

# SERMONS FOR JAN. & FEB. 2012

- Sun. Jan. 1:** Isaiah 61: 10-62: 3 Luke 2: 22-40  
**Sermon:** *"Four Seasons"*  
 The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be Celebrated  
**ONE SERVICE AT 11:00 AM**  
 Ingathering Offerings  
 Hymns: "All Night, All Day" (GSB)  
 "All Beautiful the March of Days" (H)  
 "As with Gladness Men of Old" (H)
- Sun. Jan. 8:** Genesis 1: 1-5 Mark 1: 4-11  
**Sermon:** *"Confessing: Making laws for the human mind"*  
 Hymns: "You Are My Hiding Place" (GSB)  
 "Lord, When You Came to Jordan" (H)  
 "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing" (H)
- Sun. Jan. 15:** I Samuel 3: 1-10 John 1: 43-51  
**Sermon:** *"Nathaniel: Religion or faith?"*  
 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity  
 Hymns: "Onward, Christian Soldiers" (GSB)  
 "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" (H)  
 "Take My Life" (H)
- Sun. Jan. 22:** Jonah 3: 1-5, 10 Mark 1: 14-20  
**Sermon:** *"Immediately"*  
 Congregational Meeting  
 Hymns: "Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling" (GSB)  
 "Dear Lord and Father of Mankind" (H)  
 "Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore" (H)
- Sun. Jan. 29:** Deuteronomy 18: 15-20 Mark 1: 21-28  
**Sermon:** *"Authority: God in Nature?"*  
 Hymns: "The Trees of the Field" (GSB)  
 "For the Beauty of the Earth" (H)  
 "Fairest Lord Jesus" (H)
- Sun. Feb. 5:** Isaiah 40: 21-31 Mark 1: 29-39  
**Sermon:** *"Synagogues"*  
 The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper / Ingathering Offerings  
 Hymns: "Soften My Heart" (H)  
 "Come, Christians, Join to Sing" (H)  
 "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" (H)
- Sun. Feb. 12:** II Kings 5: 1-14 Mark 1: 40-45  
**Sermon:** *"Say Nothing: What happened to the priest?"*  
 Scout Sunday  
 Hymns: "Surely the Presence of the Lord" (GSB)  
 "Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun" (H)  
 "This Is My Father's World" (H)
- Sun. Feb. 19:** *Visiting Preacher*
- Sun. Feb. 26:** Genesis 9: 8-17 Mark 1: 9-15  
**Sermon:** *"Wild Beasts and Doves"*  
 Hymns: "This is the Day" (GSB)  
 "In Christ There Is No East or West" (H)  
 "God of the Sparrow" (H)
- Sun. Mar. 4:** *Visiting Preacher*

# SPECIAL EVENTS & REMINDERS

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 1**

ONE SERVICE AT 11:00 AM - No Church School



**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4**

Bible Study

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 5**

Presbyterian Women

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 6**

Senior High Youth Retreat to Krislund Camp

**MONDAY, JANUARY 9**

Committees, Deacons, Session Night

**MONDAY, JANUARY 16**

Martin Luther King., Jr. Day / Office Closed

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18**

Start of Week of Christian Unity

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 19**

Breakfast Group – Location TBA



**SUNDAY, JANUARY 22**

2 PM Service of Christian Unity – St. Cyrils

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 28**

Robert Burns Dinner – Rolling Pines

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 29**

Kindermusik Registrations Due

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1**

Church School Staff Meeting – GR

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5**

Worship & Music Committee

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6**

Committees, Deacons, Session Night



**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12**

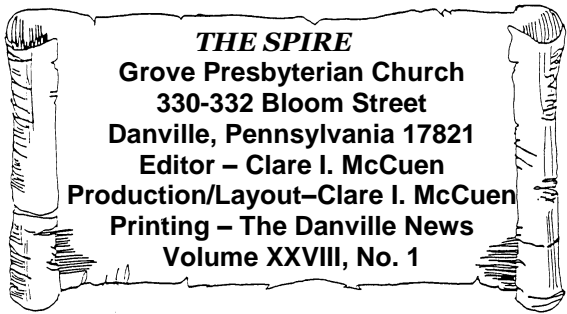
Scout Sunday

**WEDNESDAY, FEB. 14 to 21**

Pastor on Vacation

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19**

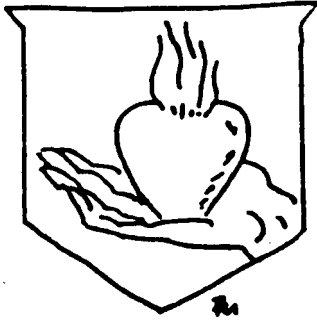
Camp Sunday



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# THE PASTOR'S COLUMN



**JOHN CALVIN'S SEAL**

1509-1564

**"...a hand offering up the flaming heart in  
zeal and dedication to Christ."**

he saw the planets - the 'earths' he called them in his thought - as mere holes or gaps in the living heaven - excluded and rejected wastes of heavy matter and murky air, formed not by addition to, but by subtraction from, the surrounding brightness." – Out of the Silent Planet, by C. S. Lewis

**"Feeling Broken"**

**October 30, 2011**

**Grove Presbyterian Church**

**Old Testament Lesson -- Nehemiah 1: 1-4**

**The words of Nehemiah son of Hacaliah. In the month of Chislev, in the twentieth year, while I was in Susa the capital, one of my brothers, Hanani, came with certain men from Judah; and I asked them about the Jews that survived, those who had escaped the captivity, and about Jerusalem. They replied, "The survivors there in the province who escaped captivity are in great trouble and shame; the wall of Jerusalem is broken down, and its gates have been destroyed by fire." When I heard these words I sat down and wept, and mourned for days, fasting and praying before the God of heaven.**

Nehemiah, Governor of Judea from 445-433 BC, was allowed to return to and rebuild Jerusalem by the Persian King, Artaxerxes I.

The temple in Jerusalem already had been rebuilt a quarter of a century before by exiles who had already returned: by the first wave of refugees returning home following the decree of amnesty by King Cyrus.

Reports get back to Nehemiah about how Jerusalem is still rubble. Yes, they first reconstructed the temple, but much more was needed.

For Nehemiah believed the temple and devotion insufficient security. Probably right. Pray devoutly, hammer stoutly. Their neighbors -- Philistines, Ammonites, Edomites, Samaritans, Arabs -- didn't want them coming back and re-inhabiting the land. Harassed, raided, threatened by these neighbors, fortifications against foes might be a wise move by vulnerable them.

Fear. Enmity. Nothing new under the sun.

Nehemiah's initial reaction: grief, fasting, prayer. God help us.

Then he decides he must go there and make it right. He cannot be an absentee governor.

Soon after arriving, Nehemiah walks about at night making a secret inspection. He confirms the reports.

Then it is a race to fix the danger.

When you notice something is broken, that's when you realize you need being built back up.

There's a whole lot of Jesus talk that deserves scrutiny. Including mine. My forte is talking religion without sounding particularly religious. Though sometimes I can fall into to the trap of sounding too churchy.

Jesus talk today takes many forms. God bless the variety. Some of us who are more academic can learn to be more emotional. Some of us who are more emotional can learn to be a bit more intellectual.

Religious or spiritual?  
Doctrine or passion?  
Law or Spirit?

Give me that old time religion or give me an emerging church.

Some Jesus language speaks to some people. To others, some of it turns them off. There is no "one size fits all." Thank you, Jesus.

Which means ferment, which means change, which means this is an exciting time for Christianity and the church still reforming.

This is an uncomfortable time also, for those of us who lack skills for the new.

In Baltimore last weekend for our daughter's wedding I had to get in touch with the bakery so I went up to the desk and asked the hotel clerk to borrow a phone book. He smiled at me kindly and told me they don't have phone books but he'd gladly look up the number on the computer. Such a brontosaurus.

What will the church for Jeremy Marks look like?

In many ways, we mainline churches, we old-school congregations, remind me of the father-of-the-bride giving his daughter away. Having experienced that last week with my daughter on my arm giving her up to her husband, I have a pretty good idea how that feels.

