



# Pine Grove Presbyterian Church

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## Pastor's Ponderings

*Reverend Carl Campbell*

We are in the midst of the Lenten season looking forward to Easter. This time for reflection, study, and prayer is an opportunity for us to think about what we believe and how that faith is important to how we live. Since Christmas Eve we have lost 6 folks from our church family. Many of the folks we know are struggling with grief. We need to keep them in our prayers so that they might be lifted up. Notes, phone calls and visits are appropriate and appreciated. We need each other in the midst of all

the challenges of life but when we lose loved ones we realize how much we need the family of faith to support us.

Through the funerals we have had I have been gratified to see how faith in the Risen Christ lifts us up and gives us hope for this life and the life to come. On this coming Easter we will hear the proclamation; "Christ is Risen!" and we will respond with the cry of faith; "He is Risen indeed!" Our Lord who became human, suffered and died, has conquered death. In his sacrifice for us, our sins are forgiven. We have had the way to God thrown open for us in Jesus. We can live and serve in the knowledge that God loves us enough to come in Christ to save us. But Jesus' gift to us extends beyond the physical years of our life here on earth. He showed us God's love and forgiveness and he taught us how to love and serve each day we live. Beyond all that he was raised from the dead giving us the hope, the assurance, that we are to have eternal life with him when our time is finished here.

In this Lenten and Easter season, we remember and celebrate the life, death and resurrection of the Son of God who came to show us the way, to be our truth, and to give us a life today that is filled with love, hope and peace and a future life lived eternally with God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit! Thanks be to God who gives us that victory in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Carl Campbell

## Bible Study

Come join us for Bible Study every Thursday at 12pm. If you have a question about something and want to know what the Bible has to say about it, write it down and bring it and we will learn together.

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## Session Update

For 2018, the Session of Pine Grove Presbyterian Church of Pine Grove Mills, PA includes the moderator, the Rev. Carl Campbell, and nine ruling elders.

Property and Budget: Caleb Campbell, Johnny Martin, and Jeff Sechler

Program and Worship: Ellen DeAntonio, Joan Henney, and Edna Miller

Stewardship and Mission: Ken Barto, Marie Marshall, and Bill McVicker.

- The traditional turkey dinners were held the last Saturdays of January and February, with another coming up on April 7. Proceeds will go to support the State College Food Bank. Friends and family of the church are encouraged to help, attend and invite others to support the dinners.
- An audit of the church financial records was held in January and found the books to be in order. Session accepted the audit report as presented.
- Scout Sunday was celebrated on February 4 with local scouts in attendance.
- Congregational activities included a community Christmas carol sing on December 10, 2017.
- Communion was served on January 14, 2018. The next communion will be served on Maundy Thursday, March 29. Additional communion dates for the year will be June 3, August 5, October 7 and November 25.

## Holy Week Schedule

### **Palm Sunday (March 25):**

- 10:15am – Worship

### **Maundy Thursday (March 29):**

- 6:30pm – Worship and communion (downstairs)

### **Good Friday (March 30):**

- 7pm – St. Paul Lutheran Church

### **Easter Sunday (April 1):**

- 6:30am – Sunrise service at top of Pine Grove mountain
- 10:15am – Easter Worship Service
  - Easter egg hunt after worship

## Lenten Time for Prayer

On Wednesdays in Lent we will have a “Time for Prayer.” We will gather at 6:00pm and end by 6:45pm when choir begins. It will be a time to lift our prayers to God during the Lenten season of reflection. All are welcome.

## Per Capita

Per Capita for 2018 is \$35.70 per active member. These funds are used to cover administrative costs at Presbytery, Synod and General Assembly. The church is required to pay the per capita each year. Please use the special envelope provided in your offering envelope box.

# Presbyterian Women

*Sue Harpster*

Presbyterian Women distributed \$100 at their January meeting to the following recipients: Interfaith Human Services – Fuel Bank, Interfaith Human Services, Krislund, Joel Pighetti and Harold Harpster.

## **Maundy Thursday Meal**

The February and March meetings will complete arrangements for the Maundy Thursday Meal to be held March 29, 2018 at 6:30 PM in the social room of the church. This home cooked meal is eaten in silence while listening to the pastor read and interpret the events leading to Easter. There will be a sign-up sheet requesting the following: beef stew, fruit salad, pickled beets, apple cake and one box of Matzo crackers.

## **Spring Gathering**

The Spring Gathering of all local P.W. will be held Saturday, April 28 at Windy Hill Village in Philipsburg from 9 AM – 1 PM. Our P.W. pays the luncheon cost for each representative from our church. A State Police officer will speak about human trafficking here and elsewhere. Any and all women of our church may choose to attend. Please inform Sue Harpster or Linda Young if you

are attending. Carpooling is most often available. The Spring Gathering's mission is to collect recreational items for the residents at Windy Hill Village. These include: regular size playing cards, large print word search books, adult coloring books, colored pencils, UNO playing cards, pens and markers. Please consider donating. **The representatives going to the Spring Gathering will take such items on Sat. April 28.** There will be a basket in the vestibule for the above items.

