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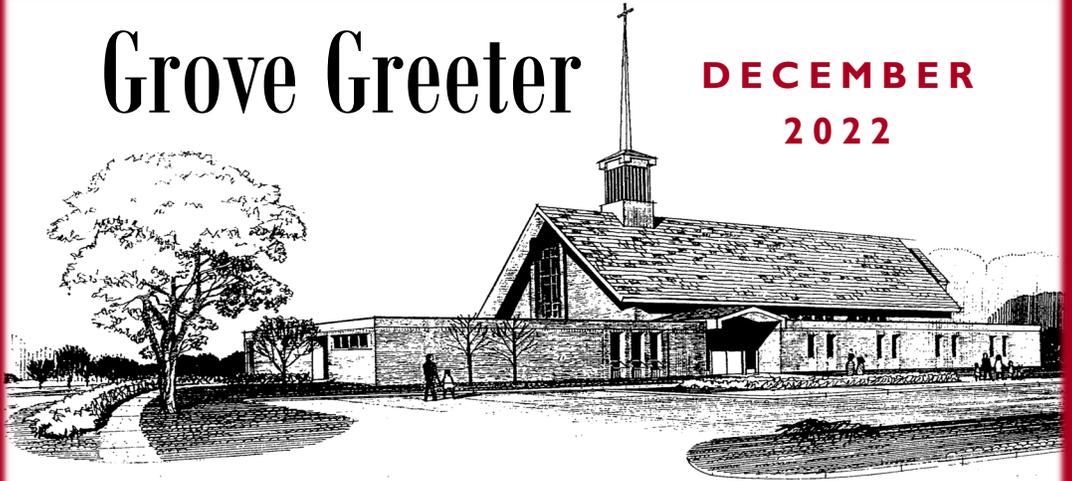
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# Grove Greeter

**DECEMBER  
2022**



*From the Desk of*  
**Rev. Dr. Jan C. Nicholson Angle, minister**

Dear Grove UMC Family,

It is Advent, a season of preparation and anticipation during which we remember the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, and anticipate his coming again in glory. It is the season we ready our hearts and our homes for the Christ. I wonder, "Where does your story begin?"

I have always believed knowing your story is important to your identity. As Christians, our story begins when God created the world; our story continues when God took up residence and lived among us in Jesus Christ; it culminates with Christ's salvific work on the cross, resurrection, and ascension; our story takes off again as we journey through history with the birth of the early Christian Church; we are revived in the 1700s with John and Charles Wesley who sought methods of furthering social holiness on a college campus in England; our story rode into America with Bishop Coke and Bishop Asbury; it settled in Virginia along the New River where a group of Methodists came together in a room above Robert's Store and found a common bond; our story continued to expand as those early Methodists moved up the hill to Grove Avenue before finally settling, years later, on Tyler Ave as Grove United Methodist Church.

Our story as a faith community is important. It helps us understand who we are. As Christians who choose to live out our faith in The United Methodist tradition, we understand "The mission of the Church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world by proclaiming the good news of God's grace and by exemplifying Jesus' command to love God and neighbor, thus seeking the fulfillment of God's reign and realm in the world." (§121 United Methodist Book of Discipline).

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In short, each of us is called to do our part in teaching and proclaiming the Good News so that God's kingdom may be made known in and through us. Daniel Ferkin works as Holston Conference archivist. After wading through mounds of historical artifacts and documents related to our Holston Methodist history, Daniel had this to share about our story:

*"...I have seen quite the diversity of thought and perspectives from Methodists going back to the late 1700s to the present," he says. "I am especially impressed by their dedication to education and literacy at a time long before public education was the norm."* (Daniel Ferkin, Holston Conference Archivist)

It is Advent the beginning of the Christian year. On December 25th we will celebrate a God who created a diverse world; came to us in Jesus Christ to teach us yet again how to live as God's children; and is coming again (Hebrews 9:28)!

Happy Advent and Merry Christmas!

Peace,

*Pastor Jan*

"Holston Conference Archives Office" is located at Tennessee Wesleyan College, one of Holston's United Methodist affiliated colleges. Daniel Ferkin has been working since June 2019 as Holston's Archivist, organizing and cataloging many artifacts from our conference history. You may read more about Daniel's work by clicking the link below:

<https://www.holston.org/article/ferkin-and-holston-archives-17145834>



## OUR PASTOR IS AVAILABLE

**either** at Wesley or Grove during the following hours:

Wesley Student Center at Radford University

Wednesdays 10:30 am - 3:30 pm

Grove United Methodist Church

Thursdays and Fridays, 9 am - 1:00 pm

or by appointment

## Advent Sermon Series: *Living Expectantly in Today's World*

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| <b>Dec. 4</b>  | <b>"Expectant Peace"</b>                |
| <b>Dec. 11</b> | <b>"Expectant Joy"</b>                  |
| <b>Dec. 18</b> | <b>"Expectant Grace"</b>                |
| <b>Dec. 25</b> | <b>"Did you get What You Expected?"</b> |



# Highlights From the Administrative Board



The Administrative Board met on Tuesday, November 8, 2022, at 6:30 pm via Zoom. There were 13 members present.