But, maybe, we of the original traditions still have virtues to offer our children. For example, can there really such a thing as a personal relationship with Jesus? Or is it our communal relationship with Jesus that shapes each particular relationship with Jesus? It may be personal but can Christianity be private or individual? According to our tradition: no.

A lot of walls are tumbling down. Sadly, new walls that divide also are being built up.

Watch out for how some Jesus talk -- very popular today -- deceives and separates -- it feeds you with what you want by promoting what we in the trade call a „prosperity gospel.“

If you please God, God will please you.  
Make Jesus happy, and you'll be happy.  
Really? Define happy.  
Believe in Jesus, and you will have a prosperous life, you will be rewarded, successful.  
Really?

And they mean materially, physically. A rewarded life.

Well, that's downright self-centered. It turns Jesus into an idol. It uses Jesus for yourself. Thinking yourself deserving is a pretty selfish attitude.

Faith contrasts between being rewarded for being Christian with living a rewarding Christian life.

A rewarded life? Or a rewarding life?

Sure we want our children safe and happy. But better is for them to be brought up by the church to live worthy lives.

If you think it's about rewards, let's read about Paul. Paul, eager to spread the good new of Jesus Christ, got rewarded with buckets of trouble and trial. Christianity doesn't always make life fine. It usually gets you into trouble. Paul himself viewed being broken down for his faith a tribute to his Jesus. His weakness and suffering revealed Christ. Not much reward but very rewarding. Listen as he contrasts his ministry with those posers and pretenders who took advantage of congregations. They hadn't earned the right to speak. They lacked scars. Listen:

Are they ministers of Christ? I am talking like a madman—I am a better one: with far greater labors, far more imprisonments, with countless floggings, and often near death. Five times I have received from the Jews the forty lashes minus one. Three times I was beaten with rods. Once I received a stoning. Three times I was shipwrecked; for a night and a day I was adrift at sea; on frequent journeys, in danger from rivers, danger from bandits, danger from my own people, danger from

Gentiles, danger in the city, danger in the wilderness, danger at sea, danger from false brothers and sisters; in toil and hardship, through many a sleepless night, hungry and thirsty, often without food, cold and naked. And, besides other things, I am under daily pressure because of my anxiety for all the churches. Who is weak, and I am not weak? Who is made to stumble, and I am not indignant?

It is in your brokenness not your success that brings you closer to Jesus. This helps explain why the pillars of the Reformed Faith upon which our church rises, differ markedly from much of today's popular Christianity. The church is far more Scriptural when we belong to an unpopular, uncomfortable Christianity.

There has to be more to going to church than to feel better about yourself.

Which wings us back in time to our beginnings and the Protestant Reformation. When Martin Luther nailed his 95 Theses on the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg on the eve of All Saints Day. Him raising questions about the church. Stirring up the pot. Risking unpopular debate. Making the church think about what they do and why.

These questions of faith were incubated by Martin Luther's profound sense of desolation, forsakenness, his agony of alienation (in German, his *anfechtunen*). Him feeling unloved, never good enough for God, never felt as if he qualified.

He was a man religiously oppressed by his sinful unworthiness – which tells you what a self-absorbed control freak he was, thinking himself in charge of his own salvation, in control of his spiritual life.

Until he discovered, as he wrote, “They are damned who flee damnation.”

Everything he did as monk was driven by his desperation to work out some way he could feel righteous. He prayed for hours. He confessed his sins to the point his confessor told him not to come back till he had some sins to confess. He whipped himself till bloody, mortifying the evil flesh. He tried every trick in the religious book.

Until he opened the only Book, the Bible, and read words that changed him. He read how there was nothing he could do to right himself with his God, to make himself worthy of Jesus' sacrifice of love and grace.

Until he realized how...

...the “All Terrible Judge” is the “All Merciful” also

...wrath and love fuse on the cross

...faith is not an achievement; it is a gift

--Roland Bainton, [Here I Stand](#)

You never will be worthy enough, never can be good enough. Yet you are accepted because God chooses to love you. Stop trying to control God.

Faith and devotion and living worthily is our response to what God has done in Christ, rather than that tiresome, futile, deadly, frustrating struggle to earn love or score points. It was in his brokenness, not his success, that brought Luther close to Jesus.

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I remember visiting an elderly woman of the church – a real faithful woman, a praying woman, a saint of the church. In a nursing home she told me how she hoped she was worthy of Jesus' grace and love.

The answer I gave her was simple: “You aren't. You aren't worthy.”

I know, the temptation is to assure her and boost her ego, but the truth is that however nice and church going and pious and loving she might be, she's still isn't worthy.

Thinking you need to be worthy cheapens God into a God of conditional love. Who is worthy of being loved? Whether by Jesus? Or by your spouse? Or your parents? Or by your children? What must little Jeremy do to be loved by his parents?

All you givers out there have such a hard time receiving, don't you. Givers tend to be givers in order to avoid dealing with how broken they really are.

Yet our unworthiness is where the loving reality and unconditional grace of Christ enters in.

Receive it. Receive it now.

## CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

*The Poinsettias that decorated the church were given to the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of:*

- ◆ *Perrin and Mary Louise Kent, given by the Cotner Family*
- ◆ *Harry and Nancy Stamey, given by Dan and Cindy Stamey*
- ◆ *George Matey, given by his daughter, Karen Carlomano*
- ◆ *Steve Kistler, given by Judy Kistler*
- ◆ *Douglas M. and Eleanor C. Housenick and Howard Lutz, given by Doug and Connie Housenick*
- ◆ *David Hackenberg, given by Doug and Carol Wintersteen*
- ◆ *Christine Wintersteen, given by Doug and Carol Wintersteen*
- ◆ *Belle Shutt, given by Doug and Carol Wintersteen*
- ◆ *James A. Wintersteen, given by Doug and Carol Wintersteen*
- ◆ *Jim Sutherland, given by Lisa Sutherland*
- ◆ *Laurie Sutherland, given by Lisa Sutherland*
- ◆ *Mr. and Mrs. Wilmer T. Bittler, given by Greg Bittler*
- ◆ *Becky and our parents, given by Rennie and Mary Beth Crane*
- ◆ *Skip Lenig, given by Jim and Lori Lenig*
- ◆ *Bruce Carl, given by Jim and Lori Lenig*
- ◆ *Judy Guediche, given by her loving family*
- ◆ *William H. Ryan Sr. and Helen J. Ryan-Kane, given by Susan Ryan*
- ◆ *Robert Lawvere, given by Scott Lawvere and family*
- ◆ *Our Parents, given by Ira and Betty Gensemer*
- ◆ *Mary and Shubert Walzer, given by the Marty and Cindy Walzer*
- ◆ *Eleanor and Ralph Foulke, given by Marty and Cindy Walzer*
- ◆ *Ryan Kennedy, given by Julie and John Kennedy*
- ◆ *Stanley K. Brua, given by Kent, Donna, Adam, Christi, and Jess Brua*
- ◆ *Ragnar and Dorothy Johnson, given by Bonnie Johnson*
- ◆ *William L. Martin Jr. and Francis T. Moyer and Mary Jane Moyer, given by Francis C. and Linda M. Moyer*
- ◆ *Pearl Ann and Tracy Morrison, given by Samuel Morrison*
- ◆ *Emma and Edward Johnson, given by Isabel Morrison*
- ◆ *Tom Stayer, given by Gary and Kessey Kieselhorst*
- ◆ *The Rhawn Family - Bruce, Hannah, Mary Louise, Howard, and Robert, given by Helen Rhawn, Linda Weckter, and Robert and Ann Neddoff*



## LIFESONG FOR ORPHANS

Decades ago, Presbytery received a generous gift to help support parents interesting in adoption. With Presbytery as steward, allocations have been made to a variety of members of our congregations who have brought orphans into their homes. We celebrate this gift of love. We celebrate our ability to fulfill the Bible's urgent and constant refrain to care for the orphans, the most vulnerable in our midst. Recently, Presbytery acted to augment this escrowed account by entering into a partnership with Lifesong for Orphans, an international organization whose mission is "Bringing Joy and Purpose to Orphans." How do they fulfill this mission? As Lifesong for Orphans says: "We seek to mobilize the church, His body, where each member can provide a unique and special service: some to adopt, some to care, some to give." For further information, please check their website: [www.lifesongfororphans.org](http://www.lifesongfororphans.org).