## **All are welcome at meetings**

Please attend any of the Presbyterian Women's meetings – third Sunday of the month from 9 AM – 10 AM if you have a particular cause you'd like this group to support.

Our next meeting: Sunday, March 19 at 9:00am.

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# Cub Scout Corner



Cub Scout Pack 44 is starting to wind down their year but that doesn't mean they haven't been busy! In January, they participated in the annual Klondike Derby—an outdoor skills competition for the 4<sup>th</sup> and

In February they held our Pinewood Derby race, went ice skating, and held our annual Blue and Gold banquet, where the 5<sup>th</sup> grade scouts leave Pack 44 and cross over from Cub Scouts to their chosen Boy Scout troops.

Pack 44 is always looking for new members. If you know of any boys in grades 1–5 who may be interested, email [pack44pgmpa@gmail.com](mailto:pack44pgmpa@gmail.com) or direct them to the Pack 44 page on our website: <http://pinegrovepresbyterian.org/cub-scout-pack-44>

5<sup>th</sup> grade scouts held at the Seven Mountains Scout Camp.

## Church Announcements

### Labels / Box Top Collection

Spread some TLC by clipping from various grocery items, any Labels for Education, Box Tops for education and snapping off the tabs from metal food or beverage cans. These benefit Ronald McDonald house, Ferguson Elementary School and VFW National Children's Home. Drop off is conveniently located on the bulletin board in the downstairs.

### Camp Scholarships

Did you know our church provides scholarships to youth interested in attending summer camp? If you know of a youth at the church who is interested in attending a summer camp at Krislund Camp (<http://krislund.org/>) please see a Session member to learn how to receive scholarship funds.

### Church Fellowship

If you are willing to set up refreshments for after church fellowship times please sign up on the list on the bulletin board in the vestibule. Thank you to those who help and/or provide refreshments!

### Newsletter Articles

We are always looking for articles to include in our quarterly newsletter. If you have something to share, please email your article or idea to [pinegrovepresbyterian@gmail.com](mailto:pinegrovepresbyterian@gmail.com). We plan to compile the next newsletter in early June. Please have articles submitted by May 31.

### Choir Practice

Interested in sharing your musical talents with the church? Join our church choir! Practice is every Wednesday at 6:45pm at the church. All are welcome to join.

### Birthdays and Anniversaries

Below are the upcoming birthdays and anniversaries of those in our church family that we are aware of. If you'd like to provide your birthday or anniversary, please email Beth Raney: [bnraney@gmail.com](mailto:bnraney@gmail.com).

#### Birthdays:

##### March:

- Donna Ellenberger (3/3)
- Dale Rupert (3/7)
- Mary Dunkle (3/15)
- Beth Raney (3/26)
- Marissa Fix (3/31)

##### April:

- Aiden Rupert (4/8)
- Tony Schaufler (4/8)
- Shelby Corl (4/10)
- Sandra Talley (4/13)
- Katie Rupert (4/14)
- Abby Sechler (4/21)

##### May:

- Jeff Sechler (5/1)
- Ruth Crawford (5/1)
- Edna Miller (5/12)
- Dot Lauck (5/18)
- Brenda Schaufler (5/22)

#### Anniversaries:

##### March:

- Doug and Janet Schaufler (3/25)

##### April

- Ron and Edna Shuey (4/28)

##### May

- Jeff and Tacee Sechler (5/22)

## Church Announcements continued

### Easter Egg Hunt

The Deacons will be providing eggs for an Easter egg hunt after the 10:15am Easter Sunday worship service. All children are welcome to come and join in on the fun. We typically have two groups – younger kids in the front of the church, older kids in the back.

### Turkey Supper

Come join us on Saturday, April 7 at 6pm, for our last all-you-can-eat Turkey Supper. Tickets are required and can be purchased for \$9 in advance by calling Jan Kocher at 238-8801. Come enjoy a great meal and socialize with family and friends. Take-out is available.

### One Great Hour of Sharing

We will be collecting donations for the One Great Hour of Sharing during lent. For the children who receive the fish banks, please return them on Easter Sunday. These funds enable the church to share God's love with our neighbors-in-need around the world by.

### Wheelchair Available

A wheelchair has been donated to the church and is available upstairs in the small room by the lift for anyone who may need it while in the church. If used, please return it to where you found it.

### Election Day – May 15

Election Day is Tuesday, May 15. Please take the time to go cast your ballot for our elected officials. Every vote counts!

### Church website

Don't forget to check out the church website for all of the upcoming events and church announcements.

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

### Online giving now available!

We are pleased to announce the ability to tithe to our church via an online system. This online giving option is not intended to replace our regular plate offering, but rather give an alternative method for giving to those who would prefer to give in this manner.

Giving options include making a one-time donation; set up a recurring payment; pay with either a credit or debit card; or use a direct debit from your bank account.

