



NEWSLETTER February 2025



Please Think of All the Special People in Your Life

Think of all the people you'd like to say 'You are special' to for Valentine's Day or just because they are special to you. Employees, partners, cousins, aunts, uncles, moms, dads, kids, your pastor, pickleball friends, think of the smile you will get when presenting them with a box of these Oreos.

If you are part of a group where you can sell some boxes of 12 chocolate covered Oreos to, send an email to Oreos@grovechurch.org and we will fix you up to make even more people happy!

Sales at Grove are Sunday, February 2nd and 9th or until all the cookies are sold.

Mark your calendars for the actual RAH event: Sunday, April 6, 2025 – Rise Against Hunger Event at Grove, 6-8pm. Sign up in the hall, send an email

to Oreos@grovechurch.org or sign up via Churchtrac – Scan the QR code.



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How is it with your soul?

Have you begun to ponder this question?

We are a month into our year of listening and I hope you are taking time to slow down, to be still, and to really reflect on how it is with your soul.

There is a lot going on in the world and in our country right now and we would do well to be mindful of that. This isn't a time to rush through or ignore things. This is a time to reflect on how we are doing and what we need to stay grounded and grow in God's grace.

What do you need in this season? Opportunities for prayer, fellowship, study, service or social action? What would be most meaningful for you and draw you closer to God and your neighbor?

As you are listening to the needs of your own soul, know that we are listening to you. As always, my door is open. Send me an email, give me a call, or let me know if I can take you for coffee.

I am praying that your soul finds the rest and peace it needs in this season.

Listening With You,

Pastor Stacy

The Crafty Valentine Experience for Children at COMMUNITY DINNER

Join Pastor Eva at the Community Dinner on February 13 for some crafty fun. There will be a variety of crafts for all ages (grown-ups welcome, too!) Treat your sweetie to a special valentine this year!

Faith Formation for Children

"It's All About Rest" – Join us in Rooms 204-206 to learn about what God says about rest through our worship scriptures in February. Children are invited to hear the scripture, wonder about it, and create with Legos, or a variety of mediums offered (drawing, coloring, sculpting, painting).

Women's Bible Study Meets Tuesday evenings, 7:00 PM by Zoom

In February we are taking time to spend "A Few Minutes in Philippians: Daily Encouragement from the Epistle of Joy" . Books are available in the office and on Sunday from Pastor Eva. A donation of \$10.00 is welcome.



Scout Sunday

We are celebrating Scouts on February 9th. All Scouts, current and former, and Scout leaders are invited to wear their uniforms to worship and have a moment of recognition.

"My Sermon Sketch"

It's back! And not just for kids. Adults are invited to grab a clipboard and some colored pencils to quickly sketch/draw the scripture passage, a sermon point, a hymn or song. Whatever moves you or catches your attention during worship. Return your signed sketch to Pastor Eva and maybe receive in a random drawing a gift card. You don't need to be an artist! Line drawings are absolutely acceptable. Sometimes we can listen better when our hands are busy. Let God's Spirit guide you.

Grove has received our Safe Sanctuaries Certification from the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference.

If you are working with children, youth or vulnerable adults at Grove, Make sure your clearances are up to date. Clearances are free for volunteers and resources may be found at <https://www.pa.gov/agencies/dhs/resources/keep-kids-safe.html>

We are looking for Volunteers to be Greeters and Ushers when we have a Funeral. If you are interested, please contact the office by email at Office@GroveChurch.org or call 610.696.2663.

Thank you for your help with this important Ministry.

Help needed for Coffee Fellowship - can you spare a little bit of time on Sunday morning? Everything is provided that you will need. If you are interested, please sign up in the Lobby for a Sunday that fits your schedule or call the office 610.696.2663.



churchtrac

Visit Churchtrac to see all the activities at Grove and much more.

Grove's Good Works volunteers started off the new year with a productive January workday. With a team of 10 volunteers, we were able to work on a lot of projects at Mikkie's home. Here's a brief look at what we did.



Linda and Jack tackled the rickety basement stairs which were a major safety concern. They shored up the stringers, stabilized and leveled the steps, and installed all new treads. It made a tremendous difference, and we all benefited. Mikkie was delighted.

We're building a bathroom in the basement where only rough framework and plumbing have existed for many years. Our plan was to tear out a wall and parts of the floor that have deteriorated and begin rebuilding with a slightly expanded footprint. Joanna and Richard formed our demolition team, and as expected, the more they uncovered, the more issues they discovered. We're off to a good start, but this is a project we'll be working on for quite a few months.

