

SERVING TODAY

USHERS

Betsy Hagan Bill Williamson
Adam McAllister

ALTAR GUILD

Libby Watts & Ovella Wade

SOUND SYSTEM

Dana Watson

COUNTERS

Tommy Fisher Susan Lesko
Betsy Hagan

The Altar Flowers



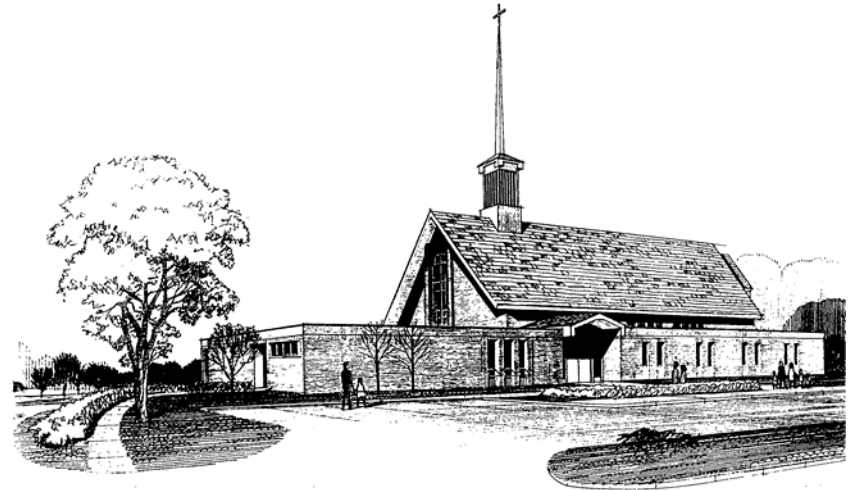
The flowers on the altar are given by Jay and Jan Nicholson Angle to the glory of God and in honor of Rev. Dr. Donna Fowler-Marchant for her passion for and work in Wesleyan theology and her contributions in lifting from history the voices of our early Methodist foremothers.

Welcome to Grove UMC

Where we come together as God's family to worship, learn, and grow, and go out in service to God's Kingdom.

GROVE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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May 16, 2021

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Ascension Sunday

10:00 am

Rev. Dr. Jan Nicholson Angle
Minister

Pat Brown
Organist

Adam McAllister
Choir Director

Libby Watts
Handbell Choir Director

Jim Harrison
Pianist

Ila Schepisi
Deacon in Residence

Dana E. Watson
Administrative Assistant

Joanna Corvin
Comptroller

Lynn Wright
Custodian

*Please follow the directions of
your ushers and worship leaders.
Please welcome one another with handwaves and other
non-verbal signs of celebration and worship.*

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

ENTRANCE

GATHERING AND WELCOME

ACCLAMATION Barry Anderson
Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise
Words by Charles Wesley, 1739

SILENT MEDITATION

PRELUDE *Hail the Day that Sees Him Rise*
Faith of our Mothers

OPENING PRAYER

HYMN 3190 (W&S) *Mary Had a Little Lamb*

PRAYERS OF CELEBRATION AND INTERCESSION

LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
Thy kingdom come,
thy will be done
On earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread
And forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation
But deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power
and the glory forever. Amen.**

ABOUT REV. DR. DONNA FOWLER-MARCHANT

Donna L. Fowler-Marchant was raised Southern Baptist in Tabor City, NC and attended Meredith College, a women's college, graduating with a B.A. in Religion. She received an M.Div. and Th.M from Duke Divinity School, and was ordained at University Baptist Church in Chapel Hill, NC in 1992. After discovering that her theology was Wesleyan, she began serving a rural two-point charge in the NC Annual Conference of the UMC in 1996, becoming an elder in 1999, and she served as the associate pastor of a large church in Fayetteville, NC and at a variety of smaller churches. She and her husband Scott became involved in Methodist missions in Russia and adopted their son and daughter in 2001 from there. She entered the Spirituality and Story track of the D.Min. program at Wesley Theological Seminary and completed her degree in 2007 with a project called Fire in Our Bones: Clergywomen Faithful to the Divine Call.

In 2011, she began serving as the Minister of Pastoral Care at a large Presbyterian church in Fayetteville. Traveling to England on a Wesley pilgrimage in 2016 whetted her appetite for learning more about early Methodism, and she returned to the UK on sabbatical in 2017, doing research at the John Rylands Library in Manchester with a vague idea of writing a book. She has continued to write her blog, Travels With Wesley, originally at travelswithwesley.blogspot.com and most recently at revdlf.wixsite.com/travelswithwesley.

