

FAMILY LIFE INFORMATION

Greenville Free Methodist Church

Week of November 21, 2021

JOIN US FOR WORSHIP, SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 21 – 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 weekend we welcome Rev. Dr. Steven Tungate to the GFMC pulpit. <https://leadership.fmcusa.org/> Last February, Rev. Tungate was named the inaugural Director of the FMC-USA's newly formed Center for Pastoral Formation. Steve is an elder from the North Central Conference of the Free Methodist Church, bringing 22 years of pastoral leadership along with degrees from Michigan State University, Fuller Seminary, Asbury Theological Seminary and (soon) the University of South Africa, to this new role (and our Greenville community). We are incredibly blessed to have Steve, Rachel, and daughters, Natalie and Alana, connected to our GFMC family. We will all be even more blessed as he brings us a word from God from Ephesians 3, "Beyond our Wildest Imaginations": *Whether it is in sports, architecture, manufacturing, or nearly any field, people are in a constant competition to see who can be faster, stronger, wealthier, taller, or better than everyone else. The boundaries are constantly being pushed to the extreme whether it is the newest rocket, automobile, athletic feat, or flavor of potato chips. This striving bids the question: what are the limits of human accomplishment? As we explore Ephesians 3, we see that the answer will surpass our wildest imaginations.*
- **Third Sunday Special Offering:** On this third Sunday of the month (November 21), growth classes receive a special offering that is sent to Jerry and Jan Coleman, missions mobilizers with the Francis Asbury Society. As you are able, earmark your gift and send it to the church office for forwarding.
- **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" 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** - Anyone is welcome to join us this Sunday in the Young Teen Room to learn more about our vision for growing fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ who are embracing and sharing the truth, freedom and transformation of Christ in a needy world. In addition to looking at the Mission, Vision, Values, and Strategies of GFMC, we will discuss church membership and how you can find your place of belonging with us.
- **PrayCHURCH! Meets at 5:00pm** in the Prayer Room in Corridor A.
- **2021 Community Thanksgiving Service**, sponsored by the Bond County Ministerial Alliance, will be held at the United Methodist Church this Sunday evening at 6:00pm.

There will be no Wednesday Evening programming on November 24.

The church office will be closed on Thursday and Friday, November 25 and 26, for the Thanksgiving holiday.



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Two New Growth Classes begin November 28 and continue through December 19

1. **Seekers, Students, Lovers and Learners: Reading God's Story - Led by Ruth Huston:** You are invited to participate in four weeks of learning how to read and interpret Scripture, so that we can become "wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus" and "be thoroughly equipped for every good work." Most of our time will be spent learning how to read biblical texts closely, imaginatively, and transformationally. Bring your Bibles to Room C104 (FMY Room).
2. **Take Every Thought Captive - Led by Alison Lanter:** We will watch and discuss the video series from Proverbs 31 Ministries based on Jennie Allen's book "Get out of Your Head: Stopping the Spiral of Toxic Thoughts." Participants will come away with effective tools from the video series for re-centering our hearts and minds on Christ, as well as evidence-based strategies for addressing anxiety and depression from a cognitive-behavioral, Christian viewpoint. Meets in room C102 (Young Teen Room)

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](https://www.amazon.com).

Baby Shower: Victoria and Ben Clark will be fostering newborn twin boys beginning this week. As a church family, we want to pray for this newly created family and "shower" them the items they need. This is their [Amazon Wish list](#). Please be in prayer for the adjustments Victoria and Ben will have and the health of these boys as they were born prematurely.

We extend our sympathy to Jill Mohnkern on the death of her mother, June Strahl, on Thursday, November 18. Arrangements are pending.

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.

Thank you, church family, for providing over 750 cans of Tuna for the Bond County Food Baskets!

GIVING UPDATE AS OF NOVEMBER 15, 2021

- November Offerings: \$ 35,768; \$ 17,543 Total: \$ 53,311
- Total Offerings Received to Date: \$ 884,454
- Total Budgeted Need to Date: \$ 895,574
- Budget Deficit Year-to-Date: -\$ 11,120
- Mortgage Balance as of November 15, 2021: \$ 770,636

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 a family pay their Ameren bill and paid for two nights in a hotel for a woman and her kids. *There is a desperate need for a three bedroom rental property for a woman and her kids who have been living at a hotel for three weeks as they look for a place to live in Greenville or the surrounding area. If you know of a vacant property, a soon-to-be-vacant property, or a property that could be quickly rehabbed to accommodate this family please let the Church office know.* Thank you to the individual who donated a space heater. It was very appreciated by the family who needed it. *The Balance of the Benevolence Fund is \$2,486 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 this Sunday, November 21.** Bring your order form and cash or check (payable to GFMC) payment to the church office.

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 for the next three Sundays, or you may call or text her at 618-553-4353 to select a one-hour time slot to ring.