

## SUNDAY WORSHIP

10:00 AM

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# The Connection

*Greenville First United Methodist Church*

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## Make Your Daily Rounds

In the course of daily ministry, I have had multiple experiences of arriving in time for a significant development or event or action in the lives of church members.

One day after a morning clergy meeting I decided to go straight to the hospital instead of getting lunch. I arrived shortly before our church member died and met a new friend already at his side. She and I remembered his baptism, prayed over him, and were with him as he took his last breath. On another occasion, I was with a church member who died on his 84th birthday by deciding to remove life support. I was with him and his family for the removal, prayed with them in the peaceful silence, and said good-bye. The family called me before I left the hospital parking lot to tell me he died. And then there was a phone call to see if a church member was still in the hospital. I learned from her daughter that something had just happened and her mother wanted me to know. My call came in the moment they were returning to her room from the procedure.

**Hospital visits and phone calls are the regular ordinary things pastors do; they are what friends and neighbors do.** They are part of our daily or weekly work and are rarely scheduled for certain times. Obviously, we do not control what happens at those levels of human mystery. **What we can do is make our daily rounds. Do the common ordinary work.** Because those are the moments that become extraordinary or transformational and they are sacred, even if nothing else happens.

We do not know what moments God will make extraordinary or shed greater light upon or change us from that moment on. **Instead, we bring our faith and willingness to show up to see what God will do or, more likely, what God is already up to.**

**The Church season after Pentecost is called Ordinary Time and the color for the season is green.** It lasts until November 23, Thanksgiving Sunday. It is the longest season of the Church year. **This is a fitting connection with making our daily rounds or doing common work.**

**The purpose of this season is to support new disciples and the whole congregation in living out the gifts and callings discerned during the Easter Season and commissioned on the Day of Pentecost.** Every year, Christians experience the contrast between the central seasons of Christmas and Easter, where we see God in the events around the coming of Christ, and **the in-between times, where we see, speak about and join God's ongoing work in the world** ([Ask The UMC: What is Ordinary Time?](#)). And in this [Florida Catholic Media article on Ordinary Time](#) we read, **Ordinary Time reminds us to "get to work" in the normal, daily task of evangelizing in the course of our everyday lives.**

**We can thank God for seasons of ordinary time as a call to make our daily rounds with faith.** And in all of it, we praise God who makes all our days count in the mystery of grace and love.

Peace, Pastor Jeff

This is an abbreviated version of the full article found here: <https://jw4grace.net/make-your-daily-rounds/>



## July 2025 Worship

### **Summer Series 1** ***Resisting the Powers*** ***that Dominate***

July 6

#### **Holy Communion**

Jesus, What Did You Do?

[Colossians 2:11-15](#)

July 13

Resist Humiliation: Jesus' Third Way

[Matthew 5:38-42](#)

July 20

*3rd Sunday missions offering*  
The Power of Prayer and the Powers

[Luke 11:1-13](#)

July 27

#### **Holy Communion**

How Not to Become What We Hate

[2 Corinthians 10:1-5](#)



## August 2025 Worship

August 3

Pastor Jeff vacation

Pastor Craig Pahl preaching

August 10

Pastor Jeff vacation

Kylie Pahl preaching

### **Summer Series 2** ***Powerful Words to Know*** ***In the Bible Jesus Read***

August 17

*3rd Sunday missions offering*

#### **Holy Communion - brief**

"Covenant"

[Genesis 26:26-33](#)

August 24

#### ***Sing "Shalom to You" benediction***

"Shalom"

[Leviticus 26:1-13](#)

August 31 - Labor Day weekend

"Deliver"

[Psalm 25](#)

# **Bring Living Water and Hope of a New Day to those who have served the church well.**

We have many homebound folks in our church; we can connect through phone calls, cards, or visits.

- Could you regularly reach out to one of them?
- Do you already?



