



Pine Grove Presbyterian Church

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Pastor's Ponderings

Reverend Carl Campbell

As I think about what has happened in the world in the last month, I am in awe of the destruction that nature can bring about and appalled at the way people hate and hurt one another. It makes me question if the world is beyond hope, filled with evil and turning its back on all that is good.

But then I see or hear or read about how folks are helping their neighbors in need and standing up to

speak against the awful way some folks treat one another and I know that God is still working in the hearts and minds of his children. We, as followers of Jesus Christ, are doing his work when we serve those in need, care for those who are sick, say no to evil in our midst, and comfort those who are struggling. That is what Jesus has called his church to do: to serve, to love, to share the good news of God's action in the world. The bad things some do, the evil that some pour out on the world, is not the most powerful force in the world. God is the creator and sustainer of this universe and God has come to us with love and forgiveness in Jesus, his Son. That is what is real and powerful in the world.

I encourage you not to get down hearted and worried about all that is going on around us. I will try to do the same. Read your Bibles and let God speak to you about his love and mercy and forgiveness. With the eyes of faith, see that God is working God's purpose out in the world. Jesus is still calling folks to salvation through his church and by the power of the Holy Spirit. Consider daily in prayer how you can serve, how you can love, how you can share the good news of God's forgiveness. In doing so we will help God to work God's purpose out where we live, work and play.

Carl Campbell

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Regular Worship

Beginning Sunday, September 10, we will be returning to our regular schedule for Sunday Worship. Worship will now begin at 10:15 a.m.

Sunday School

Sunday School returns on Sunday, September 10 at 9:00 a.m. All are welcome.

Session Update

Doug Schaufler, Clerk of Session

For 2017, 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: Doug Schaufler (clerk), 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.

- Our fall schedule will begin on September 10 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 13th. All singers are welcome!
- Our fall church picnic will be held on September 24th at Fairbrook Park at 1:00 PM. Everyone is invited to come and bring a dish to share, along with table service.
- Communion was served on August 6, 2017. The next communion will be served on October 1. The remaining date for communion in 2017 is November 26.
- Session received bids from three companies to repave the parking lot. We approved the bid from RC Bowman. No exact date has been set for the paving but we expect it to be completed by the end of September/early October.
- We ordered a new exterior door for the kitchen and will be installing it in the next few weeks. The current door is in poor condition and needs replaced.
- The other exterior doors are in need of new paint. If you would be interested in helping paint, please contact Carl to plan a date.

The next meeting of Session will be on October 3, at 7:00pm at the church.

Annual Meeting

We will be holding our annual meeting on Sunday, November 19 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 5 at 2am. Don't forget to change your clocks!

Presbyterian Women

Sue Harpster

Thank You!

The Strawberry Festival in June was a great success! Thanks to all who helped.

Women, mark your calendars for Sept. 17

Presbyterian Women's Association will start up their monthly 3rd Sunday meetings from 9 – 10 AM. We meet every third Sunday morning at 9AM prior to the regular church service. We are always looking to involve more people and welcome suggestions on future programs.

Holiday Bazaar at Windy Hill

The holiday bazaar will be held on Saturday, October 14 from 9–2pm. New or almost new handcrafts, jams & jellies, baked goods and candies are requested.

PGM Fall Bazaar

For our Fall Bazaar to be held here on October 28 the items requested are: homemade soups, pies, baked goods of all kinds, candies, fudge, books, plants and all kinds of useful housewares whether new or used. Thursday, Oct. 26 and Friday, Oct. 27 will be the two days for set up. Please consider giving of some of your time to volunteer for the setting up the bazaar or working Saturday sometime during the actual bazaar. Contact Sue Harpster IF and WHEN you may be able to help (692-8738 – beaverdam39@hotmail.com).

Special Offering – Hurricane Relief

The past few weeks have brought devastating storms to many parts of our country. As Christians, we have it in our hearts to help others. If you would like to contribute to a special offering for victims of Hurricane Harvey as well as storms that are still threatening the south, please mark your envelopes or online donation with “Hurricane (name of hurricane) Relief.” For example, if you want your funds to go to the relief effort for Hurricane Harvey, you would indicate it as “Hurricane Harvey Relief” so that the treasurer can allot those funds to the appropriate effort. All funds from these special offerings will be sent to the Presbytery to be added to the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance fund.

Fall Harvest Festival

The members of the Pine Grove Mills Farmer’s Market committee is planning a Fall Harvest Festival for September 16 from 10–2pm at the St. Paul Lutheran Church in Pine Grove Mills. There will be lots of games, music and crafts as well as face painting, selfie booths, apple dumplings and more! Free vision testing will be provided by the Ferguson Township Lions Club. Come out have some fun and learn more about the future farmer’s market.

Paving Church Parking Lot

Over the summer, Session received three bids for repaving of the parking lot: Jeff Tate, RC Bowman and Eby Paving. Session accepted the bid from RC Bowman for \$9,315. This will be paid with monies from contributions and investments. We do not have an exact start date, but expect it to be completed sometime in late September or early October. During paving, the lot will be unavailable for a short time.

Church Announcements

Food Bank Collection

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

Paving of Church Parking Lot

Session has approved a bid to have the parking lot repaved. There is no exact date for the paving to take place, but it is anticipated to be completed by the end of September.

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 24 at 1pm at the upper pavilion in Fairbrook Park. Please bring a covered dish to share and place settings for your family.

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.

Per Capita

Per Capita for 2017 is \$34.25 per active member. These funds are used to cover administrative costs at Presbytery, Synod and General Assembly.

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.

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:

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

Church Announcements continued

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.

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 Store. Drop off is conveniently located on the bulletin board in the downstairs.

Retired Women's Group

The women will get together for breakfast on Wednesday, September 13 at the Naked Egg at 8:30 AM. All welcome! Contact Beth Raney if you will join us. bnraney@gmail.com or 814-883-3551. They will meet again in October.

Union Cemetery Columbarium

The Pine Grove Mills Union Cemetery is located between Pine Grove Presbyterian Church and St. Alban's Anglican Church (formerly St. Paul Lutheran Church). The historic cemetery was started in 1832 and closed for in-ground burials in 1914. Many of the early members of our church, as well as community leaders, are buried in Union Cemetery.

A number of years ago, several individuals asked about the possibility of placing a columbarium on the grounds. In 2016, a 16-niche granite structure was added to the cemetery in response to the requests. The columbarium is on the western side of the patio in the back of the cemetery.

Six of the original niches are now available for purchase. A niche holds the cremains of one or two individuals. If you or someone you know would like to have more information about the columbarium, please contact Carol Zeigler (814-238-2213 or bzncz@comcast.net).

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.

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

2360 Hickory Ridge Rd
Warriors Mark, PA 16877

Confer, Max

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

Foltz, Jerene

301 Rolling Ridge Dr
State College, PA 16801

Gallagher, June

Elmcroft
55 Carriage House Lane
Reedsville, PA, 17084

Golding, Lois

Elmcroft
150 Farmstead Lane
State College, PA 16803

Harpster, Doris

Centre Crest
502 E. Howard Street
Bellefonte, PA 16823

Parsons, Rachael

2719 West Pine Gr Road
PA Furnace, PA 16865

Rebuck, Sara

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

Tenley, Audrey

The Oaks
200 Rachel Drive
Pleasant Gap, PA 16823

Welser, Ed & Pat

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. September 28 will be lunch at Hoss's. Officers: President – Joan Henney 234-4949, Vice Pres.– Grace Jones 238-1668, Secretary– Bev Corl 238-1267, Treasurer–Betty Powley 237-6147.