

# RESURRECTION STORIES



"I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die."  
— John 11: 25-26, NRSVUE

The Easter Season is a time of celebrating all the ways in which resurrection is possible in our lives. What keeps us locked up inside? What binds us, keeping us from the fullness of who God created us to be? Join us for powerful testimonies of courage, kindness, strength, and overcoming from those who have found "resurrection" in their lives. It might just inspire you to unlock your own rising up!

Do you have a resurrection to story to share? Let us know!  
The most inspiring part of this series will be the stories that are shared!

***We will kick off this worship series with Student Sunday on April 19th!***



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# Spring Clothing Ministry Volunteers & Donations Needed!

*Our Spring Clothing Ministry is approaching, and we need your help!*

For over 40 years, Grove Church has hosted this semi-annual event, providing free clothing to those in need and affordable options for the community. Many individuals and agencies rely on this ministry, and we need people power to make it happen!

## How You Can Help:

### Clothing Drop-Off Assistance

Monday, April 20 – Thursday, April 23 | 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

*Direct donations, keep lights on in Asbury, come alone or bring a buddy.*

### Set-Up & Sorting

Saturday, April 25 | 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

*Set up tables & racks, move, unpack, & sort donations.*

Sunday, April 26 | 8:30 AM – 4:00 PM

*Continue unpacking & sorting donations*

### Sale & Last-Minute Organization

Monday, April 27 | 4:00 PM – 8:30 PM

*Organizing & assisting during the sale.*

*(Cashiers, refolders, baggers, general help)*

Tuesday, April 28 | 3:00 PM – 7:30 PM – Sale

*(Cashiers, refolders, baggers, general help)*

### Pack-Up Help

Wednesday, April 29 | 9:30 AM – 11:30 AM

*Pack clothing for pickup, put away tables & racks.*

There's a role for everyone—bring your family and friends!

We also welcome clothing donations to support this outreach.

Help spread the word! Please consider printing a flyer (here in the newsletter) and hanging it in your workplace, a local business, or anywhere in the community to help us reach more people.

Thank you for being the hands and feet of Christ in our community!

**Questions? See Rachel Byerly or email  
[ClothingMinistry@GroveChurch.org](mailto:ClothingMinistry@GroveChurch.org)**





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# Grove Church Invites you to our Spring Clothing Ministry Sale!



Shopping Open to the Public:

**Monday, April 27; 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm**

**Tuesday, April 28; 3:00 pm - 7:30 pm**



\*\*Tuesday Only ~ High School & College Students  
with School ID Receive ½OFF!

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**CASH OR CHECK ONLY**

**Do you have any questions?**

*[clothingministry@grovechurch.org](mailto:clothingministry@grovechurch.org)*

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## Donations Accepted at Grove ~ Asbury Hall

- Monday 4/20 - Thursday 4/23 (6 pm - 8 pm)
- Saturday 4/25 (9 am - 4 pm)
- Sunday 4/26 (8:30 am - 4 pm)

Donations of gently used clothing & shoes are appreciated.  
(from babies to grandparents, all shapes and sizes)  
We are not in need of hangers, thank you.





# Spring 2026 Toy Sale: A Mission of Joy!



The United Women in Faith are gearing up for our annual Spring Toy Sale, and we need your help to make it a success for our community and our mission partners. This wonderful event coincides with our Clothing Sale, filling our halls with fellowship and the spirit of giving.

### How You Can Participate

Whether you are cleaning out your closets or looking to give your time, there are many ways to support this ministry:

**Donate:** We are seeking donations of infant, children, and youth toys. Please bring your items to Asbury Hall during the following times:

April 20th – 23rd: 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM  
April 25th & 26th: Until 4:00 PM

**Volunteer:** We are looking for helping hands to assist with sorting, pricing, and managing the sale floor. If you feel called to serve in this way, please contact the church office to sign up.

**Shop & Share:** Mark your calendars to shop and invite your neighbors!

Monday, April 27th: 5:30 PM – 8:30 PM  
Tuesday, April 28th: 3:00 PM – 7:30 PM

### Extending Our Reach

Our ministry doesn't end when the sale closes. Any toys remaining at the end of the event will be donated to the CYWA in Coatesville, ensuring that every gift continues to bless a child in our wider community.

Thank you for your continued generosity and for helping us share God's love through this special event!

