

SUNDAY WORSHIP

9:15 AM

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The Connection

Greenville First United Methodist Church

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Don't Forget to Check the Ground Sensors

Our automatic garage door opener wouldn't work.

Then Art fixed the parsonage garage door. It's kind of like his superpower. He shows up, gets to work understanding the problem and reads the manual (who does that??) or contacts customer service, and takes action. Then things are fixed or start working again.

In my attempt to diagnose the problem, I only looked up at the drivetrain. I even manually operated the door for several days based on that assumption.



He found the problem in the ground sensors.

One of them had been knocked out of alignment probably when I moved the trash and recycling bins inside the garage instead of behind the house. Out of alignment, they would not work. He reset them and the door worked!

I only looked up and Art fixed things on the ground. Ground sensors can also refer to our bodies and our faith. They are very important God-given abilities built into us. It's just that some of us develop them more than others. This also is one way to think about the incarnation of God in Jesus Christ.

One of my seminary professors was known for saying, "**Don't be so heavenly-minded that you are of no earthly good.**"

Another ground sensor reference is from Alpha, an evangelistic course that introduces the basics of the Christian faith. Founder Nicky Gumbel told the story of a Japanese woman learning English phrases. She revised the statement, "What on earth are you doing?" to "**What are you doing on earth?**" The shift in emphasis helps us understand it differently.

Our Wesleyan heritage encourages us to proclaim and practice "**practical divinity.**"

Hannah Brencher in her Proverbs 31 ministries blog writes, **Be where your feet are.** "Be where your feet are" is a constant reminder, a way to keep saying to myself, "Hey, look around. Don't be freaking out about the future or worrying about the past. God wants to teach you something. Today matters. This matters" (<https://proverbs31.org/read/devotions/full-post/2018/05/29/be-where-your-feet-are>).

I missed the solution of the parsonage garage door by looking up instead of looking at the ground sensors. Hannah tells us that we can miss the importance of our current position or condition by looking too far ahead or too far behind us instead of being where our feet are.

I am grateful for the diverse gifts God has given each of us and the Church to do as much earthly good as possible. Servants and friends like Art show us how this actually works.



Missions Team
PANCAKE BREAKFAST
October 16, 2022
8:30 am and after worship

Yes there will be pancakes! But BACON is the star of the show. Come and support your Missions team! You have been amazingly helpful in providing us with financial support over the years. Turning the world upside down is our charge. You are making it happen.

Breakfast will consist of BACON, pancakes, BACON, fruit, BACON, juice, BACON, syrup, BACON, coffee, BACON, and BACON. You can eat before service and/or after!! This is a donation style fundraiser. Come and enjoy a meal with your friends and support the Missions team as we help make a difference in the lives of others both near and far.



Thank you for your overwhelming support of our September Fill-A-Pew project! Your generosity will help feed many hungry children in our area through the IM Kids Third Meal program. Pictured are Pastor Jeff helping Chris Slating load up to deliver your donations!



* HOMEBOUND *
* Corla Morgan *
* Neil Sergent *
* Harley VanHoose *
* Richard Pendrick *
* Louise Noble *



Aliviah Maag
Caitlin Jensen
Linda VanHoose
Chuck Hill

THOSE WHO HAVE
CLAIMED ETERNAL LIFE

Bill Banks
Ted Kortes

ONLINE GIVING OPTION AVAILABLE

Greenville First United Methodist Church now offers an easy, convenient, and quick way for anyone to make a contribution!

Just click on the GIVE tab at the top of the homepage at <https://greenvillefumc.org/>. This will take you to the Giving page. You simply click on the blue "Give Now" button, answer a few easy prompts, such as a one time gift, weekly, monthly, etc., and you will be done!

Or, using your phone, scan this QR Code to take you directly to the Giving Page.



2022 Church Conference

Our annual Church Conference will be **Sunday, October 23, at 2:00 in Celebration Hall.** Or you may join virtually through Zoom.

The Zoom Link is: 2022 [Greenville Church Conference](#)

OCTOBER WORSHIP

October 2

World Communion Sunday

Communion at an open table

"How God Uses Our Resources"

Luke 9:10-17

Fall Series 2: **Making Up for Lost Time**

October 9

"Make the Most of the Time"

Colossians 4:2-6

October 23

"A Sanctuary in Time: Sabbath"

Genesis 1:26-2:3

October 16 (*Pastor Jeff on Renewal leave*)

Noisy Offering

"For Such a Time as This"

Esther 4:10-17

October 30

All Saints Day

"Saints Keep Us Moving Ahead"

Ephesians 1:11-23

We will celebrate All Saints on Sunday, October 30. Please email or call Jennifer in the church office if you have a loved one lost this past year.

