

Thank you for taking the time out of your busy schedule to learn more about our faithful and sincere congregation.

HISTORY

The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) was founded in the early 1800s in the United States. Seeking to move beyond denominational disagreements, the founders envisioned a united church of Jesus Christ modeled on the New Testament. Our Church began in Tonawanda with 40 charter members, on March, 1853. By 1906 the church had increased to 430. On October 7, 1939, construction began on our sanctuary at 85 Grove Street. On June 16, 1940, our Church was dedicated. Our current “legally incorporated” name is Grove Street Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). Today Disciples of Christ still share these characteristics: Each congregation is self-governing and calls its own pastor. Worship services may be formal or informal, and include lay women and men in leadership. Open discussion of issues is encouraged. Diversity of opinion is common.

Come Join Us For Worship!

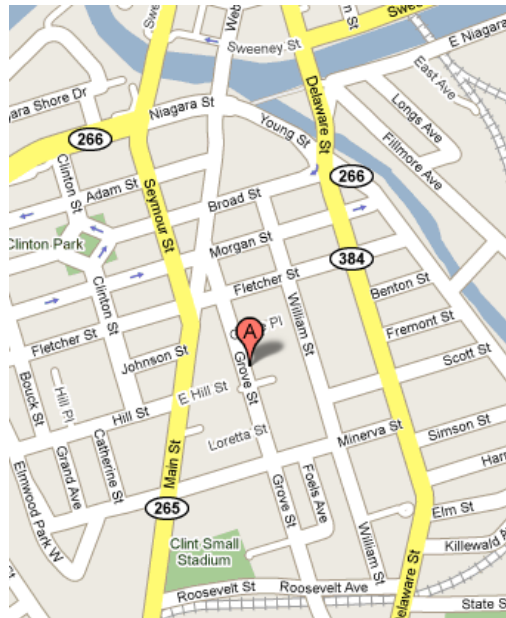
We hope we have peaked your interest and would like to take this opportunity to invite you to come worship with us in the fellowship of Jesus Christ on any Sunday morning at 10:30am.

For additional information, look us up any time on-line, at:

www.GroveStChurch.20m.com

www.disciples.org – Our Denomination

May God Bless You. (Rev, Jim Girling).

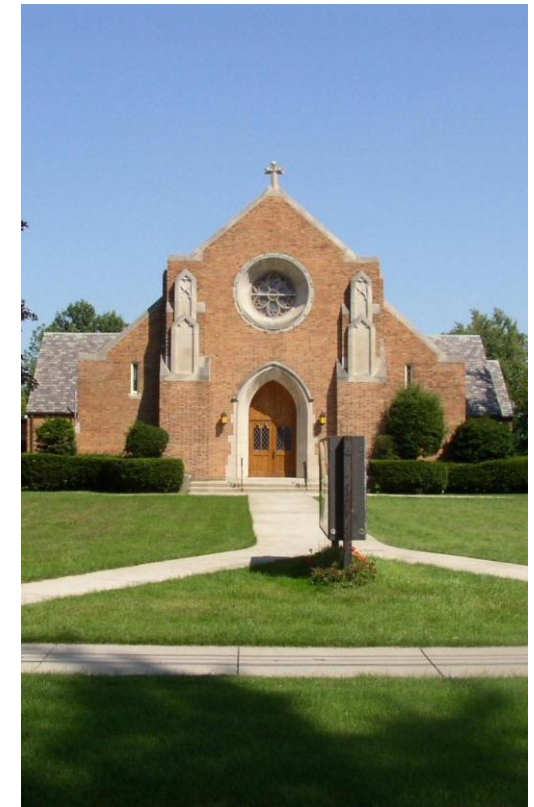


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Welcome to:

Grove Street Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

Find out what we're all about!



WELCOME!



Just a few fun facts about us

Did you know...

- We are the oldest U.S. founded Christian Denomination in America today.
- Among others, we have had as members:
James Garfield, 20th President of the United States
Lyndon B. Johnson, 36th President of the United States
Ronald Reagan, 40th President of the United States
Colonel Sanders, founder of Kentucky Fried Chicken
John Stamos, Hollywood actor
- We've been a part of Tonawanda & the North-Towns for over 150 years!
- The biggest reason people don't attend church is because they are fearful they will be aggressively solicited for money. We believe the most valuable thing you have to give to God, is yourself!

What Disciples Believe

Disciples Affirm:

- Jesus Christ is the son of the Living God.
- All persons are God's children.

Beliefs & Practices of Disciples:

- **Open Communion.** The Lord's Supper, or Communion, is celebrated in weekly worship. It is open to all who believe in Jesus Christ.
- **Freedom of belief.** Disciples are called together around one essential of faith: belief in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. Persons are free to follow their consciences guided by the Bible, the Holy Spirit, study and prayer, and are expected to extend that freedom to others.
- **Baptism by immersion.** In baptism the old self-centered life is set aside, and a new life of trust in God begins. Although Disciples practice baptism by immersion, other baptism traditions are honored.
- **Belief in the oneness of the church.** All Christians are called to be one in Christ and to seek opportunities for common witness and service.
- **The ministry of believers.** Both ministers and lay persons lead in worship, service and spiritual growth.
- **No creed but Christ.** Disciples reject the use of divisive man-made creeds as "tests of faith,". The simple confession that Jesus Christ is Lord is believed to unite all Christians.

How to Become a Member of The Grove St. Christian Church

Step 1: *Believe* in your soul that Jesus Christ is *your* personal Savior. *Confess and repent* your sins through prayer to God.

Step 2: *Come forward* any Sunday. *Publicly* state your belief that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the Living God, your personal Savior and Friend.

Step 3: *State* your desire to become a member of the Church. You can do so through your *Confession* of faith, *Statement* of faith or *Transfer* from another Christian congregation.

Step 4: If you have already been baptized, by any means or form, we do not require re-baptism. If you have not been baptized into the faith, you will be *baptized*. We usually practice *Believer's Baptism* by *immersion*. Upon request other forms of baptism may be used.