Penny, Cindy and Mikkie worked together to prepare the kitchen floor to receive vinyl plank flooring. To get it ready, they tore out the old vinyl, sealed unused vents, shored up and patched portions of the subfloor, and leveled the surface. With that done, everything's ready for the new floor to go in next month.



There's nothing like trying to install a pre-hung door when the walls aren't straight and nothing's level. That's what Brad and Steve discovered as they were putting in a door at the top of the basement steps. With a shove here and a shim there, they got the job done.

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Several people, including Dan, began replacing tiles in the drop ceiling. That's the kind of job he was able to start and stop easily to lend a hand when needed to help with installing that door and shoring up the kitchen floor.

With so much going on, there are a few volunteers who serve critical support roles. Steve George is our Technical Leader and he provides guidance as needed on every project. Betty, as our Work Crew Leader, supports all our volunteers to see that they have tasks to work on and everything they need to complete them. Denny and Scott keep us happy and energized by providing fabulous lunches each workday.

We're off to a good start for 2025 and looking forward to challenges and accomplishments in the months ahead. If you're ever interested in joining us for a workday, we'd love to have you. Just contact Betty at goodworks@grovechurch.org for information.

Community Engagement At Grove



Open meeting scheduled
Sunday, Feb. 9th at 12:30
Room 204
All are welcome.

For more information email
communityengagement@grovechurch.org



Nurture Team Coffee Hour February 9

Be sure to stop by Fellowship Hall on February 9th for Coffee Hour hosted by the Grove Nurture Team! Along with providing a few extra treats, we will be unveiling a new initiative for making personal connections with our homebound members. Look for our display during Coffee Hour and find out how you can be involved.

POCONO PLATEAU 2025
Thanks for a great time! Join us next year!



COMMUNITY DINNER

Thursday, February 13th

4:30-6:30 pm

We will be serving Pork Roast,
Mashed potatoes, Sauerkraut
and all the goodies!



Join Our Journey of Hope on
February 23rd during Coffee
Hour and learn about this
important ministry.

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HOPE[®]
Cancer Care Ministry

at Grove
United
Methodist
Church



2025 Youth Mission Auction Baskets 2025
Auction: March 29th !!



Auction time is coming up again! We're starting to think auction baskets to support Youth Missions. This is an opportunity for individuals, families, groups of families, church groups and anyone and everyone to put together their own basket for donation. It's a great opportunity to spend time together coming up with a theme, planning, shopping or making items for the basket and putting together a fun and unique expression of your time. The baskets will be donated and put up as an item for auction on March 29th. Your name and/or group will be displayed on the description sign (or not if you wish to remain anonymous).

It's important to note that the word basket is only a generic term for the container for your theme. Feel free to use your imagination....use a tub, box, bucket, tote, wheel barrow, whatever you want to hold your stuff!

There are several ways a 'basket' can be put together. A group can put everything together from start to finish, supplying the container and all items, or you can provide the items and we'll take care of putting the finishing touches on the final presentation and finding a container. If you want help figuring out a theme, we've had several over the years.....baking, cooking, Italian, reading, movies, music, baby, household fix-it items, bar-b-que, college, chocolate, beauty, exercise, crafts, pampering, scrapbook, coffee, tools, family fun, games, emergency, cleaning, gardening, sports, teacher, cleaning, and socks! Whatever you come up with, we're happy to have it.



We may have empty baskets for you so please feel free to check with me first before you purchase a container if you do not have one.

Tips: Please no alcohol. **Do not cellophane baskets.**

And of course, come out to Auction Night and see the baskets and bid on them! Have fun with this while helping to support Youth Missions as they go outside of Grove walls to perform mission work. All donations must be turned in by **March 21st**. We can arrange for pick up and other help you require. If you are interested in contributing or have any questions, please contact Denny Scheffler or the church office.



