

**THE ORDER OF WORSHIP**  
**ENTRANCE**

GATHERING  
PRELUDE “Here I am to Worship” T. Hughes  
Celebration Ringers Arr. P Bettcher  
WELCOME

\*CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 145 Carla Russell  
I will extol Thee, my God, O King;  
And I will bless Thy name forever and ever.  
**Every day I will bless Thee,**  
**And I will praise Thy name forever and ever.**  
Great is the Lord, and highly to be praised;  
And His greatness is unsearchable.  
**One generation shall praise thy works to another,**  
**And shall declare Thy mighty acts.**  
On the glorious splendor of Thy majesty,  
And on Thy wonderful works, I will meditate.  
**And we shall speak of the power of Thine awesome**  
**acts; And I will tell of Thy greatness.**  
They shall eagerly utter the memory of Thine abundant good-  
ness, And shall shout joyfully of Thy righteousness.  
**ALL: The Lord is gracious and merciful;**  
**Slow to anger and great in loving kindness.**

HYMN TFWS 2008 “Let All Things Now Living”

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON  
ALL: **Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned**  
**against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have**  
**done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved**  
**you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors**  
**as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For**  
**the sake of you Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and for-**  
**give us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your**  
**ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.**  
*All pray in silence.*

*LEADER: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive all your sins*  
*through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness,*  
*and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.*  
**Amen.**

ANTHEM “A Mighty Fortress is Our God” M. Luther  
New Spirit Ringers Arr. D. Wagner

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE Kum Ba Yah Libby Watts  
Colored Bells

PRAYERS OF CELEBRATION AND CONCERN  
THE LORD’S PRAYER 895 UMH

**PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION  
OLD TESTAMENT READING Exodus 16:1-15  
Jonah 3:7—4:4  
SERMON Embracing the Desert, The Despised and the Deal Joseph Borden

GIVING OF OUR GIFTS AND TITHES

OFFERTORY Where He Leads Me Arr. Smith

\*DOXOLOGY 95 UMH

**SENDING FORTH**

\*HYMN 463 UMH “Lord, Speak to Me”

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE

*\*Congregation invited to stand as you are able.*

**Prayer Request**

*Please provide information below:*

*Person placing the request:*

*Prayer Requested for:*

*Name:*

*Their Need :*

*Are they family, friend,*  
*co-worker or neighbor?*

*YES or NO*

*May we share your prayer*  
*request in our bulletins and*  
*newsletters?*

*YES or NO*

*Email:*

*Phone:*



**TO GROVE**

**We Are Glad You Are Here!**

Today you will experience Christ-centered worship and fellowship.  
Want to know more about our ministries and opportunities? Your  
ushers, members and pastor are here to assist you. Welcome to Grove!

Please pray for Pastor Jan as she travels on business Sept 24-28.  
For pastoral emergencies, please contact the church office 540-639-2807. After hours, please contact Joe Borden, Grove Choir Director, 423-794-7238 or Ila Schepisi, Deacon in Residence, 540-239-3259.

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER**

Bob Surber	Frankie Cook
Shannon Nelson	Jeff Broadwell
Pattie Crawford	Liz Baxter
Amy Black	Jimmy Foster
Diane Pryor	Sonya Nicely
Renie Price	Rhonda Howell
Mildred Wall	Tina Bembry
Doug Fitzpatrick	Wayne and Nancy Pridgen
Becky Ritter	Vivian Ellis
Carolee Bondurant	Tony Lambert
Corene Simms	The Family of Bernie Rafferty
Jim Keffer	Those homebound
Sam Belcher	Those in assisted living
Alice Gallimore	

