

# Pine Grove Community Church

Howard City, Michigan

Originally founded in 1971, Pine Grove Community Church organized as a member church of the Christian Reformed Church in 1981. Located in a rural setting 35 miles north of Grand Rapids, Pine Grove has become an established identity within an extensive community including several counties and small towns.

Pine Grove has a total membership of 315 representing all age groups. The number of visitors worshiping with Pine Grove swells during the summer months with the influx of vacationers and cottage dwellers. To welcome and accommodate this expansion, the church has established a vibrant outdoor tent ministry that incorporates both special music and guest ministers within its worship experience.

Throughout every season, Pine Grove Community Church holds firmly to its mission statement to *“grow lives in Christ by providing ministry to members and guests with a primary focus on families and young people, a continued emphasis on community outreach, especially to the unchurched, supported by prayer.”* This mission is at the heart not only of worship, but also of outreach, community food distribution, small group involvement, education and growth of youth and adults, and relational gathering around coffee/punch and cookies or potluck dinners in the Family Life Center.

Ministry to youth, both churched and unchurched, is highly valued and seen as a key element of our mission. This ministry is undertaken in a variety of different ways according to the age/grade of the youth involved, but always involves exposure to Biblical truth and the development of meaningful relationships designed to communicate the love of God.

In all that is done, it is the desire of Pine Grove Community Church to serve and honor our God by growing in relationship with Him and with each other, and by being His active representatives sharing His love and Good News to those in our community.

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Pastor of Youth, Education and Discipleship

## **I. Scope:**

The Pastor of Youth, Education and Discipleship will be primarily responsible for the development and implementation of children, teen and young adult ministries to lead them toward Christian maturity.

## **II. Personal Qualifications:**

- A. Show evidence of a deep and growing commitment to Jesus Christ and the Word of God from a Reformed perspective.
- B. Be an engaging teacher of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, able to relate biblical truths to contemporary social and cultural issues.
- C. Love and relate to young people and have a passion for evangelism both personally and at the ministry level.
- D. Possess a minimum of a bachelor's degree in a related field.

## **III. Administrative Expectations:**

- A. Become a member of Pine Grove Community Church.
- B. Be under the direct supervision of the senior pastor.
- C. Serve as chairperson for the Education Team.
- D. The full time pastor will be a voting member of council and bring regular reports.
- E. Attend weekly staff meetings.
- F. Participate in a yearly job performance review.

## **IV. Responsibilities and Duties:**

- A. Organize and lead effective ministries for middle school, senior high and college age young people, which include fellowship, worship, teaching, service opportunities and interaction with area youth ministries.
- B. Develop a personal relationship with each member of the youth ministries to provide care and spiritual direction. This would include attending some extra-curricular events of the youth, such as sporting events, band concerts, graduation, etc.
- C. Recruit and provide ongoing training for children and youth volunteers.
- D. Seek to integrate youth into all aspects of church life to encourage a culture that is intentionally intergenerational.
- E. Be a regular, visible presence with nursery, Pine Groovy Kids, 45ers, Cadets, GEMS and Sports Camp, and assist as needed.
- F. Partner with the senior pastor in receiving and assimilating new members.

## **V. Professional Development**

The Pastor of Youth, Education and Discipleship will stay current with youth ministry practices through ongoing study and will attend at least one position related professional seminar or conference per year.

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## Youth Ministry Overview

Please keep an eye on the information wall located outside the church office door. Information about all outings and off sight ministry opportunities are located there

Join our Facebook family for news and announcements



### Pine Groovy Kids (Infants - 4<sup>th</sup> grade):

Our children's worship introduces children to Bible stories and Christian beliefs using the Children Desiring God lesson material. Children in the sanctuary are dismissed 15-20 minutes into the morning worship service in order to meet together in the church's lower level. We would love to have your child(ren) join us!

**Meeting Day:** Sunday  
**Times:** 9:45a. - 11:10a.



**45<sup>ers</sup> (4<sup>th</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> grade):** We study *To Be Like Jesus* from the Children Desiring God curriculum. This study helps better understand the Gospel message, its purpose and its promise with emphasis on helping students better understand what the Christian life is all about and that salvation is found only through faith in Jesus. We meet in classroom #4, in the church's lower level.

**Meeting Day:** Sunday  
**Times:** 11:15a. - 11:40a.



**Sports Camp (3<sup>rs</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup> grade):** An annual event that takes place in early July. Each year Pine Grove hosts dozens of local children during the four day event while playing lots of great games and studying the theme for the year. Wednesday is our traditional "Water Day!" All participants will have a blast getting wet.

**Event Dates:** July  
**Times:** 6:30p. - 8:30p.



**Cadets (1<sup>st</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> grade):** A relationship building, small group boys club which is designed to help each participant develop and live a true relationship with Jesus.

**Meeting Day:** Wednesdays  
**Times:** 6:30p. - 8:15p.  
**Season:** September - April  
**Questions? Contact:**



**GEMS (1<sup>st</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> grade):** A relationship building, small group girls club which is designed to help each participant develop and live a true relationship with Jesus.

**Meeting Day:** Wednesdays  
**Times:** 6:30p. - 8:15p.  
**Season:** September - April



### FOCUS (6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> grade):

Our middle school ministry meets twice a month along with several other scheduled events throughout the season. FOCUS is a high energy ministry geared to keep your middle schoolers busy in a safe environment. Each time we get together the gospel is always shared as we focus on living a true Christian life. A light lunch is always provided at no cost.

**Meeting Day:** Sunday  
**Times:** 11:45a. - 1:15p.  
**Season:** September - June



**Cornerstone (9<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> grade):** Our high school ministry meets twice a month along with several other scheduled events throughout the season. We are very intentional about everything we do within this program which is designed to help bring your high schooler to a deeper faith and understanding of who Jesus is. A light lunch is always provided at no cost.

**Meeting Day:** Sunday  
**Times:** 11:45a. - 1:15p.  
**Season:** September - June



### Life Light (6<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> grade):

Pine Groves mentor and discipleship program. Life Light is for all students who are interested in a life centered on Jesus. This is an 8-week program to help students develop a clear understanding of who Jesus is and help them understand the life he has called us to live.

**Meeting Day:** Sunday



### Crossroads (19 - 20s):

Our post high school ministry that meets in various locations to help encourage our college students to remain plugged into each other, to the church, but most importantly to encourage each other to keep their "lights" shining in their dorms or work force.



The Student Ministries at Pine Grove strive to introduce and lead our children toward a relationship with Jesus. Every program and event held within the ministry is focused on the teaching of Jesus and the life principles found in the Bible.

The staff and volunteer leaders are rooted in the Christian faith and are passionate about sharing the truth about Jesus.

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We are "Growing lives in Christ!"

All groups meet in the Family Life Center (FLC) gym adjacent to the church unless otherwise noted