



May 12th @ 10am
One Worship Service

We will culminate part 1 of "We Belong to Each Other" by worshiping TOGETHER! Join us for a convergent worship experience that is sure to be transformational.

Grace Space in the Sanctuary

We have new comfortable chairs in the area around Grace Space. Families can sit near to their children who are learning to worship as they sit, listen, and do quiet activities.

Children can choose from a variety of activities suitable for the worship space. There are coloring activities, books, and quiet fidget manipulatives. If your child is sound sensitive, we have noise reduction headphones to help make worship more comfortable.

SUMMER ALREADY?!

“We Belong to Each Other”...so let’s experience that as much as we can!

As you know we are having one worship service on May 12th, and we decided- why stop there?! Let’s do it for the whole summer! Summer is the perfect time to come together for worship.

Beginning on June 2nd, our summer worship service will be held at 10am. Each week will converge around a theme, bringing together meaningful music, liturgy and preaching that best connect to the overall message.

There are many benefits to having one service in the summer. This not only offers us the opportunity to come together and to most fully utilize the gifts of our music team, but it also gives our volunteers an opportunity to breathe and rest.

I believe these summer worship services are going to be meaningful and inspirational, and I am looking forward to sharing in them together.

We will also be utilizing the summer season to offer a fresh opportunity for faith formation. Instead of weekly classes we will share digital downloads and ideas that can be used anytime throughout your week. There will be activities for a variety of ages. Take them to the pool or the park or even down the shore. Utilize them by yourself or with your family or your small group. Watch your email for these offerings. For those without email, contact Pastor Eva through the church office.

It’s going to be an awesome summer!

Grateful to belong with you,

Pastor Stacy

Children's Faith Formation Class Worship Participation

Children of Grove will offer a musical offering on Sunday, May 12, as part of our special worship service. A Call and Response version of The Lord's Prayer.

In addition, we want to invite *children who would like to participate as Worship Helpers* to have a parent contact Pastor Stacy with your interest. You may greet, usher, read scripture, light candles, or offer a prayer.

Bible Adventures with LEGOS and More!

During May we will follow along with the Bible lessons around "We Belong to Each Other: Life Together" based in the Acts of the Apostles. We will explore the formation of the early church and how the disciples gathered to care for one another and share the message of God's love. Through Lego builds and mixed media options preschool and older children and youth can interpret God's word.

We will meet in Rooms 204-206. Parents are invited to meet next door in Room 208 for casual conversations about life and faith.

Please Be Sure Your Safe Sanctuary Clearances Are Up to Date!

All people who volunteer with children and youth at Grove Church or need to be in the building during Grove Preschool hours Monday to Friday, must have up to date clearances on file in the church office. These consist of a PA Criminal History clearance, a ChildLine clearance from the Dept. of Human Services, and, if employed as staff, an FBI clearance.

For groups that may need to meet during Grove Preschool hours, the *designated leader* must have clearances and gather his/her entire group in the Lobby of the church and escort the entire group to the meeting room and have the whole group dismiss together so they can be escorted to the exit. This provides safety for the children.



You're Invited!

WHO: Preschool Children of our Community

WHAT: Story Time with games and crafts

WHEN: 10:00 am Thursdays in June 6, 13, 20, and 27

WHERE: Grove Church Fellowship Hall

WHY: It is so much fun!

Sign Up please at <https://bit.ly/3UEAHGb> or



Adopt A Highway Spring Cleanup: A dedicated group of seven Grove volunteers recently picked up 27 bags of trash along Grove and Whitford Roads. Two different neighbors stopped to thank the volunteers and to express their appreciation for Grove's outreach in the neighborhood.



UPDATE YOUR SHIRTS!! Rise Against Hunger (RAH) shirt iron ons are now available for you, both for 10/4/20 and this year 3/10/24. Bags with both of them and supplies needed are in the Webteam mailbox in the coatroom. If you are missing any of the earlier years, send a note to oreos@grovechurch.org. Most past events are still available.

Grove Church

Camp



FIRELIGHT

VBS

July 15th-19th

9:00 - 11:30 AM



FOR CHILDREN 3 YEARS OLD TO 5TH GRADE

Registration begins May 1st.

Visit GroveChurch.org

Church Volunteer

<https://forms.gle/pM6FALwo5tn8XJ6U6>

Registration

<https://forms.gle/MsPKaWrH99LHgQCB9>



Calling All Dreamers and Performers!



Are you ready to embark on a dazzling journey of music, color, and destiny? Look no further! The Grove Drama Ministry proudly presents its fall production of "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat". This beloved masterpiece by Andrew Lloyd Webber and Tim Rice promises to captivate hearts, ignite imaginations, and transport audiences to a world of vibrant hues and enchanting melodies.



