

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

ENTRANCE

GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, Rejoice!
God, we delight in your creation.
We thank you for soft breezes, crisp apples,
and changing seasons that remind us
of your presence and provision.
Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, Rejoice!
God, we delight in our connectedness.
We thank you for friends who check in,
for church family who lift one another up,
for neighbors who show up
in the good and challenging times.
Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, Rejoice!
God, we delight in your peace
that dwells among us.
We give thanks for neighbors
who offer help in times of trouble,
gentleness in the midst of pain,
and acts of kindness
during seasons of struggle.
Let us come into God’s presence
with thanksgiving and rejoicing!
Come! Let us worship God together. Amen.
Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, May 2023.

*HYMN UMH 694 *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come*

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 123

NEW TESTAMENT READING Matthew 25:14-30

ANTHEM *Thanks Be to God* arr. Curry

SERMON “*So, I Was Afraid*” Jan Nicholson-Angle

PRAYER OF RESPONSE

THE LORD’S PRAYER UMH 895

OFFERTORY

OFFERING

*DOXOLOGY UMH 95

SENDING FORTH

*HYMN (insert) *Count Your Blessings*
(See Insert for Hymn Text)

*OPPORTUNITIES TO LEARN AND SERVE

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

- ***Congregation 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:*_____



The Cornucopia on the Altar was placed by the Altar Guild. This is done each and every year to commemorate Thanksgiving. Have a blessed Thanksgiving.

Grove United Methodist Church

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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! Welcome home!

First Time at Grove?

Let us help you connect

Name _____

Phone: _____

Cell _____

Tear off and place in offering plate or give to an usher.

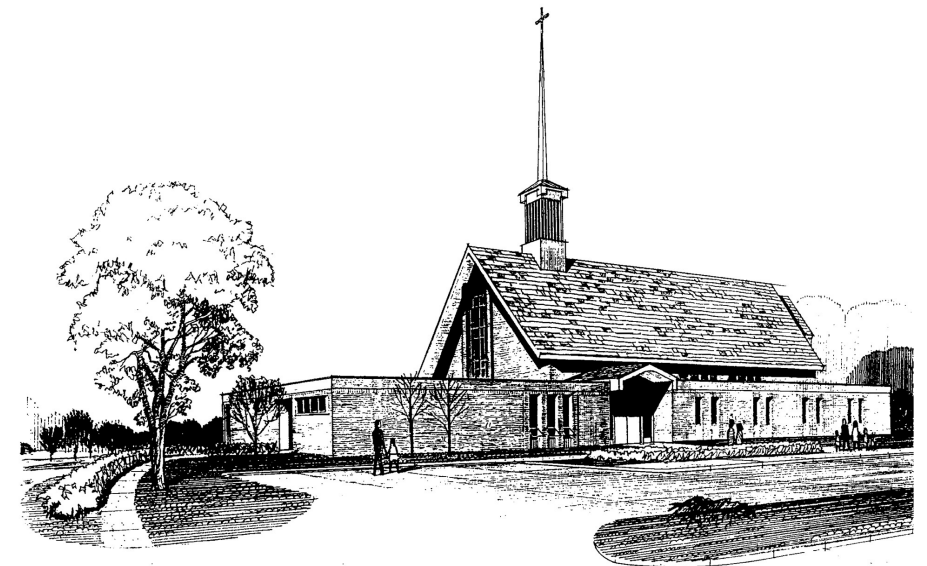
PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

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	Duetta Szabo
Jim Keffer	Those homebound
Sam Belcher	Those in assisted living
Alice Gallimore	

SERVING TODAY

Ushers.....John Russell
Liturgist.....Barry Anderson
Sound Technician.....Dave Winston
Altar Guild.....Jean Carson/Linda Clifford
Sunday Counters.....Susan Lesko/Tommy Fisher
Monday Counters.....Linda Fasnacht/Beth McDaniel
Nursery.....Chloe Mullins