Highlights of the meeting included the following:

- The Finance Team reported that plans to use the Online Giving Center were halted because of privacy issues. The team is also working on the 2023 church budget.
- The Nominations Committee submitted the list of church officers for 2023 for approval at the Charge Conference on November 10th.
- The Families First program, which takes place on the first Sunday of the month, is going well, but needs a volunteer to help coordinate the program.
- Elf Shelf will return to Grove UMC on Saturday, December 3rd. It was approved to allow the Health Department to administer COVID and flu shots for program participants.

The next Administrative Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 17, 2023 at 6:30 pm via Zoom. All are invited to attend.



Are you experiencing common losses such as:

- Death of someone you care about
- Divorce or separation
- Major illness or injury
- Loss of a significant relationship
- Major traumatic event

Circle of Hope is a nine-week grief support journey (limit 12 participants). The work of renewal is a task-centered grief model which examines and treats grief holistically reshaping and nurturing your bond with the loved one while honoring unique experiences and permitting the loss to redefine you in newness and growth with kindness and understanding. Are you interested in learning more? To sign up or for more information contact the church office at (540) 639-2807 or email [radfordgroveumc@gmail.com](mailto:radfordgroveumc@gmail.com).

Tuesdays: 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm beginning December 6th  
Grove UMC, Room 7 (Lower Level)  
Facilitated by Lewis LaFon

# Opportunities to Grow This Advent Season



## Families First

December 4th after worship

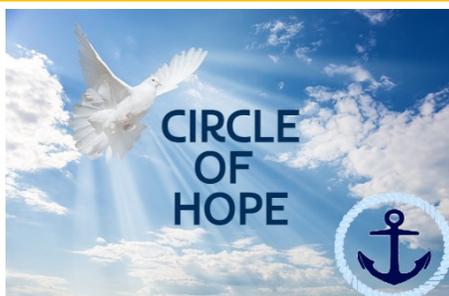
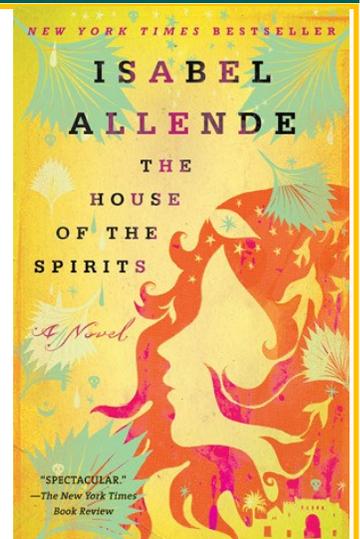
This month we will be celebrating Christmas by learning about the Chrismon tree. Everyone will be able to make their own Chrismon ornament.

Families First is a ministry for families with children from birth to 18 years of age. This ministry group meets the first Sunday of every month after 10 am worship. Find support, grow your faith, fellowship, play, and engage in ministry together.

Adult Bible Study is held on Sundays at 9:15 am in the O'Donnell Classroom. Facilitated by Wayne Pridgen.

**The Grove Book Group** will reconvene January 2nd at 6:30 pm on Zoom. The group chooses its books and meets once a week for an hour and a half. The book that will be discussed starting in January is Isabelle Allende's novel, The House of the Spirits. This book is the story of a South American family in an unnamed country which has a certain resemblance to Chile over the course of three generations and much of the twentieth century. Allende's first novel came out to universal acclaim as a great read.

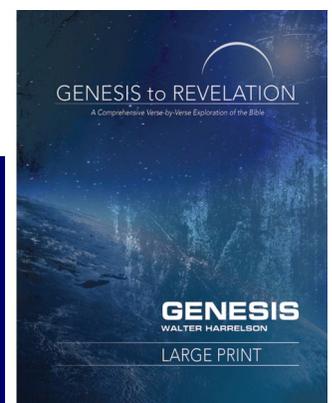
If you would like to join us, please contact Barry Anderson at (540) 639-1018 or at [cbarry8@verizon.net](mailto:cbarry8@verizon.net)



**Circle of Hope**, a nine-week grief support journey (limit 12 participants). See flyer on page 3. Meets Tuesday evenings in the Grove's lower level 7:00 - 8:30 pm.

