

**Grove's 2018 Stewardship Campaign:** You should have received a stewardship packet in the mail by now. If not – please contact the church office. Additional pledge cards can be found on the back tables of the sanctuary.

**Today - CROP Hunger Walk:** 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 today, Sunday, October 15<sup>th</sup>, 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 22<sup>nd</sup> (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.

**Calendar of Church Events**



**Sun. Oct. 15:** **CROP Walk Sunday**  
 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM Church School  
 9:45 AM Adult Choir Rehearsal  
 10:15 AM Worship, Rev. Sally Dries - *Children & Youth Choirs Sing*  
 11:15 AM Apple Crisp Coffee Hour  
 1:00 PM Family Crop Walk

**Apple Crisp Sunday**

**Tues. Oct. 17:** 9:00 AM Spiritual Growth - GR  
 6:00 PM Adult Bells

**Wed. Oct. 18:** 9:00 AM Head Start – GR & Nursery  
 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. 19:** 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. Oct. 20:** 3:00 PM- 7:30 PM Viola/Violin Lessons

**Sat. Oct. 21:** 9:30 AM PW Fall Gathering – *Watsonstown First Presbyterian*

**Sun. Oct. 22:** 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM Church School Breakfast – Kit & FH  
 9:45 AM Adult Choir Rehearsal  
 10:15 AM Worship - Rev. Ray Brown  
 6:00 PM Grove Serves Ronald McDonald House

(figures as of Sunday – Oct. 8<sup>th</sup>)

YEAR TO DATE REVENUES VS. EXPENSES	
Revenues	\$187,884.43
Expenses	\$181,826.58
2017 Balance =	\$ 6,057.85

Attendance October 8: 10:15 AM = 79

**Grove Presbyterian Church News**

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October 15, 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 gratitude for all His blessings; given by Joy & Gary Christian.

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



**Coffee Fellowship:** Please join us after the service for Grove's annual Apple Crisp Sunday. We thank the Women of Grove and all those who helped slice and bake and for hosting today. Help us continue to enjoy simple coffee hour fellowship after worship each Sunday by signing up to host; the 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.

**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.

**Thursday - Next Breakfast Group** will meet this **Thursday, Oct. 19<sup>th</sup>** at 8:30 AM at Ric-Mar Restaurant. Please contact Charles & Cynthia Dark (570-284-4322) for reservations.

**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.

**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!

**Next Sunday - 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](mailto:amandaleicht@hotmail.com) if you have any questions.

**Feed a Friend:** A collection barrel, located in the corner of the Fellowship Hall, will be collecting food and turkey certificates. Last year, enough monetary and canned food donations were collected to give more than 350 families (800+people) a large box of food so they could have a Thanksgiving dinner and a full stomach for the holidays. Most useful food items to be donated: Canned Vegetables, Canned Tuna, Boxed Stuffing, Canned Cranberry Sauce, Canned Fruit, Pasta, Mac & Cheese, and Soup. (Please – nothing perishable, nothing expired, nothing frozen, and no dented cans or glass containers.) Monetary donations are in high need this year. Times for Volunteering: Sunday, Nov. 11<sup>th</sup>, 1pm – 5pm (Sorting/Boxing Food) and Saturday, Nov. 18<sup>th</sup>, 9am – 3pm (Giveaway is 10am – 1pm). See the Fellowship Hall Bulletin board for more information for contact [Jon17e@yahoo.com](mailto:Jon17e@yahoo.com).



**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? Available dates are **Nov. 19 and Dec. 17, 24 & 31.**

**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 4<sup>th</sup> 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



**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!

**Concert - Joyful Jubilee:** will be the next Susquehanna Valley Chorale concert on **Sunday, October 29** 3:00 pm at the Weis Center for the Performing Arts at Bucknell University in Lewisburg. It will be a collaboration between the SVC and Essence 2, Ltd directed by Anthony Leach, professor of music at Penn State. These two acclaimed choral groups partner to perform a program of traditional and new African-American choral works. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$8 for students. For more information call 570-547-0455 or visit [SVCmusic.org](http://SVCmusic.org)

**Save the Date:** For our Interfaith Community Thanksgiving Observance on **Sunday, Nov. 19<sup>th</sup>** at 4 PM.

**Presbyterian Women of the Presbytery:** You're invited to the Fall Gathering of PW of the Presbytery at the Watsontown First Presbyterian Church, 401 Main Street, on **Saturday, October 21** at 9:30 AM. Following worship, Linell Stabler will present information about ACES North America, a ministry involved in helping to eliminate poverty in the Dominican Republic. Lunch will be served by the women of the church. Anyone interested in attending, please contact Diane Kitts (275-3467).