November 19, 2023
Twenty– fifth Sunday after Pentecost
10:00 am



Rev. Dr. Jan Nicholson Angle
Minister

Pat Brown
Organist

Rev. Dr. Joseph Borden
Chancel Choir Director

Libby Watts
Handbell Choir Director

Rev. Ila Schepisi
Deacon in Residence

Jim Harrison
Pianist

Linda Fasnacht
Administrative Assistant

Donna Alley
Finance Assistant

Lynn Wright
Custodian



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

Handbells

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

Sunday School

9:00 Young Adult Class
9:15 O'Donnell Adult Class

Contemplative Prayer

Thursdays
7:00 pm



Food Bank

Donate non-perishable foods at Grove UMC for the local food bank. Collection box is

Calling for Articles

Have something for Grove's December Grove Greeter? Please have in the office by Tuesday November 21st.



We wish all our church family a Happy Thanksgiving!

In observance of the holiday,
the church office will be closed November 22—24

The Angels of Christmas

Bring your lunch and join this church-wide Advent Study that explores the angelic visitors surrounding the birth of Jesus

11:30 am-1:00 pm

11/26 (Ch1-2)

12/10 (Ch 3), 12/17 (Ch 4)

Facilitated by Pastor Jan

Methodism Class

12/10 and 12/17

8:30 am

Grove church parlor.

Learn more about membership in the UMC. Freshen up on what it means to be UMC Facilitated by Pastor Jan.

Grove UMC Book Group

Book Group meets via Zoom

Mondays 6:30—8:00 pm

Never by Joel Johnson is our next read. This book of fiction is influenced by the author's reality of growing up in the South during segregation and as the Civil Rights period was beginning. He is telling us his view of what he experienced many years later.

Occasionally we skip a Monday to check with us. You may contact Terica Fisher at tericafisher@msn.com or 540-357-1016. Come read with us!



Upcoming Events

Today — November 19

2:00—3:00 pm

Grove Charge Conference

Location: Grove UMC Chapel

Join us this afternoon in the Grove UMC Chapel as we present our annual Charge Conference reports. New River District Superintendent, Rev Kim Goddard, will lead us as we celebrate all God has enabled us to accomplish in the past year and lean into the future

Sesquicentennial Anniversary Celebration Worship

Grove is turning 150 years old

Celebration Worship Services are planned for

12/03/2023, 4/7/ 2024 and 7/14/2024

Invitations have been electronically mailed. If you have not received your invitation, please Contact Martee Buchanan or Church Administrative Assistant Linda Fasnacht at groveumcsecretary@gmail.com. Do you know of any former members? Please send info to Martee 540-230-3194 mtbuchan@gmail.com

Help Decorate Grove for Advent

Thursday November 30th 9:00 am.

At least one person needed who can climb a ladder, and lift heavy items as needed. See Linda Clifford for more information.

A Call to Prayer

Are you a prayer warrior? Do you find yourself praying for others or in particular situations? Grove UMC seeks prayer warriors who will help us pray for Grove's future.

Interested to learn more?

Contact Pastor Jan 540-589-9118



While in prison the Word of God came to the prophet Jeremiah *"The Lord proclaims, the Lord who made the earth who formed and established it, whose name is the Lord: "Call to me and I will answer and reveal to you wonderful secrets that you have not known." Jeremiah 33:3*

Closing Hymn

Count Your Blessings

When upon life's billows you are tempest-tossed,
When you are discouraged, thinking all is lost,
Count your many blessings, name them one by one,
And it will surprise you what the Lord has done.

Refrain:

Count your blessings, name them one by one,
Count your blessings, see what God has done!
Count your blessings, name them one by one,
Count your many blessings, see what God has done.

Are you ever burdened with a load of care?
Does the cross seem heavy you are called to bear?
Count your many blessings, every doubt will fly,
And you will keep singing as the days go by.

When you look at others with their lands and gold,
Think that Christ has promised you His wealth untold;
Count your many blessings—money cannot buy
Your reward in heaven, nor your home on high.

So, amid the conflict whether great or small,
Do not be discouraged, God is over all;
Count your many blessings, angels will attend,
Help and comfort give you to your journey's end.