Through this partnership, grants from Presbytery can be doubled and loans can be secured. In addition, Presbytery benefits from a professional means by which our members apply for financial support. We are grateful for this vetting process and for the chance to truly encourage members of our congregation to hear the call to adopt children in need.

Bring this good news to the attention of your congregations. Let our families know Presbytery wants to support with prayer, guidance, and finances those interested in the gift of adoption.



But they that wait upon the Lord  
shall renew their strength;  
They shall mount up with wings as eagles;  
They shall run, and not be weary  
And they shall walk and not faint.

## CHURCH ROLLS REGISTER

### Sacrament of Baptism:

Chase Lee Patton, born August 5, 2011, Baptized December 11, 2011.

## THANK YOU

*Dear Mission Supporting Friends:*

*Warm Greetings from the Latin American & Caribbean, World Mission area office of the Presbyterian Church (USA). We want to thank you for your recent contribution. Your support is very meaningful, a sign of Christ's love to our sisters and brothers in Latin America & The Caribbean. May God continue to bless you for your generosity and willingness to help. Sincerely, Maria Arroyo – Area Coordinator, Latin America & the Caribbean World Mission*

*Greetings:*

*On behalf of Tony Turel, Vice-President of Danville Kiwanis, and myself, I would like to sincerely thank you for your recent monetary donation of \$50.00 to receive food assistance through the Feed-A-Friend project to get them through the holiday season. As you know, through tough economic times, especially those affected by the September 2011 flooding, many of our local families have difficulty putting meals on the table for themselves and their children. Your gift has made a great difference in what we are able to offer these families in their time of need. Thanks to you they will receive turkey, bread, eggs, butter, and other non-perishable items to fill their pantries. This project, arranged by the Danville Kiwanis and the Danville Chapter of the American Red Cross is just one small way our organizations can give back to our local community – AND we could not do it without your continued support. Your generosity, support, and thoughtfulness are very much appreciated and have given holiday joy to our local community families in need. Sincerely, Deanna L. Hollenbach – Executive Director.*

*Dear Grove Congregation:*

*Thank you for your gifts of \$1,000 and \$175 to the Gate House Shelter. We rely on the generosity of folks like you in helping us support the homeless in our community. The number of families and individuals needing shelter in Montour and Columbia Counties is growing. For the past 14 years, with the help of supporters like you, the Gate House has been here for our homeless neighbors. At this time of economic hardship, your contribution is especially important to ensure that everyone in our community has a safe place to call home and the support they need to get back on the road to independence. On behalf of the families and individuals who turn to the Gate House in their time of need, thank you for your support. Sincerely – Thomas M. DEougher, Jr., Executive Director,*

## CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting of the Congregation and Corporation of the Grove Presbyterian Church for noon, **Sun. Jan. 29<sup>TH</sup>**, for the purpose of hearing and acting upon the Annual Reports, as well as any other pertinent business. We adjourn from the Worship Service at noon into the Fellowship Hall for our regular congregational meeting. Copies of the 2012 Annual Report statistics will be available in the Fellowship Hall for pre-review 1/22

## YEAR END 2011 FINANCIAL BOOKS

The books will be closed from **December 26<sup>th</sup>**, to **January 11<sup>th</sup>**. Checks cannot be written until January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2012. If you anticipate a check needed during that time – please request it no later than December 21<sup>st</sup>. Offerings received 12/25 will be credited for 2011, but all donations received any day after, December 25<sup>th</sup>, will be credited for 2012. Thank you.

## 2012 OFFERING ENVELOPES

The 2012 envelopes can be found on the back tables in the Sanctuary, in alphabetical/numerical order. If you do not find your envelopes, there may have been an error in the computer maintenance process so please contact the church office and a number will be assigned to you. Please help us save postage and space in the sanctuary by picking them up as soon as possible. Thank you.

## ALTERNATIVE GIFT CATALOG

### Announcing Grove's Alternative Gift Catalog

Birthday, Anniversary, Thank You Gifts Needed? Instead of braving the malls and shopping centers for gifts, use Grove's new *Alternative Gift Catalog* to "purchase" gifts in honor of friends and family. The Catalog contains ideas for supporting missions within our church, the Danville community, and throughout the world -- and includes missions in which our Grove community is actively involved. A gift card is available to give to friends and loved ones to announce that a gift was given in their name.

Alternative Gifts provide an opportunity to share Christ's love while making a difference in the lives of struggling men, women, and children all over the world. For each gift, suggested dollar amounts show what your gift can provide -- but any size gift is welcome. You can use the Catalog to purchase gifts for others, and you can let your loved ones know which gifts would be meaningful to you.

Examples of gifts to give or receive through the Catalog include: a \$35 contribution for wash clothes and toothbrushes for the campers at Camp Victory, \$25 for supplemental food for a homeless family residing at the Gate House, \$50 for tools for the summer Senior High Mission experience, or \$50 for lunch for a day for the children at La Escuela in Nicaragua.

Alternative Gift Catalogs and the recipient gift cards will be available during worship and in Fellowship Hall during November and December. There is an "order form" in each catalog which can be returned along with your contribution either through the offering plate or by mail to the church. Checks should be payable to *Grove Presbyterian Church*. The church will compile all contributions and send one check to each mission project. Contributors do not need to be Grove members.

The ideas in the Catalog have been gathered by the Grove Witness Committee. If you have any questions or would like a catalog mailed to you, please contact Julie Kennedy at 275-2287 or [jkennedy@ptd.net](mailto:jkennedy@ptd.net). Thank you for your support of Grove's Alternative Gift Catalog.

## PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

The Presbyterian Women's Circle meets the first Thursday of each month at 7 PM in the Kirk House. On January 5, we'll look at lesson 5 of the Beatitudes Study and reflect on those who show mercy. On February 2, we'll examine the pure in heart as taught in Matthew 5:8; Psalm 24; and Psalm 51:1-12. Newcomers are always welcome.

## 2012 PER CAPITA APPORTIONMENT

The per capita apportionment for 2012 for churches in our Presbytery is \$29.25 per member. Where does the money go?

- \$ 6.63 Of the \$29.13 goes to the national and international administrative expenses of the General Assembly. The administrative cost of testing and reading the ordination examines of prospective Presbyterian ministers is paid for by this GA fund and the administrative cost of running the OGA.
- \$ 2.20 Goes toward the administrative work of the Synod of the Trinity headquartered in Camp Hill, PA.
- \$ 20.30 Defrays the administrative operating expenses of the Presbytery of Northumberland, such as salaries, office, travel, office supplies and equipment.

## THANK YOU CHRISTMAS FRIENDS

We thank everyone who participated in the Christmas Friends/Angel Tree Project. Through your generosity Grove sponsored four families. The monetary donations were also greatly appreciated. Thank you for your time and thoughtfulness. God Bless You. – *Wendy Adelsberger*

## PRESBYTERY HIGHLIGHTS

The Presbytery of Northumberland met on Saturday, November 19, 2011 at the Hanmaum Korean Presbyterian Church, Cogan Station (the word Hanmaum means literally ‘heart in hand,’ the Korean phrase for ‘united’). The following are highlights of the meeting:

- ◆ Our guest speaker and Keynote Speaker was the Reverend Dr. Bruce G. Stevens, Executive of the Synod of the Trinity.
- ◆ We began with the Prelude and Special Music and the performance from the Korean Dance Team. our Host Church.
- ◆ The Rev. George Spencer from the Presbyterian Homes reported on the two homes, the Presbyterian Home at Louisa Street and Sycamore Manor.
- ◆ Welcomed the Reverend Robert Dunkelberger as a member of Presbytery to serve Muncy as Temporary Supply
- ◆ Approved the Reverend William Chancellor as Honorably Retired
- ◆ The History of Northumberland Presbytery a four part video series. The 200 year journey of a people of faith from wilderness settlers to modern day servants of God.
- ◆ The DVD created by the Rev. Steve Cureton on the history of Northumberland Presbytery.
- ◆ Four Part Boxed Set \$28.30 The Order Form can be found on the Presbytery Home Page
- ◆ The Presbytery voted to enter into a year of self-examination. The goals of this year of selfexamination are as follows: 1. To provide a safe place for the people of this Presbytery to ask the hard questions about the future of their congregations, the Presbytery and the national church. 2. To give the congregations within our Presbytery a better understanding of our willingness
- ◆ to either stay the course or make some important and significant changes in our structure
- ◆ and possible affiliation. 3. At the beginning of 2013 the Council will bring before the Presbytery some agreed action steps as we discern God’s will for the future of this Presbytery.