**Reformation Sunday:** Grove celebrates Reformation **Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup>** with an intergenerational experience. Individuals of all ages are invited to attend the event during the 9:00 AM Sunday School hour. There will be activities for all ages as we learn about Martin Luther and the Reformation.

**The Presbyterian Women's Circle** will meet at Muffin Man on **Thursday, November 2**, from 9 to 10:30 AM. For those with a book, the lesson is chapter 10, Humility. This is our last meeting for Becoming a Woman Whose God is Enough. On December 7, we'll begin Who is Jesus? What a Difference a Lens Makes. Books can be purchased for \$8.80. We welcome everyone at any time, with or without a book.

## An Invitation to Worship Around the World: POLAND

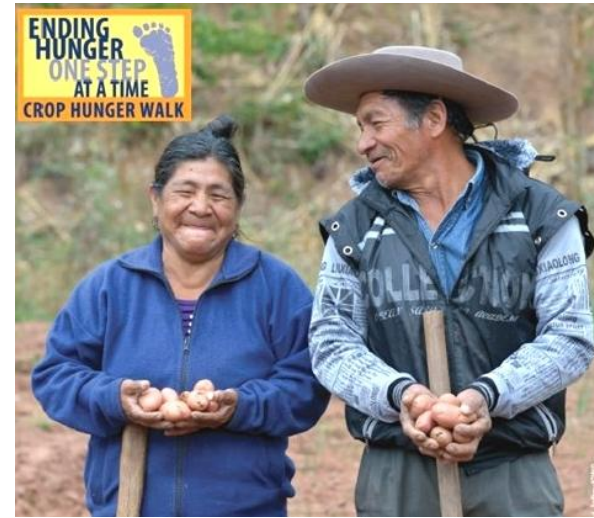
The Children's Choir programs are exploring Poland and neighboring Slavic countries during October; their selections today are set to a familiar tune from an old Polish carol.

A European country roughly twice the size of Pennsylvania, Poland has a rich Christian heritage since 966 when its first ruler converted. Despite severe suffering and oppression (world wars, Communism) during the last century, most people in Poland still adhere to the Christian religion, and most of them belong to the Roman Catholic Church.

On October 4, we enjoyed a wonderful Wednesday meal of Polish haluskis (cabbage and noodles), potato pancakes with sour cream, and kielbasa sausage - turns out Lynne and Penny are good Polish cooks!

You're invited to join us **Wednesday, October 25** when Sister Maria Theresa of the Basilica of St. Cyril's and Methodius visits Grove. Cyril and Methodius were Greek brothers who became theologians and missionaries to Slavic countries, receiving the title "Apostles to the Slavs" and are patron saints of Europe. They influenced Slavic culture in numerous countries, and are credited with developing an alphabet to transcribe Old Church Slavonic.

**Niech Bóg będzie z toba**  
(God be with you)



## Change the world. One community garden at a time.

Those aren't just **potatoes** in Edulia and Gregorio Vaquera-Galarza's hands... They are the **instruments** of social and economic **prosperity**.

Before, the farmers in their indigenous community in Bolivia barely survived on a diet of boiled corn. Their children were weak from malnutrition.

Today they grow an ample supply of nutritious fruits and vegetables in a community garden. They harvest enough food to feed their families and a surplus to sell in the market. With the income they make, they are able to purchase protein to supplement their diet and buy more seeds for the garden.

Through the CROP Hunger Walk, you are there, investing in Edulia and Gregorio and their smiles are thanks to you!

**Just last year, 50,217 global neighbors** like Edulia and Gregorio were provided stable sources of nutritious food.

**795 million** more people in this world are waiting for your help.



**\$25**  
Chickens  
for a family  
in Indonesia



**\$54**  
Seeds for three  
community  
gardens in  
Nicaragua



**\$130**  
A pair of  
goats in  
Haiti



**\$525**  
A hand-  
pump well  
in Myanmar