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Mosaic *The Artistry of God*

Worship June 4 - July 2

Sunday Sermon Series

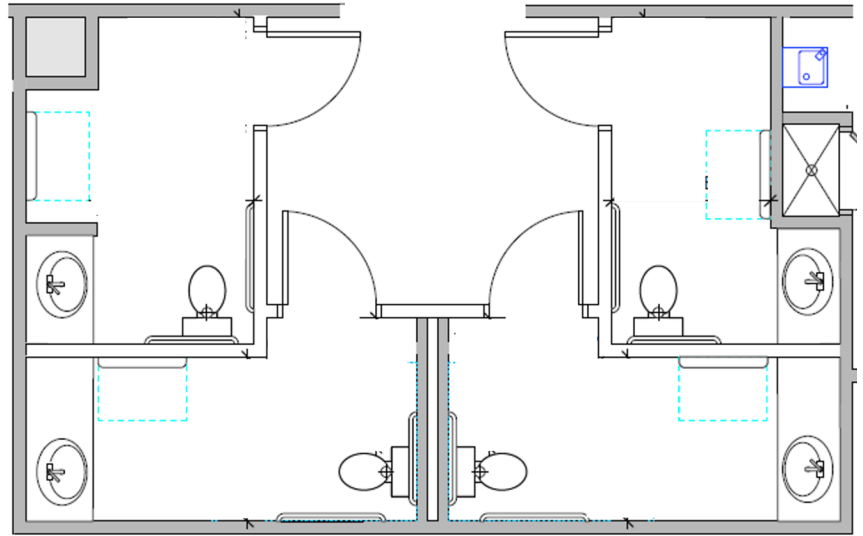
WOODBURY LOCATION

- June 4 — Celebrating Intergenerational Community
- June 11 — Advocating LGBTQIA rights (PRIDE Sunday)
- June 18 — Honoring Juneteenth
- June 25 — Celebrating Differing Abilities
- July 2 — Advancing Gender Equality

COTTAGE GROVE LOCATION

- June 18 — Advocating LGBTQIA rights (Pride Sunday)
- June 25 — Celebrating Differing Abilities

Universal Design and HVAC Update for Woodbury Restrooms



"Sometimes restrooms are about more than just toilets and sinks."
- Betty Schilling (Small Group Leader, PRIDE Team, Retired Clergy)

The Grove welcomes and celebrates all people regardless of age, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity, and physical and mental capability.

This value guides the universal design remodel of the Commons restrooms into four individual, family-style restrooms. The design ensures accessibility to people with disabilities and mobility issues, those needing a caregiver (whether it be a child or adult), or those from the transgender community.

What makes the restrooms universally accessible?

Moving to four individual restrooms will allow caregivers to accompany those who need assistance. For example, an adult in a wheelchair will be able to be supported by their partner, and a child will be able to be supported by a parent of a different gender. Each will be handicapped accessible, three will have children changing tables, and one will have an adult changing table.

Why do these restrooms matter to our PRIDE efforts?

Some folks in our church are transitioning from one gender to another and others are gender fluid or non-binary. As such, bathrooms identified as just "men" and "women" create discomfort and sometimes fear.

Will we have enough restrooms in the building?

Including all restrooms (Commons and Plaza), we will have 15 toilets and 2 urinals (a reduction of 2 toilets and 2 urinals). Based on building capacity, this exceeds code and city guidelines which require a total of 12 fixtures.

How much is left to raise?

Unlike the chapel, this project cannot be phased. Funding needs to be raised at the start. We currently have \$145,000 available to use on the project. With inflating costs, an estimated additional \$150,000 is needed. Delaying beyond this year will continue to increase cost.

What is included in the project?

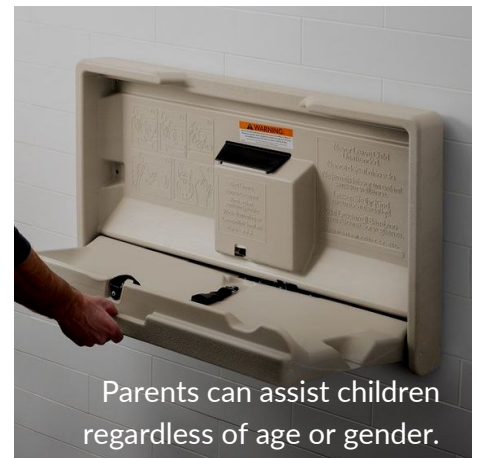
- Removal and replacement of the deteriorated HVAC system that resides above the women's restroom which is near end-of-life.
- Demolition of existing walls and construction, includes framing, tiling, flooring, doors, electric, and finishing.
- Plumbing and sewer, includes trenching and demolition of concrete floor and movement of toilets and sinks.
- New signage to assure all building restrooms are easily located.

Have other options been explored?

Several architectural firms were vetted to provide possible designs. Station19 was selected and provided several options. The design chosen will ensure our restrooms take us into the next 30-40 years.

