

FAMILY LIFE INFORMATION

Greenville Free Methodist Church
Week of Sunday, October 26, 2025

October is Pastor Appreciation Month

Greenville Free Methodist Church is blessed by the outstanding team of Pastors Steve, Greg, Christie, Jeremy, and Justin, and Conference Ministerial Candidate, Rachel Tungate, as she answers God's call on her life and progresses towards ordination. The GFMC Board of Administration voices our recognition of the ministry, caring, shepherding, and teaching provided by each of them for our congregation and the people of Bond County. As you are able, you are encouraged to join in expressing thanks to these servant leaders during this Pastor Appreciation Month of October.

THIS WEEK

WORSHIP AT 8:30 OR 11:00AM ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2025 – IN PERSON OR VIRTUALLY

Message from Pastor Steve Pichaske: Long before she was scooping ice cream and making waffle cones at the Milk House, our youngest daughter loved playing with her Barbie dolls...and making things with duct tape. (I really wish I knew where my duct tape wallet is.) Join us Sunday as we ask, "What can Barbie, Ken, and duct tape teach us about the 7th Word from the Perfect Ten?"

Growth Classes meet 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)**
- **Kids' Church** (Grades 1-5) meets in The LOFT at 9:45
- **Growth Class for Grades 1-5 is during the second half of second service.** Kids attend church with parents and are dismissed prior to the sermon. (Kids stay with parents on the first Sunday of each month for communion.)
- **Junior High Growth Class** meets in A105 with Ben Clark
- **FMY Growth Class** meets in A107 – Facilitated by Tim Wayman
- **Adult Growth Class in C101/103** – Led by Lucia Delamarter The Book of Judges narrates one of the most chaotic and morally dark eras of Israel's story. Many speak of it as Israel's "Wild West," where the heroes and the villains stand only inches apart. Into this morally-ambiguous time comes one of the most unlikely leaders of the biblical text—the prophet Deborah. She is a wife and mother in an entirely patriarchal world, yet due to her integrity and courage, she transforms chaos into order and leads Israel in one of the most pivotal victories of the settlement period. Illustrating the era of the Judges by means of the archaeological record, historical geography, and the hard facts of warfare in the ancient world, this video study by Dr Sandra Richter draws students immediately into the grand tale of Deborah and Barak, Jabin and Sisera, and of course, the most unlikely of leaders, Jael.
- **Bible Basics Growth Class** in C107, led by Ray Myers: ***Light Enters the Darkness: John's Gospel of Jesus' Life***
- **Growth Class in FMY Room (C104): Alison Lanter facilitates a five week class on the book 'Boundaries' by Henry Cloud and John Townsend.** We will discuss how to make and keep boundaries with our family, work, and ourselves. We will learn what boundary myths hold us back from the fullness God has for us.

PrayCHURCH! Sundays from 5:00-6:00pm in the Prayer Room (A103)

This week GRAFTED: The Gathering, for local college students, will meet on Sunday night 6:30-8:030pm in LaDue Auditorium for food, community, and spiritual formation. This week, October 26, Kasey Laughlin will be the speaker and Aaron Taflinger and friends will lead worship. Menu is wings, mac and cheese, dessert.



Steve Pichaske, Lead Pastor | 1367 IL Route 140 | 618-664-2584 | Office Hours: Weekdays, 8am to 3:45pm

Wednesday Night Programming:

- **The VOICES IN PRAISE CHOIR**, 6:00pm in the Fine Arts Room.
- **Children Birth-5th Grade**: 6:45-8:00pm, in The Loft. Kids may be dropped off as early as 6:30.
- **Young Teen**: 6:45-8:00pm. Meet in The Young Teen Room (C102)
- **Senior Teens**: 6:45-8:00pm. FMY @ Joe's Pizza—upstairs (*transportation from church at 6:45*)
- **TRANSFORM Men's Group** meets in the Multi-Purpose Room at 6:45pm.
- **Prayer Gathering** meets at 7:00pm in the Prayer Room (A105)

A GriefShare Support Group is meeting Thursday evenings through December 18, (except holidays) **at 6:00pm, at GFMC in Room C103.** Facilitators are John and Gini Dawdy and Barbara Vaughan.

Celebrate Recovery meets every Thursday at 5:30pm in the FMY Room. Dinner is provided for everyone at 5:30pm, large group and worship time is at 6:00pm and small group time is at 7:00pm. Free childcare is provided the entire evening. Anyone is welcome!

COMING EVENTS

GFMC Directory: Over the next two Sundays (October 26 and November 2) we will be registering your permission to include your information in a printed directory to be made available to the GFMC family. Please stop by the table at the back of the sanctuary to have your information included.

Senior Adult Ministries catered meal (\$10) **Tuesday, October 28, 11:30am in the Multi-Purpose Room.** Sean Eifert from the Bond County Health Department will speak about health care concerns and what is available through BCHD. **RSVP to greg.groves@greenvillefmc.org** or call the church office, 618-664-2584, if you plan to attend. Anyone is welcome.

Belong at Greenville Free Methodist

Sundays in November | 9:45 AM | Growth Class Hour | Taught by Steve Tungate

Belong is a four-week class designed to help you understand the story you are part of at Greenville Free Methodist Church. Together we will look at the history of the wider Church, how the Free Methodist movement fits into that story, and what makes our values and distinctives unique. We'll also explore why membership matters and how GFMC connects to the bigger picture of God's work in the world. Whether you are new to GFMC or have been a member for years and just need a refresher, *Belong* is a great place to learn, ask questions, and grow in understanding of our church family. *Belong is an important step in the membership process, but you don't have to become a member to attend.* [Registration](#) is helpful but not required.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We want to understand the small group life in our church as we begin developing a sustainable small group ministry that better supports our leaders and participants. If you're part of a small group, we'd love your help! Please take a moment to complete this brief [3-question survey](#). Your responses will help us see our current groups and plan for growth.

ALL FAMILIES are invited to pick up "[The 9" Bearing Fruit at Home](#)" study kit. They can be found at the *HomeGrowth* Center. This study takes an in-depth look at the Fruit of the Spirit from Galatians 5:22-23. It has information and activities that you can utilize personally, with your kids, teens, and your spouse to understand and better appreciate "The 9."

GIVING UPDATE AS OF OCTOBER 20, 2025

- October Offerings: \$27,471; \$37,282; \$20,433 Total: \$75,186
- Total Offerings Received to Date: \$851,192
- Total Budgeted Need to Date: \$902,702
- Budget deficit Year-to-Date: -\$51,510
- Benevolence Assistance Fund: Our current balance is \$1,768.57
- Coleman Offering: \$345
- **Click [HERE](#) to give online.** Thank you for your continued and generous giving to the ministries of Greenville Free Methodist Church!

