

FAMILY LIFE INFORMATION

Greenville Free Methodist Church
Week of November 7, 2021

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7--SET YOUR CLOCKS BACK ONE HOUR! JOIN US FOR WORSHIP, SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7-- IN PERSON OR VIRTUALLY

- **Sunday morning Worship Services** are at 8:30 (traditional) and 11:00 (contemporary). Children's programming is provided for birth through fifth grade throughout the morning. *Join us in-person only at 8:30am; or in-person, virtually on [Facebook](#) or [YouTube](#), or on the radio (WGRN 89.5FM) at 11:00am.* However you choose to participate, we look forward to worshipping with you this Sunday! **We will continue to operate with consideration of current CDC Guidelines.**
- **Message from Pastor Steve Pichaske:** This Sunday brings the return of "real bread" to our monthly celebration of Holy Communion. For the first time in 20 months, we will receive the Body of Christ from a common loaf of bread, providing a tangible reminder that we are a family, "joined together within the body of Christ." Our communion servers, each wearing gloves, will serve you the communion elements. This is another powerful reminder that we do not *take* the elements of communion so much as we *receive* the grace God offers through them. We invite you to come with open hands and open hearts to receive these gifts of God's grace. (Prepackaged "communion cups," and gluten-free options, will still be available.) Just as importantly, our Sunday message will remind us of the significance of the table and the cup in our salvation story. The November Communion Offering will go to the Benevolence Fund. ~ Pastor Steve
- **Community Café** offers hot coffee and tea in the Commons area of the CE Annex. Café will be open between 9:30 and 11:00am each Sunday.
- **Growth Classes are meeting in the building and on Zoom from 9:45-10:45am:**
 - **Early Childhood:** 2-3 year-olds meet in the Fruit of the Spirit Room (A112); 4-5 year-olds meet in the Preschool Room (B111)
 - **HarvestKids** meets in The LOFT
 - **Junior High** meets in A105
 - **FMY Growth Class** meets in A107 with Shawn and Jill Cox
 - **Adult Growth Class** meets in C101/103 AND ZOOM
 - **Conversations About Raising Preschool Children** Lisa Barber will be using the book "Shepherding a Child's Heart" to lead our discussions and learn how to speak to the heart of our children. You are invited to come and join the "conversation" each Sunday Morning from 9:45 - 10:45 am in room C105.
 - **Adult ZOOM Growth Class** led by Ray Myers. The Zoom ID is 83477598335, password: MYERS
 - **ELECTIVE GROWTH CLASSES FOR NOVEMBER:**
 - 1) **Faith, Physics and the Universe** - Hugh Siefken points to God's book of 'creation' to build faith in Christians. Room C104 (FMY Room)
 - 2) **Belonging** - Pastor Steve Pichaske introduces people to the Free Methodist Church and the ministries of GFMC in particular. Room C102 (Young Teen Room)
- **PrayCHURCH! Meets at 5:00pm** in the Prayer Room in Corridor A.

There will be an opportunity to say **farewell to Jim Wilson** following the 8:30 service this Sunday, November 7, as he transitions to the St. Louis area to be near his daughter, Mary Beth.

Wednesday Nights

- **Voices in Praise practice:** 6:00-7:00pm in the Fine Arts Room
- **Programming for ALL kids** age 0-18, 6:45-8:00pm.
- **Wednesday Night Prayer Gathering meets to pray for individual, church, and world needs.** This group meets in the Prayer Room from 6:45-8:00pm. All are welcome.

Adventure Plus Thanksgiving Dinner will be Thursday, November 18, at 5:30pm in the Krober Room on the Greenville University Campus. Turkey Dinner with all the trimmings is \$25/person. Give cash or check (made out to GFMC) to Ruth Myers or Emily Moore on Sunday, November 7 or 14. Ward Sussenbach will provide music for a sing-a-long following dinner. Contact Emily Moore, (618) 664-4253, if you have questions. (Adventure Plus is a social group that provides fellowship for those 65 and older, but all are welcome!)



