



Pine Grove Presbyterian Church

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Pine Grove Presbyterian Church, 150 W. Pine Grove Road, Pine Grove Mills, PA 16868

pinegrovepresbyterian.org

Pastors Ponderings

Reverend Carl Campbell

September is upon us and Labor Day is just past. School bus stops are busy morning and afternoon. Traditional travel times are over and we start to get back to regular schedules. Then something happens and you have new things to deal with and stress goes up and time flies by until you wonder how you are going to get things accomplished.

I have been feeling that way for a week or so now since my Mom ended up in the hospital. I am experiencing what many of you have in the past. Many of you understand taking care of family who are not living next door or down the street. I must say I am envious of you folks who have everyone in proximity. It would make things somewhat easier. My brother, Alan, lives close and will take good care of her and I will help when I can. Thanks for all your prayers and concern for my Mom. She is getting stronger and will probably need some rehab and therapy beyond the hospital for a while.

Times like these that my family is experiencing, are when we must practice what we believe. We are all in God's care and God is working in our lives and the lives of those we love. Sometimes we have to let go of trying to control everything and just do what we can and trust God to see us through. It might not be easy and it might not work out like we imagine but it will be alright because the love of God shown in our Lord Jesus Christ gives us strength to live. Trust God to lead you and give you the strength you need.

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Regular Sunday Worship

Beginning Sunday, September 11, we will return to our normal Sunday Worship time of 10:15am.

Sunday School

Sunday school is back in session beginning Sunday, September 11. We will meet at 9am before worship and will have classes for both youth and adults. All are welcome!

Mowing

If you're willing to mow the church grass, sign up in the vestibule. A reel mower is available at the church to use.

Pet Pantry Thank You!

Ruth Crawford



A big THANK YOU to all who continue to donate dog and cat food to the Pet Pantry. Our donations are gratefully received, and many times seem to be the exact items that are in short supply. Thank you all so much! Any questions, please call Ruth at 238-1860.

Session Update

Beth Raney, Clerk of Session

For 2016, 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: Ken Kephart, Doug Schaufler, and Jeff Sechler

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

Stewardship and Mission: Ken Barto, Marie Marshall, and Beth Raney, clerk.

At our last meeting, September 6, the following were noted:

- Our Fall schedule will begin on September 11 with Sunday School at 9:00 AM and Worship at 10:15.
- Choir practices will be held on Wednesday evenings this fall at the church beginning September 14th. All singers are welcome!
- Our Fall church picnic will be held on September 18th at Fairbrook Park at 1:00 PM. Everyone is invited to come and bring a dish to share, along with table service.
- Our next Communion will be served on Sunday, October 2, 2016.
- Centre County Crop Walk is scheduled for October 16, 2016 starting from St. Paul's Methodist Church. If you're interested in walking or supporting walkers, contact Carl or a member of Session.
- Our Church Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, November 20, 2016. Please plan to attend.
- We now have Online Giving as an available option from the church website for those who are at a distance or prefer to give that way. Visit pinegrovepresbyterian.org/give for more information.
- The Cub Scouts plan to use the church on Monday evenings and Girl Scouts on the second and fourth Thursday evenings each month.
- We will donate \$500 from the Relief Fund to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance to use as needed. Both Louisiana and West Virginia are in need now.
- A wheelchair was donated for use in the church.

The next meeting of Session will be on October 4, at 7:00pm at the church.

Annual Meeting

We will be holding our annual meeting on Sunday, November 20 after worship. Please plan to stick around and hear about the budget and goings on at the church. We will be nominating new deacons and elders at this meeting, so please prayerfully consider people for these positions.

Daylight Savings

A quick reminder that Daylight Savings Time ends on Sunday, November 6 at 2am. Don't forget to change your clocks!

Presbyterian Women

Sue Harpster

Women, mark your calendars for Sept. 18

Presbyterian Women's Association will start up their monthly 3rd Sunday meetings from 9 – 10 AM. Their major events will be the two annual fall bazaars. The Windy Hill bazaar takes place in Philipsburg on Oct. 15. Our church's bazaar will be held a few weeks after that, though an exact date has not been finalized. For our event we are looking for donations of food, household items, crafts, jewelry, books and other usable objects. No clothing, please. Also seeking persons willing to help set up two days prior to our bazaar, work the day of the sale, pack up the remaining unsold things and deliver to appropriate places like St. Vincent de Paul, Salvation Army or Good Will. There will be sign-up sheets for foodstuffs and workers. Please consider getting involved either with the beforehand operations or stop by the bazaar to purchase some objects. Proceeds from this event support various local charities and causes.

Upcoming Dates:

- Sept. 17 – RSVP due for Fall Gathering at Windy Hill on 9/24. Contact Sue Harpster.
- Sept. 18 – Presbyterian Women's Group kickoff meeting. Planning for both bazaars.
- Sept. 21 – RSVP due for Centre Region Senior Citizens trip to Grove City Outlets on 10/27
- Sept. 22 – Ferguson Twp. Senior Citizens meet at church for 11:30am Pot-luck lunch.

Holiday Bazaar at Windy Hill

The holiday bazaar will be held on Saturday, October 15 from 9–2pm. Items for sale include: handcrafts, needlework, artwork, woodwork, quilted items, canned goods, sewn items, jams/jellies, baked goods and so much more!

Items to be raffled off include: a quilt, table runner, lap quilt, live reeds. Raffle tickets are available from Joan Henney: \$1 each or 3 for #2.

