The Grove Covenant Church
November 1, 2026

Welcome and Morning Announcements	Chuck Potts Pastor of Young Adults
Worship in Song	"Let Everything" "Banner"
Morning Prayer	Ronda Ooms Director of Community Outreach
Children's Message and Blessing	
Scripture Reading	Kim Littlefield Matthew 6:1-4
Sermon	Pastor Stacey Littlefield **Your Kingdom Come: Secrecy and Generosity**
Worship in Song	"The Cause of Christ"
Communion	
Worship in Song	"Take My Life"
Benediction	

Next Week's Scripture	Matthew 6:5-15

To Know God, Follow Jesus, and Pursue God's Purposes in the World

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THIS WEEK AT THE GROVE COVENANT CHURCH

Today	9:00am	Adult Christian Formation, Great Room
	9:00am	Rooted Youth Confirmation, LC Small Group Room
	10:30am	Worship, Sanctuary and Online
		Toddler Nursery (Birth - 3 years old)
		Kids **O**ut **L**oud (3yrs - Kindergarten), Room 5
	mid-service,	**K**ids **O**ut **L**oud (1st-5th Grade), Life Center
	11:45am	Congregational Meal, Life Center Gym
	1:00pm	Congregational Meeting
Monday	9:00am	Pickleball, Life Center Gym
Wednesday	6:30am	Men's Morning Bible Study, Zoom
	6:30pm	Youth Group, Life Center
	6:30pm	Men's Evening Study, Room 10
Thursday	5:30pm	Bauer Family Meal, Bauer Community Center
	5:30pm	Pervasive Prayer, Offsite
Friday	9:00am	Pickleball, Life Center Gym
	7:00pm	Women's Retreat, Camp Tecumseh
Saturday	All Day	Women's Retreat, Camp Tecumseh
Next Sunday		Women's Retreat, Camp Tecumseh
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Save the Date

November 22	Service of Thanksgiving
December 13	Children's Program
December 20	Lights of Hope
December 24	Christmas Eve Services, 6:00pm & 9:00pm

Congregational Meal and Meeting: Our next congregational meal and meeting is TODAY. The fellowship meal will be immediately after worship and we are having French bread pizza and lots of yummy homemade sides and desserts. The meeting will begin at about 1:00pm, where we will hear ministry updates and vote in new members.

Children's Christmas Program: Each December, our children share a Christmas story with the congregation during worship. We are currently casting roles for this program, primarily with our 6th-8th grade students. If you have a student in this age range who is interested in acting or having a role, please contact Pastor Kristin Mueller.

Outdoor Decorating: We are doing our outdoor Christmas decorating on November 14 at 9:00am where we decorate our parking lot with lights for the Christmas season! For those that attend, we celebrate with hot chocolate afterward. Let us know you'll be there!

Family Event: All families are invited to join us on Sunday afternoon, November 22, from 4:00-6:00 p.m. in the Life Center. We will focus on a spiritual practice that you can begin at church, then take home and continue to use. We'll be creating a tool for the season of Advent, and we'll end with a simple dinner together. This event is child-friendly, free and open to all. Please rsvp online here. Neighbors and friends are welcome!

Usher Ministry: We are looking for a couple individuals to join our Usher Ministry at The Grove. The commitment is one Sunday morning per month for a half hour before and after the worship service. For more information, please contact Pastor Kurt.

Adult Christian Formation: Sunday mornings at 9:00am in the Great Room. Adult CF is studying a series on Deuteronomy.

Covenant Community Development Corporation: CCDC's vision is to **build relationships** with families in need, **create opportunities** with and for them, and **inspire growth** in them and in the generations to come. If that vision stirs something in you, here are two ways you can help. One, join the CCDC email list to stay connected. Two, give toward the new home.

Men's Ministry

- **Wednesday Morning Men's Fellowship:** Join us each week at 6:30am via Zoom. The group is studying the book of Matthew using an NT Wright commentary. For an invitation, please email Ken Ritchey. We'd love to see you there.

- **Wednesday Evening Study:** Pastor Kurt's weekly study meets Wednesdays in Room 10 at 6:30pm. They will do a one-hour inductive bible study that tracks with our sermon series. We hope you can join them.

Women's Ministry

- **Fleece Blanket Outreach**: Ladies, you are invited to join us for a fleece blanket outreach event on November 16 at 7:00pm. No-sew fleece blankets will be made to benefit the Lafayette YWCA Domestic Intervention Shelter. No sewing experience needed; just be able to tie a knot. If you are unable to attend but want to contribute toward the purchase of the fleece, cash and fleece donations (1.5-2 yards) are accepted. (Can be given to the church office) Please RSVP.

- **Women's "Second Chance" Christmas Party:** Let's be honest—we all have that perfectly good, completely untouched gift sitting in the back of our closet waiting for its true soulmate. This holiday season let's give those items a second chance to shine! Join us on December 9 for a cozy evening of sweet treats, festive drinks, and a hilariously fun, zero-pressure gift exchange.

