



The Grove Gazette

Grove United Methodist Church's News

July 31, 2020

COVID-19 Update

Grove UMC is open for Drive-In Worship Sundays at 9:30 am and Online Virtual Worship.

Holston Conference Guidelines require that when a geographical area reaches 10 cases/100k people over a seven day period, the churches in that area must close for two weeks (ALL in person activities). Thankfully Radford is currently only 3.1 cases/100k. If you would like to stay abreast on statistics for our area go to: globalepidemics.org

Worship Services and Giving

Drive-In worship at Grove

Sunday mornings at 9:30 am.
Pre-registration required.
Call the church office
540-639-2807.

Virtual worship at Grove

Click the link on our website at groveumcradford.com

Give online to Grove UMC

Click the "Give" link at the top of the screen on our church website groveumcradford.com

Give by mail to Grove UMC

1020 Tyler Ave
Radford, VA 24141

Dear Grove UMC Family,

Jay and I extend our gratitude for the warm welcome on celebration Sunday, July 11, and your warm support during the passing of my sister, Beth.

I also extend many thanks for the "New Beginnings" butterfly stole you gave to me as a sign of our collective hopes for the future and our new ministry together. Have you ever wondered why ordained elders wear stoles? As a strip of cloth (generally two to three inches wide) worn around the neck, historically the pastoral stole distinguished rank among the clergy and served as a sign of being yoked (joined) with Christ. Over the years the stole became associated with the humility and service of our Lord Jesus Christ (see Philippians 2:5-8). I was ordained an elder years ago by Bishop Marion Edwards. As Bishop Edwards placed my first stole around my neck, among other things as an ordained elder, I committed myself to lead the people of God in worship and prayer, exercise pastoral supervision, order the life of the congregation, lead the people of God in mission in the world, and take a responsible place in the government of the church and in service in and to the community.

It was in exercising my responsibilities as an elder I recognized a need for ministers who were specially trained to journey with churches in transition. In response, I sought training and was appointed as an intentional interim minister. Later I received "Ecclesiastical Approval as a Trained Intentional Interim Ministry Specialist (TIIMS)" through The UMC General Board of Higher Education and Ministry (GBHEM). While serving in appointments as a TIIMS I also served in leadership positions beyond the local church in support of UMC TIIMS. Participation on that leadership level helped facilitate the addition of the following paragraph to The UMC Book of Discipline: "*Interim appointments may be made to charges that have special transitional needs*" (BOD 2016; par. 338.3).

All that said, it is still okay to ask,

"So, what is an Intentional Interim Ministry Specialist anyway?"

Let's start with what **Trained Intentional Interim Ministry Specialists** **ARE NOT**:

- not ministers who simply fill a gap of time
- not a "stand in" until the church can get a "real" minister
- not "fixers" of church problems

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So, go ahead you can ask a second time,

“Okay, so what is an Intentional Interim Ministry Specialist?”

Trained Intentional Interim Ministry Specialists ARE:

• **are your pastor**

- appointed by the Bishop of the Conference
- responsible for all ministerial duties as a regularly appointed pastor as set forth in The United Methodist Book of Discipline
- has additional responsibilities to work and journey with church leaders and members helping them navigate specific transitional needs
- provides opportunities for the church to work together on, and deal realistically with, the following

Five Developmental Tasks:

- History -
- Identity -
- Leadership -
- Denominational Connection -
- Future -

To be honest navigating our Intentional Interim time is complicated by COVID-19, however through preaching, zoom meetings, and 1:1 phone or socially distanced conversations, our work together has begun. I am excited and give God thanks for your passion and desire to see Grove become who God intends Grove to be. I am thrilled to see the love and commitment you have to God and one another, and your willingness to welcome and work with me.

As we continue our work together, I would love to hear from you as members and those who attend the church. Would you be willing to engage in conversation with me around the following questions?

- what brought you to Grove?
- what keeps you here?
- what God sized dreams do you have for this church in this time and the future?

Let’s set a time to chat. Please be in touch via email jnicholson@nccumc.org.

In Christ’s love and service,

Rev Dr Jan Nicholson Angla

Pastor, Grove UMC

<p>Grove UMC Prayer List</p>	<p>August Kids Radford Clothing Bank</p>
<p>Assisted Living: Diane Pryor and Betty Jo Lester at Showalter; Martha Owells at Commonwealth</p> <p>Home: Corene Simms, Renie Price</p> <p>Notify Anna Frye for additions to the prayer list at 639-0523.</p>	<p>Donations are needed in support of August Kids Program which provides Walmart vouchers to children in our local area who are in need of back to school clothing. To donate, please contact Marcy at Radford Clothing Bank 639-5050</p>

Grove Financial Information

Information for our Operating Budget for the last three months is provided below. As is evident, we continue to struggle to meet our expenses and have accumulated a deficit of nearly \$14,000 for the first six months of 2020. This unfortunately continues a trend in our finances over the last several years. However, in spite of our financial woes, we still remain optimistic as to Grove's future as a viable source of inspiration to the Radford community and beyond.

