



# The Grove Gazette

Grove United Methodist Church's News

November 2020

## Worship Opportunities

### Indoor Worship

Sundays 10:00 am

Let us know you are coming by calling the church office.

### Hybrid worship at Grove

Sundays 2:00 pm

### Virtual worship at Grove

Links are available at [groveumcradford.com](http://groveumcradford.com)

### Give online to Grove UMC

[groveumcradford.com](http://groveumcradford.com)  
Click the "Give to Grove" link at the top of the screen

### Give by mail to Grove UMC

1020 Tyler Ave  
Radford, VA 24141

## Radford Food Bank

November is Grove UMC's month to collect for Radford Food Bank. Please bring your canned or boxed goods to donate to this effort!

A no-touch drop box is provided following our 10:00 am Sunday morning indoor worship and 2:00 pm drive-in worship for your donations. Need to drop your donations off during the week please call the church office 540-639-2807 and we will arrange a time.



SUNDAY,  
NOVEMBER 1st



Dear Grove UMC Family,

I sit in my church office watching the remnants of Hurricane Zeta pass while contemplating the change of seasons, the time of harvest, and how thankful I am for all that has been sown that provides to me: shelter, safety, community, and loved ones including my own personal family as well as my church family here at Grove UMC. November is a good time to contemplate God's good harvest in our lives and in the lives of those around us as we also remember those in need.

As a church family, we begin November 1st with All Saint's Sunday in which we offer gratitude for the saints in our lives who have sown seeds of faith in our spiritual upbringing. On this particular Sunday, we remember members of our local church who have died in the last year.

The second Sunday in November we will give thanks for our Veterans whose life and service to our country in times of war as well as in times of peace, sow seeds of safety, prosperity, and freedom for us all.

And then there is the Thanksgiving holiday. Traditionally, many of us celebrate this festival with families, friends, and loved ones gathered around tables enjoying the fruit of the earth's harvest. This year will look different for the vast majority of us as we continue journeying through this world-wide pandemic. It would be easy to *throw in the "towel"* and cancel Thanksgiving all together. I reflect on the dedication of, and give thanks for, the members at Grove UMC who financially and physically sow seeds that enable residents of Radford and Fairlawn to have a thanksgiving dinner. Yes, it too will look different. Instead of a sit down meal, we will offer curbside pick up at Grove.

In Genesis Chapter 8 after the great flood, God reiterates the covenant made with Noah and all humankind. In this passage Noah, fresh off the ark, builds an altar to the Lord and offers worship. That worship looked a bit like a huge thanksgiving feast in that Noah offered a burnt (cooked) sacrifice of large animals and birds. The scripture reads, "The Lord smelled the pleasing scent, and the Lord

thought to himself, ...As long as the earth exists, seedtime and harvest, cold and hot, summer and autumn, day and night will not cease.” (Genesis 8:21a, 22). In this passage I see God taking what I like to call “a balcony view” and offering hope to Noah and, through Noah, to all humankind. Noah and his family came through the storm and found themselves on new ground, in uncharted territory, having to start all over again. And God says, in all the changes and challenges you can count on my presence and faithfulness to remain with you.

Well now, the rains have slowed and the clouds outside my office window are beginning to show forth blue patches. Yet another reminder of how storms pass, transition happens, seasons change. As the people of God, like Noah, we remain faithful as we continue to faithfully sow, tend, harvest and worship.

I am conscious that in many churches November also brings the season called “stewardship campaign.” My views on stewardship campaigns is that, while good and sometimes essential in developing a church annual budget, God calls us to live in and through each and every season as faithful stewards of all the goodness God extends to us. As your minister, I want to extend a word of gratitude for all who have, and continue to remain faithful, to the seeds being sown and harvested through your prayers, your presence, your spiritual and monetary gifts, and your service to God’s Kingdom as lived and revealed through Grove UMC.

Blessings and HAPPY THANKS—GIVING!

Jan



## Annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner

Due to COVID-19, our annual community Thanksgiving dinner will look different this year. Our missions team will be offering curbside pick-up meals to community members and citizens who reside in Radford or Fairlawn. Pickup time at Grove UMC is tentatively 11am – 1pm.

There are limited serving opportunities this year but there is a way you can help! The estimated cost of each meal is \$8. If you would like to donate money toward a meal (or two) to help cover the cost for those in need, please send your donations to:

Grove UMC

1020 Tyler Avenue Radford VA.

For more information on how you might assist with this mission of Grove UMC, please contact Susan Lesko.