Pecans - The pecans have been ordered and will be here in time for Thanksgiving cooking. Greg does have a few extra - contact the church office if you still need some.

Bond County Food Baskets: Greenville Free Methodist Church has been asked to provide 600 cans of tuna for the Bond County Food Baskets to be distributed by the Ministerial Alliance in December. **We have collected 309 cans so far.** Tubs are available for your donations near both of our main entrances through Sunday, November 21. If you, or someone you know, might benefit from one of the food baskets, registration is through the Police Department.

GIVING UPDATE AS OF NOVEMBER 4, 2021

- October Offerings: \$ 27,716; \$ 25,646 ; \$ 11,392; \$ 8,527; \$ 16,929 Total: \$ 90,210
- Total Offerings Received to Date: \$ 831,143
- Total Budgeted Need to Date: \$ 856,636
- Budget Deficit Year-to-Date: -\$ 25,493
- Mortgage Balance as of October 25, 2021: \$ 799,608

This week the **GFMC Benevolence Fund** helped two women pay part of their rent, assisted a man off work due to an injury paying his vehicle registration costs, and helped three families pay their Ameren bills. There is a need in our community for space heaters. If you have one or two that you would be willing to donate, please let the church office know. *The balance of the Benevolence Fund is approximately \$ 306 for the remainder of the year.* Thank you for supporting this vital ministry. **If you would like to help support this important work by interviewing people in need on Thursday nights, or through financial support, please contact Patrick Miller at patrick.miller@greenvillefmc.org or call the church office at 618.664.2584.** Thank you to everyone who helps to financially support this ministry financially. **Text 'GFMC' to 73256 to give using your mobile device or click [HERE](#) to give online.** Thank you for your continued and generous giving to the ministries of Greenville Free Methodist Church!

LAST CHANCE: Do you still own a VHS player? If so, we've got a deal for you! **The GFMC library is removing both children and adult VHS videos from our collection.** They will be set out on tables in the CE Annex hallway through Sunday, November 7. Come prepared to browse, take home items, and make a donation if you would like.

Simple Room Trivia Night and Auction: Join us for a **Trivia Night**, hosted by Pastor Greg Groves, on Saturday, November 13, benefitting The Simple Room, Bond County's Youth Development Center. Cost is \$10/person for a 10-person team. Email info@simpleroom.org to join a team! Doors open at the First Christian Church gymnasium (1100 Killarney) at 5:30pm and Trivia begins at 6:00. Childcare is available (limited space) if requested in advance. There will also be a **Silent Auction** throughout the Trivia Night. If you would like to donate an auction item, please [email](#) the Simple Room.

Are you looking for fair-trade gifts for Christmas? SEED (Sustainable Empowerment through Economic Development) Livelihood Network is the international livelihood ministry of the Free Methodist World Missions. SEED offers an assortment of unique gifts including jewelry, fashion accessories, products for the home, and for kids. Check out their holiday gift guide at shopseedmarket.org.

All Veterans are invited to the 15th Annual Veterans Day Assembly on Wednesday, November 10, 2021, at 9:00am in the Greenville High School Gymnasium. Veterans and their guests are invited. Masks required.

A holiday-time reminder: A PHISHING EMAIL is the fraudulent practice of sending emails purporting to be from reputable companies (or people or churches!) in order to induce individuals to reveal personal information, such as passwords and credit card numbers, or soliciting funds for gifts or gift cards demanding a sense of urgency or using threatening language in an attempt to get you to act quickly. GFMC is not immune from someone pretending to be a pastor or the church in general, so please beware in responding to emails soliciting funds for gift cards or projects you have not heard of, or if you are asked to keep their communication a secret. *If you have any questions about any email that looks like it is from the church but seems suspicious, please call the church office at 664-2584 to verify.*

