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**Join us for Worship
Sundays**

**Indoor Worship
10:00 am**

**Online (pre-recorded)
video link on our
church website**

**Please check our
Website,
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for information and
updates on what is
happening in the
Grove!**

Grove Greeter



JULY 2021

GOD + Grove + Wesley = Ecclesiastes 4:12b

Rev. Dr. Jan C. Nicholson - Angle, minister

Dear Grove Family,

First, let me say as of July 1st, I am thrilled to no longer be appointed as your “intentional interim pastor” but as your regularly appointed pastor! Bishop Taylor (Holston Conference) and Bishop Morgan-Ward (North Carolina Conference) have appointed me as the pastor to Grove UMC and as the director of the Wesley Foundation at RU.

Two different ministries + one pastor = ...head scratch? I have always been pretty okay at math. As I get older, I recognize, because of my creative spirit, I do not necessarily enjoy “doing” the math. Still, I do love the structural beauty found in mathematical formulas. I also love when formulas conclude with answers.

Just for fun, go to your Bible App and pull up Ecclesiastes 4:4-12. I did and found this:

“There are people who are utterly alone,
with no companions, not even a child or sibling.

Yet they work hard without end,
never satisfied with their wealth...

This too is pointless and a terrible obsession.”

Ecclesiastes 4:8

As usual, I asked God, “So Lord, what does this have to do with Grove and Wesley? The answer I got? “It isn’t about JUST Grove or JUST Wesley. Grove or Wesley could go it alone, but is there something more they can do together?”

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As I continued reading, I discovered in Ecclesiastes 4:9-12a when two come together-

- the work is more efficient, leading to an increase in fruit production
- they can pick each other up when they fall
- they stay warm in the midst of a cold world
- they have each other's backs

Partnerships, as humans and as organizations, can be good. Okay, I think I got it! Yet, there's a teaching that seems to be tagged on to the end of the two partner formula:

A three-ply cord doesn't easily snap (Ecclesiastes 12b)

Well, that just makes sense, doesn't it? One cord is okay, two are stronger, but when you have three strands, well, that would logically be the strongest. I can't tell you the number of times I have read verse 12b and simply nod my head, "Yep, I agree." I then would move on to the rest of the chapter. Yet there is something about a bond of three.

God + Grove + Wesley = ???

I have to confess, I don't know that much about ropes, but I have crocheted a bit in my day and therefore know just a bit more about yarn. You can normally buy them in

- single-ply - one strand
- double-ply - two strands
- triple-ply - three strands

That's about the extent of my 'knowing.' So, for good measure, I decided to do a little web browsing. Hang on to your crochet hook and knitting needles and keep reading!

- Single-ply yarn moves only in one direction
- Two-ply yarn pushes away from each other when knitting
- Three-ply yarn moves toward each other when knitting

Now how is that for a "God directed" lesson?

A cord of one can only move in one direction.

- These are the "my way" or the "highway" type of cords.

A cord of two ends up at odds with each other.

- These are the "I've never done it that way, and I'm not starting now" type of cords.

A cord of three will move toward one another.

- Wow! These are the "community building" cords! They thrive being together and recognize their is strength in a relationship.

"A three-ply cord doesn't easily snap (Ecclesiastes 12b)

Certainly worth pondering as I join in this new adventure with

God (Cord #1)

+ Grove United Methodist (Cord #2)

+ Wesley Foundation Radford University (Cord #3)

A strong ministry partnership that is not easily broken

Ecclesiastes 4:12b

In great excitement and anticipation of what God will do through Grove and Wesley, I remain with you in Christ's love!

Your pastor,

Jan

Ministries Board Meeting Highlights

The Ministries Board met on June 17th. The meeting opened with a discussion about the Children and Youth Celebration on June 6th. The parents were very appreciative that the church family blessed their children with pizza and goodie bags. The board discussed plans for next year's celebration.

Education and small groups to include Sunday school, will continue to be offered. It was suggested that groups try not to schedule on top of each other. There will be three small groups meeting in July in addition to Gardeners in the Grove.