"My wife Anne had health issues such that unisex/handicap restrooms were needed. The lack of these facilities at church created discomfort and at times embarrassment. As a caregiver, church attendance at the Grove created sufficient anxiety that we frequently did not attend church. We could attend doctor appointments and even do some traveling with more confidence than we had at church."

*Bob Horn
(Long-Time Member, Caregiver,
and Facilities Resource Team)*



Parents can assist children regardless of age or gender.



All handicapped accessible with space for a caregiver to support an adult in private.

"As for the importance of this project for the transgender and nonbinary communities, I can say from experience that nothing is more terrifying than trying to sneak into a bathroom and risk making those inside uncomfortable and unsafe, or, even worse, putting yourself in danger."

*Kirby Schoonover
(Student of The Grove and
PRIDE team member)*

Bon Voyage, Maria

June 9, 2023

July 2000 was a momentous day for The Grove. That was Maria's first day. She was hired as the receptionist and to print the bulletin for the three Sunday services.

Little did we know that we actually had hired an Ambassador. Her role evolved to "knock down walls" both literally and figuratively. Initially the office had a wall that enclosed three cubicles. Opening up the space allowed Maria to truly welcome people and become the "Face" of The Grove.

According to Maria, her greatest accomplishment was welcoming, establishing relationships, and being authentic and inclusive. Everyone was her friend, and they knew it! She was always willing to listen and accepted individuals for who they were. Recruiting and coordinating office volunteers not only extended the hands of the church but provided an opportunity for Maria to support and nurture others in their own journey.

As the church changed, so did Maria. Growing and taking on new tasks from building coordination to developing the newsletter were all part of her responsibilities. Her hard work, project management and efficiency allowed her to continue to do what she loved most, be there to listen, bond with and at times, be there for people as changes occurred.

Maria has wonderful stories. Ask her about all those stewardship history boxes that she and the volunteers put together laughing all the way. Or Del and Karen Eilers playing cards in the office after a busy day at the church. And then there was the time when they followed an intruder to the church up the street and calling the police.

Maria shared that what she will miss most is the people. She loved working at The Grove. She felt that she was making a difference. We all know that!! Maria will be greatly missed. She can't wait to join a "travel club" in the next chapter of her life and continue to connect with more people. We wish her the best of luck in her new adventures.



Honoring Maria with A Love Offering

We are collecting a financial love offering for Maria in honor of her retirement and faithful service to The Grove. You can contribute to this fund by dropping off or mailing your gifts to the church office (7465 Steepleview Road, Woodbury, MN 55125) or by going to [The Grove UMC | Online Giving \(thegrovemn.church\)](https://thegrovemn.church) and choosing "Love Offering for Maria Rella".

Who is Maria Rella? Words of recognition and honoring from Staff and Volunteers:

Maria is compassionate, kind, patient and giving. She is funny, outgoing and welcoming.

She is the copy machine whisperer. I am so impressed with her knowledge and creativity in making brochures and Insites.

Maria is a woman who passionately loves and serves others.

She is always mindful of those around her. She sees their gifts, encourages them and makes sure that when they leave this building that they have more than what they need.

I will miss how she "sees" people when they walk through the doors.

She is so good at making people feel at ease, feel included and cared for; Maria is all of these and so much more.

Written by Betsy Stites

We welcome new staff to The Grove!

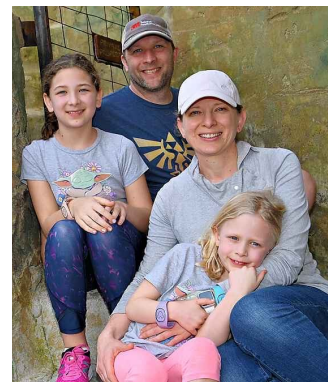
Colleen Kelly, Early Childhood Ministry Associate (10 hours per week)
kids@thegrovern.church

Colleen has been highly effective in an interim position this year working with our preschoolers. Starting in July, the position will be expanded into a permanent position. Colleen will continue with Sunday Morning preschooler Grove Kids and weekday preschool Gathering Time. In addition, she will be responsible for coordinating childcare and nursery and exploring community engagement in Early Childhood. Colleen has a bachelor's degree from St. Olaf College and is a licensed Early Childhood Teacher. She has worked both here at Preschool at The Grove and the preschool at St. Ambrose.



Debbie Crank, Building and Event Coordinator (20 hours per week)
events@thegrovern.church

Debbie Crank and her family have been participating in The Grove for about 2 years. She is excited to join the staff team because of her love of The Grove, and we are thrilled to have her. Debbie will be responsible for building scheduling, supply, coordinating Welcome and Worship, funerals, and building use. Debbie is returning to the workforce after staying home with her kids. She has a Ph.D. in Chemistry, and had a previous career as a professor. Debbie starts for training at the end of June, and starts the position in July.