Grove Youth Choir & Ministry

Schedule

Sunday, February 2nd

Youth Choir shares anthem
at the Rooted Service
12:45-2:15 pm Youth Choir
rehearsal
2:15-4:00 pm Youth Group

Sunday, February 9th

12:45-2:15 pm
Youth Choir rehearsal
2:15-3:30 pm Youth Group

Sunday, February 16th

Youth Choir shares anthem at the
Rooted Service
12:45-2:15 pm Youth Choir rehearsal
2:15-4:00 pm Youth Group
(combines with KCC)

Sunday, February 23rd

12:45-2:15 pm
Youth Choir rehearsal
2:15-3:30 pm Youth Group

Kids Connection Choir & Crew

Schedule

Sunday, February 2nd

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

Sunday, February 9th

KC Choir shares song at the 9:00 service

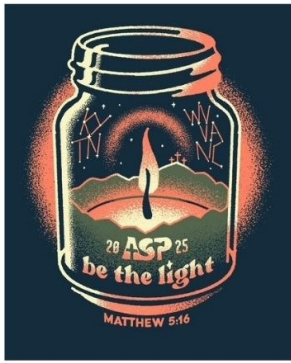
Sunday, February 16th

2:15-3:00 pm Kid Connection Choir rehearsal
3:00-4:00 pm K.C. Crew & Youth Combine

Sunday, February 23rd

KC Choir shares song at the 9:00 service

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.
All are welcome to attend choir or a crew meeting or both!



ASP 2025's theme is "be the light"
Grove will be volunteering the week of
July 5th-12th.

If interested in joining us see Mike Hardie
or email youth@grovechurch.org

ASP meeting March 9th at 12:30 pm



The Youth Missions Auction will be
Saturday, March 29th at 6:30 pm

We would like to ask for donations of gift cards or new/almost
new items to be available for people to bid on that evening.

Please put donations in the coat room. We appreciate
your help and support!

See Mike or Jen Hardie with questions.



Blessings to our Confirmands



Game Night

We will be hosting a Young Adult game night on
Wednesday, February 12th

6:30-8:30 pm

Bring a game to play and
a snack to share.



Email youth@grovechurch.org or
text Mike you will be coming!



Parents Night Out

Friday, February 21st

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

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

Snacks will be available.

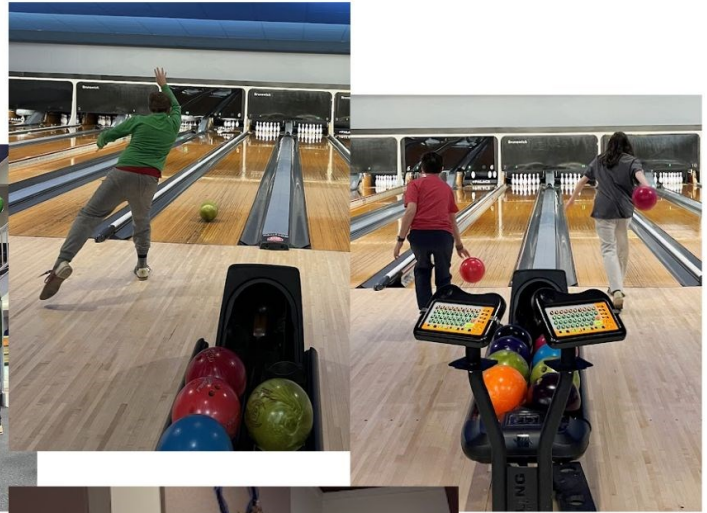
Space is limited.

For more information or to sign up see
Mike or Jen Hardie or email youth@grovechurch.org

Sign up through churchtrac using
the QR code below



Youth Group and Kid Connection Groups



All Women of Grove are invited—

*United Methodist Church of West Chester
United Women in Faith Annual Spring Retreat*

*For Every Time, There Is A Season
With Pastor Shawn Callender Hogan*

*Life's journey can be like the
seasons of the year,
taking us through times of
letting go,
into times of stillness,
through periods of new life,
and to places of restful play.
And all along the way we
thirst for the presence of
God.*



*Using the four seasons of
the year as metaphors,
join us as we make
connections between the
seasons and our lives,
and receive spiritual
formation resources for the
journey.*

Saturday, March 15, 2025

At the UMCWC Fiesta Center (2nd Floor), 129 S. High Street, West Chester

Continental Breakfast begins at 8:30 am

Program begins at 9:00 am and concludes at 12:00 pm

*To register, please contact umcwcuwf@gmail.com
or complete the form from the QR code here:*



*There is no cost to attend this retreat. If you are able, please bring
toothbrushes & toothpaste to help stock the ACT in Faith Cupboard.*

We will be taking an offering to support the UMCWC UWF Reading Program.