



**NEWSLETTER**

**January 2025**



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## Upcoming Announcements

This Sunday we will celebrate Epiphany and each receive our Star Word for the year ahead. Join us and experience how God is still guiding us, just like those magi finding their way to Jesus!

We will have Confirmation at Rooted on January 12th! Please join us at 11:15 as we celebrate SIX of our youth being confirmed. It is going to be a really special day for Grove Church.

Welcome to our new Leadership Board Members- Jen Geyer, Steve Vincent and Dan Wiant. We are so grateful for the gifts they each bring and are looking forward to our time together. We also welcome Nicole Paul as our new Leadership Board Chair and Kylie Shoyer as our Lay Leader.

Other members continuing in 2025 are: Bob Moore, Jody Romano, Lynn Baker and Emily Benner. Please keep our entire Leadership Board in your prayers as we begin this new year!

**Thank you's received from— The Salvation Army and Safe Harbor**



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**JANUARY 17-19**

**JOIN US FOR...**

**FUN FOR  
ALL  
AGES!**

**GROVE  
POCONO  
WINTER  
RETREAT**

**FAMILIES  
AND  
SINGLES  
WELCOME!**



**ACTIVITIES**

**FELLOWSHIP, GAMES, SLEDDING, HIKING, AND  
MORE!**

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**QUESTIONS? PLEASE SEE GLEN LEWIS  
[POCONO@GROVECHURCH.ORG](mailto:POCONO@GROVECHURCH.ORG)**

Registration is now open for the Pocono Winter Retreat! This event is perfect for singles, couples, and families with children of all ages. Attendees will enjoy delicious meals, snacks, fellowship, games, sledding, hiking, and much more! Most of the weekend is unstructured, but there will be a variety of optional scheduled activities. We had 35 people last year; our goal for this year is 60. Please help us get there!

Don't miss out on this wonderful weekend! Here are some highlights from last year's attendees.

"Sledding!"

"Playing in the snow"

"Getting to know my church friends better"

"Beautiful walks in the snowy woods"

"Playing card and board games"

"Relaxing in the peacefulness of this remote place"



Scan the QR code to sign up. See Glen Lewis if you have any questions.

# January

## Grove Youth Choir & Ministry

### Schedule

#### Sunday, January 5th

Youth Choir shares anthem at the Rooted Service

12:45-2:15 pm Youth Choir rehearsal

2:15-4:00 pm Youth Group

#### Sunday, January 12th

Youth Choir shares anthem at the Rooted Service

Confirmation Sunday

no rehearsal or youth group

#### Sunday, January 19th

1:30-3:00 pm Youth Choir

3:00-4:30 Youth Group

#### Sunday, January 26th

No youth choir or youth group



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

### Schedule

#### Sunday, January 5th

2:15-3:00 pm Kid Connection Choir rehearsal

3:00-4:00 pm K.C. Crew & Youth Combine

#### Sunday, January 12th

KC Choir shares song at the 9:00 service

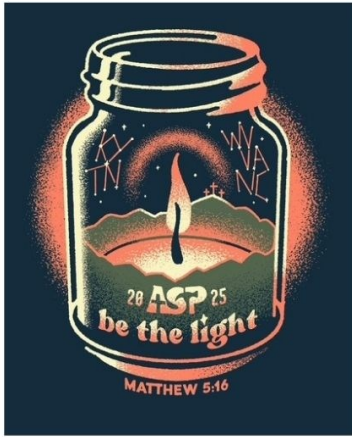
2:15-3:00 pm Kid Connection Choir rehearsal

3:00-4:00 pm Kid Connection Crew meets



# Youth Group and Kid Connection Groups





**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](mailto:youth@grovechurch.org)**



**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 and  
see Mike or Jen Hardie with questions.**



## 2025 Youth Mission Auction Baskets 2025 Auction: March 29<sup>th</sup> !!



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 29<sup>th</sup>. 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 21<sup>st</sup>**. 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.



## How Is It with Your Soul?

As we move into a new year you are invited to a season of reflection. The phrase "How is it with your soul?" invites deep consideration of our inner state and well-being. It goes beyond the typical inquiries about physical health or daily activities, urging us to consider our emotional, spiritual, and psychological environments.

In a world often filled with distractions and superficial interactions, this question serves as a gentle reminder to pause and assess our true feelings and thoughts. It encourages us to explore our connections with ourselves, others, and God. Are we at peace? Are we struggling with unresolved issues? Are we nurturing our passions and values?