Kaite Knack, Media Specialist (20-25 hours per week)
mediaspecialist@thegrovern.church

Kaite has been a member of The Grove since childhood, and she is proud of the ways it cultivates community and brings it's vision to life. Kaite has 16 years of church office experience at Mounds Park UMC in St. Paul, Christ UMC in Maplewood, and Hillcrest UMC in Bloomington. As Media Specialist, Kaite will be in charge of scheduling and communication, managing the website, and producing the newsletter, weekly clippings, social media, and print publications. She will continue to work part-time at Hillcrest United Methodist.



Robin Muscoplat, Records & Registration Manager (20-25 hours per week)
recordsregistration@thegrovern.church

Robin has worked at The Grove almost 5 years. She initially was the Media Specialist, but over the last 9 months has been both the Media Specialist and Records and Registration Manager, truly holding us together. She will be primarily in the Records and Registration role with the new hires. Robin manages our database, records, and registrations.



Skoolie

Free Family Fun Nights

Weekly June 12 — August 10, 5-6:30 pm

The Skoolie Bus and Skoolie Squad travel to:

MONDAYS — Royal Oaks Elementary in Woodbury
July 10, 24 & 31 (The Grove hosting)

TUESDAYS — Newport Elementary in Newport

WEDNESDAY— Pullman Elementary in St. Paul Park

THURSDAYS — Armstrong Elementary in Cottage Grove
June 22, July 13 & 27, August 3 (The Grove hosting)



Everyone is welcome at Skoolie Family Fun Nights this summer. There will be games, activities and food. Follow the SoWashCo CARES and South Washington County Schools Community Education Facebook pages for the latest scoop about food and fun activities planned and weather cancellations.

GROVE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Beginning the week of June 19, The Grove is helping to host some of the Skoolie Family Fun Nights at Royal Oaks and Armstrong. People are needed at the Cottage Grove and Woodbury church campuses to help prepare and serve food, set up games and activities, and clean up. This is a great opportunity for Grove Groups or families to serve and be in community with our neighbors.

Dates, details and volunteer sign up at ttsu.me/skoolie





Join Pastor Dan in reading and discussing nonfiction books that help us better understand the human condition and think about and act on our faith commitments.
Read the book on your own and then we'll gather for discussion.

The Choice by Dr. Edith Eger

Wednesday, July 26, 2023 at 7 pm at The Grove Woodbury

Register by emailing Dan Wetterstrom at dwetterstrom@thegrovern.church

At the age of sixteen, Edith Eger was sent to Auschwitz. Hours after her parents were killed, Nazi officer Dr. Josef Mengele, forced Edie to dance for his amusement and her survival. Edie was pulled from a pile of corpses when the American troops liberated the camps in 1945.

Edie spent decades struggling with flashbacks and survivor's guilt, determined to stay silent and hide from the past. Thirty-five years after the war ended, she returned to Auschwitz and was finally able to fully heal and forgive the one person she'd been unable to forgive—herself.

Dr. Eger, an internationally acclaimed psychologist, weaves her remarkable personal journey with the moving stories of those she has helped heal. She explores how we can be imprisoned in our own minds and shows us how to find the key to freedom. *The Choice* is a life-changing book that will provide hope and comfort to generations of readers.

UPCOMING BOOKS

⇒ *Together: The Healing Power of Human Connection in a Sometimes Lonely World* by Vivek Murthy

Tuesday, September 12, 2023 at 7 pm at The Grove: Woodbury

⇒ *Fortune: How Race Broke My Family and the World* by Lisa Sharon Harper
Monday, November 20, 2023 at 7:00pm at The Grove: Woodbury



Annual Love Offering

Each year the Minnesota Annual conference takes a Love Offering for various missions during Annual Conference (May 31 – June 1). The theme of this year's Annual Conference is *"Encounter. Transform. Respond. The Emmaus Experience."*

Our new Bishop, Lanette Plambeck, invites congregations to pray about and participate in the Love Offering as way to express gratitude for God's blessings in our lives. The Focus of this year's Love Offering is mental health.

Sixty percent of the Love Offering will fund a new grant that will support churches that have partnerships with mental health services offered in schools or communities. Thirty percent of the Love Offering will go to three Minnesota nonprofits engaged in mental health education and advocacy: Mental Health Connect, Mental Health Minnesota, and Minnesota Association for Children's Mental Health. The final 10 percent of the offering will go to Volunteers in Mission Scholarships, which offer support to first – time mission trip participants.

Being the Hope will support the Love Offering with a \$1000 gift which will be given during annual conference. Together, we as United Methodists can help address the ongoing and increasing mental health needs of all ages!



Hope for the Journey Home Family Shelter is Hosting an Open House

Have you wondered what Hope for the Journey Home Family Shelter is all about? Are you curious what the shelter looks like inside? Have you always wanted to learn more about volunteering at the shelter as a dinner or overnight host, before you took the step to volunteer?

