

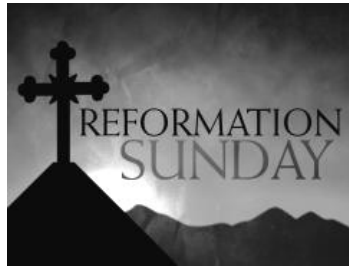
**Grove Book Club:** will gather Sunday, Nov. 12<sup>th</sup>, at 7 PM in the home of Merry Hackenberg – 818 Red Lane, Danville. Newcomers are always welcome. The selection is - *"Before the Fall"* - by Noah Hawley

**Children's clothes needed:** The Good Samaritan Mission Center is in need of children's clothes, both boys and girls, sizes 3-12. If you don't have any children's sizes, could you please check with your neighbors or friends? The mission is open 9-4:30 Tuesday-Friday and 10-12-Saturday. Please drop them off at the mission. Thank you so much for your helping these children.

**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.

**Calendar of Church Events**

- Sun. Oct. 29:** *Reformation Sunday*  
 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM Church School  
 9:45 AM Adult Choir Rehearsal  
 10:15 AM Worship – Rev. Dr. Carrie Stine
- Tues. Oct. 31:** 9:00 AM Spiritual Growth - GR  
 6:00 PM Adult Bells
- Wed. Nov. 1:** 11:00 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



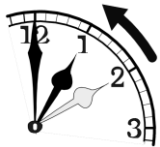
- Thurs. Nov. 2:** 9:00 AM PW – *Muffin Man*  
 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM After School Counseling – GR & Nursery  
 6:30 PM BSA Committee Mtg - GR  
 7:00 PM BSA Troop 39 – FH

**Fri. Nov. 3:** 3:00 PM – 7:30 PM Viola/Violin Lessons – GR

**Sun. Nov. 5:** *End Daylight Saving Time*  
*Communion & Ingathering Offerings*

- 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. Doug Orbaker
- 11:15 AM Worship & Music Committee

**Reminder to Fall Back**



(Figures as of Sunday – Oct. 22nd)

| YEAR TO DATE REVENUES VS. EXPENSES |              |
|------------------------------------|--------------|
| Revenues                           | \$198,923.43 |
| Expenses                           | \$184,910.51 |
| 2017 Balance =                     | \$ 14,012.92 |

Attendance October 22: 10:15 AM = 94

**Grove Presbyterian Church News**

[www.GrovePres.org](http://www.GrovePres.org)

October 29, 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 Joyce Gibson; given by Bill & Judy Gibson.

Deacons for today are Beth Holmes and Jen Henning. Large print bulletins and bulletins for children are available from the ushers.



**Coffee Fellowship:** Join us for coffee hour following the service. We thank Sue Oberkircher 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.

**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.

**Food Bank:** Next Sunday will be our Food Bank Ingathering. Each month we ask members to bring a donation of food to help stock the area Food Bank. We specifically need Canned Vegetables at this time.

**Thursday - The Presbyterian Women's Circle** will meet at Muffin Man this 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.



**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 Two Dates Remain!** Can we fill them up? Available dates are **Dec. 17 & 31.**

**Feed a Friend:** A collection barrel, located in the corner of the Fellowship Hall, will be collecting food and turkey certificates. Needed: 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).

**Session Reminder:** The Committees of Session, Board of Deacons, and Session Elders will meet **Monday, Nov 6<sup>th</sup>**, starting at 6:00 PM.

**Congregational Meeting:** The Session of the Grove Presbyterian hereby calls the annual congregational meeting for **Sunday, November 19<sup>th</sup>**, at 11:15 am, immediately following the service of worship, to act upon the report of the Nominating Committee, and to receive the report of the Corporation and Finance committee regarding the budget for 2018, as well as any other pertinent business. All members in good standing are urged to attend and participate. Nominations may be made from the floor provided the nominee for the office has given prior consent to the nomination. A ballot vote will be taken in that circumstance.

**Spire Articles:** The December Spire articles are due in the church office no later than **Monday, November 13<sup>th</sup>** in order to make the Daily Item's print deadline.



**Sip-N-Savor Adult Fellowship Event:** Saturday - November 11<sup>th</sup>, 7-10 pm. Join in on a fall evening to Sip-N-Savor at the home of Mary Ellen and Helmut Doll - 192 South Overlook Drive, Danville (formerly 66 Overlook). Bring your favorite appetizer to share (although come anyway if you do not bring an appetizer). Call Mary Ellen at 570-854-1286 if you have any questions. We look forward to a fun and tasty evening for all.

