



Pine Grove Presbyterian Church

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Pastor's Ponderings

Reverend Carl Campbell

As March arrives, we begin the season of Lent. Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent, is March 6. Then it is a little over six weeks to Easter! The Christian church has always used the Lenten season as a time of reflection and study leading up to the most important week in history. That week begins on Palm Sunday, with Jesus' entry into Jerusalem, and goes through Maundy Thursday, with the celebration of the Last Supper, into Good Friday, with the crucifixion, and then ends on Easter morning with the Resurrection.

I encourage you to set aside some time each day this Lenten season to reflect on your faith and what God has done for the world in Jesus Christ who became human, lived and died and was raised for our salvation. I suggest picking one of the 4 Gospels and concentrate on it during this time. Read of how Jesus, healed, taught and gave himself for us. Maybe pick something special to do each day to remind yourself of God's love poured out upon you and the world. Learn a favorite passage by memory. Spend time reaching out to someone with whom you have lost touch. Explore new opportunities for service. Pray daily for a person struggling or situation that you know is difficult. Take a look at your life and see what things or situations may be hindering the growth of your faith. Make an effort to heal a relationship with someone estranged from you.

We have all been given new life in Jesus Christ. Use this Lenten Season to renew yourself and your commitment to the One who teaches us how to love. As we move toward Easter let us take some time to pray and serve the one who served us by giving himself for our sins and who brings us peace and hope by his resurrection.

Carl Campbell

Church Directory Pictures

Be sure to sign up for a time to have your family's picture taken for our new church directory. Pictures will be taken on March 26 and 27 from 2-9 p.m. at the church. Sign up at church any Sunday or online at:

<https://booknow-lifetouch.appointment-plus.com/yvh3yn38/>

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Communicants Class

We will be having a Communicants Class for any child aged 11 and older beginning on Sunday, May 5. This class will take place during the Sunday School hour (9-10 a.m.) on Sundays and last until June 9 (we will not have class on Memorial Day weekend.). If your child is interested in participating, please contact Reverend Carl or email the church at pinegrovepresbyterian@gmail.com.

Session Update

For 2019, 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: Carol Zeigler, Johnny Martin, and Jeff Sechler

Program and Worship: Jan Kocher, Joan Henney, and Edna Miller

Stewardship and Mission: Ken Barto, Karen Roth, and Bill McVicker.

- The traditional turkey dinners were held the last Saturdays of January and February. Proceeds 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.
- Congregational activities included a community Christmas carol sing on December 16, 2018.
- Communion was served on January 20, 2018. The next communion will be served on Maundy Thursday, April 18. Additional communion dates for the year will be June 9, August 4, October 6 and November 24.
- A special congregational meeting was held on January 27 to nominate and approve Karen Roth as a ruling elder to fill the 2-year term vacated by Caleb Campbell.

The next meeting of Session will be on April 2, at 7:00 p.m. at the church.

Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday (April 14):

- 10:15am – Worship

Maundy Thursday (April 18):

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

Good Friday (April 19):

- 7pm – St. Paul Lutheran Church

Easter Sunday (April 21):

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

Pet Pantry Thank You

Contributions to the Pet Food Pantry are gratefully welcomed. The following is an example of someone who has been helped by the pantry:

Joe was employed full-time and financially stable. He was recently injured and can't work. With no income and depleted savings, he's grateful that the Pantry is helping feed his pets.

Per Capita

Per Capita for 2019 is \$36.30 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.

Presbyterian Women

Sue Harpster

The Presbyterian Women distributed funds from their annual bazaar to the following local agencies: CVIM, Bridge of Hope, Interfaith Human Services, IHS Fuel Bank, Habitat for Humanity, Youth Service Bureau, Housing Transitions and Centre Safe as well as supporting the various pledges made to P.W. in the Presbytery, in the Synod and at the church wide level. Any woman who attends the church may participate in any of the meetings from 9-10 a.m. on the third Sunday of the month, contribute to the world wide P.W. missions through special offerings such as the Thank, Birthday and Least Coin or be a representative from our P.W. for the Spring or Fall meeting of Huntingdon Presbytery at Windy Hill Village in Philipsburg.

Check out the P.W. – it's an active and rewarding group!

Sunday, March 24 the executive director of Interfaith Human Services, Wendy Vinhage will explain the many ways her organization helps those in our community through the Fuel Bank and money management skills. She will speak at the regular church service 10:15 a.m.

