

GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME

STEWARDSHIP WITNESS

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE (see insert) Linda Clifford
Donna Sepers

*HYMN UMH 211 O Come, O Come, *Emmanuel* (Stanza 2)

*PSALTER UMH 806 Psalm 85:8-13 Linda Clifford

*GLORIA PATRI UMH 70

*HYMN UMH 220 *Angels from the Realms of Glory*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Pastor Jan

PRAYERS OF CELEBRATION AND CONCERN

THE LORD'S PRAYER UMH 895

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 40:1-11

GOSPEL READING Mark 1:1-8

ANTHEM *"Gather at the Manger with O Come, All Ye Faithful"*
Dennis and Nan Allen arr Allen

SERMON *Prepare for Peace* Jan Nicholson Angle

PRAYER OF RESPONSE

OFFERTORY

OFFERING

*DOXOLOGY UMH 95

SENDING FORTH

*HYMN UMH 472 *Near to the Heart of God*

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**
*** *Congregation stand as you are able***

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: _____

Welcome 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

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

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

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

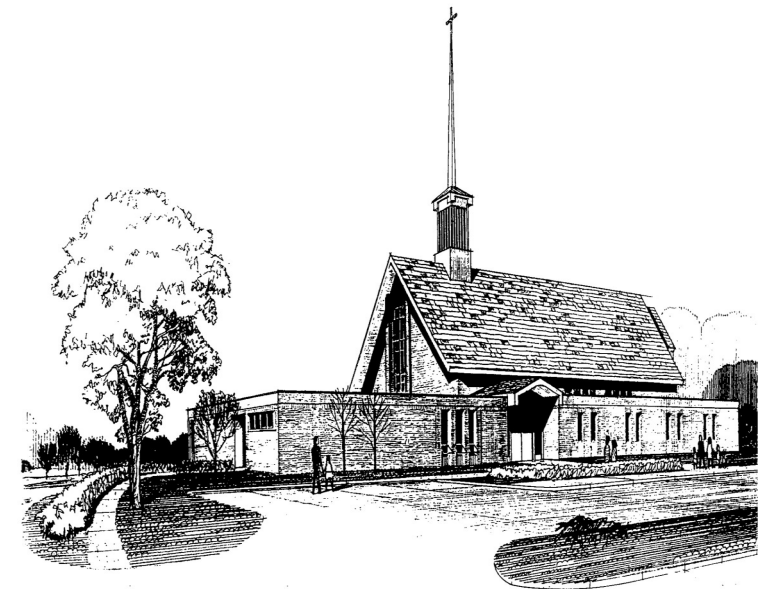
SERVING TODAY

Ushers	Clay Carson/Bob Boggess
Stewardship Witness	Beth McDaniel
Advent Candles	Linda Clifford and Donna Sepers
Acolyte	Natalie Schepisi
Liturgist	Linda Clifford
Sound Technician	Cory Schepisi
Altar Guild	Linda Clifford/Delores Smith
Sunday Counters	Jean Carson/Linda Clifford
Monday Counters	Linda Fasnacht/Susan Boggess

Grove United Methodist Church

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December 10, 2023
Second Sunday of Advent
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

Dana Watson
Videographer

Lynn Wright
Custodian



This Week at Grove UMC

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8:30 am: Methodism Class
9:00 am: Sunday School—Young Adult Class
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10:00 am: Worship
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4:45 pm: Handbell Choir Practice—New Spirit

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Reader 2:

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Congregation:

We wait as people who yearn for peace that bears the fruit of community, equity and flourishing for all.

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