From Dreams to Destiny: The Extraordinary Story of Joseph



Joseph, the favored son, experiences a meteoric rise from betrayal to redemption. His journey takes him from prisoner to right-hand man, all while adorned in a coat of many colors. Blessed with prophetic dreams, Joseph's tale unfolds against the backdrop of disco-era glitz and glamour.



Iconic Hits and Funky Choreography



Get ready to groove as Joseph's story unfolds through mesmerizing disco sounds and hypnotic tales. The infectious melodies of iconic hits like "Any Dream Will Do," "Close Every Door," and "Go, Go, Go Joseph" will thump into the late-night hours.



Be Part Of Our Talented Cast



We invite actors of all ages—from 6 to 106—to join our vibrant community production. Whether you're a seasoned performer or a first-time actor, there's a role waiting for you. Come share your talents, passion, and love for the arts with us. Auditions are ongoing until May 18th. Let's create magic together!

Register to be part of our cast or to help out in another area (like set design, fundraisings, or costumes) by going to the church's website, or to <https://grovedrama.square.site>.

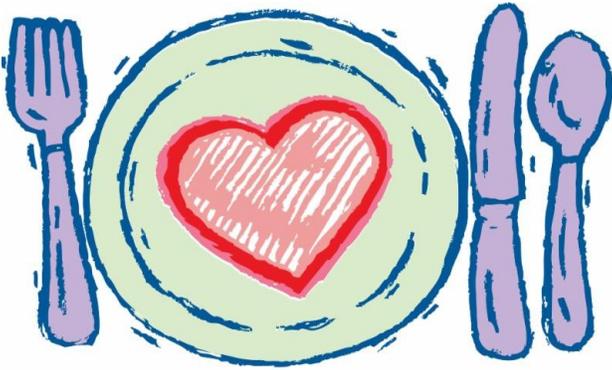
The Grove Drama Ministry
presents

Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat

Scan the QR code for registration
and audition information

Auditions begin soon!





COMMUNITY DINNER

Thursday, May 9th from
4:30-6:30 pm

Our last dinner until fall! Please join us!

COMMUNITY DINNER

Hall Monitors are needed during Preschool hours when we have a Funeral or Special Event at the church. You must have current Safe Sanctuaries clearances.

Please contact the office by email or a phone call. (610) 696-2663 or Office@GroveChurch.org

Leadership Board will hold their next board meeting on May 13th and all are welcome to join!

A small group is being formed for those who are caring for loved ones. We have been meeting monthly and we are open to anyone in our congregation or our community who is responsible for the care of someone. We meet to share our experiences, pray together, and learn from each other. There is a Thursday and Saturday meeting at 10 each month during the same week, to accommodate different schedules and availabilities. This is an informal, supportive group. If you are interested, contact Kathy Parker or Diane Casper through the church office 610.696.2663.

A team is forming to investigate a mural on the Grove building, on the West side that faces the playground. If this is of interest to you, contact Kathy Parker. We have a vision of something that represents our congregation as we go forward for the next 250 years.



repairing homes and restoring hope

They say April showers bring May flowers, so we should have lots of flowers this year. The abundance of rain this spring is creating challenges for our Good Works volunteers. Some jobs simply can't be done in wet weather, like pouring concrete or sealing the flashing on the chimney. But others, like securing gutters and repairing downspouts can be, so our dedicated volunteers are out there working even in the rain.

One thing we can always be sure of in this weather. Water will find a way to get into the house if there is one. The new roof fixed most, but not all, of the problems. We'll keep tracking them down and sealing things up until every leak is fixed.

Another challenge of working in an old house is that plumbing and electrical work tends to be tricky. No problem is ever simple to fix. We typically get through these jobs with support from Good Works staff and a bit of help from YouTube.

But **what we could really use is someone who knows their way around electrical stuff** who would volunteer some hours on a workday, someone to figure out what's wrong with the exterior outlet that blows the circuit every time something gets plugged in, check and repair the electric in various rooms, and replace a light fixture or two. Are you that person? Would you be willing to help us out for all or part of just one workday? That would be such a blessing.



We're making good progress with other work at Renee's. Imagine her delight with having a working stove and oven after being without one for 5 years. New faucets in the kitchen and bathroom replaced the leaky ones she'd tried to seal with duct tape. The new storm doors let light and fresh air in and enable Renee to look out on the beauty of Spring as it unfolds.



The dank and dreary back room has been cleared of much of its accumulated stuff, and with water damage repairs completed and new paint and flooring, can soon be put to any number of good uses. The large shed out back is nice and water-tight with its new roof and can provide Renee with some much-

needed storage space.

