

SUNDAY WORSHIP

10:00 AM

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The Connection

Greenville First United Methodist Church

JULY - AUGUST 2026

**“For we are God’s coworkers,
working together;
you are God’s field, God’s building.”**

1 Corinthians 3:9 (*New Revised Standard Version, Updated Edition*)

**“We’re many kinds of people, with many kinds of faces,
all colors and all ages, too, from all times and places.**

I am the church! You are the church!

We are the church together!

**All who follow Jesus, all around the world,
yes, we’re the church together!”**

“We Are the Church” by Richard K. Avery
(558 in *The United Methodist Hymnal*, verse 2 and refrain)



I am so excited to begin my time as the new pastor of Greenville FUMC. I am glad to say that now “I am the church,” alongside you all. I am planting myself and working in “God’s field,” alongside you all. I am participating and affixing myself in “God’s building,” alongside you all. And what a vibrant, faith-filled, and welcoming church I am becoming a part of as your new pastor.

“We Are the Church” is among my favorite hymns because every time I hear and sing it, I consider a new way to expand my understanding of what the church is, who the church includes, and what the church does. This has been especially true when I come alongside a new faith community—from my first summer field education internship at Canaan UMC in North Carolina to the chaplain department at Rush University Medical Center in Chicago to Parkview UMC in Wisconsin where I most recently served—through coming alongside those in each new ministry place and community I have better understood the way God shows up in a church with many kinds of people and faces. I have more deeply appreciated the way God uses people of all colors and ages. I have more fully delved into the mystery that the body of Christ transcends time and place.

Greenville FUMC, I’m so excited to say, sing, and live out alongside one another that “we’re the church together!”

Top Ten Things to Know About Me

10. My best friend is my wife, Laurie, who is responsible for moving our family to Michigan as she became the new Director of Campus Ministry for United Campus Christian Fellowship in Grand Rapids and Allendale
9. Peter is our little child with a big personality, and Lexie is our little dog with perhaps an even bigger personality
8. I am a proud Montana Grizzly (undergrad) and Duke Blue Devil (seminary)
7. When I first started the process to become a pastor I was a part of the Yellowstone Annual Conference but transferred to Wisconsin where I was later ordained
6. While I am a proud Wisconsinite because I grew up there, I was actually born in Glendora, California
5. My favorite hymn from *The Faith We Sing* is “O God Beyond All Praising” and “For the Beauty of the Earth” from *The United Methodist Hymnal*
4. I am a quarter Danish and love my mother’s æbleskiver recipe
3. I am currently training for the Wolverine 100K ultramarathon set for Saturday, October 10th and training is going well...so far
2. Some of my best stories come from serving with A Christian Ministry in the National Parks in Acadia and Death Valley (where Laurie and I met!)
1. My favorite scripture passage is Galatians 5:22-23—The Fruit of the Spirit—because it so beautifully describes the unlimited potential of sanctifying grace

Grace and Peace, Pastor Adam

**PRAISE GOD
FROM WHOM
ALL
BLESSINGS
FLOW**



**Mortgage
PAID OFF**



Thursday Bible Study - Resumes July 23

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 - Resumes Aug 2

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 Adam and others. We hope you will gain a better understanding and maybe a different perspective of God's Word.

July 2026 Worship

July 5

First Reading: Ephesians 1:1-14
Preaching Text: Luke 24:13-35
The walk to Emmaus – We find Jesus in the breaking of the bread, along the dusty roads of life, and everywhere in between.

July 12

First Reading: Ephesians 2:1-10
Preaching Text: Luke 17:11-19
The grateful Samaritan – An outcast among the outcast is the one who most fully understands the healing power of Christ .

July 19

175th Anniversary, District
Superintendent Rev. John Kasper will be preaching.

July 26

First Reading: Ephesians 2:11-22
Preaching Text: Luke 13:18-21
The parables of the mustard seed and the leaven – With God, even the smallest things can make a huge impact .

Noisy Offering for Missions 3rd Sundays



August 2026 Worship

August 2

First Reading: Ephesians 3:14-21
Preaching Text: Luke 12: 32-34 – “Have no fear, little flock” – God doesn’t seek a conquering army, but a faith-filled little flock.

August 9

First Reading: Ephesians 4:1-16
Preaching Text Luke 10:25-37
The parable of the Good Samaritan – The importance of knowing that everyone is our neighbor while also remembering that your neighbor is the one who is right in front of you.

