

# Grove Avenue United Methodist Church

501 Grove Avenue  
Johnstown, PA 15902  
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# THE MESSENGER

Newsletter of the Grove Avenue United Methodist Church

## From the Pastor

**Come as you are  
all are welcome!**

### **Sunday Schedule:**

**9:00 a.m.**

Contemporary Worship Service  
Followed by Fellowship Time

**9:15 a.m.**

Adult Sunday school

**10:45 a.m.**

Traditional Worship Service/  
Children's SS

### **Staff:**

**PASTOR:** Rev. Adam Dotts

**LAY LEADER:** Eric Stuver

**ADMIN. ASST:** Jennifer Robertson

**PRAISE BAND DIR:** Denise Baldwin

**NURSERY DIR:** Destiny Wallace

**CUSTODIAN:** Jay Adams

**CCW:** Natalie Marionneaux

**Youth Leader:** Ryan Thomas

### **Office Hours:**

**Mon.-Thurs.** 8:00 am – 1:00 pm

**Fri.** 8:00 am – 12:00 pm

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*Ecclesiastes 3 King James Version (KJV)*

*3 To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven: 2 A time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted; 3 A time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up; 4 A time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance; 5 A time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing; 6 A time to get, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to cast away; 7 A time to rend, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak; 8 A time to love, and a time to hate; a time of war, and a time of peace.*

Hello Grove Avenue,

It is hard to believe that a year has gone by, and we are ready for a new year of appointments. I understand that some of you are upset that I am leaving. I know that I have only been your pastor for a year; however, I have been working behind the scenes for the past six years helping to guide Grove Avenue through some challenging times. I am excited and pleased to see marked growth, in the church, over the past year, and many new programs come to fruition. I am also happy that the church I knew six years ago is not the church I know today, that church was not ready for the changes that God has in store for it. I'm delighted to say that the church today is prepared to face God and say, "Speak, for your servant is listening." I hope that you understand that yes my season was short, but it paved the way to make much-needed changes so that the church has time to grow and continue with the ministry God asks us to do.

May the Lord fill you with peace.

Pastor Adam



# WELCOME TO THE JUNE 2019 ISSUE OF *THE MESSENGER*

We welcome your submissions, your input, your ideas, your opinions, essays, poems, photos, and testimonies.

Please let us know if there is a layperson you would like to salute or a particular ministry or member you would like to highlight.

You may contact the church office with suggestions or concerns about content.

The newsletter is also available online at [www.groveaveumc.com](http://www.groveaveumc.com).

## Please notify the church of:

- address and phone number changes
- births or deaths in your family
- hospital visits
- accomplishments,
- milestones, celebrations

## ARTICLES FOR THE JULY/AUGUST 2019 ISSUE ARE DUE FRIDAY, JUNE 21

Articles may be dropped off or emailed to the church office.

**Articles received after the deadline are not guaranteed to appear in *The Messenger*.**

## When you need prayer...



If at any time you have a prayer request, you may do one of the following:

- Call or Email the church office
- Send it through our website at [www.groveaveumc.com](http://www.groveaveumc.com)
- Contact the prayer chain by calling:  
**John & Veronica James, 266-6907**
- Fill out a prayer request card and either hand it into or mail it to the church office. Prayer request cards can be found in the pew racks in the sanctuary.

Don't forget to alert the church office if you or a family member is in the hospital. Let us know if you would like it announced during church services, in the bulletin or newsletters.

## In Need of Visitation?

Pastor Adam asks that if you would like a visit from either him or a laity, please contact the church office so your request doesn't get overlooked.

## Did You Know...

- If you are unable to attend church you can give your weekly contributions through our website.
- When you make a purchase on Amazon you can support Grove Avenue United Methodist Church.

