

Announcements

Today we welcome **Rev. Charlie Gross** to the pulpit. He grew up in East Petersburg, PA and now lives there again. He married his high school sweetheart, Lisa in 1973 and have three grown children and six grandchildren. Charlie went to Grove City College, Webster University, Goldey Beacom College, and Lancaster Theological Seminary. He was a Titan II Missile Combat Crew Commander in the U.S. Air Force, then attended pilot training and flew C-130s for twenty years. He retired in 1999 as a Lt Col in the Delaware Air National Guard. He entered the ministry in 1999 and served as the Associate Executive Presbyter and Acting Executive Presbyter for the Presbytery of Donegal. In 2011 he was called to pastor the West Grove Presbyterian Church. He retired in August 2019. Charlie loves travel, folk dancing at the Lancaster Liederkrantz, journaling, and spending time with his family. He started a podcast in 2020 titled, "Encouraging Words by Charlie Gross," (available on iTunes, Google, or at: <http://charliegross.com>). The podcasts are also available in book form at the same link.

This year we have the chance to share love, compassion, and warmth as we join other congregations around the country by providing a clean warm blanket for those in need. When we give to the **Blanket Offering** we are not just giving money, we are sharing God's love with people in need. Every gift provides warmth, comfort, and hope to families in difficult circumstances. Today is the last Sunday that we will be observing Blanket Sunday. There will be special envelopes in the pews for your donation. If you would prefer, you may use a plain white envelope and just mark it "Blanket Offering" and place it in the offering plate. Let's make this year our best giving year ever.

Happy Birthday to **Delores Kilbourne!** Please celebrate with us at fellowship today.

The **Trustees Special Offering** in February will be for HVAC and furnace repairs and upkeep.