



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.

Today's Altar Flowers



Altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in honor of Martee Buchanan for her leadership, dedication, hard work, and sharing the gift of her many talents to support Grove United Methodist Church by Delores and Clarence Smith.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Amy Black
Renie Price
Corene Simms
Jim Keffer
Sam Belche
Frankie Cook

Sonya Nicely
Wayne and Nancy Pridgen
Tony Lambert
Those homebound
Those in assisted living
The Middle East

If there is someone you would like to be added to
Remember in Prayer, please contact Linda Fasnacht

SERVING TODAY

Ushers.....John Russell/Bob Boggess
Ushers.....Delores Smith/Clay Carson
Advent Candles... Rev Ila Schepisi/Rev Dr. Joe Borden
Liturgist.....Barry Anderson
Sound Technician.....Cory Schepisi
Altar Guild.....Linda Clifford/Delores Smith
Sunday Counters.....Barry Anderson/Bob Boggess
Monday Counters.....Linda Fasnacht/Laura Tompkins
Nursery Staff.....Chloe Mullins/Danielle Mason

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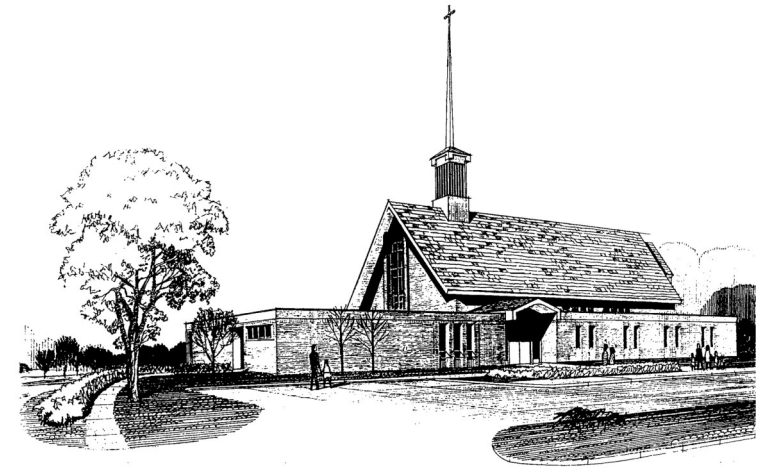
December 3, 2023

First Sunday of Advent

Sesquicentennial Worship Celebration

10:00 am

*Celebrating the first church service upstairs of
Robert's Store on December 13, 1874*



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

Dana Watson
Videographer

Lynn Wright
Custodian



This Week at Grove UMC

Sunday 12/3/23

9:00: Sunday School—Young Adult Class
9:15: Sunday School—O'Donnell Adult Class
9:30 am Choir practice in the choir room
10:00: Worship
After Worship: Sesquicentennial Anniversary
Christmas Sampler
4:30: Handbells Practice—Celebration
4:45: Handbells Practice—New Spirit

Monday 12/4/23

6:30 pm: Grove UMC Book Group (via Zoom)

Wednesday 12/6/23

7:00 pm: Choir practice

Thursday 12/7/23

12:00: UWF. Meet at Roca Mexican restaurant. (Please let Linda Clifford know if you are attending by 12/6/23)
7:00: Contemplative Prayer

Friday 12/8/23

5:30—9:00 am: Linda Fasnacht on the Radio.
107.1 WPSK
1:00: Blood Drive. Fellowship Hall

Sundays 12/10 and 12/17

8:30 am: Methodism Class
After Worship: The Angles of Christmas Study

PRELUDE Handbell Choirs

"Away in the Manger/Still, Still, Still" arr. Lloyd Larson

"Gesu Bambino" Pietro A. Yon/arr. Sharon E. Rogers

"Mary, Did You Know?" Lowry & Greene
arr. Anna L. Page

Additional Christmas Carols

Holiday Gift Cards

The Ministries Board is collecting donations to purchase Food Lion gift cards to provide food for families in need within the Radford City Public School System. Donations will be collected through December 17. Make checks payable to Grove UMC and write "Holiday Gift Cards" in the memo line. See Dave Winston if you have any questions.

A Call to Prayer

Are you a prayer warrior? Do you find yourself praying on a regular basis for others? Grove UMC seeks prayer warriors who will pray for Grove's future. Learn more. Contact Pastor Jan 540-589-9118

From Grove UMC Staff Parish—Gifts for Employees

As the end of the year approaches, we wish to reward our staff members for the work they have done. If you would like to donate to these gifts, please donate by December 10th and mark your donation as "Staff Gift"
If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Beth McDaniel at 434-665-8311 or email: bmcddan0405@aol.com

Linda Fasnacht to be guest DJ

That's right! Grove's Administrative Assistant will be a Guest DJ on WPSK 107.1

Friday 12/8/23 5:30 am until 9:00 am.

The broadcast topic for the day is Toys for Tots. Linda's family has donated many unwrapped toys for this worthy cause. She will also share about Grove UMC and promote Grove's upcoming scheduled worship and ministry opportunities.

Lighting of First Advent Candle

Reader 1

In the days of exile and uncertainty, the prophet Isaiah cried out:

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence. As when fire sets twigs ablaze and causes water to boil, come down to make your name known to your enemies and cause the nations to quake before you! For when you did awesome things that we did not expect, you came down, and the mountains trembled before you. (Isaiah 64:1-3)

Reader 2:

In the midst of our own encounters with uncertainty and upheaval and our longing for deliverance, Jesus calls to us, “Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come” (Mark 13:35).

Congregation:

We wait as people surprised again and again by God who shakes us out of our complacency and wakes us up to the work of the kin-dom all around us.

Reader 1:

We light this candle as a sign of our shocking hope. May we stay awake to God’s activity in the world as we wait in expectation that even now God is with us, working to restore us to the fullness of life with God and one another.

Amen.