Also discussed was the renewal of Amplify (Amplify has been renewed through July 2022). The idea of exploring and revisioning a contemporary worship service, possibly connecting with the Wesley Foundation, was also on the table.

Following are upcoming Mission Opportunities where you can connect:

- Radford Clothing Bank in July
- Community Table at Unity Christian
- Fall Vendor Fair with Christmas Store
- Thanksgiving Meal
- Earth Keepers/Food Insecurity on RU Campus

BREAK A LEG, ADAM!

On June 20th, Adam brought forth the message titled, "No One is Alone," a poignant and relevant message for all of us, especially Adam himself. Grove held a celebration after service to honor Adam's eight years of membership and service to Grove. Barry Anderson, Lay leader, spoke at the celebration, "We will miss Adam, but we also know that he is still very much going to continue to be a part of Grove."

Adam facilitates the book group which he will continue, and provide a recorded children's messages for each virtual service. He is moving to Boston, Massachusetts, to pursue a Masters of Divinity degree with an emphasis in Global and Community Engagement at Boston Theological Seminary.



Adam McAllister with new sloth puppet and Rev. Dr. Jan C. Nicholson - Angle.

Reverend Jack Weikel's Homecoming



Reverend Jack Weikel and his wife, Nancy, visited Grove on June 13, 2021. He presented his sermon titled "The Ministry of Our Presence."

He said, "It was wonderful to see so many familiar faces and to trade memories and stories, and the worship service was beautiful!"

Rev. Weikel served as Grove UMC's pastor for five years arriving in 1973. Under his pastorate, the Grove church body physically relocated buildings from Grove Avenue to our current location on Tyler Avenue. Rev. Weikel served 46 years as United Methodist clergy before his retirement on June 31, 2000. In addition to his local church appointments, he also served as District Superintendent of the Johnson City District from 1978 to 1984. Even in his retirement, he has remained active in ministry, serving the last 20 years as Minister of Visitation of First Broad Street UMC in Kingsport, TN.

JULY SERMON SERIES
"Is that you God?"
Discerning God's Will

Happy





THANK YOU

I would like to thank you all so much for the Celebration on June 20th.

Thank you to the Staff Parish and to everyone who made this so memorable for me. I greatly appreciate the love offering as well- you have no idea how much it means to me and the help that it will offer me during my move. For the past couple of months, I have had multiple conversations with church members that start out with, "Adam, what are we going to do without you?" On the other foot, I have had many friends outside of Grove say to me, "Adam, what are you going to do without your church?" I think clearly those closest to me understand and acknowledge the weight of what Grove and the people of Grove mean to me.

There are so many great memories that I have had in my life, and they extend so much further than Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings. It is hard for me to put into words how much I am going to miss you all. Church family is a concept that has always eluded me in one way or another. I do not think I fully understood the idea until I came to Grove. Grove started to feel like home to me about the 2nd year that I was the Choir Director, and I cannot imagine another church giving me that sense of home that I feel when I am at Grove. As I am leaving, one week from writing this- I would like to send so many words of encouragement to every single one of you that call Grove your home. You have raised me up in the faith- in a way that I never thought would be possible in my life, and I am eternally grateful for that. I firmly believe that this church will continue to raise people up in the faith and send them out into the world to acknowledge Christ in such a unique world. Grove is part of that uniqueness that makes the human race so special. I look forward to seeing what Grove does in the future because there is no doubt that it will be spectacular! As Jan constantly reminds me in that I am not moving my membership, I will still be a part of our church even from afar (thanks to technology!). I intend to still participate as I am willing! And I will come to visit- I am glad that my parents live in Bluefield, which is not far from Radford at all! So, I am going to stop here, or I might start crying all over the keyboard! I love you all very much and from the bottom of my heart, THANK YOU!

- Adam

Small Group Opportunities



Gardeners in the Grove

All ages and stages encouraged to participate. Fridays at 9 am. A short devotion followed by a time of working in the garden beds and lawn at Grove. Please bring your own work gloves and garden hand tools.

