

The Visitor

Grove Presbyterian Church
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Update from the Session

As you are aware, Dr. Toole has retired. We appreciate his many contributions to Grove and wish him well.

The Presbytery is working with Grove during this time without a Pastor. As we move forward, the Session will continue to meet with a Moderator provided by the Presbytery.

Our Ministries and Committees will continue to function as they always have and our lay preachers will continue preaching in rotation.

Our Deacons will continue to perform their valuable ministry in the community.

The Trustees will continue to keep the church in good shape, keeping everything in working order and making necessary repairs and upgrades.

The Pastoral Nominating Committee will continue to search for a new called Pastor.

As you are aware, Harford County has had a spike in COVID cases. The Session met on November 23rd and discussed the current COVID state. After discussion, the Session voted to continue with in-person worship services at this time. The Session also voted to have a Christmas Eve service.

The situation is—as you might expect—fluid and may change based upon actions by the State or by the Session. We will keep you apprised if changes occur.

Even though the times in which we find ourselves are **not** business as usual, the church's operation and its ministries will continue to function as we fulfill God's calling in this place and time.

We, at Grove, have always been resilient, resourceful and creative. And even though we have a challenge going forward, those aspects of Grove's character will continue to hold us in good stead.

The Session of Grove Presbyterian Church

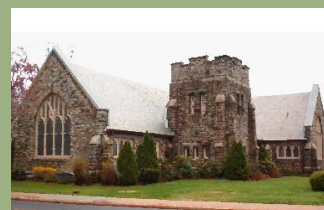
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"Deacons' Doings"

Great
are the
works
of the
Lord.



GOD IS GOOD...

In that, there is no doubt:

The Deacon News is abounding with good tidings of great joy!

ALWAYS RECYCLING Grove received a check from Always Recycling for \$57.00. To date (since 2002) Grove has received \$11,671.97 from this campaign! THANK YOU to our Aluminum collectors (Rosi & Dave Yensan) and all who save, crush & donate!

CUPBOARD NEWS

With a shortened month of only three Wednesdays, we provided 60 bags of groceries to 47 households helping 174 people!

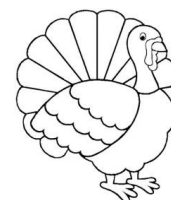
Special thanks to our Federal Food work crew on November 10! Despite the late arrival of the delivery truck all TEFAP partners hustled and quickly unloaded & moved 2,045 pounds of food! Kudos: Eleesa & Jim Farley, Carroll Fitzgerald, Linda Dempsey, Dick Harrison, Steve Stephens, Mary Anne Thomas and Pat Viele!

The Cupboard will be closed December 23 but will be open December 30!

THE NUMBER '43'

Good Golly, Miss Molly, you may be saying!! What is significant about **43**???

On November 23 - Through our THANKSGIVING BOX campaign (with some assistance this year from the Community Projects of Havre de Grace) the Deacons provided turkeys and boxes of food to **43** families! Many thanks to Mary Hays Loper & Mary Anne Thomas for coordinating our program and to Mary Anne, Linda Dempsey, and Dick Harrison for putting in a long day distributing these feasts! (Special shout out to Jack Dempsey for surprising all with lunch!)



During our CHRISTMAS STOCKING project, On Sunday, November 22, the beautiful, loving souls of Grove adopted **43** stockings for the children of Harford Family House! The stockings are to be returned to Grove by December 13 (you may bring them to Worship any Sunday before then and give to Carol Himmer)! Thank you all for your willing & generous spirit!

During this blessed season, when we Pause to celebrate the birth of our savior, we remember our blessings - of this church & the wonderful folks within who help support the mission of the Deacons throughout the year!



Stay Safe AND Bless you all!

Sounds of the Season All virtual in 2020!

Sunday, December 20, 2020
5:00 p.m.

To be presented **online** by
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50 E Bel Air Avenue, Aberdeen, MD

Jesus, our Hope

A Cantata for Christmas in a Time of Waiting

Grove Presbyterian Church Choir
Zoe Coppola
Elizabeth LaDana
Three Bats in the Attic

Celebrate the birth of Jesus together in spirit,
while still physically distanced.



December 2	Noah Clawiter
December 5	Amy Clawiter
December 6	Delores Unruh
December 7	John Vecchio
December 8	Jon Livezey
December 8	Barry Dillon
December 13	Sabrina Deitrick
December 15	Logan Clawiter
December 15	Marcus Webster
December 16	Dick Harrison
December 16	Stephen Dunn
December 19	Olivia Hahn

Announcements

- The Worship Ministry is working hard to make sure that our congregation's needs are met. Please provide your comments about what we're doing right and what we can do to improve our in-person and virtual worship experiences.
- Dear friends, In addition to our in-person worship, you can now experience our worship service live on Facebook. Just go to facebook.com/grovepc and click on the live video link at 10:30 am on Sunday. As always, our worship service is also recorded and will be available on our website, www.grovepc.org.
- It's that time of year for the Christmas Joy Special Offerings. Envelopes for donations will be placed inside the Sanctuary for if you choose to donate.
- In the old nursery there is a children's kitchen set that is homemade. There is a pantry cabinet, refrigerator, sink unit and a stove that are very old and still in good condition that are no longer wanted. The questions are: how old, does anyone know who made them, or does anyone want them? If you know about them or want them, please call the church office or Eleesa Farley. The nursery is empty now and will hopefully get cleaned soon. It was cleared out so the thrift shop can move into the space. The shop will be more accessible and noticeable to everyone and much brighter with so many windows. There is no firm date set for this move to be completed, yet.

Church Office

Sarah Fitzgerald: Administrative Assistant
 Carmella White: Monroe Building Facility Coordinator
 Treasurer: Carmella White Assistant Treasurer: Jim Hall
 Custodian: Larry White
 Music Director: Carlla Jones

Church Officers

Session: Moderator: Ray Meute Clerk: Gil Jones
 Class of 2021 Nancy Bounds, Carroll Fitzgerald, Cliff Giles
 Class of 2022 Daphne Keithley
 Class of 2023 Andy O'Connor, Bev Pflugsten, Marcus Webster

Deacons: Moderator: Helen Farmer
 Class of 2021 Mary Lee James, Bill Loper, Sharon Vecchio, Katherine Weber
 Class of 2022 BethAnn Cameron, Linda Dempsey, Helen Farmer
 Class of 2023 Carol Himmer, Mary Hays Loper, Mary Anne Thomas, Pat Viele

Trustees: Chair: Charlie Himmer
 Class of 2021 Jim Farley, Charlie Himmer
 Class of 2022 Mary Ann Magee, Carole Taylor
 Class of 2023 Tim Ford Alex, McComas