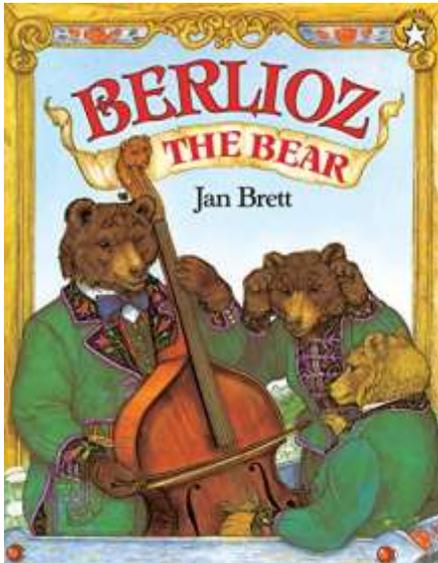


Workers Needed

Are you looking for a way to be involved in the church you love? One way may be to help keep the building and grounds looking inviting!

We are looking for help for painting, gardening, weeding, and general grounds sprucing. Please let the church office know if you are able and willing to help, we appreciate any time available.

Building Maintenance Team

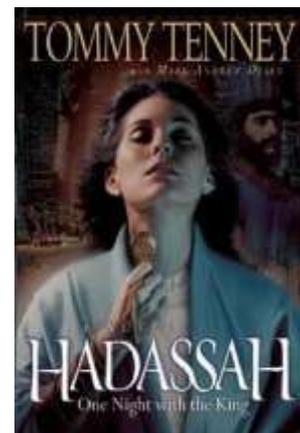


Berlioz the Bear/Jan Brett

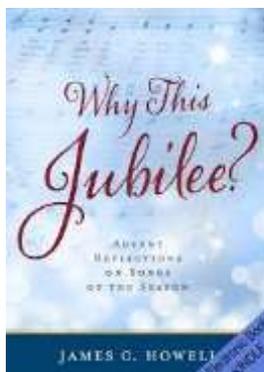
Berlioz and his Bear orchestra have an important date to play at the gala ball in the village square, but he has an unusual buzz in his double bass, and then the mule and bandwagon get stuck in a hole on the way to the village. Lots of friends try to pull them out, but no one can. Will there be no music for the gala? [Juvenile picture book]

Hadassah: One Night With the King Tommy Tenney

Written as both a thriller and a Jewish woman's memoir, **Hadassah: One Night With the King** takes the reader to ancient Persia (now modern Iraq) where a simple peasant girl is chosen to become Queen Esther, who will save her people from



Why This Jubilee?/ James Howell



In two short months our thoughts will be turning to Advent as we prepare ourselves to welcome the Christ Child once again. In 24 reflections on well known carols and Christmas songs, James Howell explores the birth of Jesus, and ponders the meaning of certain phrases from those songs. The four weeks of devotions are arranged by topic: The Place; The Men; The Mother; The Child. [Adult Non-fiction]