Join us for an open house on **June 7 from 2:30-4:30**. Learn more about HJH, how you can become involved and view for yourself what a lovely, temporary home and environment we provide for families during a challenging time in their lives. If it's been a few years since you have been at HJH, stop in to see many of the upgrades and changes completed in the last 3 years. If you can't make the open house and have questions, reach out to the Shelter Director, Trish Brokman at pbrokman@guardian-angels.org HJH's website also has more information and detailed volunteer descriptions for the dinner and overnight volunteer roles.

PRIDE Month @ The Grove



GENDER UNICORN WORKSHOP

June 4, 11:45-1:15 - Room 204

Have you ever wondered what all the letters of LGBTQIA+ mean? This basic level workshop helps make sense of gender identity, expression, and sexuality through an easy-to-understand model.

SIGN UP: thegrovern.church/register-here

Childcare available.

PRIDE SUNDAY—June 11

9 am & 10:30 am worship ~ Led by PRIDE Team

11:40 am-1 pm, ~ Luncheon, Fellowship Hall

Hear stories from those in our community about the power of acceptance and love during worship.

PRIDE LUNCHEON — For those at The Grove who identify as LGBTQIA+ and their families. If you have guests with you on PRIDE Sunday who identify as LGBTQIA+ they are, of course, invited to lunch too!.

Catered by Red Cow — A St. Paul Restaurant committed to LGBTQIA+ Youth Mentorship

RSVP by June 4 — *Mention any dietary needs*

Pat Suyak, PRIDE Team Chair at psuyak@gmail.com

Pastor Kelly at klamon@thegrovern.church

PRIDE FESTIVAL PARADE

Sunday, June 25, 11 am - Parade line up at 11 am

Have you ever been curious what the PRIDE Festival Parade is all about? Would you like to walk in the parade with participants from The Grove and other United Methodists?

Contact Elizabeth Jordan at elizabeth.jordan@comcast.net for info.





Featuring: Speakers, live performance, music, food, kids activities, etc

17 JUNE

JUNETEENTH

CELEBRATING

COMMUNITY

JOIN US AS WE SPEND THE DAY IN
REFLECTION OF HOW FAR WE'VE COME
AND HOW FAR WE STILL NEED TO GO

OJIBWAY PARK

11:00AM - 3:00PM

HOSTED BY WOODBURY FOR JUSTICE & EQUALITY



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Racial Justice Happenings



Book Review

The following book is included in the Racial Justice library located in the Gathering Room. Additional digital resources are available on The Grove website <http://www.thegrovern.church/service-justice/racial-justice>

Whiteness in Plain View—A history of racial exclusion in Minnesota by Chad Montrie certainly takes care of our myth of always being “Minnesota nice.” The author is careful to document his statements and insights with established facts and numbers. The book focuses on the practice of racial exclusion of African Americans in Minnesota during the nineteenth and twentieth centuries. For example--The Klu Klux Klan became active in Minnesota in the 1920s and even had its own St. Paul based newspaper, “The Call of the North.” There was racial violence during the development of the meat packing industry in Austin.



In the 1920s three Blacks were lynched in Duluth. And the events go on and on. According to Montrie, Minnesota’s overwhelming whiteness is neither accidental nor incidental. He contends that racial exclusion is very much woven into the state’s contemporary politics, economy and culture. This book is eye opening, disturbing and well worth the read.

Commemorating Juneteenth

The Grove commemorates Juneteenth on Sunday, June 18.

Why is Juneteenth important? It reminds Americans that their country was birthed amid the idea and practice that white people could own Black People and serves as a reminder of the tragedy and sufferings that followed. It is an opportunity to celebrate progress and a reminder of the work that still needs to be done. Juneteenth is celebrated on June 17 at Ojibway Park in Woodbury from 11 am-3 pm. The Grove will have a table at this event that is hosted by Woodbury for Justice and Equality.

Watch the Clippings for more information on the Woodbury Juneteenth event and ways you can contribute towards supplies for the event. Donate supplies at <https://ttsu.me/juneteenth>.

Expanding the Table podcasts

Sponsored by the General Commission on Religion and Race (GCORR).

- ⇒ Season 2, Episode 5: Growing Intercultural Competence Through Travel.
- ⇒ Season 2, Episode 4: When Food is Love. Staff discusses the important role food plays in different cultures.
- ⇒ Season 2, Episode 2: Raising Antiracist Kids. Staff discusses how to impart antiracist values and practices onto kids.

There are more podcasts by this group that are very relevant and informative when attempting to practice anti-racism. For access to these podcasts and to learn more, go to resourceumc.org and click on Expanding the Table or click here [“Expanding the Table” Podcast – R-Squared \(r2hub.org\)](https://r2hub.org)



Sustainability Project

WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY Monday, June 5

2023 Theme: Solutions to Plastic Pollution

World Environment Day, June 5, is the biggest international day for the environment. Led by the United Nations Environment Program (UNEP) and held annually since 1973, it has grown to be the largest global platform for environmental outreach. It is celebrated by millions of people across the world.