#### How to give:

- Go online to [pinegrovepresbyterian.org/give](http://pinegrovepresbyterian.org/give)
- Click the "Give Now" button (you will be taken to a page hosted by the Presbyterian Mission Exchange)
- Fill in the form with the appropriate information
- Click the "Give Now" button to submit your donation to the church.

Thank you for your faithfulness and generosity.

### Spring Cleanup

We will be holding our Spring Cleanup Day on Saturday, April 28 beginning at 9am. Please join us if you are willing and able to come help clean up the outside of the church.

## Friends we miss and don't see very often

In an effort to include more members in our fellowship, we wanted to share a list of some of our friends who we miss and don't often see for various reasons. We invite you to visit, send a card, or simply pray for these wonderful members of our congregation.

### **Barto, Lois**

Epworth Manor  
925 S. Lincoln Avenue  
Tyrone, PA 16686

### **Confer, Max**

Juniper Village at Brookline  
1900 Cliffside Dr  
State College, PA 16801

### **Ellenberger, Donna**

Juniper Village at Brookline  
1900 Cliffside Dr  
State College, PA 16801

### **Foltz, Jerene**

301 Rolling Ridge Dr  
State College, PA 16801

### **Gallagher, June**

Elmcraft  
55 Carriage House Lane  
Reedsville, PA, 17084

### **Golding, Lois**

Elmcraft  
150 Farmstead Lane  
State College, PA 16803

### **Harpster, Doris**

Centre Crest  
502 E. Howard Street  
Bellefonte, PA 16823

### **Rebuck, Sara**

Valley View Home  
4702 E. Main Street  
Belleville, PA 17004

### **Welser, Ed**

P.O. Box 281  
Pine Grove Mills, PA 16868

### **Witherite, Betty**

102 Teresa Circle  
Port Matilda, PA 16870

## Senior Citizens Group

A Senior Citizens group meets on the 4th Thursday of most months from 11:30–2 p.m. in the social room (ground floor). There are no meetings in January and August. All are welcome. Annual dues are only \$1.00. Potluck lunch is the usual fare except when the group decides to go to lunch at a particular restaurant. President – Joan Henney, Vice Pres. – Grace Jones, Secretary – Bev Corl, Treasurer – Betty Powley.

## Retired Women's Group

The women get together monthly for breakfast at the Naked Egg Cafe in Pine Grove Mills at 8:30 AM, usually on the third Wednesday. We meet next on Wednesday, March 21. All are welcome! If you have questions, contact Beth Raney ([bnraney@gmail.com](mailto:bnraney@gmail.com) or 814-883-3551).

## Retired Men's Group

The men get together monthly for lunch, usually at IHOP, at 11:30 a.m. on the first Thursday of the month. We meet next on Thursday, April 5. All are welcome!

## News from Krislund

*Jim Purdum*

Krislund is seeing a change in faces but excitement and enthusiasm abound!

Recently, the Krislund staff, volunteers and Joint Camp and Conference Committee said goodbye to Gene Joiner and his family. Gene has left to undertake a challenging new position in Alabama and everyone wishes him well. The move takes him back to be closer to extended family and offers Gene an opportunity to be director of the much larger Sumatonga Camp, operated through the Methodist Church Conference.

Meanwhile, Gene has left behind a well-trained and enthusiastic staff that has embraced the challenges involved in running a full residential program as well as day camps, traveling day camps, community camps and work camps. The complete schedule for the summer is on the website as [www.krislund.org](http://www.krislund.org).

Megan Riddick, who has been serving as assistant director, will serve as interim director for the summer, working closely with representatives from the JCCC who meet regularly with all staff.

The JCCC has begun the process of identifying the skills and abilities needed in a director, given that the camp program has grown so dramatically under Gene Joiner's leadership. The board will establish a search committee and hopes to engage a new director in the fall.

Krislund staff is excited by the program this summer and, as always, seeks your prayers and support. Also, Krislund is still seeking staff members for the summer, so if you know of young Christians who are aged 18 or older who might like to be a part of this important ministry, please urge them to apply. They may do so at the Krislund website or by calling Megan at 814-422-8878.

P.S. Please put April 29th on your calendar to attend the annual Kids to Krislund dinner which raises funds for camperships. As Krislund grows, the need for camperships also grows.

Also, special thanks from everyone at Krislund for the very generous plate offering of \$518 for camp and conference Sunday on February 11th! Pine Grove Presbyterian Church has been held up as a shining example of love and support for this life changing ministry.

With gratitude,

Jim

## New Youth Group

Our church, in collaboration with St. Paul Lutheran and Fairbrook United Methodist churches, are planning to form a youth group for elementary and middle school aged children. We'll have more information in the future. Our next planning meeting is April 8 at 3pm at the church. Anyone interested in helping with this program is invited to attend. Follow along at [www.facebook.com/fergusontwpyouth](https://www.facebook.com/fergusontwpyouth).