The next meeting will be held at Northumberland First Presbyterian on Jan. 21.

## TRANSITION LEARNING PARTNERSHIP

Session approved entering into a unique partnership with the Transition Department of the Danville Area School District, the details of which are being ironed out. The goal of the transition Department is: transitioning students to pursue meaningful work and living in the community. We thank friend and principal Chris Johns for brokering this opportunity, where Grove Church will work with Jillian Robbins, Director of Special Education, and Julie Petrin, Transition Coordinator. Fourteen students will occupy the Hackey House during school hours to engage in the transition curriculum, fostering independent living, as well as use the house as the staging area for the High School students going and coming from work. Chores will be performed as well as meals prepared. We look forward to this partnership, especially as this provides an opportunity for our youth to expand their ministry outreach.

## SERVICE OF CHRISTIAN UNITY

Saint Cyril’s Basilica is the setting for the annual service celebrating the week of Christian Unity. The service will be held on Sunday, January 22nd, beginning at 2 PM. The theme this year comes from Paul’s letter to the Corinthians in which “We will be changed by the victory of our Lord Jesus Christ.” Pastor Andrews will participate.

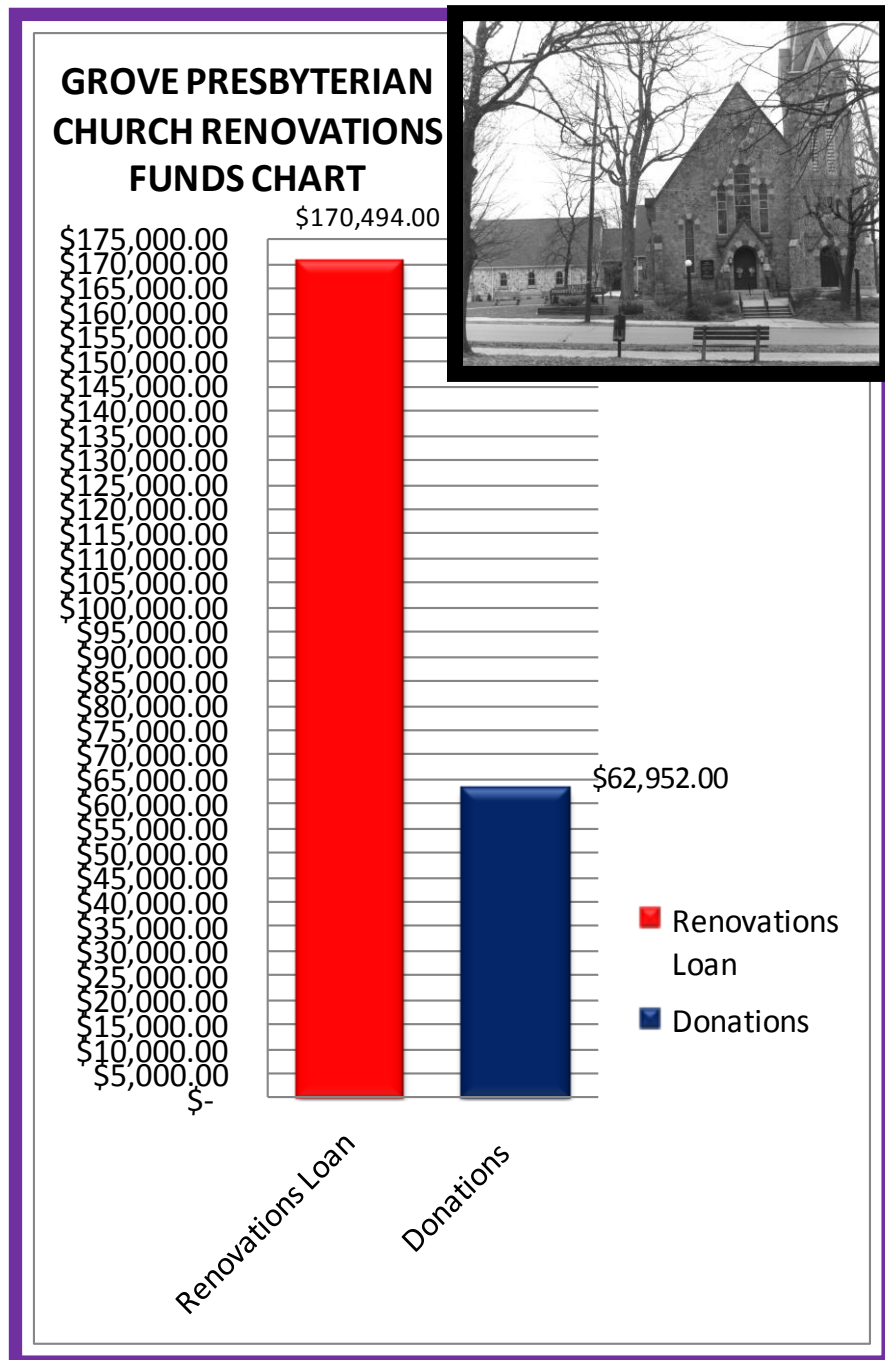
# GROVE RENOVATIONS

The Corporation and Finance Committee are working on pledge cards for 2012. Pledging isn't about just finances, it also involves pledging attendance to church services, pledging time and your talents to the church. We are hoping the congregation will respond favorably when the pledge cards are sent.

Francis Moyer, President

George O. Wagner, Treasurer

(Figures as of Dec. 14, 2011)



### 2010 CHURCH DATA

| MONTH TO DATE        | AMT.           | YEAR TO DATE   | AMT.           |
|----------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Dec. Budget Needed   | \$ 55,380.78   | 2010 Budget    | \$ 270,677.00  |
| Dec. Offerings Rcvd. | \$ 40,454.66   | 2010 Offerings | \$ 255,750.88  |
| Dec. Balance =       | \$-(14,926.12) | 2010 Balance   | \$-(14,926.12) |

### 2011 CHURCH DATA

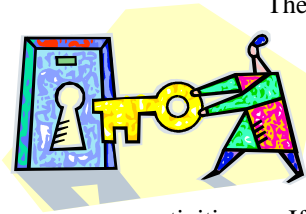
| MONTH TO DATE        | AMT.         | YEAR TO DATE   | AMT.          |
|----------------------|--------------|----------------|---------------|
| Dec. Budget Needed   | \$ 67,076.84 | 2011 Budget    | \$ 278,565.00 |
| Dec. Offerings Rcvd. | \$ 12,488.00 | 2011 Offerings | \$ 223,976.16 |
| Dec. Balance =       | \$ 54,588.84 | 2011 Balance   | \$ 54,588.84  |

## 2012 FLOWER CHART



The Flower Chart for 2012 is now in the Narthex. 2012 pricing is **\$23.00** per arrangement. In order to insure beautiful flowers each Sunday, please help fill in vacancies. Let us start with filling in **January and February**. Thank you.

## PROPERTY NEWS



The Property Committee would like to remind you to check all doors if you are the last to leave. Unlocked doors are being found and putting our members and property at risk. So, please remember to double check the doors when exiting (**push and pull**). And remember, when in doubt, **LOCK!** You can also help by keeping an eye out on the church when passing for any suspicious activities. If you notice non-members congregating, groups of skateboarders, etc., you can call the Danville police non-emergency line (275-2101) to have them investigate. We thank you all for your assistance in securing our property.