The United Nation's World Environment Day 2023 is a reminder that people's actions on plastic pollution matters. The steps governments and businesses are taking to tackle plastic pollution are the consequence of this action.

It is time to accelerate this action and transition to a circular economy.

It is time to **#BeatPlasticPollution**.

<https://www.unep.org/interactives/pollution-to-solution/>

<https://www.worldenvironmentday.global/>



THE FAMILY CONNECTION

Check out these websites for information on the world's plastic problem and learn new ways we can work towards **PLASTIC-FREE JULY**. The Plastic-Free July website has wonderful resources on how to start and what to do. <https://www.plasticfreejuly.org>

Plastic Free July is a global movement that helps millions of people be part of the solution to plastic pollution. It is the key initiative of the Plastic Free Foundation that is working towards realizing their vision of seeing a world free of plastic waste. From humble beginnings in 2011 in Australia, the award-winning Plastic Free July campaign is reaching all corners of the world...even Minnesota.

[Plastic-free July tips](#)

[Plan a Perfect Picnic](#)

The 3 R's is the guide...Reduce...Reuse...Recycle and the 4th important addition - **REFUSE** single use plastic!!

"UNWANTED" TREASURE HUNT - A fun way for kids to teach parents and grandparents about single use plastic. Have them look through the cupboards (with parental approval and help) in a simple game of I Spy for single use plastic.

Team up with another family and have a weeklong challenge to see who finds the most "Unwanted" Treasure and then have a **Plastic Free Picnic** together.

Great picnic ideas at <https://greengrandparents.org/cooking-green/>

MORE WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY RESOURCES

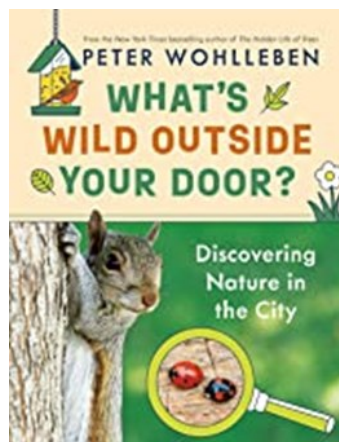
<https://www.earthreminder.com/world-environment-day/>

<https://kidskonnnect.com/articles/world-environment-day-activities/>

KNOW YOUR OWN ENVIRONMENT

In the city or in the country, take time this summer to know your area and discover new adventures right here in Washington County. Explore one of the new area parks on a hike with the Sustainability Project. Dates are listed above.

Check the library for these books: Keep a journal of your summer nature adventures.



THE GROVE SUSTAINABILITY TEAM NATURE WALKS

Members of the Sustainability Team will be leading nature walks in the Woodbury area this Summer. They will be held on the 3rd Saturday of June, July, and August. Each hike will begin promptly at 10 am. This will be an opportunity to take a leisurely walk and become familiar with some of the great outdoor opportunities that Woodbury has to offer.

Team Nature Walks Schedule and Information

1. The first walk will be on June 17 and will be led by Wally Wadd at the Bailey School Forest Trail. This park is at 1751 Wild Ridge Trail in the City of Newport and is a local hidden gem.
2. The second walk will be at LA Lake at 6748 Military Road in Woodbury and will be led by Wally Wadd. It will be held on July 15. You can learn how the park is being upgraded.
3. Finally, the last walk will be at the Hasenbank Park Project at 10980 Dancing Waters Parkway, also in Woodbury. You can learn how the city is working with the South Washington Watershed District to upgrade the park. It will be held on August 19 and led by Roger Otstot.



So come to one, two, or all three of the walks for good fellowship, as well as to learn more about what is available in your local community. There is no need to sign up, just show up. Any updates or cancellations will be announced on our web page- <https://sites.google.com/view/grovesustainabilityproject/home>.



SUMMER HANGOUTS

6:30-8 pm for Grades K-5

Wed, 6/28-Movie, Pizza, Ice Cream

Wed, 7/26-Game Night, Pizza, Ice Cream

Sat, 7/15-Gaga, Science Experiment, Sustainability Project



GRASSHOPPER IN THE GROVE

June & July, Tuesdays at 9:30 am

(except July 4 weekend)

For kids ages 6 and under

Join us for stories, craft, play and a dance party. Bring your friends or make new friends.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (VBS)

August 7-11, 9-noon

Cost: 1 child - \$50 ~ 2+ children - \$90

Ages 3 years old through students who have completed 4th grade.

Students 5th grade and older are welcome to volunteer.

How do we bring reconciliation to the world?

One person, one action, and one moment at a time!

Our goal for the week is to learn about how to love one another, and love the earth God gave us!

Children will make lollipops, learn about waste, organics, landfills and do science experiments,

This will be a week full of crafts, games, outdoor fun and singing with our live VBS band.

SIGN UP: thegrovern.church/register-here



Vacation Bible School SUNDAY

Sunday, August 13

Come to 10:30 am worship in the grove
(weather permitting)

Come to the 10:30 am service outside in the grove! Wear your VBS T-Shirt, share some of the songs, and plan to stay after for snacks and more summer fun!