Facilitated by Lewis LaFon.

Revelation Study continues into December. This is a chapter by chapter study facilitated by Pastor Jan. Meets Thursdays in-person at Grove at 9 am and online via Zoom at 12:30 pm.





Thanks to all of you who served the Thanksgiving Community Dinner and prepared the church for Advent.



**United Women in Faith (UWF)  
Christmas Luncheon**

**Tues., Dec.13th,12:00 noon  
Draper Mercantile  
3054 Greenbriar Rd., Draper, VA**



The year 2022 has been both a challenge and a blessing for our group. Sometimes, only two or three of us gather. Other times we have larger numbers, but always enough to enjoy sharing fellowship in Christian love. We will have no meeting in December, and it will be determined for January. We hope you will consider joining us in the new year. On December 13th, we will enjoy a Christmas Luncheon at Draper Mercantile. We invite all women, and men of Grove, to join us

at 12:00 noon. Let Linda Clifford know by Sunday Dec 11th if you will be joining us. You can RSVP by calling 540-230-7148 or emailing [foodie652@msn.com](mailto:foodie652@msn.com). I want to let the Grove UMF know that I appreciate your support and presence in 2022, and wish you, and your loved ones a blessed Advent season.

*Linda Clifford, President Grove UWF*

**Welcome to our newest members of Grove UMC,  
Joshua and Rebecca Folmar  
and their children, Renata and Judah.**



**And also welcome to our new members  
Todd and Diana Millsaps. See photo in  
next month's Greeter.**

*Welcome*

## Opportunities to Serve

### ACOLYTES



### Become an Acolyte

Being an acolyte at Grove UMC is both a service and a learning experience. It takes just a few hours each month, and is a flexible job. Please consider being an acolyte in 2023. Ages from about six to 12 years old. Contact Linda Clifford (540) 230-7148.

### Serve on the Altar Guild

The Altar Guild has been an integral part of our church for many, many years. We are looking for a few more people (men or women) to fill out the roster for 2023. It will require one month of the year, with a partner. Please consider being a member of Grove's Altar Guild and contact Linda Clifford at (540) 230-7148 or Jean Carson at (540) 818-9495.



### Church Offices Closures

The church office will be closing early on Tuesday, December 13th at 11:30 am for the UWF luncheon. The church offices will be closed for the Christmas holiday December 23rd through December 26th.

### *Please Remember in your Prayers*

Chris Dunn  
Bob Surber  
David Powell  
Shannon Nelson  
Daniel Lambert  
Pattie Crawford  
Amy Black  
Diane Pryor  
Jim & Sonya Nicely

Renie Price  
Mildred Wall  
Doug Fitzpatrick  
Tony Lambert  
Joan Lambert  
Nahid Mirlohi  
Delores Smith  
Geneta Kidd

Becky Ritter  
Sterling Tyndall  
Carolee Bondurant  
Those homebound  
Those in assisted living  
Peace in Ukraine  
United Methodist Church

### *in Memoriam*

We honor the memory of one of Grove's faithful members,

Richard "Dick" Eddie Kidd, Sr.

*October 22, 1937 – November 26, 2022*



# December 2022



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Revelation Study In-person 9am, Online 12:30	2 Elf Shelf Distribution	3 Elf Shelf Distribution
4 9:15 am O'Donnell Class 10:00 am Worship Handbell Choir 11:00 am Families First 1:00-3:00 pm PWW (RU Wesley)	5	6 Circle of Hope 7-8:30 pm	7	8 Revelation Study In-person 9am, Online 12:30 pm	9	10
11 9:15 am O'Donnell Class 10:00 am Worship Choral Christmas	12	13 Church Office Closes 11:30 am UWF luncheon @ Draper Mer- cantile, 12 pm Circle of Hope 7-8:30 pm	14	15 Revelation Study In-person 9am, Online 12:30 pm	16 Staff Meeting 12:45 pm	17
18 9:15 am O'Donnell Class 10:00 am Worship Medley of Carols Christmas Sampler	19	20 Circle of Hope 7-8:30 pm	21	22	23 Conference District & Church Offices Closed	24 5 pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion
25 10:00 -10:30 am Church Family Christmas "Celebrating Christ"	26 Conference, District & Church Offices Closed	27 Circle of Hope 7-8:30 pm	28	29	30	31