This inquiry can lead to self-discovery. It prompts us to confront our fears, celebrate our joys, and acknowledge our struggles. By reflecting on our souls, we can cultivate a deeper understanding of our purpose and what truly matters to us. Ultimately, it is an invitation to engage in a meaningful dialogue with ourselves and others, fostering growth, healing, and a more authentic existence.

I look forward to listening to what it is that will help you explore this question.

Our hope is to connect as many people as possible with a small group. We will offer sessions on the book "The Class Meeting" to illustrate how a "Seekers Group" functions. There are affinity groups like crafts and stitch work, where people share interests and over time develop connections with one another.

What are your interests that might be shared in our faith community? What skills do you have? What help do you need in growing your spiritual life? Let's have a conversation! Contact me through the church office, by email, [pastoreva@grovechurch.org](mailto:pastoreva@grovechurch.org), or look for me on Sunday morning and we can find a time to get together.

Pastor Eva



## Children's Faith Formation

Children age 4 and younger meet in the Nursery during the 10:10 am Faith formation hour for a Bible story, some singing, and playtime.

Our K through 5<sup>th</sup> grade students meet upstairs in Rooms 204-206 at 10:10 am for interactive Bible study. Using a variety of materials, we explore the scripture from that day's worship and create illustrations or models of what we found most important.

## Women's Bible Study

Begins January 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM on Zoom. We will continue with our study on the Beatitudes. Please email Pastor Eva, [pastoreva@grovechurch.org](mailto:pastoreva@grovechurch.org) to request the Zoom link.

## Adult Sunday Morning Faith Formation

Join Pastor Eva in the Youth Lounge on January 5<sup>th</sup> at 10:10 am to look through a variety of faith resources. What might you be needing to study in the coming months? Is this the time that works for you to become a member of a Seekers Group? Bring your questions and let's see how we can work together to grow our faith and our communion with one another.

# COMMUNITY DINNER

Thursday, January 9th

4:30-6:30 pm

**We will be having a Pizza party with salad and all the goodies!**

## **Thank you for your generous support for Grove's Good Works Ministry.**

The money we raised in this fall's fundraiser goes toward the purchase of materials we'll use to repair a home for a deserving homeowner right here in Chester County. This year, we raised more than \$8700 for Good Works. Let's take a look at what we can use that money for as we continue working on our current homeowner's house.

All new fascia, soffits, gutters and downspouts, a new boiler, and a hot water heater have already been installed. One of our next projects is to add a full bathroom. This will require a window, framing lumber, flooring, insulation, drywall, plumbing and wiring, a shower, toilet, vanity and sink, fixtures, ceiling fan and lights, a heater, a drop ceiling, paint, and a door.



Elsewhere in the house, eight new windows will replace old broken and drafty ones. A new exterior door will provide improved security and weather proofing. Vinyl flooring will be installed in the kitchen after we repair the subfloor. An interior door will be added at the top of the basement stairs to prevent falls. Lumber and new railings will be used to rebuild the basement steps. New ceiling tiles will go up in the basement.

New plumbing and electric hookups will enable us to move the laundry upstairs for easier access. We'll use lumber, drywall, wiring, lights, a sink and vanity, and paint to move a wall in an existing bathroom to provide greater accessibility. There's a whole lot more, but you get the idea. It takes a lot of materials in addition to our volunteer hours to repair a home to make it warmer, safer, and drier.

**Your generosity helps make all this possible and we are very blessed to have your support.**

Feel free to ask any of our volunteers if you want to know more about what we do. We're always happy to have new volunteers. Youth and adults are welcome, and it doesn't matter if you've got experience doing this kind of work or not. There will be tasks for all different skill levels along with opportunities to learn new skills from our Technical Advisor and other experienced volunteers.



Please consider joining us for a future workday. Contact Betty at [goodworks@grovechurch.org](mailto:goodworks@grovechurch.org) for more information. We hope to see you soon.



### Dates to Plan For:

- Making Oreos: Saturday 1/18/25 at Grove from 8:30am to 2pm.
- Packaging Oreos: Saturday 1/25/25 from 8:30am to 11am.
- Selling Oreos: Sundays, January 26<sup>th</sup>, February 2<sup>nd</sup> and February 9<sup>th</sup>.
- **RAH Event: Sunday, April 6:**
  - Need 10-15 people to set up and stage the materials from 4:30 pm-6:00 pm before the event;
  - Need 80-90 people for the actual packaging goes from 6pm-8pm
  - Cleanup from 8 pm—9 pm.



Gather 'Round at Rooted

Interactive Contemporary Worship

Beginning  
Sunday, January 5th