Operating Fund	Budget	Income	Expenses	Net (Month)	Net (Total)
March					\$ 1,921.81
April	\$ 16,737.58	\$ 10,421.00	\$ 12,778.86	\$ (2,357.86)	\$ (436.05)
May	\$ 16,737.58	\$ 9,383.00	\$ 18,176.32	\$ (8,793.32)	\$ (9,229.37)
June	\$ 16,737.58	\$ 6,905.00	\$ 11,510.35	\$ (4,605.35)	\$ (13,834.72)

In addition to your normal financial and other support of Grove, there are two additional ways that you can help in a small way. First, either join or continue to participate in the Kroger Cares program in which Grove receives a check every few months from Kroger's depending upon the amount of groceries that members of our congregation have purchased. Second, enroll on a one-time basis in the new two-week program sponsored by Rural King. We have registered Grove as a participant and now what you need to do is shop, shop, and shop at Rural King during the August 2 – August 15, 2020 period, then upload your receipts per instructions below. If you are uncertain how to upload the receipts, bring them to the church office and someone there will help you. Grove will receive 10% minus sales tax of all your purchases. Neither of these programs will solve our financial problems but every little bit helps.

Instructions for Church Week at Rural King

1. Shop between August 2 and August 15, 2020.
2. Upload your receipt to www.ruralking.com/churchweek by September 1, 2020. When you log in, there is a box designated for you to enter your receipt. Look for the picture of Grove to ensure that your receipt is entered into the correct slot. That's all there is to it!!!

Instructions for Kroger Cares Program

1. Create a personal account online at Kroger.com
2. Under "My Account" select "Community Rewards"
3. In the Search button type "Grove United Methodist" and look for our address 1020 Tyler Ave Radford, VA
4. Click "enroll" and you are done!

Radford City Public Schools Update

As most of our members probably know, Radford City Public Schools will be using our basement for about 55 pre-kindergarten children beginning in August. We have been busy moving our furniture to storage while RCPS moved their furniture and equipment in, several rooms have been painted, and improvements to the playground area and other inside projects are near completion. While we will receive rent payments each month that will help our financial picture for 2020 and the first-half of 2021, the most important aspect will be seeing the activity in our basement. We are grateful to RCPS for choosing our site and look forward to the upcoming twelve months.

From Grove Administrative Board

Dear Grove Members,

It is the end of July. I cannot believe it. I hope you are doing well.

The Grove Administrative Board has met several times since I last wrote you in the May "Grove Gazette." Our meetings are held via Zoom. Much of our work has been the continuation of projects about which you know.

Thanks to the work of a number of you, the preparation of our lower level at church is almost ready for the pre-school classes of Radford Public Schools. A lot of clearing and cleaning was done. And by that, I mean a lot! A lot of our nursery furniture is being stored either in one room downstairs or in a private storage facility offered by the schools. Furniture used by our youth was moved upstairs to the rooms that were the old choir rooms of days gone past, and have currently served as offices for directors of children and youth. A couple of rooms downstairs were painted. A ton of work was done outside to make sure the little ones would be completely safe on the playground. It was a huge task to do all this. I know you will join me in thanking all the people who did all of this work. We especially want to thank Bob Boggess for spearheading this huge endeavor.

There was a final discussion by the Administrative Board/Trustees and nine other church members who attended the June 4th meeting (via Zoom) on whether or not to sell the Grove parsonage. The Board/Trustees voted 11 yes with 1 abstention to proceed with the sale of the property. The proposal for the sale was then submitted to the New River District of the Holston Conference Buildings and Grounds Committee for approval. They approved. We are announcing today that the property has been sold. The money will be used to fund housing allowances for future ministers. Our new minister was able to use several chairs and a table from the parsonage furniture for her office at church. The other furniture is being handled for auction by Valley Auctions in Dublin. We will send everyone an internet link when we know when that virtual auction will be held in case you are interested. Thank you so very much to Betsy Hagan and Frank Herzog for all the many jobs they did around this endeavor.

Grove's Ministries Board has been working on contacting as many Grove members as possible to check on everyone and to get the absolute best contact information for everyone. If you have not been contacted, we may not have updated information for you, so please contact the church office to update. In these days, accurate telephone numbers and email addresses are a must. The Ministries Board has also done a lot of work around how to add to our weekly virtual services (separate weekly services) a "Drive-In Service" in our parking lot. It is complicated. The conference has a lot of must-dos, which we did, and our plan was approved by the New River District Superintendent. Our first Drive-In Service was Sunday July 19th! Thanks to Adam McAllister for leading this endeavor and filming and editing our weekly services.

There are so many people to thank for being so involved in the work of our church. Thank you, each and every one of you.

In Peace,

Pat Brown

A Place for You

- Virtual Small Groups: If you have a small group (UMM, UMW, UMYF, Sunday School, Study Group) OR are interested in starting one, please contact Pastor Jan. We will have virtual resources available soon.
- Welcome Video: Volunteer to create a short (1-2 minute) "Welcome Video" to be used as an intro to our virtual worship services. This can be fun!!

Grove Connections

Church Office 540-2807

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Pastor's Email: jnicholson@nccumc.org

Website: groveumcradford.com

Facebook: Grove United Methodist Church

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Thank You! Carolyn Wotjera for updating our church website; Adam McAllister for serving as our videographer; Terica Fisher for answering church phone; Everyone who has enabled us to continue virtual worship, begin Drive-In Worship, ready for our RCPS guests, and continue God's good work through Grove!

JOB OPPORTUNITY

Grove UMC is looking for a part-time Administrative Assistant/Financial Secretary for more information go to our website