## 8<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL BURNS DINNER



You are invited to the Eighth Annual Burns Supper on Saturday, January 28th, 6:30 PM at Rolling Pines Country Club in Berwick, to celebrate the birthday of Scotland's Immortal Bard, **Robert Burns**. Come and display your Tartan and enjoy an evening of Authentic Scottish food, Bagpipes, Poetry and Singing. There will be many toasts (cash bar) and of course the HAGGIS will be addressed. The cost of the evening is \$30.00 and attendance IS NOT LIMITED. Checks are to be made out to "Robert Burns Dinner" and must be submitted at the time of the reservation to Bill Gibson (275-4820) or the church office (275-0692). Reservations **MUST be in by January 22<sup>nd</sup>**.

## FOOD BANK NEEDS

Each month we ask members to bring a donation of food to help stock the area Food Bank. On January 1st, we specifically need **Tuna and Canned Meats** and on February 5th, we will need **Canned Vegetables**. The Food Bank is supported by all area churches, and is an emergency supply for families in Riverside and Montour County. The Food Bank supplies food to approximately 200+ families **each month**. Supplies are greatly needed so please contribute.

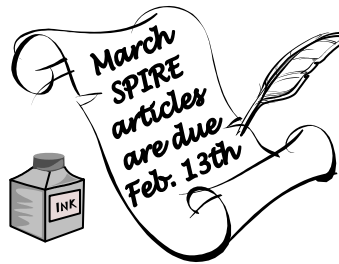
## SNOW POLICY



There will always be worship services at Grove Church. When the snow and bad weather arrive, Church School will be canceled by a joint decision of the Director of Children's Ministry and the pastor. An announcement will be made over the radio and TV, if possible. Teachers will be informed of the cancellation by the phone chain. All efforts will be made to have the sidewalks and parking areas plowed and cleaned as soon as possible. During the week, in the event that the Danville Schools are closed due to bad weather, Grove's Church Office will also be closed, and the activities scheduled for that day will be canceled. If the schools open one or two hours later, the Office will be open and the activities will be held as scheduled.

## LADIES NIGHT OUT

All women of Grove Church are welcome to attend "Ladies Night Out" which will resume on Thursday, January 26<sup>th</sup>, and on Thursday, February 24<sup>th</sup>, at 5:30 PM. The locations and contact persons will be announced in future bulletins once information is received.



### GROVE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**EARLY WORSHIP SERVICE @ 8:30 AM—CHURCH SCHOOL @ 9:30 AM**

**11 AM SERVICE OF DIVINE WORSHIP (SEPT. THRU MAY)**

**9:30 AM WORSHIP SERVICE (MEMORIAL DAY THRU LABOR DAY)**

**Office Hours: 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM Monday- Thursday**

**E-mail address: GroveChurch@aol.com – Church Office**

**Website address: GrovePresbyterianChurch.org**

**RevRJAndrews@aol.com – The Rev. Dr. Robert J. Andrews**

**DeskOfCMC@aol.com – Clare I. McCuen, Administrative Secretary**

**The Reverend Dr. Robert J. Andrews, Pastor**

**Office Phone = 275-0692**

**Pastor's Direct Line: 275-1965**

**Pastors Home Phone: 275-3225**

#### Emergency Hotline Numbers

Alcoholics Anonymous: 286-7436 or 654-0488 (Northeast Inter-group)

Al-anon: 800-628-8920 (National Hotline)

Narcotics Anonymous: 988-7177 / Women's Center: 784-6631

Gambler's Anonymous: 717-652-4400 / Child Abuse Hotline: 800-932-0313

Poison Center: 800-521-6110 / Good Samaritan Mission Center: 275-2500

Food Bank, American Red Cross: 275-1441

## SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

A joint meeting of Session and Deacons was held at the home of Pastor Andrews on Monday, December 5, 2011, convened with prayer at 6 PM.

**Elders present:** Jim Kishbaugh, Maribeth Vernon, Daniel Stamey, Francis Moyer, Merry Hackenberg (excused early), George O. Wagner, Ken Bills, Chris O'Rourke, Adam Zakarian. Scott Lawvere, Marty Walzer. Clerk Marks was excused due to illness. **Deacons present:** Beth Christian, Wendy Adelsberger, Linda Moyer, Iris Bills, Pam Franklin, Elaine Berberich, Carol Wintersteen, Gary Kieselhorst.

Elders and Deacons elect present: Jim Nemeth, Bill Godfrey, Bob Seebold, Scott Romberger.

- Approved the baptism of Chase Lee Patton for December 11, 2011.
- Approved the call of a special meeting of the congregation for December 18 to act upon the Terms of Call and present the budget to the congregation (earlier next year).
- Consensus agreed that annual reports will follow the model of integrating reports during the morning worship service, after the model of the election of officers and the ministry minutes. Written reports will be included in the January-February church newsletter where feasible. It was moved seconded and carried that the official meeting of the congregation will occur on January 29th following the morning worship, to discuss all oral reports and the written annual report which will include the statistical material.
- Final action pertained to a discussion of the meeting schedule and the arrangement of committees. The Deacons expressed the need to meet monthly due to their 'housekeeping' duties and to provide a time for Pastor Andrews to attend. It was agreed that Session and Deacons will return to the monthly meeting schedule, convening at 6:45 PM, on the first Monday of the month (excepting January 2 when they will meet on January 9). Every other meeting for Session, however, will remain an Expedited Action Meeting to deal only with necessary and urgent items. Committees will be able to meet from 6 to 6:45 PM. Fellowship and Nurture ministry team will separate, as will the Witness Team, returning to Children's, Fellowship, Youth, and Mission. Trustees will continue to meet as they determine. Worship will continue to meet on the First Sunday of the Month following worship. Those present signed up for their committee preference.

**Addendum:**

1. This list includes only current Deacons and Elders. We welcome all interested persons to participate on any and all committees. Where are you called to serve?
2. Nurture needs more involvement, could possibly blend with church school and reach out to new parents.
3. Youth includes youth advisors
4. Worship includes music staff

| Trustees                                                                                                                                                                                            | Nurture                                                                                                                                                | Youth                                                      |
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| 1. Jim Nemeth<br>2. Chris O'Rourke<br>3. Gary Kieselhorst<br>4. Ken Bills<br>5. Dan Stamey<br>6. Chuck Erdman<br>7. G.O. Wagner                                                                     | 8. Mary Lawvere<br>9. Jennifer Simmons                                                                                                                 | 10. Bob Seebold<br>11. Adam Zakarian<br>12. Beth Christian |
| Fellowship                                                                                                                                                                                          | Mission                                                                                                                                                | Worship                                                    |
| 13. Scott Romberger<br>14. Linda Moyer<br>15. Pam Franklin<br>16. Elaine Berberich<br>17. Carol Wintersteen<br>18. Iris Bills<br>19. Barbara Tapscott<br>20. Sann Lindemann<br>21. Merry Hackenberg | 22. Jim Kishbaugh<br>23. Wendy Adelsberger<br>24. Maribeth Vernon<br>25. Scott Lawvere<br>26. Robert Marks<br>27. Julie Kennedy<br>28. Kathy Kishbaugh | 29. Bill Godfrey<br>30. Kessey Kieselhorst                 |
| Staff Advisory                                                                                                                                                                                      | Nominating                                                                                                                                             |                                                            |
| Clerk of Session<br>Moderator of Deacons<br>At-large member                                                                                                                                         | 2 Elders<br>1 Deacon<br>2 At-large elected members<br>1 Women of Grove<br>1 Choir member                                                               |                                                            |