1935 Young Adults (roughly ages 19 to 35-ish)

- **1935 Nights:** All young adults are invited to come and connect through conversation and fun at our 1935 Night gatherings. While the typical schedule is to meet every other Friday, a full list of all 1935 gatherings, locations, and times can be found on the 1935 page of our website. For questions or to join our 1935 GroupMe for the latest communications, please see Pastor Chuck.

Youth

- Youth Group Night+: All middle school & high school students and friends are invited to a Campfire Cookout at the Grove on Saturday, November 21, from 6:00-8:00 p.m. We'll have dinner and s'mores, and spend time hanging out together in the fire pit area near the soccer fields here at church. Let Pastor Chuck or Pastor Kristin know if you can join us!

- **Youth Group:** Students in grades 6-12 are invited to the Life Center every Wednesday for snacks, community, and Bible study from 6:30–8:00pm. Doors open at 6:00 PM for early arrivals. Contact Pastor Kristin or Pastor Chuck with questions

- **Young Life:** Youth 9th-12th grade, join Young Life on 10/26, 11/2, and 11/9 in the life center. It will be a time to connect with your Young Life leaders and friends in a small group setting. We will catch up, watch the Club video, and take a few moments to process the Club Talk together.

Children's Ministry

- Our nursery, preschool, and kindergarten children meet in the main building, down the hall from our worship space. You can check in for these classes at our Kids' window in the lobby. Our 1st– 5th-grade students begin in worship with their families. Midway through our worship service, they are invited to a class in the Life Center building.

Missionary Book Drive: We are holding a book drive for our missionary friends. They are looking for used books in good condition. For a list of approved books and guidelines on what to avoid, please check out our book drive page. Books can be left on the East Counter. Contact Liz Schmalzried with any questions.

Outreach Toiletry Closet: The Grove has an outreach closet to help those in need in our community. With recent changes to SNAP benefits, it's getting even harder for those who are struggling financially to make ends meet. Please sign up to bring toiletries and/or cleaning items. Signing up helps us to be sure to have a variety of products available. You can drop off items in the bin behind the east counter.

Pickleball at The Grove Covenant Church: We will have courts open on Monday and Friday at 9:00am. We're open to all levels of play and especially looking forward to making new friends. We'll limit play to members and attenders of The Grove Covenant Church and their guests. If you would like to get an email with schedule updates, let us know here.

The Grove App! Have you ever wondered what's happening in the life of the church here at The Grove and not known how to find out? Well, the best way for us to stay connected as a church is by using The Grove Covenant Church app for your phone or tablet! You can go here to download and find some helpful tips on how to use the app!

Please Pray For:

Upcoming Surgery: Nate Waninger

Recovery from Surgery: John Brock, Nicole Cox, Pam Crum, Todd Crum, Linda Helmerick, Phyllis Honor, MacKenzie Kirkham, Perry Kirkham, Janet Neese, Scott Warner, Jo Whitlock

Health Concerns

Church Attenders: Sandy Denhardt, Freda Brock, Allen Busenitz, Terri Clark, Kate Cogswell, Mike DeBoy, Marilyn Grenat, Solomon Hatke, Vickie Henry, Perry Kirkham, Lowell Korschot, Denny Lancaster, Russell Lorenz, David McIntosh, Margaret Maitlen, Billie Patton, Ken Ritchey, Denise Senesac, Judi Stanfield, Abby Stearns, Richard Stroshine, Jill Taul, Nina Thayer, Ben Waninger, Jane Warner, Rich Wells

Church Attenders' Family: Heather Potts' dad (Mark Kuras), Deb Burrow's parents (Chuck and Rosemary Vendl), Kyra McIntosh's dad (Mike), John Barrett's sister (Pat Sheahan), Lynette Hamer's mom (Caroline Wiatt), Pam Gellenbeck's brother (Mike Swindle), Bill Senesac's brother (Don Senesac), April Wiley's dad and stepmom (David and Mary Holscher), Linda Jones' husband (Roy Jones), Sandy Waninger's father (Jim Siegfried), Matt Waninger's sister (Lisa Reynolds), brother (Brian Waninger), Lisa Kohl's brother (Tony Kohl), Kari Ekenstedt's mother (Sheila)

Mission of the Week: Anna Wilson, CRU, Thailand

Service Person of the Week: Talon Groth, AirForce, Shayne and Allison Talbot's cousin

Prayer Focus: Women's Retreat

Care Team: As Care Team members, our hope is to care for and support those who are hurting during challenging times. We will listen, be present with you, and pray for you. Please respond here to have one of our referral coordinators contact you.

Stewardship at a Glance

Monthly Budgeted Giving	$80,708	Fiscal Year Budget 7.1.26-9.30.26	$242,125
Weekly Amount Needed	$18,625	Fiscal Year Giving 7.1.26-9.30.26	$192,939
Last Week's Offering	$10,417	Fiscal Year Expenses 7.1.26-9.30.26	$235,293
October Amnt Received	$59,076		
November Amnt Needed	$80,708		

Go to thegrovecov.church to find out ways you can connect with others in our church community.