On our May workday, we'll be installing siding and soffits, replacing water-damaged drywall, painting walls, and putting down flooring. Volunteers are learning new skills as they work on these projects, skills that they'll be able to apply at houses we work on in the future or even in their own homes. It's very rewarding.



And so, our mission to repair homes and restore hope continues. New volunteers are always welcome, and we'd love for you to come with us to participate on a workday in the near future. It's a lot of fun and very satisfying. Just contact goodworks@grovechurch.org for information.

Did you know your love for Christ is contagious??!!

Learn more about how you can **spread the joy of serving Jesus as a Beyond the Workday Ambassador** thru the Good Works Ministry.

Your once-a-month phone call to one of our homeowners just might make all the difference in someone's life as he or she comes to know how much God loves each one of us...warts and all!!



Questions? Contact Syd at goodworks@grovechurch.com.



[An Amazing Accomplishment by the People of Grove Church!](#)

[2540 Lunches to date \(April 30, 2024\)](#)

A recent visit to Safe Harbor demonstrated to Judy Wadsworth, the facilitator of Grove's participation, how critical the Community Lunch mission is to the homeless of Chester County.

Safe Harbor currently houses 20 men and 20 women at their location on Matlack Street in West Chester. The county knows of over 400 more in need of this service. In addition to housing, the men and women are provided with three meals per day. The facility provides beds and showers, along with lockers for each person. Structured programming and activities provide a holistic approach with opportunities for connection, personal growth, and well-being for residents. Community organizations provide funds through independent activities. Recently, Safe Harbor has celebrated the opening of a community garden in partnership with the Melton Center.

Grove currently provides 30 lunches on the 3rd and 4th Tuesdays of every month. Dedicated Grove members make and deliver the lunches on a regular basis, but more volunteers are needed. Please consider responding to the next request by lunches@GroveChurch.org. You, with friends or family members, can pack a sandwich, chips, fruit, water and an additional treat in a paper bag and deliver them directly to Safe Harbor at the designated time; a staff member will be there to assist if needed.



The Preschool has been very busy the last couple of weeks. A few highlights from April include: the classes were visited by a police officer from West Chester University for "P" day, the Tooth Fairy stopped by for "T" day and taught them all about dental hygiene, and they helped to plant the Community Garden behind the church office. The children enjoyed learning about and planning for the Solar Eclipse even though the clouds blocked out most of the actual event. Miss Sue from Makin' Music was here to sing and dance with each class. They have all enjoyed spending time outside on the playground as the weather starts to warm up a bit.





May Youth Events & Activities

Choir Tour rehearsals continue on Sundays, Mondays
and Wednesdays in May into June.

[Sunday, May 5th](#)

A.S.P Meeting after the Rooted Service

[Sunday, May 12th](#)

Combined Service at 10:00 am
Youth Choir shares an anthem

[Sunday, May 19th 8:45-12:00 pm](#)

Car Wash supporting our Mission Trips

[Sunday, May 26th](#)

Youth Choir shares a Tour Song at the Rooted Service



**Car Wash at Grove
during services on
Sunday, May 19th!**

**Please come and support our ASP and
Mission Blitz trips this summer.**

Youth upcoming events

Sunday, June 9th

Youth Choir shares a Tour Song at the Rooted Service



Friday, June 14th

Tour Kick Off Concert 7:00 pm



June 15th-22nd



Youth Choir Tour Week

Sunday, June 30th

A.S.P. Meeting after the Rooted Service

July 6th-July 13th

A.S.P. trip to the Appalachia region
in West Virginia



July 8th- July 12th

Mission Blitz week-serving in our community



July 15th-July 19th

VBS week



Youth Choir Tour Kick Off Concert



Friday, June 14th, 7:00 pm
at Grove Church



Summer Mission Trips

A group of 25 volunteers from Grove will be serving in the central Appalachia area this summer. During the week of July 6th-July 13th they will help with critical home repairs & building to make living conditions safer, warmer and drier for homeowners.



Our Mission Blitz group will serve in our community during the week of July 8th-July 12th

How can you support the participants?

- *Come out and support the car wash benefitting both ASP and Mission Blitz on May 19th during services.
- *Be an ASP participant's prayer partner for the week. This greatly appreciated support includes prayer for the participant as they serve for the week and an encouraging note and treat for their Monday-Friday work week.
See Jen Hardie or email youth@grovechurch.org for more information.
- *You can also sponsor participants going on either ASP or Mission Blitz by donating money to cover costs for things like travel, food, supplies, etc. Donations can be made by check or by scanning the Giving QR code on the website (select youth). Please see Mike Hardie or email youth@grovechurch.org with questions. Thank you!