**Committee Goals and Responsibilities for 2012**

| <b>Trustees</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | <b>Nurture</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | <b>Youth</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
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| <p><b>Corporation and Finance Issues:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Oversee and create the budget (except the portions the Staff Advisory committee recommends to Session)</li> <li>2. Stewardship promotion</li> <li>3. Distribute church envelopes</li> <li>4. Oversight of Endowment Fund</li> <li>5. Review work of Memorial Committee (contributions thanked, items purchased, items dedicated)</li> <li>6. Provide Audit/Financial Review</li> <li>7. Elect Corporate officers</li> <li>8. Monitor investments</li> <li>9. Monitor expenses and income and all accounts</li> <li>10. Yearly insurance review</li> <li>11. Coordinate offering counters</li> <li>12. Insure for security</li> <li>13. Provide fund reports to Session</li> <li>14. Provide contribution statements to congregation</li> <li>15. Administration Krislund Campaign</li> <li>16. Monitor Memorial Fund</li> </ol>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Church School</li> <li>2. Pastoral Care of children</li> <li>3. Child/Nursery Care and supplies</li> <li>4. Toy audit and cleaning</li> <li>5. Opening Exercises</li> <li>6. Curriculum review</li> <li>7. Teacher recruitment</li> <li>8. Church school mission foci</li> <li>9. Safe Church Issues</li> <li>10. VBS</li> <li>11. Story Hours</li> <li>12. Bibles to 3<sup>rd</sup> Graders</li> <li>13. Resource Center upkeep and use</li> <li>14. Teaching supplies and equipment</li> <li>15. Art Camps</li> <li>16. Family Fun</li> <li>17. Oversee Kindermusik</li> <li>18. Krislund promotion</li> <li>19. To provide a variety of activities and experiences for children aged birth through 6<sup>th</sup> grade and their families</li> <li>20. To support parents in family worship, nurture of children, and fulfilling vows taken at Baptism</li> <li>21. To create bridges into the youth programming</li> <li>22. To ensure that all children experience God and church in age appropriate ways</li> </ol> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Confirmation class</li> <li>2. Youth mission trips</li> <li>3. Curriculum for youth</li> <li>4. Junior Fellowship</li> <li>5. Senior Fellowship</li> <li>6. Hackey House oversight</li> <li>7. Coordinate with DASD Transition students</li> <li>8. Leadership training</li> <li>9. Safe Campus issues</li> <li>10. Krislund promotion</li> <li>11. Krisland retreats</li> </ol> |
| <p><b>Property Issues:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>17. Inspect grounds and buildings regularly for needs</li> <li>18. Facility audit (handicap needs, evangelistic and welcoming)</li> <li>19. Make sure boiler is inspected</li> <li>20. Oversee bidding process</li> <li>21. Approve trash collector</li> <li>22. Identify tasks for the sexton and custodian</li> <li>23. Develop escrow account for building needs</li> <li>24. Implement long term maintenance plan</li> <li>25. Approve use of facilities and allocation of rooms</li> <li>26. Review as needed use of building policies and fees</li> <li>27. Maintain equipment</li> <li>28. Care and upkeep of interior</li> <li>29. Exterminator</li> <li>30. Care and upkeep of exterior</li> <li>31. Oversee memorial garden use and policy</li> <li>32. Implement and maintain conservation practices</li> <li>33. Parking lot needs</li> <li>34. Signage</li> <li>35. Snow removal</li> <li>36. Insure for safe and secure campus</li> <li>37. Seek 3 or more bids for formal bidding</li> <li>38. Kirk house remodeling and interior painting – new furniture, historical displays</li> <li>39. New Banners</li> </ol> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Oversee adult activities: book club, classes, lectures, church school, spiritual growth</li> <li>2. Oversee the evangelistic outreach of the church – mugs, cards, residents welcome, brochures</li> <li>3. Care for all members: new, old, and prospective</li> <li>4. Monitor and reach out to members who are drifting from active participation in church</li> <li>5. Help welcome new members who visit worship services and attend the coffee hour</li> <li>6. Help say goodbye to members who relocate (give them a picture of the church building)</li> <li>7. Coordinate church photographer</li> <li>8. Supervise production of Church directory</li> <li>9. Help promote church activities</li> <li>10. Maintain and distribute the welcome mugs</li> <li>11. Send notes to visitors or phone</li> <li>12. Monitor members slipping away</li> <li>13. Public relations</li> <li>14. Beaver Library representative</li> <li>15. Coordinate fellowship activities for all adult members of the church</li> <li>16. Pictorial Directory or wall</li> <li>17. Oversee educational and nurture experiences for adults</li> <li>18. Recognize 50 year members on World Communion Sunday</li> <li>19. Serve as conduit to Session for the Women of Grove and Presbyterian Women</li> <li>20. Marriage Enrichment seminars?</li> <li>21. Create opportunities for developing friendships</li> <li>22. Make sure the newcomer does not bear the burden of hospitality</li> <li>23. Give newcomers the chance to get connected with a small group</li> <li>24. Help equip each member to demonstrate the marks of a mature Christian (William Diehl): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• simplicity of life style</li> <li>• keen sense of justice</li> <li>• be giving</li> <li>• establish life in community</li> <li>• pray daily</li> </ul> </li> </ol> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Interpret mission to congregation</li> <li>2. Give opportunities to engage in concentric mission: home, local, regional, state, national, international</li> <li>3. Evaluate mission recipients</li> <li>4. Recommend benevolence amounts for budget</li> <li>5. Oversee Dental Fund</li> <li>6. Allocate funds as allowed by Session</li> <li>7. Represent Grove on Good Samaritan Board</li> <li>8. Coordinate support for hands on ministries and sponsored mission causes: Jubilee Kitchen, Lifesong, Kids ministry, Habitat for Humanity, Bloodmobile, State Hospital, Feed a Friend, Christmas Angels/Friends, CROP Walk, Woody Wolf</li> <li>9. Promote Special offerings: Theological Education Fund, One Great Hour of Sharing, Good Samaritan Fund, World Missions, Peacemaking (select our local recipient), Blanket Sunday</li> <li>10. Invite/recruit members to be involved in missions</li> <li>11. Provide conduit to Session for Serving Kids task force</li> <li>12. Administrate international mission trip</li> <li>13. Mission Fairs</li> <li>14. Alternative Giving Catalogue</li> <li>15. Maintain mission funding formulae. Net out the budget, then 10% is total budgeted mission, with 5% to go to General Benevolence and 5% to go to local mission allocations</li> </ol> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Plan special worship services: Thanksgiving, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Advent, World Communion, Kirkn'o' Tartan, Healing and Wholeness, services of self-examination, Martin Luther King, Jr., youth Sunday, Young adult Sunday, Christmas Eve, Mother's Day, Memorial Day, Scout Sunday</li> <li>2. Choose special bulletins as needed</li> <li>3. Maintain and tune the piano and organ, carillon</li> <li>4. Junior Deacons (with church school)</li> <li>5. Oversee music and special musical events</li> <li>6. Liturgical resources as needed</li> <li>7. Explore creative worship forms and make recommendations about liturgy</li> <li>8. Celebrate the sacraments</li> <li>9. Recruit musicians</li> <li>10. Review condition of hymnals, songbooks, and Bibles</li> <li>11. Renew copyright licensing for use of music</li> <li>12. Coordinate song leaders and pianists for 8:30 service</li> <li>13. Help when there are visiting preachers or musicians</li> <li>14. Provide sermon feedback</li> <li>15. Provide review of hymns</li> <li>16. Review adequacy of bulletins</li> <li>17. Train and orient greeters, readers, ushers (with Deacons)</li> <li>18. Determine hours of worship</li> <li>19. Dedicate and Recognize Choirs and those involved in music ministry</li> <li>20. Provide proper certificates for members, baptisms,</li> </ol> |

| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• be committed to growth of our inner selves</li> <li>• move out from a firm sense of identity</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | <p>weddings</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>21. Worship audit of the sanctuary</li> <li>22. Insure high quality worship centered on the Word</li> <li>23. Keep worship fresh and worthwhile</li> <li>24. Review the idea of an earlier Christmas service</li> <li>25. Friends of Groom follow up</li> </ol>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
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| <b>Staff Advisory</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | <b>Nominating</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | <b>Clerk of Session</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <p><i>Session will serve as Staff Advisory Committee at-large except when Staff Advisory is directed to consult on issues.</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Review terms of call and prosecute at annual meeting</li> <li>2. Review salaries, wages, and bonuses</li> <li>3. Review pastor</li> <li>4. Hire and fire church staff</li> <li>5. Oversee gifts to business, individuals, groups for services</li> <li>6. Coordinate pastoral coverage during pastor's absences</li> <li>7. Monitor safe church and safe sanctuary protocols</li> <li>8. Staff for growth</li> <li>9. Recognize anniversaries of staff</li> </ol> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To nominate persons to serve as Elders and Deacons by class</li> <li>2. To suggest and groom names for the next several years nominating committees</li> <li>3. To nominate persons to serve on Church committees</li> <li>4. To communicate to the congregation who these persons are and why they were chosen</li> <li>5. To present the nominees at the congregational meeting in November</li> </ol> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Record the Session and Congregational meetings</li> <li>2. Serve as chairperson of the Staff Advisory Committee and provide general oversight of the church staff</li> <li>3. Maintain the rolls of church membership</li> <li>4. Sign certificates of ordination/membership</li> <li>5. Help run meetings when authorized by the Moderator</li> <li>6. Prosecute the terms of call at the annual meeting of the congregation</li> <li>7. Represent the congregation</li> <li>8. Write letters as needed (e.g., thanks)</li> <li>9. Welcome Presbytery whenever we host the Presbytery meetings</li> <li>10. Encourage and monitor Elder involvement and attendance</li> <li>11. Provide Session digest for Spire</li> <li>12. Submit Annual Statistical Reports to Presbytery</li> </ol> |

## CHURCH BOOK CLUB



Due to the Christmas Concert scheduled last month, the church book club rescheduled its reading of C.S. Lewis' *Out of the Silent Planet* for 7 PM, January 8<sup>th</sup> at the home of Spring Taylor Santos.