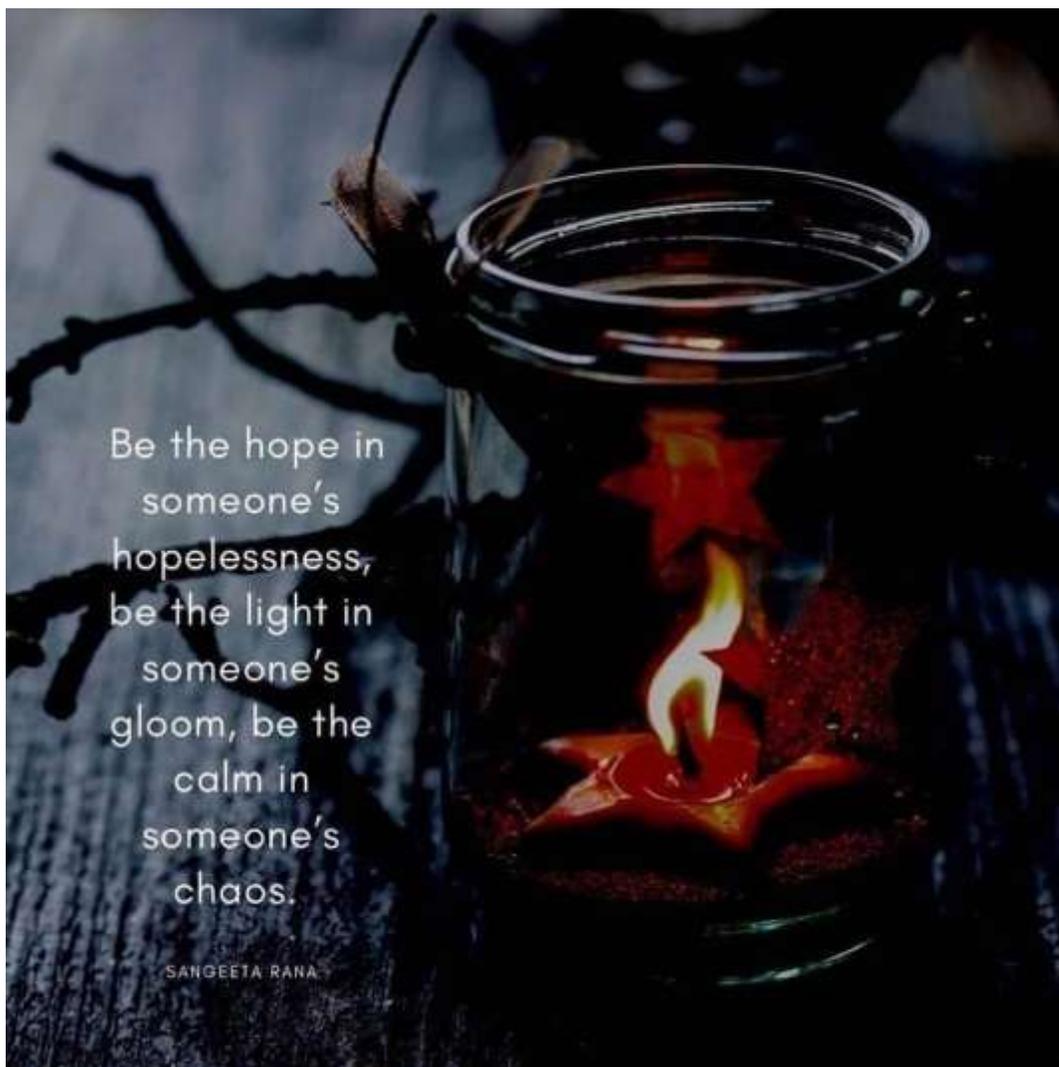
Stephen Ministry

Our happy news this month is the Commissioning of our newest Stephen Leader, Virginia Curtis! It will take place during the October 9 Worship Service. All past and present Stephen Ministers will be asked to bless her. We will also host a coffee hour afterwards, complete with cake! We appreciate all the help you can offer.



Wednesday, November 2, will be our monthly Stephen Ministry meeting. The Stephen Leaders will meet at 6:00 and the Stephen Ministers will join at 6:30 in the Conference Room. Hope to see you, Stephen Ministers!

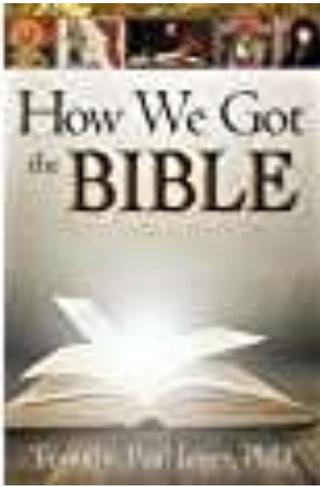
Blessings,
Barb Perry
Stephen Leader



Thursday Bible Study

For the next six weeks, class will participate in the video series, *How We Got the Bible*. Have you ever wondered who wrote the books in the Bible and how they ended up together? In this book, dive into the fascinating account of the most amazing and best-preserved book the world has ever seen. Dr. Timothy Paul Jones gives easy-to-understand answers to popular questions about the Bible. For example, how the Old Testament and New Testament came to us; fascinating facts about the Bible such as: there are more than 5,700 surviving manuscripts from the New Testament compared to 210 surviving copies of Plato.

