

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.

Grove Presbyterian Church News

www.GrovePres.org

October 1, 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.

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 breads, gluten free wafers, and regular grape juice.

Communion Elders scheduled for today are Natalie B. Kupas, David D. Betz, Cathy Sanders, and Mary Ellen Doll.



Flowers today are given to the Glory of God and in honor of Peacemaking Sunday.

Deacons today are Cindy Stamey and Jennifer Henning. Large print bulletins and bulletins for children are available from the ushers.



Peacemaking Potluck: Please join us after the service for potluck Peacemaking Brunch. We thank Sue Oberkircher, Pam Franklin, and dish contributors for this enjoyable fellowship. Help us continue to enjoy simple coffee hour fellowship after worship each Sunday by signing up. Coffee hour will not take place on the days the sign-up sheet remains vacant. A sign-up sheet can be found hanging on the wall outside the church kitchen. Please remember, no nut products due to allergies.

Thank you for your gifts for today's Food Bank Ingathering. The food bank is sponsored by all area churches and is an emergency supply of food for families in Riverside and Montour County.

Calendar of Church Events

Sun. Oct 1: Communion & Ingathering / 50 Yr Member Recognition
Peacemaking Offering / World Communion

9:00 AM -10:00 AM Church School & Confirmands

9:45 AM Adult Choir Rehearsal

10:15 AM Worship – Rev. Sally Dries

11:15 AM Worship & Music Committee

11:15 AM Peacemaking Pot-Luck Luncheon



Mon. Oct. 2: 6:00 PM Committees

6:45 PM Session Elders - GR

6:45 PM Deacons – KH

Tues. Oct. 3: 9:00 AM Spiritual Growth - GR

6:00 PM Adult Bells

Wed. Oct. 4: 11:00 AM DRAMA

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. Oct. 5: 9:00 AM PW – Muffin Man

2:00 PM Office Staff Meeting

3:00 PM - 5:00 PM After School Counseling – GR& Nursery

6:30 PM BSA Troop 39 Committee Mtg. - GR

7:00 PM BSA Troop 39 – FH

Fri. Oct. 6: 3:00 PM – 7:30 PM Viola/Violin Lessons

Sat. Oct. 7: 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM Krislund Fall Festival

Sun. Oct. 8: 9 AM – 10 AM Church School

9:45 AM Adult Choir Rehearsal

10:15 AM Worship – Doug Orbaker, Adult Bells

10:15 AM Service of Wholeness & Healing

7:00 PM Book Club – Kettlewell Home

2017 CHURCH DATA

| MONTH TO DATE | AMT. | YEAR TO DATE | AMT. |
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| Sept Budget Needed | \$41,664.00 | 2017 Budget | \$320,000.00 |
| Sept Offerings Rcvd. | \$20,975.86 | 2017 Offerings | \$174,321.33 |
| Sept Balance = | (\$20,688.14) | 2017 Balance = | (\$ 145,678.67) |

Attendance Sept 24: 10:15 AM = 144
October Offerings Needed: \$48,560.00

Today - 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. The 2017 Peacemaking Offering will go to the Gatehouse.

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 **today, October 1st**-sandersdv285@aol.com. Thank you so much! Blessings - Cathy Sanders

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

Thursday - 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.

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.



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.

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.

Flower Chart: The Flower Chart for 2017 is located on the wall leading to the church kitchen. 2017 pricing is **\$27.00** per arrangement. **Only Four Dates Remain!** Can we fill them up? Dates available are **Nov. 19 and Dec. 17, 24 & 31.**

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 join us? Contact the church office or any team member.

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.

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!

Community Conversation: The United Way of Columbia & Montour Counties would like to invite YOU to a Community Conversation about Montour County needs. Come share YOUR experiences and thoughts about issues such as poverty, transportation, health, opioids, education, and other issues you feel are important in our community. The Community Conversation will be **Monday, October 9th** at 7pm at Grove Presbyterian Church, 300 Bloom Street, Danville. For more information, contact the United Way of Columbia and Montour Counties, 570-784-3134 or ceo@cmcuw.org.

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.

Food Bank Representative from Grove Needed: With much gratitude to Sue Pierce for being Grove's food bank representative all these years, she will be stepping down in the hopes another member from Grove will now step up. The meetings are at 9 am the 4th Thursday of each month. Please contact Marysue Christian (570-275-5403 or 570-380-0275) if you are interested in this very important local mission as a Grove representative. Thank you

Next Week - Service of Wholeness and Healing: James 5:14-15 Is any one of you sick? He should call the elders of the church to pray over him and anoint him with oil in the name of the Lord. For many years Grove had a Service of Healing and Wholeness 3 times a year at the 8:30 service. When we went to one service, Pastor Bob incorporated this into the 10:15 service. Since Bob's retirement we have not had a healing service and the Worship Committee has been asked to resume this. Pastor Doug Orbaker will be preaching Oct. 8th and has offered to add this to the service. Members suffering physically, spiritually, or emotionally will be invited to come forward for anointing with oil, the laying on of hands by the Elders, and prayers for healing and wholeness. We hope to have this again in January and April for next year.



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.

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!

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