From Amazon.com: The first book in C. S. Lewis's acclaimed Space Trilogy, which continues with *Perelandra* and *That Hideous Strength*, *Out of the Silent Planet* begins the adventures of the remarkable Dr. Ransom. Here, that estimable man is abducted by aliens and taken via spaceship to the red planet of Malacandra.

Once on the planet, he eludes his captors, risking his life and his chances of returning to Earth. First published in 1943, *Out of the Silent Planet* remains a mysterious and suspenseful tour de force from one of our best-love writers.

# CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

*by Lynne Pabst - Director*

## **CHURCH SCHOOL NEWS**

In December the children collected monies for to support a child in Nicaragua. Also \$125 of reeds was given to the Middle School Music Program.

Children preK through 8<sup>th</sup> grade start in the chapel area with Praise Time and then move to their classrooms.

| Date    | PreK                                                                                                    | Kindergarten through 4 <sup>th</sup> grade                                                                                                         |
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| Jan. 1  | Animals Welcome Jesus<br>Luke 2:1-20<br>Animals welcome baby Jesus.                                     | The Magi Visit Jesus<br>Matthew 2:1-12<br>The Magi sought Jesus. When they found him they worshiped him and gave him gifts.                        |
| Jan. 8  | Shepherds visit Jesus<br>Luke 2:8-20<br>Shepherds visit Baby Jesus.                                     | Passover in Jerusalem<br>Luke 2:41-52<br>Twelve year old Jesus grows into his identity as God's Son.                                               |
| Jan. 15 | Angels Praise God<br>Luke 2:8-20<br>Angels say "Jesus is Born!"                                         | John Baptizes Jesus<br>Mark 1:1-8<br>John the Baptist prepared people for Jesus' coming.                                                           |
| Jan. 22 | Wisemen Visit Jesus<br>Matthew 2:1-12<br>Wisemen visit Jesus.                                           | Andrew and Peter, Philip and Nathanael<br>John 1:35-51<br>One by one they followed Jesus                                                           |
| Jan. 29 | Simeon knows Jesus<br>Luke 2:22-38<br>Simeon knows who Jesus is.                                        | Jesus and Nicodemus<br>John 3:1-21<br>Jesus told Nicodemus, a Pharisee, about being born anew.                                                     |
| Feb. 5  | Anna Tells People About Jesus<br>Luke 2:22-24, 36-38<br>Anna knows Jesus, too.                          | Jesus and the Woman at the Well<br>John 4:1-30, 39-42<br>Jesus met a Samaritan woman and she told her friends about him.                           |
| Feb. 12 | Mary and Joseph: When We Lived in Egypt<br>Matthew 2: 13-21<br>Mary and Joseph and Jesus live in Egypt. | Jesus Welcomes Children<br>Mark 10:13-16<br>Jesus modeled an open and all-embracing welcome.                                                       |
| Feb. 19 | Mary and Joseph: And Jesus Grew<br>Luke 2:39-40<br>Jesus was a child.                                   | Mary and Martha Welcome Jesus<br>Luke 10:38-42<br>Two sisters welcome Jesus to their house.                                                        |
| Feb. 26 | Teachers in the Temple<br>Luke 2:41-52<br>Jesus learned new things.                                     | Jesus and the Blind Man<br>John 9:1-41<br>Jesus healed a man who was blind, helping him not only to regain his sight, but also to see and believe. |

*(from WEE Believe and We Believe Winter 2011-2012)*

There are classes for all ages and there is still room for you. Parents remember there is child care for children under 3 years of age right across the hall from the adult class meeting room.

## **SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT**

“Safety is certainly important. But for Generation iY, safety has often been allowed to trump growth. As parents, we don't want them out of our sight. As educators, we're concerned about liability and feel we need to avoid risk. We believe we are protecting our future by protecting them. In reality, we may be harming the future. Because of our overprotective parenting and education methods:

- A large percentage struggle with obesity.
- A large percentage experience nearsightedness.
- A large percentage find it difficult to fulfill commitments.
- A large percentage wrestle with depression after eighteen years old.
- A large percentage discover life is hard to cope with after leaving home.

(Elmore, T. *Generation iY*. Atlanta, GA: Poet Gardener Publishing, 2010)

### **THANK YOUS**

- Thank you to all those who helped make the weekend with the Friends of the Groom possible:
- To Pam Franklin for providing breakfast.
- To Sue Oberkircher and all her helpers for the festive reception, wonderful lunch, and coffee hour during the weekend.
- To Scott Lawvere for manning the electrical equipment.
- To Mac Andrews and his helpers for moving furniture.
- To Clare and Deanna for all the work they did in the office printing booklets, poster, and making arrangements.
- To Wallace G. Pabst, Jr. for distributing posters.
- To Natalie Kupas, Kessey Kieselhorst, Cleo Weader, Kay Shulski for serving on the planning committee.
- To Jim and Sandy Runyon for driving the Friends of the Groom team to and from the Harrisburg airport.
- To Shiloh UCC for the use of its van.
- To all who attended the workshop.
- To the congregation and community for making the “Friends of the Groom” feel welcomed and receiving them so well.
- To the Presbytery of Northumberland for the grant.

### **HOME ACTIVITY**

Take a favorite Bible story. Read it as a family. Then each person takes on a character and together act out the Bible story. Older children or adults can be narrators. If there are not enough characters, people can be props as well. Have some fun.

### **WHAT'S NEW IN THE RESOURCE ROOM?**

Check out *Generation iY: Our Last Chance to Save Their Future* by Tim Elmore published in 2010. A look at generational differences and how we should care for the next generation to lead.

### **KINDERMUSIK**

The Spring semester of Kindermusik starts Wednesday, February 15<sup>th</sup> and ends Wednesday, May 9<sup>th</sup> 2012. Class for children up to age three years meets at 5:00pm and the class for 3 and 4 year-olds meets at 5:45pm. Registration must be submitted by Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup>. Late registrations will not be honored. See the registration form on the back page of this Spire.

### **CAMP SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

On Sunday, February 19<sup>th</sup> a special offering is taken to fund scholarships to Camp Krislund. Each year Grove sends community children to Camp Krislund underwriting the whole cost. Grove also is committed to making the Camp experience more affordable to all Grove children attending by offering scholarships. Please use the envelope available on this Sunday or make a donation clearly earmarked for Camp Scholarship Fund.



### **SLEDDING FAMILY EVENT**

Be prepared because when we get some snow in January, we will be putting out an email for families to join for a day of sledding followed by potluck. Watch your emails, it will need to be impromptu.

### **INFANT AND TODDLER CHILD CARE PROVIDER**

Grove is currently looking for someone to assist Sandy Lewis on a regular basis with child care during the church school and 11:00am worship hours and during other church gatherings as needed. The person would need to obtain appropriate clearances, be over the age of 18 years, and have knowledge of infant and toddler development or be willing to obtain appropriate training. Interested individuals should contact the church office, 275-0692.