**Please contact the church office, 616-754-8532  
or Julie Brown, 616-260-2959; she is organizing a list  
so no one is missed.**

## **LET'S STAY CONNECTED!**

In-Person  
and  
Online Anytime

**STREAMING SERVICES**  
[greenvillefumc.org/watch-live](http://greenvillefumc.org/watch-live)

**ONLINE GIVING**  
[greenvillefumc.org/give](http://greenvillefumc.org/give)

**PRAYER REQUESTS**  
[greenvillefumc.org/prayer-request](http://greenvillefumc.org/prayer-request)

**FACEBOOK GROUP**  
FUMC of Greenville

# Those In Our Thoughts and Prayers

## Homebound or Minimal Travel

Harley VanHoose  
Liz Campbell  
Tom & Judy VanSyckle  
John Washburn  
Caitlin Jensen  
Betsy Irish  
Dan Sandie  
Ben Chapman  
John and Clarice Thorlund  
Dorothy Sampson  
Jan Carpenter



## THOSE WHO HAVE CLAIMED ETERNAL LIFE

Judie Leach  
Jack Waber  
Bob Knapp

## Recovering at Home

Mike Osmolinski  
Julie Johnston  
Dr. Paul Cooley

## Hospitalized or Rehab



## Thursday Bible Study

Join us Thursday mornings at 10:30. We will delve into the words of scripture. We meet in-person in the Bailey Conference room. You may also join us through Zoom Meeting. We look forward for the opportunity to discuss and learn from each other.

The Zoom link is: [Thursday Bible Study](#)

## Sunday Pastor Chat

Join us in the Church Library **Sundays after worship at 11:30 AM** for reading, study and fellowship. Bring your questions, beverage of choice and snack if you choose, and have the opportunity to discuss the week's message with Pastor Jeff and others. We hope you will gain a better understanding and maybe a different perspective of God's Word.

We hope to see you Sunday!





United  
Women  
in Faith

Esther Lois Circle meets the 3rd Tuesday at 2:00 pm  
July 15  
August 19

UWF meetings resume in September  
2nd Wednesday at 10:00 am  
September 10, October 8 & November 12

You're Invited to an  
**Ice Cream Social!!**  
July 23, 5:00-6:00 pm



First United Methodist Church  
204 W. Cass St  
Greenville, MI 48838



From 6:00-7:00 pm we will be entertained in the church sanctuary with a sing-along with our visiting organist.



## Play Group Playing is Learning

**Wednesdays 5:45pm - 7:00pm**  
Greenville First United Methodist Church  
204 W. Cass St, Lower Level



## Single Parent Group

3rd Monday of the Month  
Church Library  
First United Methodist Church  
204 W. Cass, Greenville



**6:30pm-7:30pm  
July 21 & August 18**

**Free child care provided in the church nursery.**



**Hello Church Family! We hope you are keeping cool and are using this summer to rest and refresh your body and spirit!**

**Is God calling you to this wonderful Stephen Ministry?**

**Would you like to be a Christian friend to someone who is hurting? This is an individual ministry that is very confidential. We would love to have a Stephen Ministry Training Class to teach you how to be that caring Christian friend known as a Stephen Minister! It is very sad for us to know of needs that we can't fulfill because of lack of trained people. Please pray about it and let Tammy Youmans, Virginia Curtis, Pastor Jeff, or myself know of your interest. We would love to answer any questions you may have!**

**Blessings,  
Barb Perry  
Stephen Leader**



**Prayer Warriors Needed!**

**If you are not already part of our Prayer Chain, you can join!**

**Text Barb Perry: 231-349-1811**

**or e-mail: [Grandmadaisybarb@icloud.com](mailto:Grandmadaisybarb@icloud.com)  
to be part of this very important ministry of  
our church.   **

# Words of Appreciation and Thanks

To all our friends at FUMC:

Thank you so very much for all of your prayers, cards, care, and concern through Paul's hospital stay and time in rehab. Paul is home now, and continuing to work on his rehabilitation with visiting therapists, a nurse, and a nurse's aide. They keep him busy, and he is rising to the challenge. We treasure all of you, and miss seeing you each week, but are looking forward to our return. God's blessings on all of you.

Nancy & Paul Cooley



Thanks to so many for all your prayer support, cards and kind thoughts over the last few months as Bob and I are negotiating life changes. We will be moving into Story Point Rockford, this fall. Please keep the prayers coming. We have a lot of things to pass on and decisions to make.

Also, please keep our children in your prayers. They are working hard to make this transition easy for us. Thanks also to Elaine for keeping our diet on track.

