You should have received an email with 40 days of prayer. Please pray daily. There are additional hard copies on the back tables of the sanctuary should you like to take one home with you today. Thank you All for your continued support during our search! God Bless!!

**Accompanist Wanted:** We are looking for an accompanist for our Jr/Youth Choir to assist with Wednesday evening rehearsals as well as accompany the Choir when they sing one Sunday each month and special services as planned. This is a wonderful opportunity for a young person to gain keyboarding / accompaniment skills in a supportive and fun environment, or for a “gently-used” individual to stay in touch with young people. If you know of someone who might be interested, please ask them to contact Joy Christian (570.847.8659) for information about this salaried position. Please get the word out – we have exciting things planned for the Fall, and we need an accompanist to help make it all happen!

**300<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration:** On **Sunday, Sept. 17**, we will celebrate the creation and organization of the first synod in the United States. Consisting of 17 ministers and spanning a territory from Long Island to Virginia, the Synod met for the initial time at First Presbyterian Church of Philadelphia on Sept. 17, 1717. In 1973, the General Assembly created “regional” synods, merging the Synods of Pennsylvania and West Virginia (which included a small portion of eastern Ohio) into what would later become known as The Synod of the Trinity.

**September 17<sup>th</sup> Book Sale!** Children’s books authored by Herbert and Carrie Stine will be available in the lobby on **Sunday, Sept. 17**. “*Florentine and the Treasures of the Snow*” and “*Florentine and the Good Samaritan*,” are written from a Christian perspective and touch on how to deal with bullies, courage, and faith. See back tables of the sanctuary for more information.

**Session Meeting 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday:** The next meeting of Committees, Deacons, and Session Elders will meet **Monday, Sept. 11**, starting at 6:00 PM.

**Camp Victory’s Community Open House:** Come share our wonderful facility and enjoy the following FREE events: swimming, wall climbing, zip line, ice cream, hot dogs, drinks, moon bounce, wagon rides and music! - **Sunday, Sept. 10, Noon – 3:00 PM.**

**Christmas in a Shoebox:** The Sunday school children kick off their mission projects by wrapping shoeboxes for the Samaritan Purse Christmas in a Shoebox project. Items needed are hygiene items, school supplies, small toys appropriate for children 2-14 years of age male or female. NO military toys or weapons. NO liquids or chocolates. Children, adults, anyone can bring in items to fill the box. Just bring them to the Gathering Worship Time at 9:00am. Boxes are being filled until the end of October.

**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. Aug donations = \$28.



## **PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE**

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Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)  
PO Box 643700  
Pittsburgh, PA, 15264-3700

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Please join us in praying for courage for those who are suffering; wisdom and diligence among agencies and individuals assessing damage and directing relief efforts; and for generosity to flow as powerfully as rivers and streams, as we respond to the deep human needs left in the wake of the storm.

Rev. Dr. Laurie Ann Kraus  
Presbyterian Disaster Assistance