



**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

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

Sunday Schedule:

9:00 a.m.

Contemporary Worship Service/
Children's SS
Followed by Fellowship Time

9:15 a.m.

Adult Sunday school

10:45 a.m.

Traditional Worship Service

Staff:

PASTOR: Revs. Carol & John Hickman

LAY LEADER: Eric Stuver

ADMIN. ASST: Jennifer Robertson

PRAISE BAND DIR: Denise Baldwin

NURSERY DIR: Destiny Wallace

CUSTODIAN: Jay Adams

CCW: Natalie Marionneaux

Office Hours:

Mon.-Thurs. 8:00 am – 1:00 pm

Fri. 8:00 am – 12:00 pm

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From the Pastor

Philippians 4:13 I can do all things through Christ who gives me strength.

Well can I do all things? No. I always wanted to be a World Champion Motorcycle racer and it never happened. At one time I wanted to make a living by fishing-----That never happened.

So what are all these things that I am able to do through Christ? Another version of this verse says it this way, " I can do everything Christ asks me to do." Now that is more like it to me. I am able to do all that Christ asks me to do and so are you able to do all that Christ asks us to do. The reason for this is that Christ does not ask us to do what we cannot do. The things He asks us to do are things we are able to do and Christ always gives us the ways and means to do these things. He always equips us for the task.

What are we asked to do? To love The Lord our God with everything we have, body, mind, and spirit. To love our neighbor as much as we love ourselves and to walk humbly with The Lord. We are to be the Hands and Feet of Our Lord here on earth. To feed the hungry, to visit the sick, to help a neighbor, to pray for our enemy, and to love people as Christ loves them; just as they are.

Simple acts of love, mercy, and grace. Beloved these are what Christ is asking us to do and to be. So the world can see Jesus through us and that we can see the world through the eyes of Jesus. He came into the world to save us not to condemn the world. Go, do these things in the name of Jesus Christ and you shall be doing all that He asks. God Loves you and Jesus Saves.

Have a blessed new year,
Pastor John

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ISSUE OF *THE MESSENGER*

The newsletter is also available online at 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 FEBRUARY 2020 ISSUE ARE DUE WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15

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

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
- 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.

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 the church office.

Reaching people with Christ, one person at a time.

January Birthdays

January Anniversaries

4 – Fred Sabo
4 – Jan Furdella
5 – Sophie Reffner
8 – Destiny Wallace
10 – Lynea James
12 – Bertha Sabo*,**
16 – Richard Horner
23 – Sue Allison
23 – Bob Hagerich
26 – John James
29 – Carol Murphy*,**

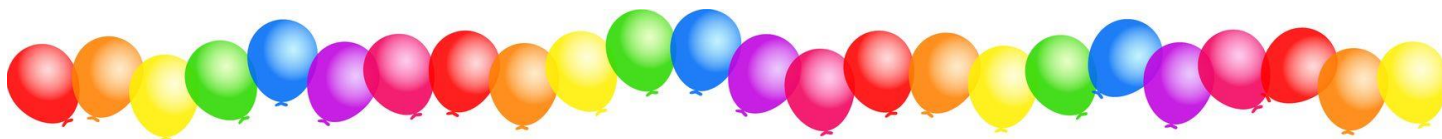
18 – Bill and Heather Brice

***Homebound
80 or over

Please remember the following members on their birthdays.

Bertha Sabo
262 Shady Oak Dr.
Johnstown, PA 15905

Carole Murphy
137 Worth St.
Johnstown, PA 15905



Serving Grove Avenue in January

Ushers

Bob Birchfield
Sue Birchfield
John James
Veronica James

Scripture Readers

Contemporary Service

5 – Lois Graham
12 – David Graham
19 – Karen Hohman
26 – Tom Charette

Traditional Service

5 – Wanda Wilson
12 – Pat Aikey
19 – Dave Aikey
26 – Georgia Miller

LOVE GROW SERVE



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News Around the Pews

Our Prayers

Destiny Wallace and Gavin Muscatello had their twins, Carson and Corbin on November 20th. Sadly, Carson passed away shortly after birth. Keep the Wallace and Muscatello families in your prayers as they go through this difficult *and* joyous time.

FYI

Office Closed

The office will be closed on January 20 for Martin Luther King, Jr Day.