*For more information, contact our church office.*

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# June Birthdays



- 1 – Mikey Michalides
- 3 – Seth Dotts
- 6 – Natalie Hudec\*\*
- 7 – Jean Rose
- 11 – Pam Kehl
- 15 – Cassandra Kaelin-Smith
- 17 – Anna Antemann\*\*
- 17 – Stephanie Hadix
- 20 – Tammy Prysiazniuk
- 21 – Mariah Weaver
- 29 – Dennis Yeager
- 29 – Karen Allshouse
- 29 – Ron Gindlesperger\*\*

# June Anniversaries

- 11 – Tom and Becky Charette
- 12 – Dave and Pat Aikey
- 25 – Charles and Mary Jane Beam

**\*Homebound**  
**\*\*80 or over**

<p><b>Natalie Hudec</b> 3479 Elton Rd. Johnstown, PA 15904</p>	<p><b>Anna Antemann</b> 306 Graystone Ln. Johnstown, PA 15905</p>	<p><b>Ron Gindlesperger</b> 164 Pender Rd. Davidsville, PA 15928</p>
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# Serving Grove Avenue in June

## Ushers

- Bill Hiner
- Gail Hiner
- Dave Aikey
- Pat Aikey



## Scripture Readers

### Contemporary Service

- 2 – Lois Graham
- 9 – David Graham
- 16 – Karen Hohman
- 23 – Tom Charette
- 30 – Hannah Mitchell

### Traditional Service

- 2 – Tom Sabo
- 9 – David Aikey
- 16 – Georgia Miller
- 23 – Pat Aikey
- 30 – Sue Birchfield

# June Scriptures

## Sunday, June 2

**Scriptures:** Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21  
John 17:20-26

## Sunday, June 9

**Scriptures:** Romans 6:14-17  
Acts 2: 1-21

## Sunday, June 16

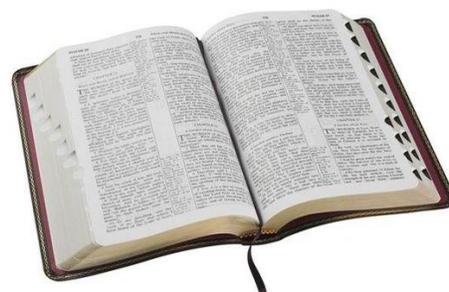
**Scripture:** TBD

## Sunday, June 23

**Scripture:** TBD

## Sunday, June 30

**Scripture:** TBD



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# News Around the Pews

## Library News

Hi everyone!

The Grove Avenue Library/Johnstown District Library should be operational within the next few months. Most of the books have been cataloged, tagged, and organized on the shelves and the room has been cleaned up. Feel free to visit the library -- you may not recognize the room! After all the books have been cataloged and tagged, I will catalog the media and curriculum resources.

Three ministries that I plan to develop from the library ministry:

1. Sharing books, curriculum, and media resources among all the UM churches within the Johnstown District using an automated library system.
2. Providing library services to the under-served residents of the Moxham Community.
3. Providing library services to shut-ins. The ministry's goal is to recruit volunteers from each church to bring a book(s) to a shut-in from their church. This will reconnect church families with each other when delivering a library book to a shut-in.

Eventually, I would like individual churches to grow and develop their own church libraries to serve their own communities. Through the automated library system, churches can strengthen each other through shared library materials and provide spiritual growth for their own church members and their surrounding communities.

I will continue to provide you updates to the Library's progress. I have also been considering finding a new name for the "Johnstown District Library." I welcome any suggestions.

Sarah Harris



## Graduation Sunday

On **Sunday, June 9<sup>th</sup>** we will recognize our graduates. Congratulations to the following:

*Hannah Mitchell graduating from Somerset High School*  
*Hunter Kovaloski graduated from UPJ*  
*Andrea Kovaloski graduated from UPJ*  
*James McAfee graduated from IUP*

## Happy Father's Day

It's a difficult task to describe our fathers and the impact they have made on our lives. Although all fathers are different, there are certain traits they share such as the nurturing, teaching, and guiding of children and youth.

To celebrate Father's Day, you may make a donation in honor or memory of your father.