Monthly Special Offerings

Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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**GROVE CHURCH**  
A United Methodist Congregation

**For the month  
of April, our special  
focus is on ASP.**



# COMMUNITY DINNER

Thursday, April 9th  
4:30-6:30 pm

We will be serving Shepard's Pie,  
with salad and all the goodies!

**Everyone is welcome!**

**SPEAKER**  
 **SERIES**  
@ Grove Church

PRESENTS

**Bruce Mowday**

**Lafayette at Brandywine:  
The Making of  
an American Hero.**

**THURSDAY, April 9  
@ 6:45 PM**

*Follows the Community Dinner.  
Childcare will be provided.*





## Grove Care Connection

Grove Care Connection is off to a strong start! Twelve new volunteers, in addition to seven from the Nurture Team, have volunteered to make monthly visits or phone calls to Grovers who live alone and/or can no longer attend church in person.



This past month the volunteers scheduled visits to the people with whom they are matched, taking with them an Easter gift bag which the Nurture Team put together. The volunteers will be scheduling visits or phone calls on a monthly basis so they can get to know each other better. We've already seen some delightful friendships blossoming.

If you, or someone you know, would like to be part of the Grove Care Connection, either as a visitor or visatee, please email [nurtureteam@grovechurch.org](mailto:nurtureteam@grovechurch.org) or talk with Carol Moore or Judy Grinwis.

Whether it's the food insecure, the homeless, victims of domestic violence, or those impacted by disaster, your desire to make a difference has a home here.



### FORWARD TOGETHER: CONTINUING THE JOURNEY REENTRY AWARENESS

**WHAT:** EXPERIENCE THE PERSPECTIVE OF THOSE RE-JOINING THE COMMUNITY AFTER INCARCERATION

**WHEN:** FRIDAY APRIL 24, 2026  
10:00 AM - 3:00 PM  
\*LUNCH PROVIDED

**WHERE:** COATESVILLE MOOSE LODGE  
1200 AIRPORT ROAD  
COATESVILLE PA 19320

**RESOURCE FAIR,  
GUEST SPEAKERS  
AND A DEEPER  
UNDERSTANDING.**

**QUESTIONS?**  
**[DEACONMARILYN@GROVECHURCH.ORG](mailto:DEACONMARILYN@GROVECHURCH.ORG)**



## Do You Have a Servant's Heart?

Who are you called to help? Whether it's the food insecure, the homeless, victims of domestic violence, or those impacted by disaster, your desire to make a difference has a home here.

### How to Get Involved

Starting is simple. You don't need to wait for a formal invitation or commit to a long-term schedule.

- Visit the Missions Board: Stop by the hall outside Room 108 to see current news, specific needs, and upcoming events from our local partners.
- Act on Your Own: Reach out to an organization that moves you directly.
- Collaborate: Join forces with one of Grove's existing mission teams.

Do what moves you, when it moves you. Every small act of kindness ripples through our community. We're Here to Help

If you need guidance or want to learn more about our current partnerships, we're ready to support you.

**Contact Us:** [missionandoutreach@grovechurch.org](mailto:missionandoutreach@grovechurch.org)

# Make a difference!

**Come share in the joy of repairing homes  
and restoring hope with Grove's Good Works Ministry.**



**Contact Betty to volunteer  
[goodworks@grovechurch.org](mailto:goodworks@grovechurch.org)**



# ARTS AT THE GROVE

COME AS YOU ARE. CREATE TOGETHER!  
A COMMUNITY GROWING TOGETHER THROUGH THE ARTS.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

KEEP YOUR CALENDARS CLEAR  
FOR THESE EXCITING EVENTS

- OCTOBER 24 – THE TIME OF OUR LIVES CABARET
- NOVEMBER 20 – COMMUNITY ART SHOWCASE
- DECEMBER 13 – COOKIES, CAROLS, & CARD MAKING





# Grove Youth Choir & Ministry

All 5th–12th graders are invited to be part of our Youth Choir, meeting every Sunday for rehearsal. We'll share our music in worship twice a month—come lend your voice and be part of something inspiring!

Stay for Youth Group!  
After choir, 6th–12th graders are welcome to stick around for Youth Group—a time with friends, faith, and fun.