Bless you all,  
In Christ love Bob & Ruth Hansen





## **Walmart Food Drive was a Success!**

Your Missions team would like to once again thank everyone for your overwhelming support of our goals. **The Walmart food drive was a huge success!** We were once again able to help fill the shelves of the Ecumenical Food Pantry. The pantry is located at St Paul's Lutheran Church, just South of town on M-91 and is open Tuesdays 10:00-12:00 and Wednesdays 5:30-7:30. You've also stepped up for our **June Fill-A-Pew to support RAVE**. They are always thrilled to accept the many donations that you make to help their important organization. Please keep your eyes open for our future Fill-A-Pew opportunities that will be coming soon. Thanks again for your continued efforts to enable us to meet our goals.

## **Christian Child Care Center (cccc) Annual Fund Raiser**

**Our Christian Child Care Center staff and friends will be collecting donations of \$5.00 for parking in the church lots for Danish Festival. Additional donations are appreciated.**

**Everyone is Welcome!**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	<h1>July</h1>	Jul 1 Church Office Closed this week - 4th of July Holiday No Parkinson's Exercise Group this week 8:00am Men's Breakfast (Big Boy, Greenville)	2 No Play Group this week 6:30pm Choir rehearsal	3 10:30am Bible Study (Conf Rm or Zoom)	4	5
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## July Birthdays

Becki Pfaff	07/02
Dick Duffey	07/02
Janet Carpenter	07/04
Chris Curtis	07/05
Bill Slating	07/05
Becky Clark	07/08
Patricia Pahl	07/10
Taylin Sherman	07/10
Alyssa Ward	07/11
Jeff Brown	07/13
Jemery Palmer	07/15
Todd Holmberg	07/15
Ian McDonough	07/16
Pat Willison	07/23
John Pfaff	07/24
Jane Duffey	07/25
Nora Godfrey	07/29



## July

John & Donna Campbell	07/05
Chris & Beth Legg	07/18
John & Cindy Raven	07/27
Gary & Dale Kluzak	07/27
Bill & Pat Willison	07/31

## August Birthdays

Carolyn Humble	08/01
Richard Wenger	08/01
Sandra Wood	08/02
Cody Hole	08/05
Jessica Hollenbeck	08/05
Robert VanHoose	08/06
Keith Hudson	08/12
Gloria Wesche	08/12
Frank McLachlan	08/14
Sawyer Hollenbeck	08/14
John Besson	08/17
Robert Clark	08/18
Amanda Leitch-Lee	08/18
Lee Lindquist	08/23
Sharon Pinckney	08/24
Jaydon Woodward	08/25
Earl Sampson	08/22
Julie Edwards	08/26
Ann Lutz	08/29
Lee Bahlman	08/29
Linda Custer	08/31

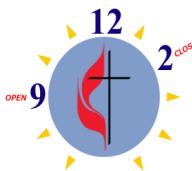
## August

Blaine & Judy Kading	08/05
Jim & Cheryel Hamilton	08/06
Martin & Katy McDonough	08/09
William Mark & Kathy Wilkin	08/09
Todd & Miranda Holmberg	08/12
Kirk & Barb Perry	08/16
Pastor Jeff & Beverly Williams	08/13
Darrell & Carolee Rickabaugh	08/16
Dr. Peter & Karin Blinkilde	08/22
Ed & Cheryl Williams	08/30

*If you were accidentally omitted from our birthday or anniversary list or have a wrong date, please let the church office know so we can update our records. If you wish to have your information removed please contact the church office. Email: [office@greenvillfumc.org](mailto:office@greenvillfumc.org)*

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Liz Campbell  
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#### **A Note From Your Church Office:**

The church office will be open on Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday between **10:00 am - 2:00 pm.** Please contact the office by phone or email with any questions: **616-754-8532** or email [office@greenvillefumc.org](mailto:office@greenvillefumc.org).

Pastor Jeff can be reached anytime by email [jeffwrev@gmail.com](mailto:jeffwrev@gmail.com) phone, or text (269-944-9231).

**FUMC Event Scheduling:** If you would like to schedule an event at FUMC, please contact the church office at: 616-754-8532.

**Submission Deadlines:** Deadline For the September-October Connection is **Wednesday, August 20,** Please forward your submissions to the church office by calling 616-754-8532 or email at: [office@greenvillefumc.org](mailto:office@greenvillefumc.org).