The Letters of Peter

Bible Study

Thursdays, 5:00—6:30 pm

Starting July 8th.

Facilitated by

Rev. Dr. Jan. Nicholson - Angle

BOOK GROUP

Mondays 6:30 pm via Zoom.

We will be reading together

THE WORLD IS ABOUT TO TURN

by Rick Rouse and Paul Ingram



Administrative Board

Meeting

Monday, July 12th

6:30 PM

All are welcome
to attend.

NEW GUIDELINES AS WE CONTINUE POST - COVID

- Mask wearing is optional for those vaccinated. Maintain appropriate distance with your neighbor. Appropriate distance is defined as the distance with which you and your neighbor are comfortable.
- **Additional seating is available in the Fellowship Hall for those who wish to increase their social distancing.**
- You may join in responsive readings and prayers.
- **If you are masked, you may join in singing congregational hymns.**
- Offering will continue to be at the exit doors following the service.

From the Missions Team



The Missions team at Grove would like to thank everyone who helped make our yard sale a success. Thank you to all who donated items, all who came out to help sort set up and clean up, all who shopped, all who came out to eat hot dogs, and all who set up spaces and sold your own stuff. It was a great couple of days, and we made over \$1800.00. This money will go to support local missions in our area.

Also, I want to thank the Grove congregation for your support of the August Kids project for the Radford Clothing Bank. With your generous contributions, the Missions team was able to send a check for \$1275.00 to August Kids on behalf of Grove UMC. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. Keep reading the Greeter for information about other Missions opportunities coming soon. We are looking for ways to connect and show God's Love in our community.

THE RADFORD CLOTHING BANK NEEDS YOU!

July is Grove UMC's Month to volunteer at Radford Clothing Bank! We are honored at how many slots have been filled. However, we are still in need of volunteers. You can sign up by calling Jean Carson (540) 639-5268 or Barbara Mundy (540) 639-2276.

UNFILLED DATES & TIMES

Friday, July 9	10am - noon
Thursdays, July 15, 22, & 29	4-6 pm

CHILDREN AND YOUTH ICE CREAM EVENT

You scream, I scream, we all scream for ice cream! Parents are also invited!

Saturday, July 17th, 6:00 - 7:30 PM

Please RSVP by calling (540) 639-2807



Remembering Our Grove UMC Member



Graham Wickline



July 28, 2021

Peace, I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled; do not be afraid. (John 14:27)

In Memoriam

Memorial gifts were given
in memory of
Janice Herzog
Chum Morehead
& Betty Jo Lester.

The church and office will be closed on Monday, July 5th
in observance of the July 4th holiday weekend.

JULY 2021 Ushers & Counters Calendar

Sunday

4 Ushers: Dave Winston, Bob & Susan Boggess, Frank Herzog & Betsy Hagan
Counters: Barry Anderson & Susan Boggess

11 Ushers: Dave Winston, Bob & Susan Boggess, Frank Herzog & Betsy Hagan
Counters: Delores Smith & Bob Boggess

18 Ushers: Dave Winston, Bob & Susan Boggess, Frank Herzog & Betsy Hagan
Counters: Tommy Fisher, Susan Lesko

25 Ushers: Dave Winston, Bob & Susan Boggess, Frank Herzog & Betsy Hagan
Counters: Jean Carson, Linda Clifford

Monday / Tuesday*

6* COUNTER: Bob Boggess

12 COUNTER: Susan Boggess

19 COUNTER: Jean Carson

26 COUNTER: Betsy Hagan



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Please Remember in your Prayers

Amy Black, Chris Dunn, Doug Fitzpatrick
Keegan Neldon, Mary Kate Kidd
Jinnie Pennington Lockridge, Doug McCoy,
Dennis & Patty McAllister, Billy Joe Nunn,
Renie Price, Junior & Bob Surber, Mike Porter,
Mildred Wall & Randy Wright,
Those homebound & in assisted living.

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