Cub Scout Corner

Jeff Sechler, Committee Chair, Pack 44



Cub Scout Pack 44, which our church sponsors, is excited to get another fun year under way. Some of our events for the upcoming year include our annual Penny Carnival, a

Rocket Shoot, Popcorn Sale, Ice Skating, Pinewood Derby and many other activities and events. Our pack consists of a great group of boys and leaders and we are always interested in having more join our organization. If you know of any boys entering grades 1–5 who may be interested in cub scouts, have them contact Jeff

Sechler (pack44pgmpa@gmail.com) or direct them to our page on the church's website: pinegrovepresbyterian.org/cub-scout-pack-44 .

We will be holding our annual Penny Carnival on Monday, September 26 and invite all scout-age boys and their families to come and have a fun evening playing games, earning prizes (candy) and learning more about scouting.

As always, we are greatly appreciative of the church allowing us to use the space downstairs to hold our meetings. Without your support, we could not function as well as we do.

Church Announcements

Mailed Bulletins

We send out our announcements by email each week. For folks who you know who do not use email, we are seeking to mail a copy of the bulletin to keep those who cannot attend informed. If you, a family member, or friend would like to get the bulletin mailed please let Carl or a session member know.

Per Capita

Per Capita for 2016 is \$33.00 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.

Church Picnic

Please join us for fellowship and good food at our annual church picnic. We plan to hold this fun event on Sunday, September 18 at 1pm at the upper pavilion in Fairbrook Park. Please bring a covered dish to share and place settings for your family.

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.

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 provided refreshments!

Food Bank Collection

This month we will be collecting **Canned Vegetables**. There is also a need for **pet food in cans or small bags**. Thanks for your help!

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 Store and VFW National Children's Home. Drop off is conveniently located on the bulletin board in the downstairs.

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 December. Please have articles submitted by November 30.

Holy Communion

We will be celebrating the Lord's Supper Sunday, October 2 during our 10:15am service as part of World Wide Communion. Our last Holy Communion for 2016 will be held on November 20.

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.

Church Announcements

Nittany Oil Church Rebate Program

Need oil to heat your home? Why not help out the church while filling up your tank! From Sept. 1 through April 30, Nittany Energy will donate 4 cents to our church for every gallon purchased through Nittany Oil. This is a FREE program and there is no cost to you or the church! It is easy to enroll.

Contact David Nice at 814-280-0933 or davidn@nittanyoil.com for more information.

Online giving now available!

Over the past few months, Session has been looking into options for allowing members (and non-members) to give to the church electronically online. We chose to use a service maintained by the Presbyterian Mission Exchange of the Presbyterian Church (USA). 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 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:

- 1) Go online to pinegrovepresbyterian.org/give
- 2) Click the "Give Now" button
- 3) Fill in the form with the appropriate information
- 4) Click the "Give Now" button to submit your donation to the church.

Thank you for your faithfulness and generosity.

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 or complete one of the forms on the windowsill of the church and place it in the offering plate.

Birthdays:

September:

- JoAnn Dreibelbis (9/10)
- Robert Miller, Jr. (9/15)
- Helen Grissinger (9/15)
- Ken Barto (9/16)
- Charles Crawford (9/19)

October:

- Joan Henney (10/17)

November:

- Jim Purdum (11/8)
- Bonnie Spetzer (11/9)
- Gerald Thompson (11/20)

Anniversaries:

September:

- Robert and Edna Miller (9/4)
- Ellen and David DeAntonio (9/4)
- Katie and Dale Rupert (9/11)

October:

- Beth and Ken Raney (10/1)
- Sharon and Todd Heimbaugh (10/10)
- Beverly and Johnny Martin (10/19)

Church Website

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

www.pinegrovepresbyterian.org

Krislund News

Krislund Kamp had a wonderful summer! With an increase in resident campers, a big jump in day campers, and having 22 traveling day camps, the Krislund ministry has touched the lives of about 1,800 kids this summer – a jump of over 100% from last year. Feedback from the campers indicates that they had a lot of fun and were able to learn about Jesus and grow their faith.

This success is surely due to our great staff who sometimes work very long hours. The international staff blended well with our national staff and have been extraordinary. This isn't your typical summer job where you work only a few hours a day. Some of our staff begin their days at 6:30am and don't end until cabin time at 10pm. Counselors finish Friday after cleanup when the campers leave, and arrive back on Sunday around noon for another exciting week. They maintained a fresh enthusiasm every week of the summer.

Staff was great, but we couldn't have had a successful summer without the many volunteers who came to camp – chaplains, nurses, dietary and maintenance help. They all shared their faith, cooked, served, handed out medications, cleaned dishes and cabins, set up lights, fixed a multitude of things, did laundry and maintained an enthusiasm that helped us all focus on our ministry.

And others have helped too. Thanks to the volunteers from the Board and churches who helped with transportation, provided breakfast to the campers, adopted an international staff member for a weekend, provided scholarship (campership) funds, stayed with campers on the weekly Krislund overnight that traveling day campers enjoy and shared the enthusiasm of the Thursday night feast.

One of the exciting aspects that we will look forward to this fall is the opportunity to examine closely the strengths and challenges of the summer. We know that our success challenges us to ensure that we have sufficient staff to fulfill expectations for the Krislund ministry. As we look toward next summer, we will continue to grow our international staff as well as seek local and national staff. If you would like to support a summer staff member in 2017, either international or one of our home grown staff, please contact us and tell us of your willingness to help. We would love to discuss the possibility with you.

Meanwhile, thanks for your support.

New Church Sign

The new church sign has been successfully installed in front of the church. A big thanks to Lloyd Designs in Tyrone for a great design and installation. Session feels that the sign will help promote our church and our events and provide a better way to share messages to the community. Pictures of the installation can be found on the church website: <http://pinegrovepresbyterian.org/church-sign-installation>

Phase two of the project will be to install lighting around the sign to allow it to be seen at night. We hope to have this part of the project completed sometime this fall.