JULY WATER GAMES AND SPRINKLERS

July 2–July 30, After 10:30 Worship

Kids, wear your swimsuit to worship!
Hang out afterward for sprinklers and slip and slide.

Hey Parents!

Welcome Back Sunday will be Sunday, September 10th. Be sure to watch for information about registration for the 2023-2024 program year in August!



MountainTOP Mission Trip

We have 23 students and adults serving at MountainTOP this year. This has been a 30 year tradition at the Grove and we are thankful and proud of all of the students and adults going on this trip!

Watch for the chance to adopt a "Prayer Partner" on June 18 and 25 in the Commons. You can pick a student or adult going on the trip and then spend time praying for them as they partner with God to Grow Goodness in the world.

There are still a few things needed for our trip, if you'd like to help [CLICK HERE](#), Go to <https://ttsu.me/mountaintop2023> or scan the QR on right.



Summer Stretch

We have 12 Students and 2 Student leaders registered for Summer Stretch. If you still want your middle school student to attend, or for your high school student to be a leader please contact Christy Schally to inquire about which days we still have space for!

Paid Internship for High School Student this Summer!

We have received monies from a grant to invest in a high student over the summer! Would your student want to apply? The goal of the internship is to provide an exceptionally safe space for students to be exposed to administration, programming and collaboration with our staff. The intern will be able to grow in their interests and strengths. The summer internship is paid for up to 10 hours a week for 10-weeks.

To apply go to <https://ttsu.me/hznpd3> , [CLICK HERE](#) or scan the QR on right.



VBS Leadership Team

VBS will be the week of August 7-11. If your student would like to become part of our leadership team, please contact Christy Schally. Leadership roles will be focusing around areas of interest such as: leading songs, making snacks, leading small groups of children, setting up and cleaning up activities and crafts, running outdoor games, being a runner, helping to run a station that has either a craft, object lesson or devotional time or helping with sound and technology. Please contact Christy if your student is interested!

Summer Hangout

July 19, 6:30-8:30 pm

If your student wants to come have pizza, play games and hangout you can register them by [CLICKING HERE](#), going to <https://ttsu.me/smsummerhangout> or using the QR on right. There is no cost for this and friends are welcome!



caring ministries

Carolyn Winslow

Director of Caring Ministries

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VISITATION TEAM

Congregational Care Ministers (CCMs)

Mon., June 12 & July 10

1:30-3 pm - Rm. 207

Congregational Care Ministers are lay volunteers who are trained to listen and provide emotional and spiritual support to others. CCMs work alongside our pastors to provide care and:

- Connect (telephone, send cards/notes) with people in need of contact.
- Follow up on prayer requests.
- Meet one-on-one with people in need of a listening ear, offering prayers and encouragement.
- Offer support to grieving families.
- Provide a presence on Sunday mornings for connection and prayer.
- Serve communion to church members who can no longer physically attend worship.
- Visit people in a hospital, in a care facility or who are homebound, depending on visitation regulations/restrictions.

If you feel called to care for others as a CCM, or if you or someone you know could benefit from a visit or call from a CCM, contact Carolyn Winslow, Director of Caring Ministries, 651-738-0305, ext. 129 or at caring@thegrovemn.church.

HELPING HANDS TEAM

Filling short-term immediate needs

Through a carefully organized program, our hands can extend the love of God by offering short-term help to our church family members in need of transportation (to church or medical appointments, for example), meals (following surgery or during an immediate crisis), grocery shopping or assistance in other tangible ways. If you feel called to care for others in very practical and helpful ways or if you are in need of such assistance, contact Liz at liztracy@comcast.net.

PRAYER CONNECTION TEAM

Praying for needs in our church and community

The Prayer Connection Team exists to present the praises and petitions of our church and community before the Lord. Confidential prayer requests may be requested to be shared with the pastors, the staff, the Prayer Connection Team and/or the congregation by making that choice at the time the prayer request is submitted. Contact Liz Tracy at liztracy@comcast.net or submit [prayer requests](https://thegrovemn.church/ages-and-stages/prayer-request) (thegrovemn.church/ages-and-stages/prayer-request).

HEALTH TEAM

Assisting with health-related issues

This team is comprised of members who have been or still are employed in the healthcare field for the purpose of providing answers to questions from staff and ministry volunteers so that they can better communicate care to members experiencing health issues. The Director of Caring Ministries will direct health-related questions to the appropriate health team member for follow-up. Contact Carolyn at caring@thegrovemn.church.

GRIEF AND LOSS SUPPORT GROUP

2nd & 4th Thursday, 10 am - Zoom

During this time we are all experiencing a variety of losses – loss of social contact, loss of loved ones, job loss, physical separation from loved ones or loss of control, to name a few. This group meets to provide people with a confidential and safe space to explore feelings of loss and grief. Al Kleinsasser, a retired chaplain and one of our CCMs, facilitates this group. Interested? Contact Carolyn at caring@thegrovemn.church.