An editor at the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry (GBHEM) began reading her blog and initiated conversations that culminated in a contract with Wesley's Foundry Books, an imprint of GBHEM; and Mothers in Israel: Methodist Beginnings Through the Eyes of Women was written and published in the middle of the pandemic. It is an exploration of the lives and ministries of early English women preachers and leaders of Methodism, starting with Susanna Wesley and her influence on the movement and continuing through the lifetime of Mary Bosanquet Fletcher, one of the most well-known and influential of the early Methodist preaching women.

Donna currently serves in the British Methodist Church in the West Hertfordshire and Borders Circuit, just outside London where she has primary pastoral care of two Methodist churches and one LEP (local ecumenical partnership) which is composed of a Methodist congregation and a United Reformed congregation.



End of School Children's Celebration

June 6, 2021

Immediately Following 10 am Service

Please consider sponsoring a child or two for this occasion. Sponsoring includes providing a card, goodie, or small gift under \$5 to celebrate their great accomplishments in a challenging academic year. Each child will have a table where these items will be collected.

The event will begin with a drive by celebration. If you feel comfortable, you can stay for the pizza party. This will take place in the upper parking lot. There will be no seating available. Please RSVP so we will know how much food and drink to provide.

Our children include:

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| Dean Glaviana (10 months) | Libby Carchia (10) |
| Georgiana Glaviana (4) | Lucy Schepisi (10) |
| Natalie Schepisi (7) | Jackson Belcher (12) |
| Murphy Carchia (8) | Ali Schepisi (14) |
| Amber Belcher (9) | Ella Cox (14) |
| Sydney Schepisi (17) | |

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

NEW TESTAMENT READING Acts 1:1-11
Luke 24:44-53

THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Adam McAllister

SERMON Rev. Dr. Donna Fowler-Marchant
In the Meantime

HYMN 274 Woman in the Night

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

OFFERING (Touch Free at exit)

SENDING FORTH

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

GOING FORTH

*Thank you for remaining in your seat,
always wearing your mask,
and listening to instead of singing the hymns.
Ushers will dismiss you by rows.*

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Mary Kate Kidd, Doug McCoy, Jinnie Pennington Lockridge, Amy Black, Keegan, Dennis & Patty McAllister, Junior & Bob Surber, Mike Porter, Mildred Wall, Becky Ritter, Renie Price, the family of Betty Jo Lester, those homebound, those in assisted living.

OPPORTUNITIES TO GROW AND SERVE

GROVE WEBSITE: Check out groveumcradford.com for information and updates on what is happening at Grove UMC!

GARDENERS IN THE GROVE: Join us Friday mornings at 9 am for a brief creation care devotion followed by time working on the garden beds and grounds at Grove.

JAMES: Wednesdays at 6:00-7:30 pm. Join us this week for Chapter 4 and explore what James has to say about envy, hatred, and violence. Facilitated by Rev. Dr. Jan.

CHRIST WALK CRUSHED: During the week choose your favorite exercise, then, come on out Sunday at 6:30 pm for fellowship and reflection with others in the study. A great way to firm up your body and spirit - Christ Walk Crushed. Facilitated by Adam McAllister.

MOTHERS in ISRAEL: Week 2 Chapter 2 of *Mothers in Israel: Methodist Beginnings Through the Eyes of Women*: Week 2 focus: "Women's Roles in Early Methodism" In person group meets Wednesday's 1:00—2:30 pm. Virtual group meets Sundays 4:00-5:30 pm. Facilitated by Rev. Dr. Jan.

RADFORD FOOD BANK: Dry and canned good donations for the Radford Food Bank may be brought and placed in the baskets located in the narthex.

WORK AT CAMP: Build your skills. Camp Dickenson is looking for camp counselors and other staff, ages 16 and up this summer. For more information, visit campdickenson.com/workatcamp Call (276)744-7241 or email office@campdickenson.com.


Cheer with a Note or Card

Doug McCoy has moved to *Commonwealth Senior Living*
He would love to hear from his church family.

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Room B5
Radford, VA 24141



Amber has a history of running away, drug abuse, truancy, and was even hospitalized for cutting herself. She was given several options for placement and Holston Home seemed to be the best one. Once she settled into the program, she began reaching her goals. Her self-esteem improved as she understood God's love for her. "I plan to go to college after graduation, continue working, and be successful in life," Amber said. When you give to Holston Home for Children on **Fifth Sunday, May 30th**, you are giving youth like Amber a chance to succeed.



THANK YOU
FOR
YOUR
CONTRIBUTIONS OF SIDEWALK CHALK, BUBBLES,
AND FREEZE POPS FOR OUR
RCPS PRE-K
END OF ACADEMIC YEAR
CELEBRATION!

