

Presbyterian Women: The Presbyterian Women's Circle will meet at Muffin Man on Thursday, December 7, from 9 to 10:30 AM. In the Before we begin a new study book in January called *Who is Jesus? What a Difference a Lens Makes*, in December, we'll have an informal discussion of "Who is the Holy Spirit? How have you encountered the Spirit? We welcome your thoughts.

Community Christmas Concert at Grove: This year's Community Christmas concert featuring many local musicians will be held **6:00 p.m. Sunday December the 10th**. Many local artists will be performing some traditional music as well as a number of originally composed Holiday numbers. The concert is open to the public and free, although there will be an "at will offering" to benefit our Gate House Shelter. We hope to see you all there.

The Susquehanna Valley Chorale: Will once again continue its popular holiday performance, *Candlelight Christmas*, on Saturday Dec. 9 at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 10 at 3 p.m. at Zion Lutheran Church in Sunbury. Glorious voices, harp, brass and candlelight highlight this traditional holiday concert. The Susquehanna Valley Youth Chorale will join the SVC for this special performance. For more information, go to <http://svcmusic.org/>

Calendar of Church Events

- Sun. Nov. 19:** 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM Church School
 9:45 AM Adult Choir Rehearsal
 10:15 AM Worship, Rev. Dr. Carrie Stine – *Children's Choirs Sing*
 11:15 AM Congregational Meeting
 11:15 AM Ordination and Installation of Deacons and Elders
 4:00 PM Community Thanksgiving Service at Grove
- Mon. Nov. 20:** *DASD evening Parent Teacher Conf. – (Primary & Liberty V)*
- Tues. Nov. 21:** *DASD evening Parent Teacher Conf. – (Primary & Liberty V)*
 9:00 AM Food Bank Meeting - FH
 9:00 AM Spiritual Growth - GR
 6:00 PM Adult Bells
- Wed. Nov. 22:** *DACD Closed – Prof. Dev. Day #5*
 7:45 PM Kerygma
- Thurs. Nov. 23:** *Thanksgiving Day – Office Closed*
- Fri. Nov. 24:** *Office Closed*
- Sat. Nov. 25:** 8 AM – 3 PM Eagle Scout Court of Honor – *Kit, Sanct, & FH*
- Sun. Nov. 26:** 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM Church School
 9:45 AM Adult Choir Rehearsal
 10:15 AM Worship – *Rev. Carrie Stine*

(Figures as of Wednesday – Nov. 15)

YEAR TO DATE REVENUES VS. EXPENSES	
Revenues	\$214,421.68
Expenses	\$196,368.25
2017 Balance =	\$ 18,053.43

Attendance Nov. 12 = 84

Grove Presbyterian Church News

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November 19, 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 our families, given by Barbara and John Clement.

Deacons for the month of November are Beth Holmes and Christian LaMotte. Large print bulletins and bulletins for children are available from the ushers.

Coffee Fellowship: Join us for coffee hour following the service. We thank the Amanda and Kathy Leicht 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 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.

Community Thanksgiving Service: Today, November 19th 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.

Congregational Meeting - Today: The Session of the Grove Presbyterian Church hereby calls the annual congregational meeting today - **Sunday, November 19th**, 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.

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!

Grove Child Care Provider Wanted: Child Care volunteers needed to allow us to offer Child Care during Sunday School, Worship and Wednesday evening activities. Grove is committed to Safe Church, which requires two adults with child clearances to teach and care for our children. Please consider volunteering in Child Care in the coming weeks as we seek a permanent person for that position. Unfortunately we will not be able to provide Child Care during any event when we are unable to have two cleared adults for supervision. If you know of anyone interested in our Child Care staff position please speak to Lynne Pabst or any member of the Nurture committee. (Beth Holmes, Beth Christian, Cassie Weaver)

Grove 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, 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, and we need an accompanist to help make it all happen!

Food Bank Rep. 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

Flower Chart: **Only One Date Remains for 2017!** Can we fill it up? Available date = **Dec. 31.**



Advent Family Night: Plan to join us **Wednesday, Nov. 29** at 6:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall for a fun-filled evening! Advent is the special season before Christmas during which we prepare our hearts and homes to celebrate the arrival of Christ on earth. Crafts, stories, food...interesting and fun for all. Pizza will be provided; bring some of your favorite Christmas cookies to share for dessert. We will also be decorating the church for Advent, so we need your help. Something for everyone to do!

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.

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.

Address Changes: As the new addresses change, please remember to phone in or email (GroveChurch@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.

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.

2018 Offering Envelopes: For those requesting their 2018 envelopes prior to heading to their winter destinations – the 2018 envelopes can be found in alphabetical order on the table just outside the church kitchen in the fellowship hall. Please notify the church office if you wish to not use envelopes.

Grove Serves Ronald McDonald House: Grove will be providing dinner for families staying at the Ronald McDonald House on **Sunday – Dec. 3rd** at 6 pm. A sign-up sheet is posted in the fellowship hall for those willing to help with providing food/dishes, and or clean up. Please contact Amanda Leicht at 570-284-4144 or amandaleicht@hotmail.com to help with this local ministry.

Jan/Feb Combined Spire: Articles are due no later than Monday – December 11th.