August 16

First Reading: Ephesians 4:17-32
Preaching Text: Luke 7:11-17
Jesus raises the widow’s son – Jesus sees, knows, and responds to us in our pain and in times of need, and so should the church.

August 23

First Reading: Ephesians 5:1-20
Preaching Text: Luke 5:27-32
The calling of Levi – The scandal of who is welcome at the table of grace .

August 30

First Reading: Ephesians 6:10-20
Preaching Text: Luke 1:46-55
Mary’s Magnificat – From the smallest town and the least powerful voice, the Word of God comes forth.

Those In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Homebound or Minimal Travel

Harley VanHoose
Liz Campbell
Tom & Judy VanSyckle
John Washburn
Caitlin Jensen
Dan Sandie
Ben Chapman
John and Clarice Thorlund
Dorothy Sampson
Julie Johnston



Recovering at Home

Eleanor Budge

THOSE WHO HAVE CLAIMED ETERNAL LIFE

Hospitalized or Rehab

Michele Waldbillig

Coffee Hour is a Mission of Hospitality

We need more hands to share in this mission each Sunday.

Would you please sign-up to help with
setup and/or cleanup?

Fill the Cart is Ongoing For the Ecumenical Food Pantry

Items Needed:

- Boxed/bagged cereal
- Peanut butter, jelly
- Canned fruit, vegetables
- Canned beans, meat
- Spaghetti sauce and pasta
- Soup, crackers, boxed potatoes
- Chili spice/flavor packets
- Toilet paper



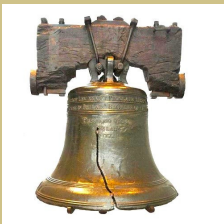
Thank you.

It's more than gratitude for the retirement potluck by the Missions Team, your expressions of love and support, hospitality to welcome people from our previous appointments in May, your donation to my scholarship fund, hosting Campfire Farewells, and your blessing cards for my devotional life as retirement begins (47 devotional cards and counting!). **Beverly and I praise God and thank you for being our spiritual home for these six years.** Thank you for letting us share our spiritual gifts in our common life. Thank you for your love for God and the Church, and heartfelt commitment to effective ministry. Have an amazing next season of love and service with Pastor Adam as you gather, connect, learn and serve with joy and love.

Peace, Pastor Jeff and Beverly
(Our new address is available from Julie in the Church Office)



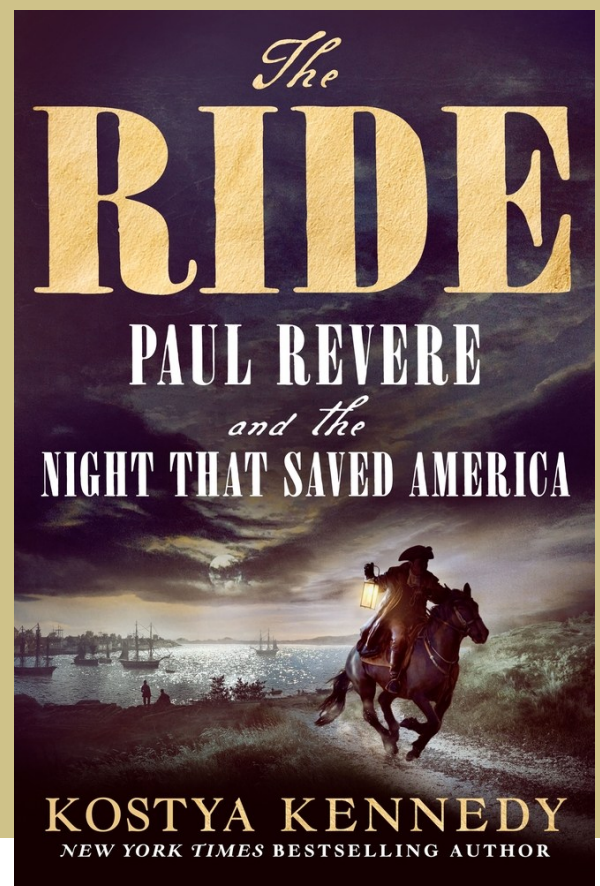
Library Link



One Book

2026

One County





COMMUNITY BLOCK PARTY!

