



**UMCOR** is greatly in need of flood buckets right now and we have the opportunity to help! We will be collecting items from Amazon for two weeks and putting the buckets together on Nov. 10th. Our goal is to assemble 50 buckets!

- 1) Scan the QR code to go to the Grove Connect Page
- 2) Click on the link to the Amazon Flood Bucket Wish List
- 3) Purchase items and have them shipped directly to the Grove Office
- 4) Show up on November 10th at 10:15am (Between Services) to assemble the buckets!



Please contact the office if you have any problems or need help ordering supplies from Amazon.



## Strange But True Stories from 31 Years of Adopt A Highway Cleanups

Grove Church volunteers picked up 61 bags of trash this year along the three mile stretch of Whitford Road and Grove Road near the church. That's a lot of trash that did not end up in the sewer system or in the bubbling creeks that run along the roadside – piles of bottles, plastic and metal that no longer spoil the view for drivers and neighbors.

But every now and then Grove's Adopt A Highway participants find some mighty unusual things that make them laugh and shake their heads in wonder. This includes a fifteen-year-old's learner's permit, an unopened wrapped ham, a golf hat from the U.S. Open, numerous balls (soccer, baseball, tennis, golf), and handfuls of coins that end up in Grove's offering plate. But the most unusual was probably the live baby bird that Rae Guthrie and Krista Carstens found this Spring. It was lying next to the road and there was no sign of a nest or parents so the baby was taken to a wildlife sanctuary.

Grove Church can be proud of its 31 years of stewardship for God's world. Thank you to this year's participants: Pam Abate, Krista Carstens, Rae Guthrie, Kathy Matthews, Kristin Mattie, Mariah Mattie, Kathy Parker, Jeff Parno, Susan Parno, Jeff Popyack and Dawn Wagoner. We hope even more members of the Grove congregation will join us in 2025.



**Hopewell UMC is having a Prayer Service prior to the Election on Monday, November 4th at 7:00 pm in their Bower Chapel.**

**The West Chester Mission Link (UM Churches) is holding a Thanksgiving Service. It will be at the UMC of West Chester on Monday, November 25th at 7 PM**



**The children at Grove Preschool** have been very busy this fall settling into their new classes, making friends, and learning a lot. The 4 year old classes went on a trip to Milky Way Farm, met some cows, learned about the milking robot, and took a hay ride to pick pumpkins. They enjoyed a visit from the West Whiteland Fire Department during Fire Safety week, welcomed our new yoga teacher “Miss Rebecca” and learned yoga breathing and a few basic yoga poses, and enjoyed Makin’ Music with Miss Sue. They also attend monthly Chapel Times and had their favorite stuffed animal blessed by Pastor Stacy this month.



The school will be participating in several service projects in November. First, the school will be collecting unwanted/leftover Halloween candy which will be donated to Stockings for Soldiers for our service members stationed overseas. The second service project is the annual Thanksgiving Food Drive. The week prior to Thanksgiving, preschool families will send in shelf stable foods which will be delivered to Act In Faith.



## **CHRISTMAS OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE**

### **Salvation Army Bell Ringing**

Start off the Christmas season by ringing bells for the Salvation Army on Saturday, December 7. We have 2 sites in Exton this year. Boscov's and Hobby Lobby are available for 2 hour shifts starting with 10am-12noon and ending with 6pm-8pm. Share a shift with a friend or family member and celebrate the season in this meaningful way.

For more information or to sign up, contact Sue Thomas at [missionandoutreach@grovechurch.org](mailto:missionandoutreach@grovechurch.org) or contact the church office.

### **Christmas Food Appeal**

Grove has a long history of providing food for our neighbors in need at Christmas. Through the generous donations from our congregation each year, we are able to provide \$50 grocery gift cards to about 80 families through CYWA, Chester County Children, Youth and Family Services as well as families in our community who contact Grove for help. If you'd like to be part of this ministry, you can send a check to the office or put it in the offering plate on Sunday now through December 8. Please put Christmas Food Appeal in the memo line. You can also give through the giving link on Grove's website. Choose one, select "other" then put "Christmas Food Appeal" in the "fund desired" box. If you have any questions, please contact Sue Thomas at [missionandoutreach@grovechurch.org](mailto:missionandoutreach@grovechurch.org) or call the church office. Please help us continue this great tradition!