### **CHERUB CHOIR NOTES**

As we start the new year, the Cherubs start learning another bell song and how to use dynamics when singing. Remember the snow policy, DASD closed or early dismissal then no choir. We sing January 22<sup>nd</sup> and February 19<sup>th</sup>.

## OPPORTUNITIES TO MINISTER – JANUARY 2012

|                           | JANUARY 1                                                                                  | JANUARY 8                                                                                 | JANUARY 15                                                                                | JANUARY 22                                                                                | JANUARY 29                                                                                |
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| <b>Ushers:</b>            | * Wendy Adelsberger, Elaine Berberich, & Linda Moyer<br><br><b>ONE SERVICE AT 11:00 AM</b> | * Wendy Adelsberger, Elaine Berberich, & Linda Moyer<br><br><i>As assigned by Deacons</i> | * Wendy Adelsberger, Elaine Berberich, & Linda Moyer<br><br><i>As assigned by Deacons</i> | * Wendy Adelsberger, Elaine Berberich, & Linda Moyer<br><br><i>As assigned by Deacons</i> | * Wendy Adelsberger, Elaine Berberich, & Linda Moyer<br><br><i>As assigned by Deacons</i> |
| <b>Greeters:</b>          | Deacons                                                                                    | Deacons                                                                                   | Deacons                                                                                   | Deacons                                                                                   | Deacons                                                                                   |
| <b>Worship Leaders:</b>   | Grove Youth                                                                                | David C. Sanders                                                                          | William S. Gibson, Jr.                                                                    | Kessey J. Kieselhorst                                                                     | Gregory A. Bitler                                                                         |
| <b>Nursery Providers:</b> | <b>Volunteers Needed</b>                                                                   | <b>Volunteers Needed</b>                                                                  | <b>Volunteers Needed</b>                                                                  | <b>Volunteers Needed</b>                                                                  | <b>Volunteers Needed</b>                                                                  |
| <b>Coffee Hour:</b>       | <b>See Sign-up Sheet</b>                                                                   | <b>See Sign-up Sheet</b>                                                                  | <b>See Sign-up Sheet</b>                                                                  | <b>See Sign-up Sheet</b>                                                                  | <b>See Sign-up Sheet</b>                                                                  |

**\*Head Usher & Deacons of the Month:** Wendy Adelsberger, Elaine Berberich, and Linda Moyer

**Communion Elders for 1/1:** Scott A. Lawvere, George O. Wagner, Maribeth E. Vernon, Daniel R. Stamey and Christopher L. O'Rourke

## OPPORTUNITIES TO MINISTER – FEBRUARY 2012

|                           | February 5                                            | February 12<br>Scout Sunday                   | February 19<br>Camp Sunday                                    | February 26                                                   |
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| <b>Ushers:</b>            | * <b>To Be Announced</b><br><br><i>Junior Deacons</i> | * <b>To Be Announced</b><br><br><i>Scouts</i> | * <b>To Be Announced</b><br><br><i>As assigned by Deacons</i> | * <b>To Be Announced</b><br><br><i>As assigned by Deacons</i> |
| <b>Greeters:</b>          | The Junior Deacons                                    | <i>Scouts</i>                                 | Deacons                                                       | Deacons                                                       |
| <b>Worship Leaders:</b>   | <i>Grove Youth</i>                                    | <i>Scouts</i>                                 | Spring Taylor-Santos                                          | William C. Godfrey                                            |
| <b>Nursery Providers:</b> | <b>Volunteers Needed</b>                              | <b>Volunteers Needed</b>                      | <b>Volunteers Needed</b>                                      | <b>Volunteers Needed</b>                                      |
| <b>Coffee Hour:</b>       | <b>See Sign-up Sheet</b>                              | <b>See Sign-up Sheet</b>                      | <b>See Sign-up Sheet</b>                                      | <b>See Sign-up Sheet</b>                                      |

**\*Head Usher & Deacons of the Month:** To Be announced

**Communion Elders 2/5:** Kessey J. Kieselhorst, Barbara M. Tapscott, Adam D. Zakarian, James D. Kishbaugh, II, Kenneth G. Bills, Jr.

**Junior Deacons for 2/5:** Holden Zakarian, Elijah Zakarian, Jenna Lankford, Tyler Pierce, Aiden Hendricks

## NICARAGUA REPORT

Adam Zakarian skyped Doug Orbaker in Nicaragua. Here is his preliminary report:

I explained our desire to first and foremost go where we are most needed. I told him of our hope to become partnered with a community. He told me that CEPAD has 15 current partnerships between rural communities in Nicaragua and churches in the US / Canada (they have no such partnerships in Managua yet).

CEPAD uses a 5 year covenant between the two groups as a model. This encourages commitment and also gives an opportunity to move-on or "re-up" at the end of the 5 years if desired.

Doug is checking with the Managua Moravian church to see if they want us to work on the "Ronald McDonald house" as our mission this March. If they commit we can work on that mission in 2012 and while in Nicaragua we can decide with them if an on-going partnership could be in our future.

This is the church / congregation that Doug worships with when he is in Managua. He thinks there is a good potential for a partnership to support the visiting families from the Atlantic Coast Moravians, the local Moravians and the clinic that this church supports. He should have an answer within the next week on whether we will be working in Managua.

If the Moravian option falls through, Doug's co-missionary, Leslie Clay, will work on providing us with other options for partnerships that may be able to start this year. Partnerships are her focus. She is in the U.S. (W. Va) over the holidays and may be contacting me in the near future. I reminded Doug that we (Grove) are OK with roughing it! No matter what we end up doing I know it will be good if we do it all for the glory of God.

On the question of bringing minors, Doug reminded me of needing written parental permission from both parents if children travel abroad. Also some additional paperwork would be needed for any children traveling without a parent (I don't think that is our case). His only caution is that if you have 1 or 2 kids they tend to work well with the adults / community. If you have 3 or more they tend to become their own unit and don't interact or work as well with the group. He also thinks 15 is a good minimum age.

Roster is being formulated.



## BREAKFAST GROUP

The Breakfast Group will meet on Thursday, January 19<sup>th</sup> 8:30 AM at Rick Mars Restaurant. Contact Cindy and Charlie Dark at 284-4322 for reservations. Location and contact person for the February 16<sup>th</sup> gathering will be announced in the bulletin.

## ADDRESSES NEEDED



It's that time of year again, when many of our young people go off to college. We need their new addresses in the office, so we can keep our mailing lists updated and avoid paying extra postage for returned mail. We don't want them missing out on what's going on here at Grove. Please call the church office or email [GroveChurch@aol.com](mailto:GroveChurch@aol.com) with all recent college addresses.

## GOOD SAMARITAN MISSION CENTER

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Good Samaritan Mission Center is in need of people who would be willing to volunteer at the Mission Center. The Center is open on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursdays from 9 AM – 5 PM. Volunteers are needed to:

- Work at the front desk registering clients and helping them with their clothing needs (shifts are 9-12, 12-3, and 3-5)
- Sort donated clothing and put in on hangers (shift is usually 9-12)
- Enter clients on the computer (hours are flexible during business hours)

If you are interested in helping or would like more information, please call Good Samaritan Mission Center at 275-2500 during hours of operation and leave your name and phone number. Your help would be greatly appreciated

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## KINDERMUSIK REGISTRATION

The first semester of Kindermusik classes will begin on Wednesday, February 15<sup>th</sup>, and run to May 9<sup>th</sup>. Since materials need to be ordered, it is asked that the children be registered and the materials' fee are due in the church office no later than Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup>. Checks should be made payable to: *Grove Presbyterian Church*

### CHILDREN MAKING A JOYFUL NOISE!

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Child's Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Parent(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone No: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

- Kindermusik Class A:**  
 Wednesday, 5:00 – 5:30 PM  
 Ages 18 months to three years  
 Parent participates with child  
 Cost \$70.00 Member (\$85 non-member)



- Kindermusik Class B:**  
 Wednesday, 5:45 – 6:15 PM  
 Ages 3 years to 4 years  
 Parent participates last 10 mins.  
 Cost \$50.00 Member (\$65 non-member)



Emergency Phone No: \_\_\_\_\_

Medical or Special Needs of which Teacher should be aware:

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Please return to Church Office or place in the offering plate. Thank you.

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