A listing of those remembered or honored will appear in the July/August Messenger. To make a donation, please complete the form below and return it to the church office with payment by June 9, 2019.

CELEBRATING FATHER'S DAY June 16, 2019

I would like to donate \$\_\_\_\_\_ to the General Fund.

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# Mark Your Calendars

## United Methodist Women

All are welcome to the UMW meeting on **Wednesday, June 5 at 1:00 pm**. Come learn the purpose of our mission and enjoy the fellowship. Snacks appreciated

## Annual Conference

This year's Annual Conference is **June 6<sup>th</sup> through June 8<sup>th</sup>** at Grove City College. Please remember Pastor Adam, Natalie Marionneaux, and our lay representative, and those joining them in your prayers as they attend the Western PA Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church. Please call the church office with any pastoral emergencies you may have during that time.

## Farmer's Market

**What:** Great place to buy fresh fruits and Vegetables

**Where:** Grove Avenue United Methodist Church Parking Lot

**When:** Every Thursday

**Time:** 3:00-6:00 pm

In addition to fruits and vegetables don't forget the goodies. Our table will be set up every Thursday. We need volunteers to help run the table and to donate baked goods. Donations of cash will also be appreciated for Sharon Robertson to buy ingredients to bake. For any help you would like to offer, see Sharon Robertson for more information.

**Camp Allegheny and Grove Ave  
UMC present:**

## Moxham Community Christian Day Camp

Camp Allegheny quality programming is coming to your community! Campers will enjoy great activities such as hamster ball, games, crafts, a pony ride, Bible Study, and more! Campers will build meaningful relationships with adults in their community! Campers will learn about God's love for them while having more fun than they've had the rest of their summer!

Watch a video from last year:  
<https://vimeo.com/282594378>

**Ages:** 7-11 years old

**Cost:** \$2.50/camper for the WHOLE WEEK

**Contact & Register:** Grove Avenue UMC at (814) 539-8684 or [groveaveumc501@gmail.com](mailto:groveaveumc501@gmail.com)

**Dates:** July 29 – August 2

**Time:** 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

*The best week of your summer...in Moxham!*

## 2019 Faith Night at PNC Park – Save The Date!

7th Annual Faith Night next season is going to be held on **Saturday, June 22, 2019**. It will be a 4:05 pm game vs. the San Diego Padres. With it being an earlier presentation and on a Saturday, we're expecting the largest turnout that we've ever had. Group reservations of 10 or more will begin next week. It is highly recommended making your group reservation as soon as possible do to the popularity of this event. You don't need to know the number of tickets right now. They are just taking deposits towards a block of seats (10 or more seats). You'll then have until Friday, May 17 to let them know your final number, at which point you'll also pay the balance. For group reservations: Chad Glover 412-325-4756.

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# Hope Filled Relationships Quick Update:

- Big thank you to Angela who is putting clever quotes on the sign each week.
- Helped a neighbor with landlord issues.
- Help local young man with community service hours.
- New AA meeting has started at Grove as of May – it is Friday from 6-7pm in the basement.
- Went on WPAC Mission Trip to Louisiana UMCOR project. Got to visit UMCOR's Sager Brown site.
- Spent week in Louisiana, did 12 speaking engagements with churches, organizations and individuals talking about being a Church and Community Worker and Hope-filled Relationships ministry
- Prepping for Annual Conference – Hope-filled Relationships will have a table to share information about what we are up to.
- Highmark Walk for Community happened this past month at Altoona, Curve Stadium for UM Human Services. Over \$3,000 was raised
- Relationships are building between members and neighbors – neighbors coming to church, getting to know their own neighbors. We are developing community!

## Encouraging words from Our Lay Leader

I've heard some talk in the sanctuary that is really disturbing. Especially since the vote in St. Lewis and the transfer of Pastor Adam. Things like "We need to break away from the Conference." "We'd be better off if we were on our own." To that I say, "not as long as I'm here."