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



Sunday Small Group

Adult Faith Connections Bible Study is written by pastors, leaders, and scholars to help group members go deeper in God's Word during and after the lesson. Each week, group members will gain a greater understanding of the focus passage, as well as have the opportunity to answer reflective questions to help them take time to consider the message of that week's session.

This quarter we will look at how God led the people from slavery toward the promised land and **specific leaders in Israel from the time of Joshua's death until the time of the monarchy.**

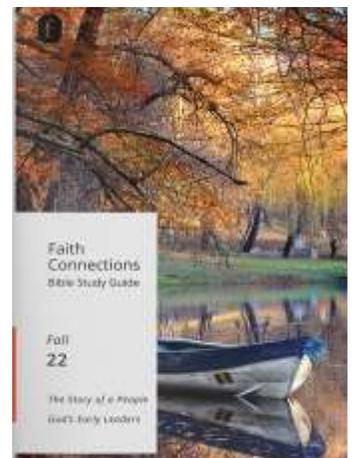
Unit 1: The Story of a People (Exodus)

Each story has a beginning. For the Israelites, their beginning was filled with miraculous encounters with God. During this study, we will see how God led the people from slavery toward the promised land.

Unit 2: God's Early Leaders (Judges)

This study looks at **specific leaders in Israel from the time of Joshua's death until the time of the monarchy.**

Join us Sundays after the 9:15 am worship service in the Bailey Conference room.



The Zoom Link is: [Faith Connections](#)

UMW United Women In Faith

“We ought always to thank God for you, brothers and sisters, and rightly so, because your faith is growing more and more, and the love all of you have for one another is increasing.”
2 Thessalonians 1:3

GATHERING

Wednesday, October 12
10:00 AM
Brotherhood Hall



Open Hearts. Open Minds. Open Doors.
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United
Women
in Faith

**MARK YOUR CALENDER NOW FOR THE UMW-UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH
CANDLE LIGHT CHRISTMAS TEA.**

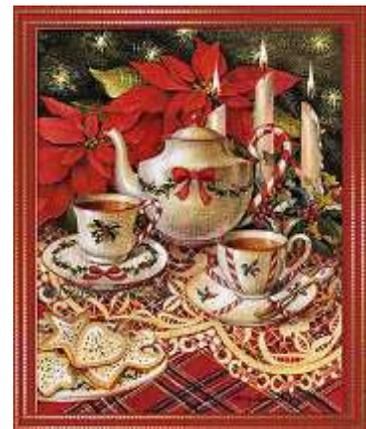
**WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 30TH AT 6:30PM
SIGN UP BEGINS OCTOBER 30TH AFTER CHURCH.**

There is no charge for the event, but we will accept donation to
The United Methodist Community House in Grand Rapids.

We are still seeking **SIX HOSTESSES** to decorate and dessert a table for the
event. Contact Ruth Hansen 616-302-4933 for more information

We will be entertained by GHS Village Green Singer
under the direction of Andrew Samson.

Followed by a Candle Light Dessert in Celebration Hall.



Items Needed For The United Methodist Community House – Grand Rapid

Sydney Watson - Development Director

Sweatshirts/Sweatpants (Size: M, L, XL)

New personal care items such as shampoo,
body wash, deodorant, and hand soap

Adult Diapers (Size: M, L, XL)

Underwear

Winter Coat (Size: L, XL)

Girl clothing: 18 months - 2T

Boy clothing: 3T, 4T, 5T

Children's hats & gloves

Art supplies (crayons, glue sticks, markers)

Ground coffee, creamer, sugar,
and artificial sweetener

Canned Goods

Blankets (Large Sized)

Books

Space heater

Tissue boxes

Disinfectant wipes/spray

New puzzles

Walker



Coffee Fellowship

**Tuesday Morning
Women's Coffee Fellowship**

Place: Bailey Conference Room

When: Tuesdays, thru October 18th

Time: 10:00 am

Material: *"Delight:*

A Walk Trough the Psalm 1-30"

