

## Summer Worship

Beginning Sunday, June 11, we will be starting our summer schedule for Sunday Worship. Worship will now begin at 9:30am.

Sunday School will be taking the summer off. We will pick back up in September.

## Sunday School

## Bus Trip to see “Story of Jonah”

Centre Region Parks and Recreation is planning a trip to Lancaster to see the Sight & Sound production of The Story of Jonah on July 19. Deadline to register is June 23. Cost is $117 for adults or $73 for youth ages 8-12.

For more information, call the Parks & Recs office at 231-3071.

Summer is finally upon us although you cannot tell by the temperature recently. It is still chilly. Many of us will be traveling and seeing new places this summer. Please be careful in your travels and return home safely. While you are out and about, if you visit other churches please bring back bulletins and info. It is always good so see what other folks are doing.   
  
Now I have a request for you. As part of your Bible reading this summer take some time and read and reread a few times the story from Luke 10:1-11. Seek the Holy Spirit’s guidance as you read. In this story, Jesus sends out 70 followers to share the good news with the world around them. He wanted to get his message out to the people that the Kingdom of God is at hand. Look at how they are sent, what their instructions are and how they are to treat people they are meeting. Think about how we can answer the call to do the same thing in our lives. How is God calling/sending us to reach out to the folks who do not know Jesus and the Kingdom that he brings to us? Write down your thoughts and ideas and we will get together in the fall and see how the Holy Spirit may be leading us to engage our communities in a new way.

Then, as you pray each day, ask God for guidance for our church to move forward in the new and scary world in which we find ourselves. Where is God leading us to serve and how are we being called to share the Good News of God’s love in Jesus?

Carl Campbell

*Reverend Carl Campbell*

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# Pastor’s Ponderings

###### Pine Grove Presbyterian Church, 150 W. Pine Grove Road, Pine Grove Mills, PA 16868 [pinegrovepresbyterian@gmail.com](mailto:pinegrovepresbyterian@gmail.com)

## 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. The church is required to pay the per capita each year. Please use the special envelope provided in your offering envelope box.

## 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.

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.

* Church cleanup occurred on Saturday, April 22. We mulched the flower beds and cleaned up the outside areas. Scouts from Pack 44 helped.
* The Deacons held an Easter Egg Hunt after worship on Easter Sunday, and gave baskets to the shut-ins for Easter.
* During Lent, we collected for One Great Hour of Sharing, totaling $795.25.
* Congregational activities included a church clean-up day as well as a soup and sandwich after church when the Disciple Makers visited.
* Communion was served on June 4, 2017. The next communion will be served on August 6. The remaining dates for communion in 2017 are October 1 and November 26.
* Session is currently seeking quotes to have the church parking lot repaved. More information on this will be coming as it becomes available.
* We are also looking into options to replace the exterior door in the kitchen. 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 August 8, at 7:00pm at the church.

*Doug Schaufler, Clerk of Session*

# Session Update

**Strawberry Festival**

The Presbyterian Women's group will sponsor the Strawberry Festival to be held, June 18th (Father’s Day) from 5 - 7 PM at the church.

Fresh picked and prepared strawberries compliments of our own church workers will be accompanied with home baked cakes, ice cream and drinks. Fathers eat free. Adults: $3.00 and $1.00 for children under 12.

**Summer Break**

The Presbyterian Women’s group will not be meeting during the summer months. We will pick back up again on Sunday, September 17 at 9 a.m. to plan the annual Fall Bazaar.

**Fall Bazaar**

As you are doing your summer cleaning the next few months, consider things you may wish to donate for our annual Fall Bazaar, which will be held on Saturday, October 28.

**Book Exchange**

The Book Exchange is downstairs in the small room. There are hard and soft backs of many various genres. You may borrow as many as you wish. Please return them to the Book Exchange so they may be sold at the Fall Bazaar. If you have other books to donate to the Exchange, please do so at any time.

