



Spring Clothing Ministry!

Monday, May 5: 6:30pm-8:30pm

Tuesday, May 6: 3:00pm-7:30pm

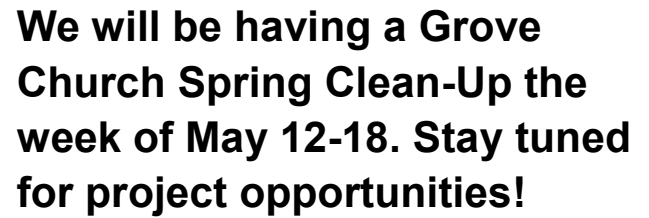
Donations Accepted at Grove ~ Asbury Hall

- Thurs 5/1 (6pm-8pm)
- Saturday 5/3 (9am-4pm)
- Sunday 5/4 (8:30am-4pm)



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THIS SALE BENEFIT
THE LOVE FUND**





**For the Month of May
our special focus is
Building and
Maintenance Projects**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88686615872>

Last Dinner until October!

COMMUNITY DINNER

**Thursday, May 8th
4:30-6:30 pm**

We will be having a Potluck dinner!



You're invited!

**Come hear an engaging and
informative presentation**

**Downsize and Declutter
Without Going Crazy!**

by author, Melissa DelMonego

Thursday, May 8, 6:45 - 7:45 PM
(following the Community Dinner)
in Grove Church Fellowship Hall

Mission & Outreach and Community Engagement Update – May 2025

Grove's efforts to engage our church family and the local community, to welcome people into our church, and to help those in need offer numerous opportunities for everyone here at Grove to become involved. Your help as a volunteer is the magic ingredient to ensure the success of any event or ministry. [Look at these upcoming opportunities. Can you lend a helping hand?](#)



Community Engagement Calendar - Sign up to volunteer for these events.

June 7 – Free Flea Market, 9 AM - Noon

July 21 – Provide coffee for parents on the first day of VBS

September – Provide coffee for parents on the first day of preschool

October 18 – Trunk or Treat, 3 PM

Mission & Outreach Calendar

Each of these ministries will welcome new volunteers and while they are all ongoing, for most you may sign up for anything from a single experience to being a regular volunteer.

Adopt a Highway – Local roadside cleanup. April 26. Watch announcements for future dates

Community Dinners – May 8, 2025, and then October 2025 to May 2026 on the 2nd Thursday

Community Garden – spring and summer volunteers needed to plant, water, and harvest produce.

CYWA – Support food distribution program 2 hours on Wednesday or 2 hours on Thursday

Good Works Workdays – Monthly home repair ministry on the 2nd Saturday of each month

Salvation Army of West Chester – Prepare & serve meals as a member of a team once each month

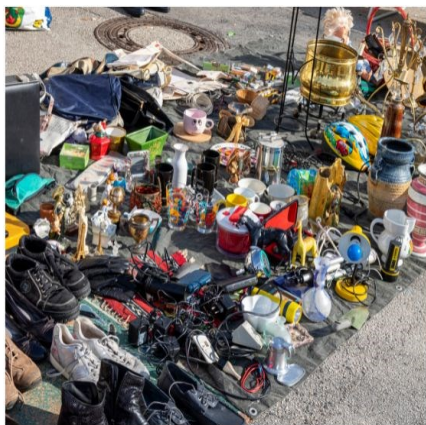
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Other Opportunities to serve

Donate food, books and other products to any of our **year-round ministries** including the Free Little Pantry and Library, The Laundromat Library League, Circle of Giving, and Paper for People.

The Prison Ministry would be happy to welcome some new members. Engage with them in learning opportunities to understand and become supportive of those impacted by the criminal justice system.

Information about these events and ministries can be found in the weekly announcements and on Churchtrac or you can simply email communityengagement@grovechurch.org to ask for information.