### PRAYER LIST

Martha Owells, Renie Price, Betty Jo Lester and Diane Pryor who are all in assisted living.

Family of Mark Kilbourn, whose mother passed away.

If you have additions to be added to the prayer list notify Anna Frye, Parish Visitor 639-0523.



Veteran’s Day

Nov. 11th.

Thank you

to all those

who served.

# Connect and Grow at Grove

*Do not neglect gathering together  
And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds,  
not giving up meeting together as some are in the habit of doing, but encourage  
one another (Hebrews 10:24-25).*

Check out these small group opportunities. Participants will need to wear masks and practice social distancing when gathered together. Connecting to some of these groups through Zoom is also possible.

**Book Club**: Mondays 6:30 pm ZOOM meeting. This group explores different books. Currently they are reading *Talking Across the Divide: How to communicate with people you disagree with and maybe even change the world* by Justin Lee. Facilitated by Adam McAllister.

**Short Stories by Jesus**: Wednesdays 5:30-6:30 pm through November 11. This group meets in the Fellowship Hall at Grove UMC. November 4th “The Laborers in the Vineyard” and November 11th “The Widow and the Judge” These parables Jesus told will be explored through the eyes of Jewish history, his early followers, and how they speak into our life today. Zoom participants also welcome with registration. Facilitated by Rev. Dr. Jan.

**Gardeners in the Grove**: Fridays 9:00 am -10:30 am throughout November weather permitting. Do you love and enjoy learning and caring for God’s created world? Gardeners in the Grove meets to reflect on Creation Care followed by a time of tending your choice of areas (lawns and gardens) around the Grove. Facilitated by Rev Dr Jan.

**O’Donnell Class**: Sunday mornings following 10:00 am worship. Using the Adult Bible Study Series for lecture and discussion Wayne Pridgen leads this class in lively exploration of God’s Word for God’s people today. Open to everyone!

**Cub Scout Pack 46**: Pack Master is John Henderson and Grove UMC Representative is Olivia Carchia. Know a cub scout who might like to join? Contact Olivia at 856-669-1387.

**Girl Scout Troop 877**: Troop Leader and Grove Representative is Ila Schepisi. Know a scout who might like to join? Contact the church office at 540-639-2807.



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Visit our Amplify channel at : [my.amplifymedia.com/groveumcradfordradfordVA/home](https://my.amplifymedia.com/groveumcradfordradfordVA/home)

For more information contact Dana Watson, Grove UMC Administrative Assistant at 540-639-2807

Greetings Church Family!

## From the Ministries Board

What a year it has been already!

The Ministries Board met a few weeks ago and have already been planning our Advent Celebration and our Christmas Eve Service. We are looking forward to creating a beneficial and safe Holiday season as we come to a close this year. Some ways that you can be involved are to participate in the Thanksgiving Dinner either by your prayers or a financial donation or volunteering. The dinner will look different as it is Curb-side pick up only but there will be few but mighty places for you to volunteer your time!

This advent season we will be preparing an ADOPT A DECORATION campaign. This is to offset the time and distancing protocols that are still in place for the pandemic. If you or your family have a specific decoration for the Advent season that you hold dear to your heart- please consider volunteering your time and efforts to decorate that portion of the church!

Look out for information regarding the Poinsettias. The ministries board has opted to forgo the Poinsettia Tree this season due to the pandemic. However, we are working toward a viable option to continue the tradition.

This year, our Christmas Eve service will be drive-in only. We will be holding two services at 4pm and 5pm. We hope that everyone is looking forward to a safe and happy Christmas season!

Thank you!

Adam McAllister and the Ministries Board

## Grove UMC Connections

### NEW WAYS TO CONTACT US!

We recently upgraded our systems and have brand new emails. Additional emails for staff and departments will be available at a later date.

General Inquiries  
Pastor  
Administrative Assistant  
Choir

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Church Office 540-2807

Website: groveumcradford.com

Facebook: Grove United Methodist

Church Address: 1020 Tyler Ave.

Radford VA 24141

## New Staff



We are delighted to welcome Dana Watson as our new Grove UMC Administrative Assistant.

Administration Office Hours:  
Monday 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm  
Tuesday - Friday 9:00 am - 12:00 pm