United Methodist Women

Due to the first Wednesday being on New Year's Day, UMW will not meet in January. The next UMW meeting will be February 5th. Watch your weekly announcements for the guest speaker.

Blended Service

The Worship Committee is working on having a blended service in January, February, and March in preparation for going to one service on Easter Sunday. Watch your weekly bulletin for dates.

Good Sam Fund

Beginning in January, there will no longer be a separate envelope in the bulletin for Moxham Support. In order to more efficiently handle donations and requests, Moxham Support and Good Samaritan funds have been combined into one. We will no longer make a distinction between members and neighbors. Since both committees made determinations for financial support using similar criteria, it makes sense that we combine the two funds. If you have questions or concerns about this, you can talk to Pastor Deb (Moxham Support) or Georgia Miller (Good Samaritan).



Is there a place for everyone at the table?



We are seeking servants who would be willing to carry Holy Communion at least 2-3 times a year to those who cannot attend church. You would receive the elements after the service. Some time on Communion Sunday, you would carry the elements to 1 or 2 members.

You would determine when you are available. A brief training session to clarify your responsibility will be held in late January. (It will be offered both in the afternoon and evening to accommodate your schedule.)

Please pray about this opportunity to be of service. We will start this ministry on February 2, 2020.

You are needed to ensure that there is a place for everyone at the table.

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2019 Year in Review

It is hard to believe that another year has come to an end. What a year it has been. Here is a look back at what Grove Avenue UMC has been up to.

Grove Ave. Events

St. Patrick's Day Talent Show – Our Annual St. Patrick's Day Party was a hit with amazing talent and Pat Hull did a wonderful job, as always, as the Emcee.

Church Picnic -We held an outside service followed by a picnic. The service along with the food and fellowship was great. About 60 people attended.

Children's Community Events

Easter Egg Hunt – Once again, the Easter Egg Hunt was well attended. It is a great way to connect with the community.

Camp-on-the-Go – We hosted Camp Allegheny's Camp-on-the-Go along with Moxham Lutheran Church. On the last day, the kids were able to go to Camp Allegheny. They had a blast horseback riding and sitting around the fire along with other camp activities.

Trunk or Treat – Trunk or Treat is also a great way to connect with the community. There were 6 cars and approximately 200 kids came dressed in their Halloween attire.

Community Outreaching

Free Store – The Free Store celebrated its first year anniversary. It serves around 40-50 people a week.

Missions – We disbursed \$1,594.24 to 8 missions

Community Holiday Meal – Natalie helped organize a holiday meal for our neighbors. 42 people attended plus 27 volunteers from 4 churches.

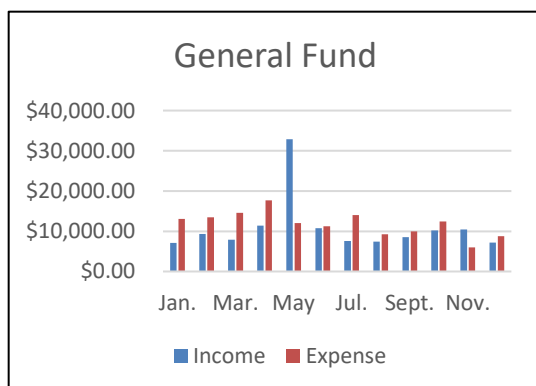
Denise Baldwin Music – Once again, Denise and her students held a Christmas Concert to benefit Grove Ave. UMC Ministries. Thanks to Denise for sharing her students' talent with us. \$510 was raised.

Fundraisers

We had many successful fundraisers. Below is a breakdown of the fundraisers and amounts raised.

Fundraiser	Amount Raised	Fundraiser	Amount Raised
AmazonSmile	\$30.15	*Gift Cards	\$172.83
Bosco's	\$375.00	*Pancake Breakfast	\$701.05
Christmas PO 2018	\$114.00	*Stuver's Coupons	\$510.50
Farmer's Market	\$423.00	Winter Freewill Offering	\$1,035.00
*Flea Market	\$2205.46	Total	\$5,972.02
Flocking	\$405.00	*profit after expenses	

Finance Report



The chart shows the income and expenses as of December 30, 2019.

In May, we needed to transfer \$25,000 from our Memorial Endowment to the General Fund.