FREE FLEA MARKET

Grove is having a giveaway event in our parking lot on **Saturday, June 7th**

From 9:00 am - Noon

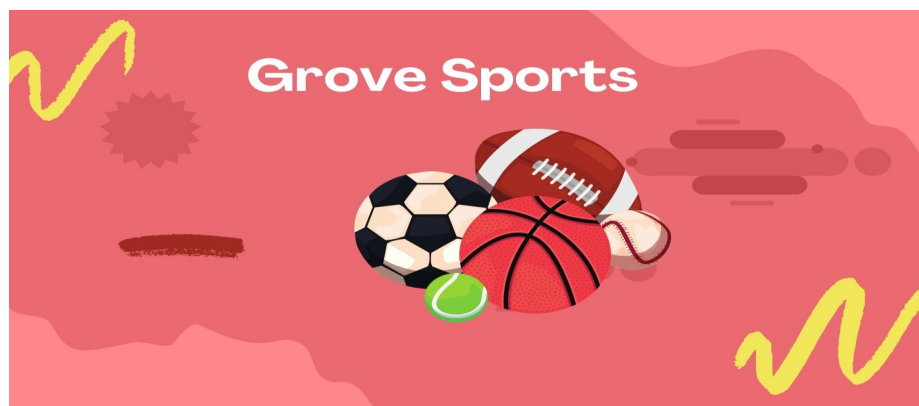
All items are free!

No haggling or pricing, No Money involved!

Questions: CommunityEngagement@GroveChurch.org

**Grove's next Good Works
workday is Saturday,
May 10.**

**Contact Betty at
goodworks@grovechurch.org
to volunteer.**



"Did you know that Grove Church is one of several churches that are members of DACSL (Downingtown Area Christian Sports League)? Our church members are eligible to participate in organized softball, volleyball, and basketball games, which provide competition and fellowship with other churches."

For more information, [click here to email Krista Carstens](#)

Vacation Bible School is Coming



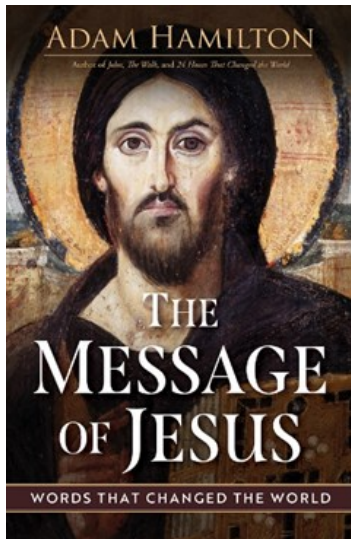
July 21-25 9:00 AM – 11:30 AM

For ages 5 through 5th grade

Scan the code to register



Adult Faith Formation



A fresh encounter with the words of Jesus.

More than 3 billion people claim to follow Jesus. But aside from a few verses, how many actually know what he taught? In fact, much of what people think Jesus taught, he never said.?

In this six-week study, pastor and best-selling author Adam Hamilton explores six of the most important themes in Jesus's teachings, why they matter, and how they speak to us today. The book will explore Jesus's preaching on the Kingdom of God, the Sermon on the Mount, the parables, the "I am" sayings in John, and more. Jesus's message is not only life-changing, but world-changing.

Join us on Sundays at 10:10 AM during the Faith Formation hour in Room 108

Books and Discussion Guides available \$15. Scholarships available
Indicate your interest in participating at <https://bit.ly/3Y2THQj> or scan



Women's Bible Study on Zoom



Context looks at verses we know by heart but may not know the people, places, and times that give them meaning. Josh Scott delves into these well-known Scripture verses, exploring their true meanings by examining them in their original biblical context. Through this process, he unveils fresh and enlightening interpretations that are often missed when these Scriptures are taken out of context.

See sample copy and sign up sheet on the welcome desk in the church lobby.

Class meets on Tuesday evening by Zoom. See Pastor Eva for more information.

Mark Your Calendar

Preschool Storytime Thursdays in June 10:00 AM

Preschool children are invited to join us in Fellowship Hall for fun stories and crafts. Register by scanning the code. Contact Pastor Eva for more information.



Dear Grove Friends,

Charley and I are settled in our apartment in Maryland, and it feels like home. The move went smoothly, and we like this community - people are friendly and welcoming, the food is good, there is a lot to do, and it's great to be close to family.

Thank you for the wonderful send-off. The signed "250" Grove picture is a treasured possession and is on my wall along with other Grove items. I will always remember the warmth and good wishes, the kind words, and prayers that you sent with us. I feel like part of the congregation when I watch the streaming worship services - I love to see all of you on the screen.

We welcome visitors - do let us know if you are in the DC area. Our new address is 3148 Gracefield Rd, Apt 404, Silver Spring, MD 20904.

My prayers for Grove continue - I look forward to seeing what God has in store for you next!