GRANDMOTHERS WITH CHALLENGES

1st & 3rd Wednesday, 1 pm - Zoom

Grandmothers with Challenges are women who have unique responsibilities in their role as a grandparent. During this time of COVID-19, grandparents may be facing new challenges. Join with other grandmothers for support and discussion. New participants are always welcome! Contact Carolyn at caring@thegrovemn.church for more information.

GUIDED CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

Saturdays, 9 am - Zoom

Offered by Jane Sharer Maier. Guided Christian meditation can increase your connection to God and give you a sense of calm, peace and balance that can benefit both your emotional well-being and your overall health. Interested? Connect with Carolyn at caring@thegrovemn.church.



Meet our Newest Congregational Care Ministers (CCMs)

Congregational Care Ministers are lay volunteers who are trained to listen and provide emotional and spiritual support to others. CCMs work alongside our pastors in providing care by:

- Making visits (hospital, rehab, homebound, care facility)
- Providing a presence on Sunday mornings for connection & prayer (look for the folks wearing a purple lanyard)
- Telephoning persons in need of regular contact
- Meeting one-on-one with persons needing a listening ear

Two new CCMs at The Grove, Sharon Mulé and Julie Sinks, introduce themselves in their own words:

*** Sharon Mulé** (pronounced-mullay): *I started attending the Grove last fall and fell in love with this welcoming, inclusive congregation. I have been a lifelong member of the Evangelical Covenant Church and a preacher's kid. I have three grown children, 2 sons-in-law and two beautiful grandchildren. My background is in human services and includes school readiness home visitor, program specialist at Arc Minnesota, and national trainer for the Check & Connect program at the University of Minnesota. My hobbies include lunch, coffee, baking, sewing, walks with my furry friend Olaf, and lots of time with my grandchildren. I'm looking forward to many wonderful years in community and service here at the Grove. Peace my friends.*

**** Julie Sinks:** *My husband Tim and I have lived in Woodbury for almost 30 years and have been attending The Grove for 2 yrs. I am retired from working for school district #622 and now work part-time as a Fitness Instructor at the YMCA. We have 2 grandchildren, Aiden 7 and Sami 3, who we love spending time with. It is great to have time to hike, bike, read, and spend more time with friends and family. I look forward to being a part of the Care Ministries which is making a difference in the lives of so many people. This is a wonderful group of dedicated, compassionate, and fun people who love doing God's work.*

If you are interested in serving as a Congregational Care Minister or if you are in need of care, please contact the Director of Caring Ministries, Carolyn Winslow (caring@thegrovenm.church).

Congregational Care Ministers



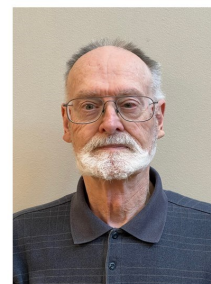
Carolyn Winslow



Nancy Kluznik



Nola Gail Comfort



Rick Osborn



Laurie Ehle



** Julie Sinks



Jan Slagter



Al Kleinsasser



Jane Beckstrom



* Sharon Mule

Not pictured: Steven Howard

SATURDAY SUPPER CLUB

Saturday, June 24 & July 22
5-6 pm both locations

In partnership with SoWashCo CARES,
The Grove provides a free meal curbside
pick-up at both our Woodbury and
Cottage Grove locations on the
4th Saturday of each month.



No pre-registration is required.
Meals will be distributed on a first-come,
first-served basis.

Help to promote the Saturday Supper Club by sharing information
with someone who can use a meal.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - MONTHLY!

Sign up at ttsu.me/freemeal

- ⇒ Need volunteers to prepare meals at the Woodbury location.
- ⇒ Need a volunteer who is able to lift heavy crates with a bigger vehicle to bring the food to the Cottage Grove location.
- ⇒ Volunteers needed to hand out the free meals curbside at both the Woodbury and Cottage Grove location.



hello & welcome lunch

GET TO KNOW THE GROVE



Sunday, August 6
11:40 am to 1 pm
Gathering Room & Room 100

Enjoy lunch together.
Get to know the pastors.
Learn about The Grove's values.
Explore The Grove Pathway.

Sign up at
ttsu.me/hellowelcomelunch



FIRST CONNECTIONS GROUP

Interested in making some new
relational connections at
church?

We'd like to start a
conversation with you!

First Connections Groups gives
you the opportunity to join
together, get to know others, and
learn about the church.

A New Group Is Starting!
July 9, 16, 23, & 30
Sundays, 6:30-8 pm

RSVP to Pastor Kelly by July 2
klamon@thegrovemn.church
651-738-0305, ext. 115





Open Cupboard

Formerly known as CCEFS

VOLUNTEER SHIFT AT OPEN CUPBOARD

ON THE 3RD THURSDAY OF THE MONTH

9 AM CARPOOL AT WOODBURY GROVE

Sign up at <https://ttsu.me/opencupboard> for June 15 & July 20

A New Way to Lend a Hand

A group from The Grove will volunteer at Open Cupboard food shelf on the third Thursday of every month. Volunteers will sort vegetables in a two-hour morning shift. Members of Faith in Action will be the nucleus, but all are welcome to take a shift. This would be the perfect project for a Grove Group, for example.