### **Christmas Gift Appeal**

If you would like to bring the joy of Christmas to a child in need, please consider donating to this ministry. With the funds collected, we purchase store and VISA gift cards, allowing parents to purchase gifts for their family. These families are identified through CYWA, Chester County Children, Youth and Family Services as well as some families in our community who have reached out to Grove for assistance. We will be accepting donations now through December 8. You can send a check to the office or put it in the offering plate on Sunday. Please put "Christmas Gift Appeal" in the memo line. You can also give through the giving link on Grove's website. Choose "other" and then put "Christmas Gift Appeal" in the "fund desired" box. We have another opportunity in November through the Prison Ministry of Chester County to provide gifts in the amount of \$50-\$75.

If you are interested in this program or have any questions, please contact Richard and Joanna Nichols at [missionandoutreach@grovechurch.org](mailto:missionandoutreach@grovechurch.org) or call the church office.

# COMMUNITY DINNER

Thursday, November 14th

4:30-6:30 pm

We will be serving  
Chicken Casserole, Salad  
and all the goodies!



**Yahoo! Rise Against Hunger has  
been scheduled for  
Sunday, April 6, 2025 from  
6-8 at Grove UMC!  
Please add this to  
your calendars NOW.**

# Celebrate With Chocolate



WHAT: Celebration of Chocolate Fundraiser!  
WHO: All Grove Congregants  
WHEN: Sunday, Nov 24<sup>th</sup> Before and In Between Services  
WHERE: Fellowship Hall

Find below a brief description of how you can participate:

## Preparers:

Everyone is invited to prepare, bake, mix, blend, concoct, create, or cook a chocolate treat that will be offered for sale to Grove people hungry for chocolate. The treats will be prepared in your own home and cut, sliced or diced by you. Treats can be dropped off at Grove on Sat, Nov 23<sup>rd</sup> or beforehand on Sun, Nov 24<sup>th</sup>.

## Purchasers:

Hungry Grovers in search of chocolate can purchase the confections in Fellowship Hall on Sunday, Nov 24<sup>th</sup> before, and in between services. This date was chosen so people have chocolate treats for Thanksgiving either at their home, or to give as gifts. Customers will be provided with boxes and able to peruse the selections and pick what they like. They will then pay by the ¼ pound for their filled boxes.

If you would like to participate, but will not be available on Nov 24<sup>th</sup>, I will gladly arrange to pickup your treats.

Please contact the church office with any questions.



All proceeds will go to local community organizations in need of food and hygiene supplies. In addition, \$25 each month is used to provide shelf milk to the Grove Little Pantry.





**Save the date**  
**Pocono**  
**Family Weekend**  
**January 17th -**  
**January 19th, 2025**

Please save the date to join Grove at the Pocono Winter Retreat from January 17-19 at Pocono Plateau Camp and Retreat Center. This is the perfect weekend for couples, singles, and families with kids of **all** ages. Activities include sledding, hiking, worship, board games, s'mores around the fire, and more! Ask any past attendees about the wonderful fellowship - it is a weekend not to be missed! Please see Glen Lewis ([pocono@grovechurch.org](mailto:pocono@grovechurch.org)) with any questions. Looking forward to seeing everyone there!

### **Nurture Team Invites You....**

Join the Nurture Team in Fellowship Hall on Saturday morning, November 9<sup>th</sup>, at 9:30 to make adorable Christmas gnomes and assemble gift bags for our home-bound members. We'd love to have some help with assembling and/or delivering these gift bags during Advent to about 22 people in our congregation. Join us for coffee, treats, fun and the rewarding opportunity to make someone's Christmas a little brighter. For more information contact [nurtureteam@grovechurch.org](mailto:nurtureteam@grovechurch.org).



**Received from:**  
**Camp DreamCatcher**  
**West Chester Food Cupboard**  
**The Salvation Army**

# ***Trunk or Treat 2024***

So Much Fun!