July 18 | 12:00 PM – 3:00 PM
204 West Cass St, Greenville

DJ

Petting Zoo & Bounce House

Hot Dogs & Face Painting

Greenville DPS Firetruck

YMCA Veggie Truck & Corn Hole

Children's Crafts

Thank You to the
Greenville Area Community Foundation

Sunday, July 26

Potluck

Welcome
Pastor Adam, his wife
Pastor Laurie & son Peter

After worship service in Fellowship Hall

Bring your table service and a dish to pass

Stephen Ministry



Dear Church Family,

We welcome Pastor Adam and look forward to working with him to care for our wonderful congregation! We hope to have a training class for new Stephen Ministers soon so please prayerfully consider whether God is calling you to this individual, confidential ministry. If you have questions about it, please ask me, Tammy Youmans, Virginia Curtis, or Karin Blinkilde about them.

Blessings,
Barb Perry, Stephen Leader

Peace Vigil for everyone
meets monthly on the
3rd Wednesday
6:00 to 7:00pm.
in our beautiful Chapel.



July & August 2026 Calendar

Weekly & Monthly Recurring Events

Sundays

- 9:00am Choir Practice
- 10:00am Worship, Sanctuary (children exit for Children's Church when indicated during the service)
- 11:00am Coffee Fellowship, Fellowship Hall
- 11:30am Pastor Chat, Library - **Resumes Aug 2**

Mondays

- 5:45pm Missions Meeting, Conference Rm (Second Mondays)
- 6:30pm Leadership Board Meeting, Conference Rm (Fourth Mondays)

Tuesdays

- 8:00am Men's Breakfast, Big Boy - Greenville
- 10:00am Parkinson's Exercise Group, Celebration Hall (First and Third Tuesdays)
- 11:30am Ladies' Luncheon, Winter Inn Greenville (First Tuesdays)
- 2:00pm Esther-Lois Circle (Third Tuesdays - April through October)

Wednesdays

- 10:00am United Women in Faith - Fellowship Hall
All Women Welcome (Second Wednesdays)
Resumes September 9
- 6:00-7:00pm Monthly Peace Vigil - Chapel (Third Wednesdays)

Thursdays

- 10:30am Bible Study, Conference Room & Zoom -
Resumes July 23
- 11:00am Parkinson's Support Group, Fellowship Hall (Third Thursdays)

Please visit the FUMC website calendar for the latest updates. Here is the link: <https://greenvillefumc.org/calendar>

Upcoming Services, Events or Meetings

*****JULY*****

**Welcome Our New Pastor
Rev. Adam Woods
Sunday July 5**

**Community Event
Block Party
Saturday July 18
Helpers needed - Contact Pete Blinkilde
616-894-4671**

**GFUMC 175th Anniversary
Celebration & Mortgage Burning
Sunday July 19**

**Potluck for New Pastor
Sunday July 26 - after worship**

July Birthdays



- 2 Beckie Pfaff
Dick Duffey
- 5 Bill Slating
Chris Curtis
- 8 Becky Clark
- 10 Patty Pahl
Taylin Sherman
- 11 Sherry Ross
- 13 Jeff Brown
- 15 Jemery Palmer
- 23 Pat Willison
- 24 John Pfaff
- 25 Jane Duffey
- 29 Nora Godfrey



July

- 18 Christopher & Beth Legg
- 27 Gary & Dale Kluzak
- 27 John & Cindy Raven
- 31 Bill & Pat Willison

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@greenvillefumc.org

August Birthdays

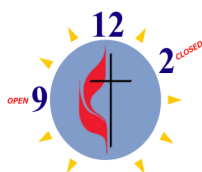
- 1 Carolyn Humble
Richard Wenger
- 2 Sandra Wood
- 5 Cody Hole
Jessica Hollenbeck
- 12 Keith Hudson
- 14 Frank McLachlan Jr
Sawyer Hollenbeck
- 17 John Besson
- 18 Bob Clark
Amanda Leitch-Lee
- 23 Lee Lindquist
- 24 Sharon Pinckney
- 25 Scott Kraai
Jaydon Woodward
- 26 Julie Edwards
- 29 Ann Lutz
Lee Bahlman
- 30 Michele Waldbillig
- 31 Linda Custer

August

- 5 Blaine & Judy Kading
- 6 Jim & Cheryel Hamilton
- 9 Martin & Kathleen McDonough
Kathy & Mark Wilkin
- 12 Todd & Miranda Holmberg
- 13 Pastor Jeffrey & Beverly Williams
- 16 Kirk & Barb Perry
Darrell & Carolee Rickabaugh
Dave & Mary Scramlin
- 22 Karin & Peter Blinkilde

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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. Pastor Jeff can be reached by email 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 616-754-8532.

Submission Deadlines: **An Early Deadline** for the next Newsletter is **Tuesday, July 21**
Please forward your submissions to the church office.

Call 616-754-8532

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