

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 midly 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.

Calendar of Church Events

- Sun. Sept. 24:** 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM Church School
 9:45 AM Adult Choir Rehearsal
 10:15 AM Worship - *Mike Hamme, Young Life*
 10:15 AM Baptism – *Lorelei Christine LaMotte*
- Tues. Sept. 26:** 9:00 AM Spiritual Growth - *GR*
 6:00 PM Adult Bells
- Wed. Sept. 27:** 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
 7:45 PM Kerygma
- Thurs. Sept. 28:** ***DASD Closed – Prof Dev. #4***
 7:00 PM BSA Troop 39 – *FH*
- Fri. Sept. 29:** ***DASD Closed – Fair Day***
 3:00 PM - 7:30 PM Viola/Violin Lessons
- Sun. Oct 1:** ***Communion & Ingathering Offerings/ Peacemaking***
 World Communion / 50 Yr Member Recognition
 9:00 AM Mission Sunday – *Kit & FH*
 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM Church School
 9:45 AM Adult Choir Rehearsal
 10:15 AM Worship - *Rev. Sally Dries*
 11:15 AM Worship & Music Committee
 11:15 AM Peaemaking Pot – Luck Luncheon

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.	\$17,299.25	2017 Offerings	\$170,644.72
Sept Balance =	(\$ 24,344.75)	2017 Balance =	(\$ 149,355.28)

Attendance Sept 17: 10:15 AM = 105

Grove Presbyterian Church News

www.GrovePres.org

September 24, 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 memory of Harrison Estey Davis and Kyle Foust; given by Mike and Penny Davis.



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 Fellowship: Please join us for coffee hour following the service. We thank Christian & Alyssa LaMotte and family 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.



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.

Feed a Friend: Every fall we collect food items to help provide an annual Thanksgiving meal for those who cannot afford it. Please bring any canned vegetables or soup, boxed stuffing and boxed potatoes, or other non-perishable staples and put them in the barrel in Fellowship Hall. We will continue to collect items through the end of October and then take them over to Shiloh United Church of Christ for distribution.

Next Sunday - Peacemaking Brunch & 50 Year Member Recognition: 50+ year members will be recognized next **Sunday, October 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.

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

Grove Book Club: Will gather Sunday, October 8th, at 7 PM in the home of Paul and Jane Kettlewell – 200 Pine Swamp Road, Danville. Newcomers are always welcome. The selection for October is *Hillbilly Elegy: A Memoir of a Family & Culture in Crises* by J.D. Vance.

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



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

Opportunity Knocks! Grove has a fun and rewarding Wednesday evening ministry: Kindermusik, Choirs, Bible Study, and Kerygma. This year we have added a Family Meal at 6 pm to help with people's busy schedules and provide a short time of fellowship. We need someone to coordinate the light meal that is provided: arrange setup/cleanup (very easy), and schedule menu items (order pizza, etc). The kinks are worked out, it's now ready for someone to take over. Your efforts would go far toward making our Wednesday evening program a success. Please consider this opportunity to minister – thank you!

Apple Crisp Sunday – Oct. 15th: Join us Friday, Oct. 13th at 9 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.



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 2-14years 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.

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!

Prayer Team: The prayer chain needs more members on the 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 coin us? Contact the church office or any team member. Thank you.

Next Sunday - Peacemaking Offering: Christians are called as Christ's people to be God's peacemakers as agents of reconciliation in families, individual lives, communities, churches, the international arena, and the whole of creation. Peacemaking is the human response to the divine gift of peace-giving. The Peacemaking Offering supports the peacemaking efforts of the church at every governing body level, and provides an opportunity to witness to God's gift of peace in the world. We will collect this special offering on **Sunday, October 1st**, The 2017 Peacemaking Offering will go to the Gatehouse.

Session Reminder: The Session Committees, Board of Deacons, and Session will meet **Monday, October 2nd**, starting at 6:00 PM

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!

Stewardship Testimony: 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 contact me by email by October 1st- sandersdv285@aol.com. Thank you so much! Blessings - Cathy Sanders

Bulletin & Spire Articles: Bulletin articles are due each Tuesday of the week. Bulletins are printed Thursday mornings. November Spire articles are due **Monday, Oct. 9th** in order to make the Daily Item deadline for printing.

The Presbyterian Women's Circle: Will gather in the Fireplace Room at Muffin Man (you don't have to order anything) on **Thursday, Oct. 5th** at 9 AM for a 1 ½ 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.

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

September 24, 2017

Lorelei Christine LaMotte

Born April 26, 2017

Child of

Christian D. LaMotte and Alyssa L. LaMotte

Baptism is a sacrament, which means it is a holy act that Jesus did and commanded his followers to do: “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit...” (Matt. 28:19) Baptism is a gift from God offering everyone an opportunity to be a part of the family of Christian faith. Baptism is a covenant that cannot be broken, a symbol of holiness and discipleship, and a promise that drives us all to be caretakers of one another.

Opening Words

Presentation of the Child

Bryan L. Holmes, Elder

- On behalf of the session, I present Lorelei Christine LaMotte, daughter of Christian and Alyssa, to receive the sacrament of baptism.

Vows of the Parents

- Do you reaffirm your own faith in Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord?
- Do you claim God's covenant promises on your child's behalf, and do you look in faith to the Lord Jesus Christ for her salvation, as you do for your own?
- Do you now unreservedly promise, in humble reliance upon God's grace, to set before your child an example of the new life in Christ?
- Do you promise to pray with and for your child and to bring her up in the knowledge and love of God?

Vows of the Congregation

- Do you, the members of this congregation, in the name of the whole church of Christ, undertake with these parents the Christian nurture of this child, so that in due time she may confess faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior?
- Will you endeavor by your example and fellowship to strengthen her family ties with the household of God?

Promise of the Children

Thanksgiving Prayer Over the Water

The Words of Baptism and Laying On of Hands

Presentation of the Child