*Jeff Sechler*

Cub Scout Pack 44, which our church sponsors, had a very busy spring. We held our annual Blue & Gold banquet, raced creatively designed Pinewood Derby cars, helped clean up around our church, marched in the Boalsburg Memorial Day parade, laid flowers on the graves of veterans in the two cemeteries in town, went camping at Black Moshannon State Park and participated in several other community service projects.   
  
Our group is very active and always eager to help out and learn new things. We have a number of activities planned for the summer and in the fall will kick off our year with our annual popcorn sale.

We currently have around 20 scouts enrolled in our pack and are always looking for more. If you know of any boys entering grades 1-5 who may be interested in joining, have them contact the pack at [pack44pgmpa@gmail.com](mailto:pack44pgmpa@gmail.com) or direct them to our page on the church’s website: [pinegrovepresbyterian.org/cub-scout-pack-44](http://pinegrovepresbyterian.org/cub-scout-pack-44)

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.

# Cub Scout Corner



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*Sue Harpster*

# Presbyterian Women

# Church Announcements

We are trying to get a Retired Women’s group organized and stared. Our plan is to meet once a month, similar to the Men’s group. If you are interested, please contact Beth Raney.

Need oil to heat your home this coming winter? Why not help out the church while filling up your tank! Sign up by August 31, and for every gallon of heating oil you purchase through Nittany Energy between September 1 and April 30, 2018, they will donate 4 cents to our church. This is a FREE program and there is no cost to you or the church! It is easy to enroll. If you participated in this program last year, you are automatically enrolled again this year.

Contact David Nice at 814-280-0933 or [davidn@nittanyoil.com](mailto:davidn@nittanyoil.com) for more information.

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:**

June:

* Beverly Martin (6/1)
* Ken Raney (6/5)
* Barb Schmitt (6/6)
* Susan Fix (6/14)
* Connie Pascavage (6/15)
* Charlie Poust (6/17)
* John G. Pascavage (6/25)
* Lena Purdum (6/28)
* Selma Thomspon (6/29)
* Thomas Corl (6/30)

July:

* Lois Barto (7/8)
* Roy Ellenberger (7/9)
* Edna Shuey (7/11)
* Brandon Schaufler (7/13)
* Gayle Sunday (7/13)
* Elaine Rhodes (7/17)
* Ellen DeAntonio (7/18)
* Michelle Raney (7/23)

August:

* Pete Lauck (8/1)
* Elliot Sechler (8/6)
* Russel Schaufler (8/7)
* Max Confer (8/18)
* Nancy Poust (8/24)
* Christopher Raney (8/26)
* Sierra Fix (8/29)

**Anniversaries:**

June:

* Donna and Roy Ellenberger (6/15)
* Barb and Jim Purdum (6/25)
* Barb and Jeff Schmitt (6/26)
* Selma and Gerald Thompson (6/29)

July:

* Nancy and Charles Poust (7/1)
* Dot and Pete Lauck (7/28)

August:

* Marie and Harry Marshall (8/18)
* Ruth and Charles Crawford (8/20)
* Kristen and Christopher Raney (8/27)

## Nittany Energy Rebate Program

## Birthdays and Anniversaries

## Food Bank Collection

This month we will be collecting **2lb bags of Flour.** There is also a need for **pet food in cans or small bags.** Thanks for your help!

## New Retired Women’s Group

# Church Announcements continued

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.

## Wheelchair Available

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

## Mowing

## 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.

## Senior Citizens Group

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.

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. June 22 is potluck & bingo. July 27 is a trip to Reed Hummingbird Ranch in Coburn.  Anyone interested in going should meet at 11:30AM at the church to car pool. Bring along your own lunch and drink to partake while sitting on the porches to watch the many hummingbirds.  Donations of sugar will be accepted. 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.

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.

## Camp Scholarships

Thanks to all that donated good used clothing. They were graciously accepted by the Community Action group in Aaronsburg. They do great work and the Thrift Shop is a good source for people in the area.

## Online giving

## Clothing Drive Thank You!

**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

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.

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