

CROP Hunger Walk – October 15th: CROP Hunger Walks are interfaith events that build community while raising funds to end hunger in our own community AND also around the world. Everyone is welcome to join! This year's walk will take place Sunday, October 15th, between the hours of 1:30 and 6:30, with registration beginning at 1 PM. In the event of serious weather conditions, the rain date will be October 22nd (we will walk, however, should the weather be mildly inclement). Join us as a family, as individuals, or as youth groups. Please contact Amanda Leicht for more information: amandaleicht@hotmail.com, 570-275-7761.



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.**

Calendar of Church Events

- Sun. Sept. 17:** *Synod – 300 Year Anniversary*
 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM Church School & Confirmands
 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*
- Tues. Sept. 19:** 9:00 AM Spiritual Growth - *GR*
 6:00 PM Adult Bells
- Wed. Sept. 20:** 5:00 PM Kindermusik A
 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
 7:45 PM Kerygma
- Thurs. Sept. 21:** 8:30 AM Breakfast Group – *Ric Mar*
 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM After School Counseling – *GR & Nursery*
 7:00 PM BSA Troop 39 – *FH*
- Fri. Sept. 22:** *1st Day of Fall*
 3:00 PM - 7:30 PM Viola/Violin Lessons
 5:00 PM Andrews/Davis Wedding Rehearsal
- Sat. Sept 23:** 3:00 PM Wedding - *Penelope Andrews & Michael Davis*
- Sun. Sept 24:** 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM Church School & Confirmands
 9:45 AM Adult Choir Rehearsal
 10:15 AM Worship – Mike Hamm, Young Life

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.	\$13,599.00	2017 Offerings	\$166,944.47
Sept Balance =	(\$ 28,065.00)	2017 Balance =	(\$153,055.53)

Attendance Sept 10: 9:30 AM = 111

Grove Presbyterian Church News

www.GrovePres.org

September 17, 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 honor of daughters Kim Savidge and Kay Roth who celebrate birthdays September 14 and September 17; given by their mother, Louise Hawkins.

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

Today we welcome Rev. Carrie Stine. Carrie and Herb live in Watsonstown. Herb owns his own business and also enjoys making harps. Carrie serves as a hospice chaplain and is a retired Presbyterian minister in Northumberland Presbytery. Herb currently is making a stop-motion animated movie based on their 2nd book, ***Florentine and the Good Samaritan***. They would appreciate your support and prayers as they work to bring the characters to life through stop-motion animation.

Children's books authored by Herbert and Carrie Stine will be available in the lobby on Sunday, September 17th. "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. ***Florentine and the Treasures of the Snow:*** *What's a girl mouse to do when she discovers snow for the first time in her life? Join Florentine and her friends on the adventure of a lifetime from snowball fights to high speed sledding on a kitchen spoon to dealing with the local bullies. This book is the first of a series of stories designed to teach children about God's Word through Florentine's adventures. In this first book, Florentine and her brother, Baxter, learn about God's creation through a winter snowstorm. Florentine and the Good Samaritan follows a meaningful day in the lives of a family of mice living in a pastor's home. When a new student at the mice children's school is bullied, Papa Mouse sees this as an opportunity to teach the children how to help others and reflect the love of Jesus in the process. The story features Jesus' parable of the Good Samaritan. This story is recommended for anyone being bullied or for anyone who knows someone who is bullied.*



Coffee Fellowship: Please join us for coffee hour following the service. We thank Dave & Cathy Sanders 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. Please remember, due to allergies, no nut products. Thank you.

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

300th Anniversary Celebration: Today 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.



Today - Church Picnic: Welcome in the fall season by joining us at the home of Russ and Allison Cotner (801 5th St., Riverside) next **Sunday, Sept. 17th, 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.

Peacemaking Brunch & 50 Year Member Recognition: 50 year members will be recognized **Sunday, Oct. 1st** during the 10:15 AM Service. We hope to see all our 50 + year members of Grove there. Join us immediately following the service for a Peacemaking Pot-Luck Luncheon. Bring a covered dish to share as we enjoy a time of fellowship on World Communion Sunday.

Address Changes: As the new addresses change - 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 for all correspondence is 376 Bloom Street. Hacky House is now 314 Bloom Street.

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.

Family Night at Grove: Come join us for Family Night - a new happening at Grove on Wednesday evenings with childcare provided! 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!

Grove Book Club: Will meet **Sunday, October 8th**, at 7 PM - location TBA. Newcomers are always welcome. The selection for October is *Hillbilly Elegy: A Memoir of a Family & Culture in Crises* by J.D. Vance.

Kindermusik: Fall classes started **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. See the back tables for more information.



Apple Crisp Sunday - Oct 15th: Join us **Friday, Oct. 13th**, at 9:00 AM to slice and dice in preparation of Apple Crisp Sunday to be held on **Sunday, Oct. 15th**. Bring your favorite paring knife and a buddy to help out – many hands are needed. Call Sue Oberkircher (275-7699) with any questions.

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!

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!!

Grove Hosts Ronald McDonald House Dinner: Grove will be providing dinner for families staying at the Ronald McDonald House **Sunday, Oct. 22** at 6 PM. 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.

Stewardship Campaign: As you know we have kicked off our Stewardship Campaign and we are looking for a few members to speak to the congregation on Oct. 15th as to why you give to the Lord. This does not have to be a long presentation, just a few minutes. It also doesn't have to be all about money, but also how you give your time and talents. Please pray about this and if you feel called to give your testimony, please get back to me by email by Oct. 1st. My email address is: sandersdv285@aol.com. Thank you so much! Blessings - Cathy Sanders

Prayer Team: The prayer chain needs more members on our team. When you join us, you'll be given a list of 6-8 names from the Fellowship of Prayer that you commit to pray daily for. You learn about these people and become a partner with them on their journey. You'll receive updates at least every 6 months. Won't you join us? Contact the church office or any team member. Thank you.

The Presbyterian Women's Circle: Will gather in the Fireplace Room at Muffin Man (you don't have to order anything) on Thursday, Oct. 5 at 9 AM for a 1 1/2 hour discussion of contentment. We'll look at Scripture and discuss "Can we *learn* to be content whatever our circumstances?" You can join us at any time.

Bulletin Board Articles: If anyone wishes to have any articles that were on the bulletin board these past few months, please let me know. Otherwise they will be discarded. - Thank you, Cindy Dark



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.

2017 Bloomsburg Fair Vespers Service : will be held **Friday, Sept. 22nd** at the Bandshell (Free Stage) at 7 PM with a music Prelude beginning at 6:30 PM with "Raven Creek," a bluegrass/gospel duo. For more information see the FH Bulletin Board, or contact Pastor Chuck Chamberlain: 570-784-8681, info@bloomsburgfairvespers.org.

Bulletin & Spire Articles: Bulletin articles are due each Tuesday of the week. Bulletins are printed Thursday mornings. Spire articles are due the 2nd Monday of each Month in order to make the Daily Item deadline for printing.