I was reminiscing the other day about the Methodist procedure of moving pastors from one church to another. I am saddened to know Adam, my friend, is leaving for another assignment. But as always I don't question the power of God. Every pastor that comes to us brings a different and special gift to our church.

I remember Pastor Ed's last sermon at Grove Ave. He said "Grove Ave. is nothing but brick and mortar, but what really makes Grove Ave. a special place is the church family that walks through these doors each and every Sunday. He'll be leaving but the real church will continue on."

We are a strong church. We'll still have the Farmer's Market, Flea Market, Pancake Day and Bake Sale, Outside Services, Free Store, and on and on. You get the picture.

We'll be under new leadership that will bring us a new gift. I know that God walks with us each and every day and he has a new plan for Grove Ave.

I've said it before, and I'll say it again. "Amazing things are happening at Grove Ave."

God is good...all the time

*Eric Stuver*

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# Happy Mother's Day

The General Fund gifts are presented to the glory of God as a Mother's Day tribute:

## In Memory Of:

**Our Mothers: Ann Boback and Elizabeth Aikey** by Pat and Dave Aikey  
**Anna Bako and Margaret Tiffany** by John and Donna Bako  
**Jennie Birchfield and Ina Powers** by Bob and Sue Birchfield  
**Mrs. Arlene Ullery** by Tom and Becky Charette  
**Our Mothers: Emily Henneke and Arvilla Hiner** by Gail and Bill Hiner  
**Dorothy (Schrum) Robertson and Mary (Sell) Smith** by Richard and Sharon Robertson and family  
**Mary Gilmore and Dorothy Stuver** by The Stuver family

## In Honor Of:

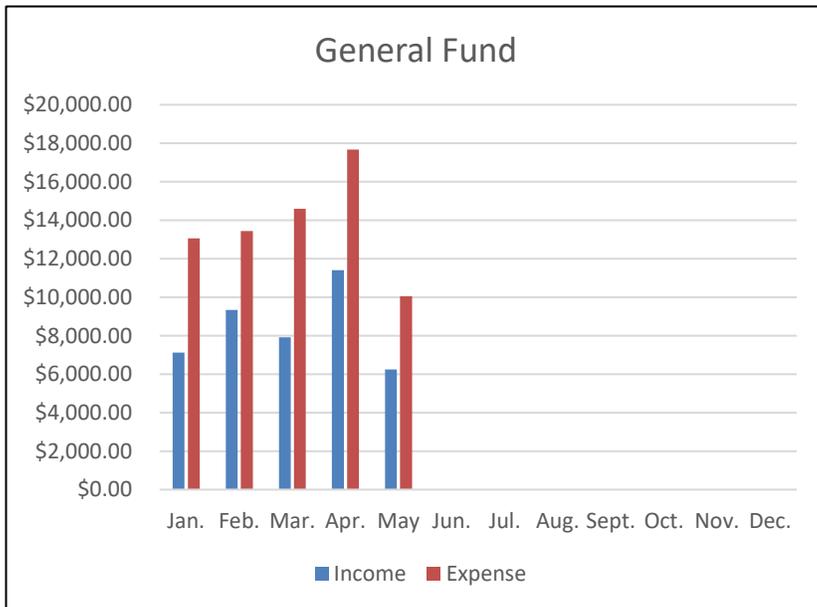
**Patricia Aikey** by Chris, Leigh, Laura, and Karen  
**Dianne Aikey** by Beth Aikey  
**Mrs. Virginia Charette** by Tom and Becky Charette  
**Ruth Smith** by Jan Furdella

This Mission Fund gift is presented to the glory of God as a Mother's Day tribute:

## In Memory Of:

**Irene Ackerman and Margaret Baldwin** by Joe and Denise Baldwin

# Finance Report



## Flocked by Flamingos

Have someone flocked for any occasion. Donation for flocking is \$10.00. See Donna Bako (255-2900) to set up a date. All proceeds will benefit the General Fund.



The chart above shows the income and expenses as of May 20, 2019.

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