A beautiful sunny day



# More Trunk or Treat





## Thank you to everyone who supported our Good Works Fall Fundraiser this year!

Because of you, we'll be able to install new gutters, replace windows, rebuild a staircase, install a bathroom, and much more at Mickey's house. Remember, no homeowner ever pays for repairs we do with Good Works. If you wish to contribute, we're still accepting donations. Send a check to Grove and note that it's for the Good Works Fund.

### Christmas Cards for Inmates

Remember to write an encouraging note on a Christmas card for those who are incarcerated at Christmas. **The cards are due on Monday, November 4th.**



1. We will now once again be collecting UNUSED Christmas cards to give to those who are incarcerated so that they can send Christmas greetings to their friends and loved ones.
2. Acceptable cards (NO glitter or fake-glitter, stickers, excessive foil, etc) can be dropped off in the green tote outside the front door of the church in the "unused cards" bag. Deadline for these cards to be dropped off is Monday November 25.

THANKS TO ALL OF YOU WHO ARE PARTICIPATING  
IN THIS MINISTRY!



# NOVEMBER

## Grove Youth Choir & Ministry

### Schedule

#### Sunday November 3rd

1:00–2:00 pm Youth Choir rehearsal  
2:00–3:30 pm Youth Group

#### Sunday, November 17th

5:00–6:00 pm Youth Choir  
6:00–8:00 pm Youth Group

#### Sunday, November 10th

Youth Choir presents an anthem  
at the 11:15 am service  
12:30–2:30 pm Confirmation Class  
2:30–3:00pm Youth Fellowship  
3:00–4:00 pm Youth Choir rehearsal  
4:00–5:00 Youth Group

#### Sunday, November 24th

Youth Choir presents an anthem  
at the 11:15 am service  
1:00–2:00 pm Youth Choir rehearsal  
2:00–3:00 pm Youth Fellowship  
3:00–4:00 pm Youth & Kid Connection  
Crew join together for games



## Kids Connection Choir & Crew

This ministry is for first through fifth graders!  
Kids Connection Choir and Crew will meet twice a month for rehearsal,  
fellowship, & games. One of those weeks this group will connect with our youth  
group as they join together for games.

### Schedule

#### Sunday, November 10th

2:15–3:00 pm Kid Connection Choir rehearsal  
3:00–4:00 pm Kid Connection Crew meets

#### Sunday, November 24th

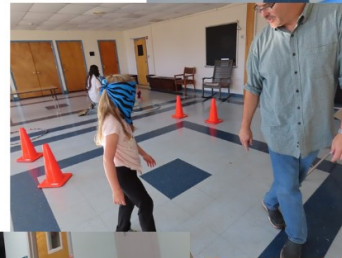
Kids Connection Choir presents their anthem  
at the 9:00 am service  
2:15–3:00 pm Kid Connection Choir rehearsal  
3:00–4:00 pm Kid Connection Crew and the  
Youth join together for games



## Youth Group and Kid Connection Groups



**The K.C. Crew wanted  
to play one of their  
favorite games Pool  
Noodle Hockey with  
the youth!**



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## Parents Night Out

Friday, November 22nd

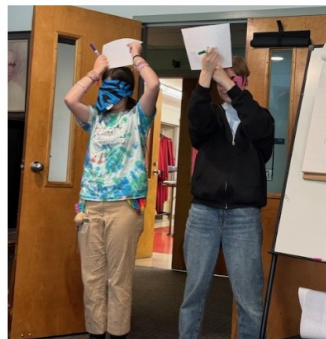
6:30 pm -9:00 pm at Grove Church

Snacks will be available

Enjoy a night out on us while your kiddos are cared for and having fun! Space is limited.

For more information or to sign up see Mike or Jen Hardie or email [youth@grovechurch.org](mailto:youth@grovechurch.org)

# Youth Group and Kid Connection Groups





## **Music Ministry Opportunities**

**at Grove UMC**

**Traditional (9:00 AM) Service**

**Bell Choir - Thursdays 6:30 PM Rehearsal**

**Tabernacle Choir - Thursdays 7:30 PM Rehearsal**

**See Tom Marsden or call the office for more information.**