Discussion Leader: Wendy Bates

Sponsored By: UMW -
United Women of Faith

First United Methodist Church ~ October 2022

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	9:15 am - FUMC Worship 9:15 am - CCG Leader Worship 10:30 am - Faith Connections 11:00 am - CCG Worship 6:00 pm - Mosaic Small Group 6:30 pm - CCG Sr. High Group	3	4	5	6	7	8
		9:00 am - CCG Debrief	8:00 am - Men's Breakfast 10:00 am - UMF Women's Small Group "Delight" 1:00 pm - Dominos 7:00 pm - CCG Band Practice	6:00 pm - Stephen Minister Leader Meeting 6:30 pm - Stephen Minister Meeting 6:30 pm - City Church Jr High, Men's, & Women's Small Groups	10:30 am Bible Study	8:00 am - Noon - Church wide cleaning & sanitizing	8
9	9:15 am - FUMC Worship 9:15 am - CCG Leader Worship 10:30 am - Faith Connections 11:00 am - CCG Worship 6:30 pm - CCG Sr. High Group	10	11	12	13	14	15
		9:00 am - CCG Debrief 6:00 pm - Missions Meeting	8:00 am - Men's Breakfast 10:00 am - UMF Women's Small Group "Delight" 7:00 pm - CCG Band Practice	10:00 am - UWF Gathering 6:30 pm - City Church Jr High, Men's, & Women's Small Groups	10:30 am Bible Study	8:00 am - Noon - Church wide cleaning & sanitizing	15
16	UMC Missions Breakfast 9:15 am - FUMC Worship 9:15 am - CCG Leader Worship 10:30 am - Faith Connections 11:00 am - CCG Worship 6:30 pm - CCG Sr. High Group	17	18	19	20	21	22
		9:00 am - CCG Debrief 6:00 pm - Optimist Club	8:00 am - Men's Breakfast 10:00 am - UMF Women's Small Group "Delight" 7:00 pm - CCG Band Practice	6:30 pm - City Church Jr High, Men's, & Women's Small Groups	10:30 am Bible Study 6:30 pm - Advent Choir Practice	8:00 am - Noon - Church wide cleaning & sanitizing	22
23	9:15 am - FUMC Worship 9:15 am - CCG Leader Worship 10:30 am - Faith Connections 11:00 am - CCG Worship 2:00 pm - FUMC Church Conference 6:30 pm - CCG Sr. High Group	24	25	26	27	28	29
		9:00 am - CCG Debrief 7:00 pm - Leadership Board Meeting	8:00 am - Men's Breakfast 10:00 am - UMF Women's Small Group "Delight" 7:00 pm - CCG Band Practice	6:30 pm - City Church Jr High, Men's, & Women's Small Groups	10:30 am Bible Study 6:30 pm - Advent Choir Practice	8:00 am - Noon - Church wide cleaning & sanitizing	29
30	All Saints Day 9:15 am - FUMC Worship 9:15 am - CCG Leader Worship 10:30 am - Faith Connections 11:00 am - CCG Worship 6:30 pm - CCG Sr. High Group	31					
		9:00 am - CCG Debrief 6:00 - 8:00 pm GFUMC Halloween Open House					

Please remember: The church doors will be unlocked 15 minutes prior to each meeting/event. If you are in need of getting into the building sooner, please contact the church office during business hours to let us know. Many people have been ringing the daycare doorbell and it is difficult, and sometimes impossible, for members of the CCC staff to leave their classrooms to let groups in.



October Birthdays

Richard Pendrick	10/06	Beverly VanHoose	10/25
Eric Januzelli	10/06	Toni Wenger	10/25
Gloria McComb	10/09	Emily Weller	10/25
Lauri Bahlman	10/14	Olivia Youmans	10/25
Carolee Rickabaugh	10/16	Vicki Nelson	10/26
Donna Campbell	10/19	Craig Weller	10/26
Brandon Wood	10/20	Peter Blinkilde	10/28
Madison Homich	10/21	Corla Morgan	10/30
Norice Rasmussen	10/23	Jennifer Loding	10/31



David & Judith Nulf	10/01	Chris & Vicki Nelson	10/18
David & Kathye Bailey	10/10	John & Lori Hostetler	10/22
Bruce & Carol Schnepf	10/16	Dr. Eugene & Connie Shatz	10/26

If we have accidentally omitted you from our birthday or anniversary list or have a wrong date, please let the church office know so we can update our records.

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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 anytime 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 Jennifer Loding at the church office: 616-754-8532.

Submission Deadlines: Deadline For the November Connection is Thursday, October 27. Please forward your submissions to the church office by calling 754-8532 or email at: office@greenvillefumc.org.