## SCHEDULE

### Sunday, April 5th

**Happy Easter!!!**

The Youth Choir shares a song at the 11:15 am service

### Monday, April 6th

Music rehearsal 6:30–8:30 pm

### Sunday, April 12th

12:30–2:00 pm–Youth Choir rehearsal

2:00–3:30 pm–Youth Group

### Monday, April 13th

Music rehearsal 6:30–8:30 pm

### Sunday, April 19th

**Student Sunday at the 9:00 am service**

Youth choir shares a song at both services

12:30–2:00 pm–Youth Choir rehearsal

2:00–3:30 pm–Youth Group

### Mon, April 20th & Wed, April 22nd

Music rehearsal 6:30–8:30 pm

### Sunday, April 26th

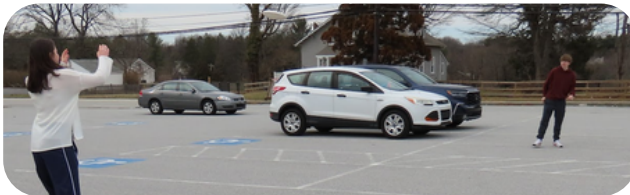
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## Kids Connection Choir & Crew

Our Kids Ministry invites all first through fifth graders to be part of the fun—whether through the KCC Choir or our Kids Connection Crew! Your child can choose either opportunity or both! Twice a month, Kids Connection Choir & Crew gather for rehearsal, fellowship, and games. One of those weeks, this group will also team up with our Youth Group for games and connection.

Please email [youth@grovechurch](mailto:youth@grovechurch) with questions or if your child/relative would like to join our kids or youth ministries.



### Upcoming Schedule

Sunday, April 5th

**Happy Easter!**

Sunday, April 12th

**KC Choir 2:00-2:30 Bell rehearsal**

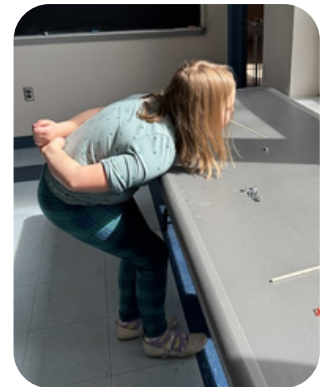
**KC Crew meets 2:30-3:30 pm**

Sunday, April 19th

**Student Sunday-9:00 am service!  
KCC helps lead service  
KC Choir shares their song at the  
9:00 am service**

**KC Crew meets 1:00-2:00 pm**

**KC Choir meets 2:00-2:30 pm**





## Youth Group & Kid Connection-What have we been up to?



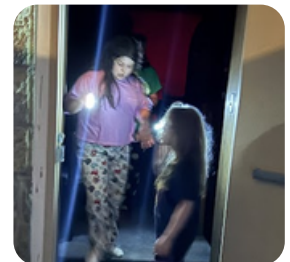
**Parents Night Out/Kids Night In**



**Our First Hymn Sing**



**Our First KCC Night**





**Thank you to everyone who supported the Missions Auction. Your generosity through donations and purchases will directly fund mission projects during both Music and Missions Week and Mission Blitz Week. Additionally, your support will assist our Appalachia Service Project group as they travel in July to help repair homes.**



**SAVE THE DATE**

**THE GROVE MISSIONS CAR WASH IS PLANNED FOR SUNDAY, MAY 17TH DURING BOTH SERVICES. MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**



**Grove Youth Music and Missions week will be Sunday, June 14<sup>th</sup> until Saturday, June 20<sup>th</sup>**



**Our kick off concert date at Grove will be Friday, June 12th at 7:00 pm!!**



**Our annual ASP Mission trip will be the week of July 4th-July 11th**

**The next meeting is March 8<sup>th</sup> at 11:15 am**

**Please email [youth@grovechurch.org](mailto:youth@grovechurch.org) if interested and for more info**





**Last month, we delivered our food collection and a check for \$720.00 to the Chester County Food Bank. Thank you once again for joining us in the fight against hunger!**



## Honoring a Legend!

After **nearly 60 years** of filling our sanctuary with beautiful music, our beloved organist **Bob Johns has announced his retirement.** Bob has been a fixture of our church family since the mid-1960s, and **his contribution to our worship is immeasurable.**

We invite you to join us on **Sunday, May 17** for his final service to help us say "**thank you**" for a lifetime of music and ministry.



## Get your GroveT-Shirt!

Let others know you're representing Grove. It makes our volunteers easy to identify in a crowd and gives us and Grove a recognizable presence in the community.

Sign up on the counter outside the kitchen.  
Children's sizes - \$10. Adults - \$12. Payment is due when you receive your shirt. Place your order by March 15.

Thank you for being the wonderful, welcoming family of faith that you are.  
Let us continue to grow in grace and serve together!