

The Visitor

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From Dr. Toole,

Look What's Happening to Us!

In our pew Bible (NIV) Psalm 133:1 reads:
 “How good and pleasant it is
 when brothers live together in unity!”

Eugene Peterson in his paraphrase of the Bible, “The Message”,
 paraphrases the verses in this way to adapt it to contemporary readers.

“How wonderful, how beautiful,
 when brothers and sisters get along!”

In reading that verse I sense it as an appropriate description of who we
 are and who are are steadily becoming.

Because of the increased stress upon us and not out not being able to
 worship together in person, many though Grove would somehow fall
 apart. And yet, look what is happening to us.

We are drawn together by this COVID19 experience. Our contact with
 one another that grown through phone and email contacts. We are
 turning to our faith to sustain us as never before. We are sharing what is
 happening in our lives. We are seeing ourselves as “the Grove family of
 faith”. We have learned that we can continue to be close without being in
 the same space. We have seen acts of kindness and support that
 encourage us. We had been learning to serve others better. Our prayer
 lives have deepened. We find ourselves more united than ever before. We
 have grown in our cooperation and ministry as Christ's people.

Let us give thanks to God for working among us to cause this to happen.

In Christ,

Dr. George Gray Toole

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"Deacons' Doings"

Great
are the
works
of the
Lord.

HALL'S CROSS ROADS – COMMUNITY PARTNER

Our "Drive-By-Drop-Off" school supply campaign for our neighborhood children attending Hall's Cross Roads Elementary School was a HUGE success & we appreciate everyone's efforts!

On Sunday morning, August 30, Grove's parking lot was bustling with activity – folks gathering to greet one another, catch up, and drop off the much needed supplies! Our efforts to help the teachers pack **500 backpacks**

produced the following items:

60 Composition Books, 20 packs pencils, 92 post-it notes,
68 Dry Erase Markers, 49 Highlighters, 25 packs crayons,
71 colored pencil packs, 36 scissors, 17 pocket folders,
28 spiral notebooks, 16 erasers, 15 packs index cards,
26 packs notebook paper, 20 packs construction paper,
18 glue/glue sticks, 13 pairs ear buds, 7 hand soaps, 10 rulers,
9 packs Crayola markers, 7 pen packs, 4 sharpeners, 4 pencil bags
\$500.00 Donation from the Deacons' Discretionary Fund

THANK YOU: CARING & WONDERFUL FOLKS OF GROVE

CUPBOARD NEWS:

Our regular Federal (TEFAP) food pick up was on August 11th. We were blessed to receive additional food products on August 18th! As always, our thanks go to our dedicated & faithful volunteers working together to unload, sort & stack those heavy & frozen boxes!

August 11: Linda/Jack Dempsey, Eleesa/Jim Farley, Helen/Larry Farmer,
Laura, Luke & Isabella Hahn, Mary Anne Thomas,

August 18: Eleesa/Jim Farley, Carroll Fitzgerald, Sally Holmes
Laura/Luke/Isabella/Olivia Hahn, Mary Anne Thomas

Because of these efforts & that of many Cupboard volunteers, during August, we helped:

79 Bags of Food to 69 Households feeding a total of 195 people

Again - THANK YOU: CARING & WONDERFUL VOLUNTEERS

Cupboard Needs:

Toilet Paper

Plastic Grocery Bags

Blessings to all!

Hymns of Faith: Lift High the Cross

We all miss being able to gather together and joyfully raise our voices in song. But there's nothing saying we can't keep singing even while we separated - practicing for the time when we can gather and sing together again.

"Lift High the Cross" was written as a processional hymn in the Anglican (Church of England) tradition by George William Kitchen, for a Society for the Propagation of the Gospel celebratory service at Winchester Cathedral.

The inspiration for the hymn came may have come from Emperor Constantine's vision in the 4th century: a cross inscribed with Latin for: "In this sign [of the cross] you will conquer."

Anglican priest Michael Robert Newbolt revised the text slightly to what we sing today. Below are all 11! *original verses* along with the refrain to give you plenty of practice until we gather again! Happy singing!

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim till all the world adores his sacred name!

1. Come, brethren, follow where our captain trod, our King victorious, Christ the Son of God.
2. Led on their way by this triumphant sign, the hosts of God in conquering ranks combine.
3. Each new-born soldier of the Crucified bears on his brow the seal of him who died.
4. This is the sign which Satan's legions fear and angels veil their faces to revere:
5. Saved by the cross whereon their Lord was slain the sons of Adam their lost home regain.
6. From north and south, from east and west they raise in growing unison their song of praise.
7. O Lord once lifted on the glorious tree as thou hast promised, draw us unto thee.
8. Let every race and every language tell of him who saves our souls from death and hell.
9. From farthest regions let them homage bring and on his cross adore their Saviour King.
10. Set up thy throne, that earth's despair may cease beneath the shadow of its healing peace.
11. For thy blest cross which doth for all atone creation's praises rise before thy throne:

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim till all the world adores his sacred name!

Update from Witness and Outreach Ministry

Our new electronic sign is now complete. Our church name was installed on top this week.

Two of the white wooden outdated signs have been removed. Going forward, our messaging will appear electronically.

Some adjustments have been made to the carillon. The time for the carrilon to play is as follows:

- Daily at noon—Three hymns (these will be changed periodically).
- Daily at 7:00 PM—Bell will peal in honor of the First Responders.
- (So people know that, an announcement will appear on our sign)
- Sunday at 10:30 AM—Bell will peal for call to worship.

Even though we are not physically meeting at church, why not take a little ride to see and hear our new enhancements. We are blessed with God's presence and Spirit surrounding us as we witness and outreach into the community.

In the Sprit—Bev Pfingsten

From Session

Notes from the Session meeting on July 27, 2020

- Ministries are reminded to prepare their budgets for 2021 and turn them into FAP
- The Session welcomed Marcus Webster as its newest member for the class of 2023.
- The next meeting will be on September 28th

September



September 3	Sharon Wenger
September 5	Carole Taylor
September 6	Barbara matts
September 7	Happiness Obilo
September 9	Nichole Wenger
September 11	Betty Umbarger
September 12	James Pomeroy
September 14	Endurance Obilo
September 19	Alma Kirkendale
September 22	Marcel Obilo
September 23	Katie Hall
September 24	Donna Toole
September 25	Bev Pfingsten

Announcements

New Members!!

Please welcome the following members to our congregation:

- Diana K. Keister—Has been worshipping with us for many months
- Alexander McComas - Has been worshipping with us for many months and is also a member of the “3 Bats in the Attic”!
- Carl R. Bissett—Has been attending with his wife, Suz, for many years.

Ladies; Coffee Time:

Mark your calendars! September 15th at 9:30! Please join us outside in the Grove Backyard (under the trees).

Generous Memorial Gift Received:

At it's regular meeting on Monday, August 24th the Session officially and gratefully received a \$25,000 memorial gift from the Viele Family in memory of their parents Frederick J. Viele and Jane B. Viele, who were life-long members of Grove. Their family continues to be related to Grove.

Did you know?

Did you know that you can turn into our Sunday virtual worship services any time? You can have a time of worship any time of day of the week. It's a way to continue to be a part of Grove and to continue to grow into to your relationship with God through worship. No dressing up or travel is required. How convenient is that!