**Today-SVC's Joyful Jubilee:** Held at 3:00pm at the Weis Center for the Performing Arts, Bucknell University. 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

**Community Thanksgiving Service:** Sunday, November 19<sup>th</sup> at 4:00pm Grove hosts the Danville Community Thanksgiving Service. Choirs, choir directors, and pastors from the community have been invited to participate as we gather remembering those who took risks, crossed seas, and joined together with strangers in the hope of making a new community based on freedom, respect and unity. Please plan on joining as a family – light refreshments will follow the service.



**Luther's Bible**  
Reformation Sunday  
October 29, 2017

These. The theses, which criticized the sale of indulgences by church officials, are considered the opening salvo in the Protestant Reformation—a movement that emphasized individual relationships with God and salvation through faith alone. Luther is also celebrated for a second piece of writing: his translation of the Bible into German. After Pope Leo X excommunicated Luther in 1521, the reformer took refuge inside Wartburg Castle. There he completed his translation of the New Testament, based on Erasmus's 1516 Bible text. First printed in September 1522, the "September Testament" does not include Luther's name on the title page, an elision meant to limit church reprisals. The Old Testament translation proved more difficult, owing in part to Luther's struggles with Hebrew and his insistence that the text be accessible to all Germans. "The translator must not be led by the Hebrew words," Luther wrote. "He should make sure that he really understands the sense and ask himself: 'What would the German say in such-and-such an instance?'" His editorial philosophy required inventive interpolations. For example, he replaced the word "chameleon," which would have been unknown to sixteenth century Germans, with "weasel." It took Luther and a team of fellow scholars twelve years to translate the Old Testament, which was printed in 1534 together with Luther's New Testament. Despite criticism for the way he valued certain books of the Bible over others and for editing passages to fit his own theology, Luther's Bible was an immediate and lasting success; one Wittenberg publisher alone printed 100,000 copies between 1534 and 1574. Many Germans regarded it as a work of literary genius, the way English readers would revere the King James Bible in the century to come.

*Reformation Sunday materials are provided by the Presbyterian Historical Society. For more information on the Reformation and PHS, visit us at [www.history.pcusa.org/reformation-sunday](http://www.history.pcusa.org/reformation-sunday)*

**Above left** Portrait of Martin Luther, engraved by John Sartain, 1835.

**Above right** Title page of Luther's translation of the New Testament, 1582. *PHS Rare Books Collection.*

**T**his year Presbyterians celebrate the 500th anniversary of Martin Luther's 95

## Reformation Litany with “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God” Hymnal No. 260

Leader: God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

**People: Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult.**

**All Sing: VERSE 1**

*A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;  
our helper he amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.  
For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe;  
his craft and power are great, and, armed with cruel hate,  
on earth is not his equal.*

Leader: There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,  
the holy habitation of the Most High.

**People: God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved;  
God will help it when the morning dawns.**

**All Sing: VERSE 2**

*Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing;  
were not the right man on our side, the man of God's own choosing.*

*Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus it is he,  
Lord Sabaoth his name, from age to age the same,  
and he must win the battle.*

Leader: The nations are in an uproar, the kingdoms totter;  
God speaks and the earth melts.

**People: The Lord of hosts is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our refuge.**

Leader: Come, behold the works of the Lord!

**People: God makes wars cease to the end of the earth;  
God breaks the bow, shatters the spear,  
and burns the shields with fire.**

**All Sing: VERSE 3**

*And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us,  
we will not fear, for God has willed his truth to triumph through us.*

*The prince of darkness grim, we tremble not for him;  
his rage we can endure, for lo! his doom is sure,  
one little word shall fell him.*

Leader: Be still, and know that the Lord is God!

**People: God is exalted among the nations;  
God is exalted in the earth.**

Leader: The Lord of hosts is with us;

**People: The God of Jacob is our refuge.**

**All Sing: VERSE 4**

*That word above all earthly powers, no thanks to them,  
abideth; the Spirit and the gifts are ours through him who  
with us sideth; let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also;  
the body they may kill, God's truth abideth still,  
his kingdom is forever.*



Martin Luther (1483-1546) felt that music was of God, not of man, and was determined to restore congregational singing in the German language to the Church.

His passionate beliefs about music and worship led him to write both words and music for several hymns, including "A Mighty Fortress is Our God." He urged people to use the hymns at home, encouraged parochial schools to teach them to their students, and congregations were soon able to sing the hymns from published hymnals.

The first line of "A Mighty Fortress" is inscribed on his tomb.