

**50 Year Member Recognition:** 50 year members will be recognized **Sunday, Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>** during the 10:15 AM Service. We hope to see all our 50 + year members of Grove there.

**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.

### Calendar of Church Events

- 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*
- Mon. Sept. 11:** 6:00 PM Committees  
 6:45 PM Session Elders  
 6:45 PM Deacons – *KH*
- Tues. Sept. 12:** 9:00 AM Spiritual Growth - *GR*  
 6:00 PM Adult Bells
- Wed. Sept. 13:** *Spire Articles Due*  
 5:00 PM Kindermusik A  
 5:30 PM Brownie Troop  
 5:45 PM Kindermusik B  
 6:00 PM Family Meal Time  
 6:30 PM Cherub, Youth, Jr., and Adult Choir Rehearsals  
 6:30 PM Fellowship & Study Time  
 7:30 PM Kerygma
- Thurs. Sept. 14:** 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM DASD E-Learning  
 7:00 PM BSA Troop 39 – *FH*
- Fri. Sept. 15:** 3:00 PM - 7:30 PM Viola/Violin Lessons
- Sat. Sept. 16:** 9:00 AM Presbytery – *Bloomsburg First*
- Sun. Sept. 17:** *Synod – 300 Year Anniversary*  
 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM Church School  
 9:45 AM Adult Choir Rehearsal  
 10:15 AM Worship – Rev. Carrie Stine - *Children's Choirs Sing*  
 3:00 PM Church Picnic – *Home of Russ & Allison Cotner*

#### 2017 CHURCH DATA

MONTH TO DATE	AMT.	YEAR TO DATE	AMT.
Sept Budget Needed	\$41,664.00	2017 Budget	\$320,000.00
Sept Offerings Rcvd.	\$ 4,736.00	2017 Offerings	\$158,081.47
Sept Balance =	(\$ 36,928.00)	2017 Balance =	(\$ 161,918.53)

Attendance Sept 3: 9:30 AM = 73

## Grove Presbyterian Church News

www.GrovePres.org

September 10, 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, Jim & Carol Ann Darr, and the Rev. Dr. Samuel T. Lewis III; given by Steve and Jackie Lewis

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



**Pot-Luck Luncheon:** Join us immediately following the service for a special 'Welcome Back' pot-luck luncheon! 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, due to allergies, no nut products. Thank you.

**BANNS:** Penelope Andrews and Michael Davis to be united in marriage on Saturday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> at 3:00 PM.

**Today - Special Offering:** A special offering will be collected today to help Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) bring hope & healing to Texas families impacted by Hurricane Harvey and in anticipation of those affected by Irma. Please make checks out to Grove. If you wish to support PDA's emergency response and recovery efforts specifically in Texas, checks can be designated to DR000169-Harvey in the memo section. Undesignated gifts will be used where they are most needed as determined by PDA. **Collection buckets will be placed near the Sanctuary doors and in the Fellowship Hall during today's Welcome Back Brunch.** If you prefer to mail a check, you may send it to: Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), PO Box 643700, Pittsburgh, PA, 15264-3700. Donations may also be made by phone: 1-800-872-3283. For more information and updates, go to pda.pcusa.org. Please give generously.

**Tomorrow - Session Meeting:** The next meeting of Committees, Deacons, and Session Elders will take place tomorrow, **Monday, Sept. 11**, starting at 6:00 PM.

**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.

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

**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.

**Today - Grove Hosts Ronald McDonald House Dinner:** Grove will be providing dinner for families staying at the Ronald McDonald House today, **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](mailto:amandaleicht@hotmail.com) if you have any questions.

**Today - Grove Book Club:** Will meet today, **Sept. 10<sup>th</sup>**, at 7 PM, 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.

**Third Graders Receive Bibles:** Students receiving Bibles today 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. Thank you for being present on this special day to help these children celebrate this milestone in their spiritual lives.

**Family Night at Grove:** Come join us for Family Night - a new happening at Grove on Wednesday evenings! Family night features 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 (not required). Come and let's talk about the Reformation. See you Wednesdays!

**Next Sunday - 300<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration:** **Next 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.

**Due Wednesday - Spire Articles:** 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 this **Wednesday morning, Sept. 13<sup>th</sup>**. Bulletin articles are due each Tuesday of the week. Bulletins are printed Thursday mornings.



**Next Sunday - Church Picnic:** Welcome in the fall season by joining us at the home of Russ and Allison Cotner (801 5<sup>th</sup> St., Riverside) next **Sunday, Sept. 17<sup>th</sup>, at 3 PM**, 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. Outdoor activities will include volleyball, badminton, Dan's always popular game of "Kubb," and possibly an egg toss. We are looking forward to a great time of fun and fellowship for all ages.

**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.

**Address Changes:** As the new addresses change - please remember to phone in or email ([deskofcmc@aol.com](mailto: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 for all correspondence is 376 Bloom Street. Hacky House is now 314 Bloom Street.



**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**.

**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!

**9/11 Prayer Event:** The annual 9/11 prayer gathering will be held at 9:30 a.m. Sept. 11 at Memorial Park. Prayers will be offered for police, emergency service responders and firefighters, on and off duty, who are invited to attend along with the public.

**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.

**Peacemaking Brunch:** Join us immediately following the 10:15 AM Service on Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup> for a Peacemaking Pot-Luck Luncheon. Bring a covered dish to share as we enjoy a time of fellowship on World Communion Sunday.



**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.

**Today - 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.**

**Singers Needed - 2017 Bloomsburg Fair Vespers Service :** will be held **Friday, Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup>** at the Bandshell (Free Stage) at 7 PM with a music Prelude beginning at 6:30 PM with “Raven Creek,” a bluegrass/gospel duo. Congregation members are invited to join the Community Wide Vespers Choir. For more information, including choir rehearsal place and times, see the FH Bulletin Board, or contact Pastor Chuck Chamberlain: 570-784-8681 / info@bloomsburgfairvespers.org.

**College Addresses:** Please help us keep in touch with our College members. Send in your child's college address to the church office. You can email the office at GroveChurch@aol.com.

## *Teacher Dedication*

**Minister:**

The time you spend teaching, caring for, and being with the students of this church is a special time. We ask you to keep in mind that what you are doing is ministry. Our children, youth and adults are delicate souls; tend to them with care and love, and fill them with the love of Christ.

**Teachers:**

*We accept the responsibilities of being in the classrooms with our students. We promise to bring our enthusiasm, talents, and energies to help them grow in faith and life. We ask God to empower us for this task, and ask the congregation to support us in this endeavor. Please be there when we need help. Listen to us when we need your ear.*

**Congregation:**

*We acknowledge and honor the role that you have within our church. We know that this is not something you can do alone. We are all teachers and we will strive to remember that. We are all here to support and help you, each in our own way.*

**All:**

*Faithful God, in baptism you claimed us; and by your Holy Spirit you are working in our lives, empowering us to live a life worthy of our calling. We thank you for leading these teachers to this time and place. Establish them in your truth, and guide them by your Holy Spirit, that in your service they may grow in faith, hope, and love, and be faithful educators of Jesus Christ, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and forever.*