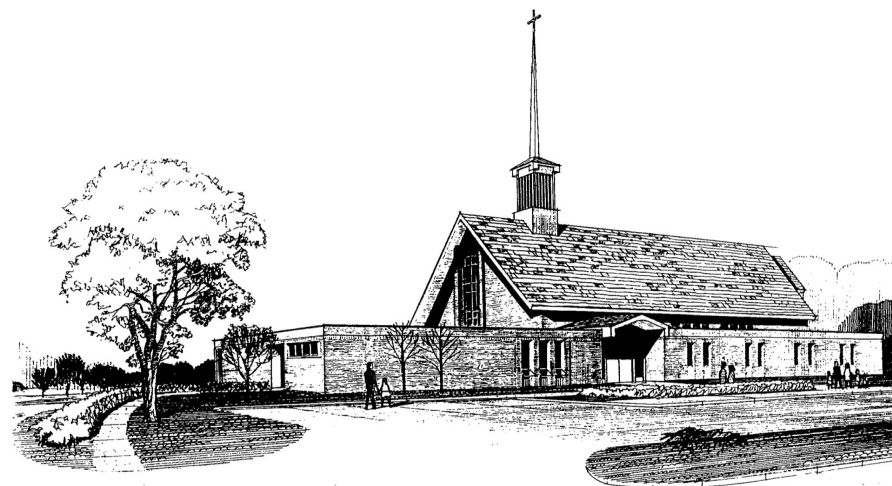
**SERVING TODAY**

USHERS.....Betsy Hagen, Bill Williamson  
LITURGIST.....Carla Russell  
SOUND TECHNICIAN.....Corey Schepisi  
ALTAR GUILD.....Cathy Radford/Jean Carso  
SUNDAY COUNTERS.....Betsy Hagen/Susan Boggess  
MONDAY COUNTERS... Linda Fasnacht/Linda Clifford  
NURSERY.....Linda Fasnacht

***Grove United Methodist Church***

1020 Tyler Avenue, Radford, Virginia 24141  
(540) 639-2807 email: radfordgroveumc@gmail.com

September 24, 2023  
17th Sunday After Pentecost  
10:00 am



**Rev. Dr. Jan Nicholson Angle**  
**Minister**  
Cell 540-589-9118

*Pat Brown*  
*Organist*

*Libby Watts*  
*Handbell Choir Director*

*Donna Alley*  
*Finance Assistant*

*Rev. Dr. Joseph Borden*  
*Chancel Choir Director*

*Linda Fasnacht*  
*Administrative Assistant*

*Lynn Wright*  
*Custodian*

*Jim Harrison*  
*Pianist*

*Ila Schepisi*  
*Deacon in Residence*



**Opportunities to connect at  
Grove—SUNDAYS**

9:15 O'Donnell Adult Sunday  
School Class

**THURSDAYS**

Contemplative Prayer Meeting,  
7:00 pm



**Food Bank**

Donate to our Food Bank  
collection box in the Narthex



**We Are Hiring**

Sunday morning Nursery Staff –  
must be 21 years of age. Back-  
ground Check required.

Send resume and cover letter  
to:

Grove UMC, Attn SPRC  
1020 Tyler Ave. Radford VA  
24141



**Be a Choir Disciple.**

You are invited to sing with the  
choir. We meet Wednesdays at  
7:00 pm or practice and Sunday  
mornings at 9:30 am in the choir  
room to warm up our voices for  
wor- ship.



**Handbells**

Practice Sundays  
Celebration 4:30-5:00  
New Spirit 4:45-6:00

District Day with  
Bishop Debbie Wallace-Padgett  
Monday, October 30, 2023 at  
6:30 pm  
St. Paul UMC



## Upcoming Events

**Admin Board Meeting**

Monday, 9/25/2023  
at 7:00 pm  
in the History Room  
This an also be a Zoom  
meeting

**District Conference**

October 8, 2023 at 3:00 pm  
St. Paul UMC Wytheville VA

**Camp Dickenson Golf Tournament**

Saturday, October 7, 2023  
Draper Valley Golf Club  
11:30 Registration & Player Check-in  
1:00 Shotgun start  
Website: [www.campdickenson.com/  
golf.html](http://www.campdickenson.com/golf.html)  
Hard copies of Application are locat-  
ed in Narthax.



**150 Anniversary Celebration**

Coming soon to Grove UMC

**Save the Dates**

12/03/2023

4/7/ 2024

7/14/2024

More information to come  
If you know of any former members,  
please send info to Martee



If you are planning a meeting and want it listed in the  
Bulletin, please let Linda know.