Kathy Parker

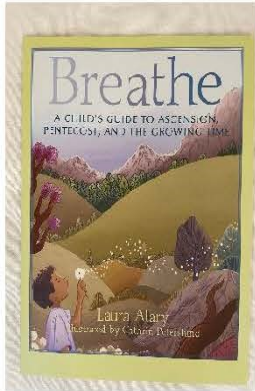
Thank you's received from:

Chester County Food Bank
West Chester Food Cupboard
Home of the Sparrow

Shelter Service, Inc.
Lennell Perry & family

Family Ministry Book Recommendations

Here are this month's book recommendations for families with children.

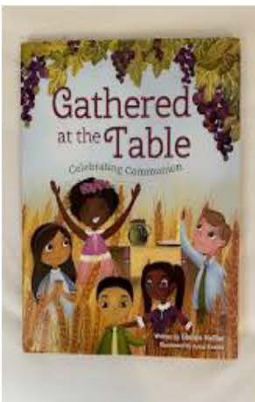


***Breathe* is a journey through Ascension, Pentecost, and Ordinary Time.**

"The day of Pentecost is coming.
The church is changing color.
The white and gold of Easter
will soon burst into flaming red,
then cool to green."

So begins *Breathe: A Child's Guide to Ascension, Pentecost, and the Growing Time*. *Breathe* explores children's questions: How can Jesus go away, yet promise to be with us always? Can we trust someone who comes and goes so mysteriously?

On Amazon -35% **\$10.98** List Price: \$16.99



Written in both prose and poetry, *Gathered at the Table* engages children as it begins with the example set by Jesus at the Last Supper in Jerusalem and shows readers that even though there are many ways to take communion, the meaning is the same: in Communion, we remember Jesus. Ever since Jesus shared bread and wine with his disciples, Christians all around the world gather to celebrate Communion so they can remember Jesus too. The bread

reminds us of Jesus's body. The wine reminds us of Jesus's blood. Bestselling author Glenys Nellist takes children ages 4-8 through the action of communion and encourages them to reflect on the mystery of this holy sacrament.

*Gathered at the table,
Sharing wine and bread.*

*"I want you to remember me,"
Jesus softly said.*

On Amazon -25% **\$14.21** List Price: \$18.99

Get ready to follow the yellow brick road! The Grove Drama Ministry is thrilled to announce open auditions for our upcoming production of *The Wizard of Oz* on **Saturday, May 17th from 9am until 3pm and Sunday, May 18th from 1pm until 5pm!** Auditions are just two weeks away! Do not miss your chance to shine!

Dust off your ruby slippers (or just your comfy shoes!) because we welcome everyone of **all ages** to join us on this magical adventure. Whether you're a seasoned performer or have never stepped on a stage before, **no prior experience is necessary!** We believe everyone has a little bit of Dorothy, Scarecrow, Tin Man, or Lion inside them, and we can't wait to discover the wonderful talent within our community.

Interested in joining the cast or crew? We encourage you to register by completing this Google Form: [Wizard of Oz Registration](#).

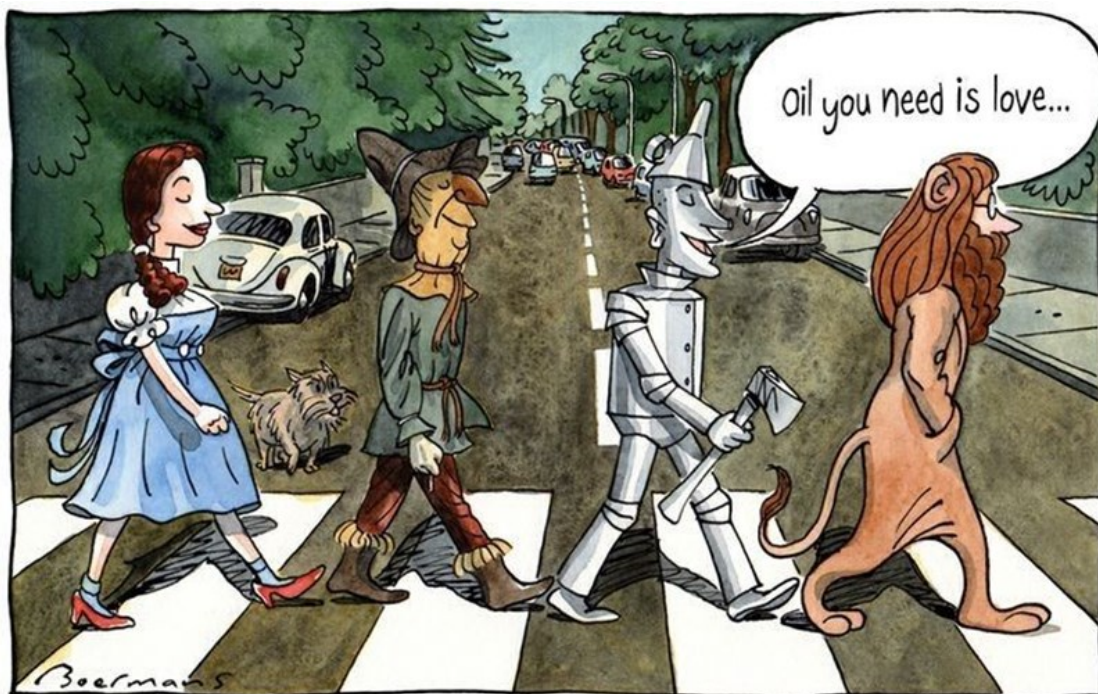
Don't forget to check out our audition packet for more details: [Wizard of Oz Audition Packet](#). This packet contains information about the show, character descriptions, and what to expect at the audition.

