



IMPORTANT UPDATES

Grove United Methodist Church

August 12 2020

Grove UMC and COVID-19 Update

Grove UMC offers a Hybrid Drive-In/Outdoor 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). Radford is currently only 21.9 cases/100k, with 4 new cases reported in the last 7 days. As of August 11, Rev Kim Goddard, New River District Superintendent, conveyed to the clergy of the District that, according to Holston Conference Guidelines and under the direction of Bishop Taylor, due to the increase in COVID-19 **churches in the following areas will be closed for two weeks to “in-door” worship:**

Bland County

Carroll County

Grayson County

Floyd County

Galax City

Radford City

Smyth County

Under the most recent guidelines from the “Holston Conference COVID-19 Task Force,” as long as churches follow the guidelines as set forth by the Conference, Drive-In and Outdoor Worship as well as small group meetings may occur even when the geographical area increases to orange or red levels.

To clarify: **Grove United Methodist is approved and will continue to offer a Hybrid: Drive-in/Outdoor Worship Service.** In addition, any small groups (Sunday School, UMYF, book/study groups, etc) who wish to meet outside on church grounds are allowed to do so following Holston Conference/Grove UMC COVID-19 guidelines. For further information, or to schedule a meeting for your small group, contact the church office at 639-2807 or email the pastor at jnicholson@nccumc.org

To stay abreast on geographical statistics for our area go to: globalepidemics.org

Worship Services and Giving Links

Hybrid Drive-In/Outdoor Worship at Grove

Sunday mornings at 9:30 am. Pre-registration encouraged. Call the church office 540-639-2807. Our hybrid worship includes a no-touch offering drop box.

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 our church website groveumcradford.com

Give by mail to Grove UMC 1020 Tyler Ave Radford, VA 24141

Dear Grove UMC Family,

As the first page indicates, Grove United Methodist Church is currently closed for ALL indoor meetings/services. According to Holston Conference Guidelines, although we cannot offer any indoor meetings at this time,

we are very excited to be able to continue to offer our OUTDOOR HYBRID WORSHIP at 9:30 am on Sundays.

- Drive-In and remain in your vehicles
- Bring a lawn chair/blanket (umbrella/canopy is recommended to shield from sun) and sit outside
- Pre-registration encouraged but not required. Call church office 639-2807. Pre-registrations helps to make sure we have space for everyone. Our current worship attendance average is 36, so we have plenty of room for those who would like to join us but have not had a chance to pre-register!
- PRAYER REQUESTS - please call the church office 639-2807 with requests that will be shared with those attending the Sunday Hybrid Worship. If you would like to speak directly to the pastor call 540-589-9118.
- INCLEMENT WEATHER: If we are not able to have service, an email will go out to our congregation via email. In addition those who have pre-registered will receive an email and phone call/text.

Again, ALL indoor activities are suspended for two weeks at Grove UMC due to increase in COVID-19 cases in our geographical area. To our knowledge, we have had zero reported cases in our Grove UMC population.

While members (not listed below) may be assisting with the Hybrid Worship Service, **ONLY** the following staff/leaders will need, and have, access to the church building over the next two weeks based on the following guidelines:

- The RCPS Pre-K which meets M-F on the lower level is considered an essential service to our community. They will follow CDC guidelines as well as guidelines as put forth by RCPS.
- Essential staff/leaders as related to job duties:
 - Pastor: Rev Dr. Jan C. Nicholson Angle (NOTE - Jan's office presence will be limited over the next two weeks)
 - Choir Director: Adam McAllister as needed on a limited basis for virtual worship preparation
 - Musicians: Pat Brown, Olivia Carcia, Libby Watts as needed on a limited basis for virtual worship preparation
 - Deacon: Ila Schepisi as need and on a very limited basis
 - Finance Team: Bob Boggess, Linda Gardiner, Sandra Stanwitz on very limited basis as needed
 - Lynn Wright: Custodian on a very limited basis as needed
 - Building/Grounds Emergency: Greg Stokley - only in case of emerging needs and (Tommy Fisher- only for building access as needed)
 - Sunday Morning Hybrid Worship Setup/Breakdown (NOTE: this team will ONLY meet on Sunday mornings in relation to needs for Hybrid Worship and will only be on the lower level to secure items from storage room): Olivia Carcia, Tommy Fisher, Jan Nicholson-Angle, Susan Lesko, Adam McAllister, Libby Watts

In Christ's love and service,

Rev Dr Jan Nicholson Angle

Pastor, Grove UMC