

FAMILY LIFE INFORMATION

Greenville Free Methodist Church Week of November 14, 2021

This Sunday, November 14, is Installation Sunday for Pastor Steve Pichaske. *What a pleasure it has been, Pastor Steve, to welcome you, Beth and the Pichaske family to Greenville Free Methodist Church. Your sermons have already challenged our hearts and hands. Your contagious energy inspires us as you build on the foundations laid by those spiritual shepherds who served before you. We are so glad you are here to lead us as we strive to do our part in bringing the Good News to our local and worldwide communities. Superintendent Ben Tolly will lead us through a meaningful service of commitment and partnership during both services. Join Pastor Steve and Beth in the Café area during the time between services for donuts and coffee as we celebrate this moment with them.*

JOIN US FOR WORSHIP, SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 14 – 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.**
- **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.
 - **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** - (postponed – class will meet again on November 21)
- **PrayCHURCH! Meets at 5:00pm** in the Prayer Room in Corridor A.

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 is a group that hosts several events for the church family during the year. All are welcome to participate—and invite a friend. Thursday, November 18, is the **Adventure Plus Thanksgiving Dinner** at 5:30pm in the Krober Room on the Greenville University Campus.. There will be special music at the beginning, turkey dinner, and then a hymn-sing to end the evening. Cost is \$25/person. Give cash or check (made out to GFMC) to Ruth Myers or Emily Moore on Sunday, November 14. Contact Emily Moore, (618) 664-4253, if you have questions.

Ladies, you are invited to help celebrate the coming marriage of Abby Weiss and Will Sussenbach at a come-and-go **Wedding Shower** on Saturday, November 27, 11:00am to 2:00pm, in the Young Teen Room in the CE Annex. Will and Abby are registered on [Amazon.com](#).



The Free Methodist Church USA Yearbooks for 2021 are available for preorder. If you would like to order a copy through the church office, please contact Lolly Shaw, 618-664-2584, by Tuesday, November 30. Spiral-bound copies are \$19.95, and perfect bound copies are \$15.95.

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 558 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 or BCMW.

Thank you to all who donated to Eden's Glory through the Communion Offering in October! We even had our first donation of stock come through! You all have been such faithful prayer warriors and encouragers. The Lord is walking us through a tremendous season of growth and at times it takes our breath away at how good He's been and how far He has brought us. We couldn't do what we do without prayers and support like yours! ~Annie and the Eden's Glory Family

Thank you for helping the Bible Quizzers raise \$500 in Aldi Gift Cards to donate to St. Louis area refugees!

GIVING UPDATE AS OF NOVEMBER 8, 2021

- November Offerings: \$ 35,768 Total: \$ 35,768
- Total Offerings Received to Date: \$ 866,911
- Total Budgeted Need to Date: \$ 876,105
- Budget Deficit Year-to-Date: -\$ 9,194
- Mortgage Balance as of November 3, 2021: \$ 799,608
- Communion Offering for Benevolence Fund: \$2,311

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!

This week the **GFMC Benevolence Fund** helped This week the **GFMC Benevolence Fund** helped a utility bill, and a man recovering from a workplace injury pay his utility bill. There is a need in our community for space heaters. If you would be willing to donate, please let the church office know. Thank you to everyone who helps to financially support this ministry financially. *The Balance of the Benevolence Fund is \$1,911 for the remainder of the year.*

GFMC Logo Apparel: Order your own GFMC logo ballcap, jacket, sweatshirt, or t-shirt! Item list and order forms are available on the [church website](#) or at the Welcome Centers. Order deadline is Sunday, November 21. Bring your order form and cash or check (made payable to GFMC) payment to the church office.

2021 Community Thanksgiving Service, sponsored by the Bond County Ministerial Alliance, will be held at the United Methodist Church on Sunday evening, November 21, at 6:00pm.

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.

GFMC has the opportunity to support *The Restore Network* in four ways this holiday season:

- 1) GFMC has committed to provide thirty-five \$25 gift cards to a local restaurant to give to Restore Network foster families during the holidays. Gift cards may be brought to the church by Wednesday, December 1.
- 2) [Purchase gifts](#) for Restore Network children
- 3) Gift wrappers are needed on Friday, December 3, 9:30am to 3:00pm at First Christian Church
- 4) Restore Network Christmas Party volunteers are needed on Saturday, December 4, 5:30-8:30pm at First Christian Church.

Contact Linda Myette, 217-974-5185, for more information, or if you can volunteer for these dates.

The 2021 Salvation Army Red Kettle Campaign will get underway soon. Bell-ringing in Greenville will happen at Capri IGA, Buchheit, and Dollar General from Monday, November 22, through Wednesday, December 22. Coordinator, Mary Young, will have sign-up sheets available at the back of the sanctuary Sundays, November 21 and 28, as well as Sunday, December 5, or you may call or text her at 618-553-4353 to select a one-hour time slot to ring.