Can't make the scheduled audition times? Don't worry! **Walk-ins are welcome** – we'd love to see you.

The shows will run September 19th through 21st!

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to us at GroveDramaMinistry@grovechurch.org.

We are so excited to bring the beloved story of *The Wizard of Oz* to life, and we hope you'll be a part of our journey.





Grove Youth Ministry

Schedule

Sunday, May 4th

Youth Choir shares an anthem at the Rooted Service

12:30-1:30 pm ASP meeting

1:30-2:30 pm Youth Choir rehearsal

2:30-4:00 pm Youth Group

Monday, May 5th

Choir Concert rehearsal 6:30-8:30 pm

Sunday, May 11th

Youth Choir shares an anthem at the Rooted Service

Monday & Wednesday May 12th & 14th

Choir Concert rehearsal 6:30-8:30 pm

Friday, May 16th

Parent's Night Out 6:30-9:00 pm

Sunday, May 18th

Car Wash 8:30 am -12:30 pm

12:45-2:45 pm Youth Choir rehearsal

Monday & Wednesday May 19th & 21st

Choir Concert rehearsal 6:30-8:30 pm

Sunday, May 25th

no Youth Choir or Youth Group

Wednesday, May 28th

Choir Concert rehearsal 6:30-8:30 pm

Kids Connection Choir & Crew

Schedule

Sunday, May 4th

2:30-3:00 pm Kid Connection Choir rehearsal

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

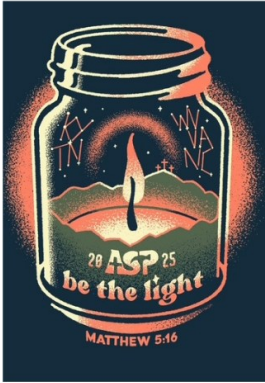


Sunday, May 11th

KC Choir shares a song at the 9:00 a.m. service

Sunday, May 18th

**2:45-4:00 pm Kid Connection meets
Ice Cream Party and Games**



ASP 2025

The theme is “be the light”.
Grove will be volunteering the week of
July 5th-12th.

**Next ASP meeting May 4th
at 12:30 pm**

**Would you like to be an
ASP participant's prayer partner?**

**Please see Jen Hardie or email
youth@grovechurch.org**



Mission Blitz Week

**will be held the week of July 28th for youth who
completed 6th grade through 12th grade .**

**If interested in participating in a week of
service in our community please email
youth@grovechurch.org**



**Save the date for the
Youth Choir Concert on
Saturday, June 14th at 7:00 pm**

Youth Music and Missions Week

Sunday, June 15th-Saturday, June 21st

**for those youth completing
6th grade to 12th grade.**



**If interested in participating in a week of
service in our community please email
youth@grovechurch.org**

Parents Night Out

Friday, May 16th

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

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

Snacks will be available. Space is limited.

For more information email youth@grovechurch.org



Sign up using the QR code

CAR WASH

Sunday, May 18th

A free will donation will benefit our summer mission trips. How can you help? Bring your car on Sunday morning and a volunteer will have it washed and ready for pick-up by the end of worship.

Youth Group and Kid Connection Groups

Lots of games and making cat toys for the SPCA