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GROVE AVENUE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
2020 Leadership Teams

Church Council

Chair: Bob Hagerich (2020)	Endowment Chair: Bob Hagerich
Vice Chair: Eric Stuver	CCW: Natalie Marionneaux
Council on Ministries Chair: Karen Allshouse	Staff/Parish Relations Chair: Georgia Kerrick
Lay Leader: Eric Stuver	Finance Chair: Eileen Stuver
Lay Rep. to Annual Conference: Lois Graham	Treasure: Sue Birchfield
Trustee Chair: Doug Thierry	Pastors: Carol Hickman, John Hickman
Members at Large: 2020: Lois Graham	2021: Bill Brice:

Council of Ministries:

Chair: Karen Allshouse (2020)	Gail Hiner	Brenda Mills
Eric Stuver	Deb Groeger	Kim Fox
Donna Bako	Eileen Stuver	Bob Birchfield
Lois Graham	Sue Mayer	
Pastor Carol Hickman		

Board of Trustees

Chair:		
Vice Chair:		
2020	2021	2022
Dough Thierry	Joe Baldwin	Gail Hiner
Tom Charette	Georgia Kerrick	Dave Allison

Memorial Endowment (includes Education) A sub-committee of the Trustees

Chair: Bob Hagerich	Trustee Rep: TBD
Co-Chair: Heather Brice	Finance Rep: Eileen Stuver
Pastors: Carol Hickman, John Hickman	

2020	2021	2022
Eileen Stuver	Sue Birchfield	Vivian Young

Lay Leadership Development Team

Chair: Carol Hickman		
Vice Chair: *****		
Lay Leader: Eric Stuver		
2020	2021	2022
Kim Fox	Tom Sabo	Georgia Tiffany
Jack McLaughlin	Bill Zolbe	Brenda Mills
	Dave Aikey	

Staff/Parish Relations Committee

Chair: Georgia Kerrick		
Lay Leader: Eric Stuver		
Lay Rep: <i>Lois Graham</i>		
2020	2021	2022
Bill Brice	Sue Allison	Georgia Miller

Finance Committee

Chair: Eileen Stuver
Treasurer: Sue Birchfield
Church Council: Bob Hagerich
Lay Leader: Eric Stuver
Asst. Treasure: Pat Aikey
Pastors: Carol Hickman, John Hickman

SPRC Rep: *****
Annual Conf. Lay Rep: *Lois Graham*
Trustee Rep:
Endowment Committee Rep: Bob Hagerich
Financial Secretary: Administrative Asst.
Member at Large: Sharon Robertson

Counting Committee (sub committee of Finance)

Co-chairs: Pat Aikey, Gail Hiner
Members: Bonnie Laidig, Dave Aikey, Veronica James, Jack McLaughlin, Sue Birchfield, Doris Jones, Vivian Young, Georgia Miller, Karen Allshouse

MINISTRY TEAMS

Worship Ministry

Chair: Lois Graham
Lay Leader: Eric Stuver
Praise Band: Denise Baldwin
Liturgist Coordinators: Sue Birchfield
Eileen Stuver

Pastors: Carol Hickman, John Hickman
Deb Groeger
Organist/Pianist:
Media: Karen Allshouse
Altar Guild: Jan Furdella

2020	2021	2022
Karen Homan	Vivian Young	Brenda Mills

Children's Ministry

Chair: Donna Bako
Georgia Tiffany

Communion Stewards

Eileen Stuver, Karen Allshouse, Deb Groeger, Georgia Miller

Good Samaritan Ministry (Good Samaritan/Moxham Support combined)

Chair: Georgia Miller
Carole Murphy, Georgia Kerrick, Heather Brice, Deb Groeger, Natalie Marionneaux, Jennifer Robertson

Funeral Hospitality Ministry

Chair: Sue Birchfield
Veronica James, John James, Bob Birchfield, Heather Brice, Bill Brice
Power Point: Karen Allshouse Funeral Dinner Coordinator: Gail Hiner

Food Pantry Ministry

Chair: Heather Brice
Volunteers: Georgia Kerrick, Sharon Scaletta, Veronica James, Georgia Tiffany, Angela Rice

Kitchen Support Ministry

Coordinator: Veronica James
Gail Hiner, Brenda Mills, Eileen Stuver

Outdoor Signage Team

Angela Rice, Natalie Marionneaux, Deb Groeger

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