Thursday, March 28 the Ferguson Twp. Senior Citizens have arranged for the Chief of Police, Chris Albright to attend their meeting here at the church. He will talk about scams – how to recognize them, where to report the incident and how to avoid identity theft. Everyone (of any age) is invited to attend regardless of where they live. Bring potluck and own eating utensils for 11:30 a.m. luncheon and stay for the program or arrive around 12:10 p.m. to hear the Chief of Police's presentation.

Ferguson Township Youth Group

Our church, in collaboration with St. Paul Lutheran Church, runs a youth group in the area for kids in grades K-8. This group is intended to provide a safe, fun, and supportive place for kids to come and have a good time, play games, engage in entertaining activities and get involved in the community, all while hearing bits and pieces of ministry.

Everyone is welcome. There is no requirement to live or go to school in Ferguson Township. Meetings are typically the 4th Sunday of the month at the Ferguson Township Lions Club.

For March (March 24), we will be discussing comparisons and discussing things that have changed over time and what has stayed constant (the bible/religion). We'll have a short Bible lesson and have time for some fun games and activities.

Tell your friends, family and neighbors and bring a friend to our next meeting! Follow along at www.facebook.com/fergusontwpyouth.

Church Announcements

Food Bank Collection

During 2018, our church donated 658 pounds of food to the State College food bank. Thank you all for your support and donations! This month we will be collecting **canned pears and pineapple**. There is also a need for **pet food in cans or small bags**.

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.

Bible Study

Come join us for Bible Study every Thursday at 12 p.m. 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.

Turkey Suppers

Come join us on Saturday, March 23 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.

Spring Cleanup

We will be holding our Spring Cleanup Day on Saturday, April 27 beginning at 9 a.m. Please join us if you are willing and able to come help clean up the outside of the church.

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.

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

Labels / Box Top Collection

Spread some TLC by clipping from various grocery items, any Box Tops for education and snapping off the tabs from metal food or beverage cans. These benefit Ronald McDonald house and Ferguson Elementary School. Drop off is conveniently located downstairs.

Women's Breakfast

What began as a gathering of retired women of the church, has evolved to include whoever is available to join us for our monthly, dutch-treat breakfast and friendly conversation get-togethers. In March we're meeting at The Naked Egg Cafe in Pine Grove Mills on Wednesday, March 13 at 8:30 a.m. All are welcome to join in!

Questions, contact Beth Raney 814-883-3551 bnraney@gmail.com

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. We plan to compile the next newsletter in early June. Please have articles submitted by May 31.

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.

Online giving

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
- 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.

Easter Egg Hunt

The Deacons will be providing eggs for an Easter egg hunt after the 10:15 a.m. 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.

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.

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

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

Ellenberger, Donna

WynWood House
122 WynWood Drive
Centre Hall, PA 16828

Foltz, Jerene

301 Rolling Ridge Dr
State College, PA 16801

Gallagher, June

WynWood House
294, Discovery Dr
Boalsburg, PA 16827

Golding, Lois

Elmcroft
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. Officers: President – Joan Henney 234-4949, Vice Pres. – Grace Jones 238-1668, Secretary – Bev Corl 238-1267, Treasurer – Betty Powley 237-6147.

Krislund New Director

The Joint Camp and Conference Committee (JCCC) is pleased to announce the appointment of Kim Bosse' as its new Executive Director.

"On behalf of the entire Krislund community, we are delighted to welcome Kim Bosse' to our ministry as Executive Director," stated Charlie Winkelman, Chair of the Krislund Board. "Kim comes to us with a passion for Christian camping and a wealth of leadership and administrative experience that promises to take Krislund to the next level. Our committee worked tirelessly to sort through countless applications and numerous qualified candidates, and we couldn't be more pleased that Kim has agreed to lead Krislund as we continue to build on the success of the past few years."

Kim, who started at Krislund on January 15, is a native of Maine and has lived all over the United States. Most of her career has been in the nonprofit sector managing camps, recreation facilities, and business/community development agencies. Kim's first camp job was in 1978, and she has been involved in all types of camping since then, including day, overnight, YMCA, church, and independent camps. Kim has also been involved with camps dedicated to the medically fragile.

In her spare time, Kim is an avid outdoorsperson who loves hiking, biking, and swimming. In addition, Kim is quite the traveler, having visited every continent except Antarctica (guess where she's going next..).

Kim is very excited about having the opportunity to learn about Krislund and its mission and to use her experience and background to help Krislund grow and expand its ministry.

Kim would welcome feedback from parents and others who are associated with Krislund and has a personal policy of returning emails within 48 hours. If you'd like to touch base with Kim, you can email her at kim@krislund.org or call the office at (814) 422-8878.

Please join us in welcoming Kim to Krislund!