The car pool will leave the church parking lot at 9 am every third Thursday starting on June 15. Workers are welcome whether they volunteer every month or take a shift every once in a while.

Sign up for a shift using <https://ttsu.me/opencupboard> Indicate whether you will drive on your own or join the car pool. Open Cupboard is located at 8264 4th Avenue N, Oakdale, next to Best Buy and Guardian Angels Church.

Please send any questions to Jean at Jean.roemer@comcast.net.



In the Know - - - News You Need about Your Church!

HELLO & WELCOME LUNCH

Sunday, August 6, 11:40 am-1 pm

Gathering Rm and Rm. 100 - *Childcare provided*

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RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Friday, June 2, 12-6 pm, Fellowship Hall

To donate blood call the Red Cross at 800-733-2767 for an appointment. Make an appointment online or find other blood drives at www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/find-drive. Volunteer to staff sign up table or the snack table shifts 12-3 pm or 3-6 pm. Contact Jan Slagter at jslagter1949@gmail.com or at 651-739-7719.

FAITH BUILDERS - Women's Study Group

Wednesdays, 10-11:30 am, Rm. 204

This group will restart in September. Questions?

Contact Jan Slagter at jslagter1949@gmail.com or

Delores Hedrick at deloreshedrick@comcast.net.

WEDNESDAY MORNING GROUP

Wednesdays, 9:30-11 am, Rm. 207

This group will restart in September.

Questions? Contact Dan Wetterstrom at

dwetterstrom@thegrovern.church

DRUM CIRCLE

3rd Friday, 6:30 Pizza, 7-8:30 pm, Plaza

For individuals and families living with Autism/Asperger's, and for anyone with disabilities or social challenges who likes music, rhythm and dance.

Questions? Contact Dick Hansen,

cdhansen@comcast.net.

TUESDAY GROVE GUYS

Tuesdays, 8-9 am — Woodbury Panera

Join lively discussion on faith, family, and the challenges of daily living. Deepen your spiritual life through scripture and community. Questions?

Contact Pastor Dan Wetterstrom at

dwetterstrom@thegrovern.church.

THURSDAY MORNING MEN'S GROUP

Thursdays, 7:30-8:30 am, Rm. 204

This group will restart in September.

This group welcomes all men who want to grow their faith and strengthen their relationships with God and each other through book studies and video. Questions? Contact Tim Martin at

tnm7428@gmail.com.

READERS BOOK CLUB

Monday, May 8, 7-8 pm - Zoom

This group will restart in September. Participants in this group share a love of reading and a willingness to explore all types of books.

Questions? Contact Darlene Wetterstrom at

darwetterstrom@comcast.net.

GROWING IN FAITH

Fridays, 10-11:30 am, Rm. 207 or Outside

Women seeking to explore faith perspective through books and other resources while forming relationships. Contact Betty Schilling at

bettyaschi@gmail.com.



Dress a Girl Around the World

Imagine a world where every girl owned at least one dress

What can 20 Grove women produce over 4 months?

They can sew nearly 300 dresses . . . Bringing girls around the world hope, encouragement and self esteem!



Thank you to all who helped by providing material or by sewing the dresses!

We will plan to sew again January-March 2024. If you have questions or would like to know more, e-mail Jslagter1949@gmail.com.

Monty's Traveling Reptile Show

The Preschool got to have some special visitors in May. Monty's Traveling Reptile Show came to give all of us a chance to see up close and personal some very interesting reptiles. The weather was perfect, so everyone got to be outside for the presentation. The kids were great listeners and were given the opportunity to "pet" the small crocodile (mouth was securely taped) at the end of the show.





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The Grove Cottage Grove Location

8600 90th St. South, Cottage Grove, MN 55016

Main Office Phone: 651-738-0305

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Office hours at the Woodbury campus are Monday-Friday, 8 am-3 pm (Fridays 8 am-12 pm during the summer). The phone will be answered during those hours. When the phone is not answered, leave a private message for any member of the staff. Directions are given on the phone system.



CHURCH LEADERSHIP

The responsibility for the day-to-day administrative tasks of the church has been invested in the Core Team. The team functions as the primary lay-clergy partnership to provide guidance and direction to ministries.

Charlie Maier – Chair
Open – Secretary
Roberta Wiig – Business Adm.
Linda Kleinsasser
Rev. Kelly Lamon
Rick Osborn
Kathy Parker
Jay Stroebel
Rev. Jeremy Peters
Rev. Daniel Wetterstrom

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Lou Ann Henderson, WB Chancel Choir Director – davelou@centurylink.net

WOODBURY PRESCHOOL AT THE GROVE

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preschool@thegrovmn.church