

## SUNDAY WORSHIP

10:00 AM

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# The Connection

*Greenville First United Methodist Church*

SEPTEMBER 2026

Last newsletter, I shared my favorite scripture passage is Galatians 5:22-23—the Fruit of the Spirit. Over the next few weeks, you'll begin to understand why.

Starting on Labor Day weekend, we'll kick off our next sermon and worship series "Harvesting the Fruit of the Spirit". Have you ever wondered why that passage is titled "Fruit" and not "Fruits"? After all, the Apostle Paul outlines quite a few qualities—love, joy, peace... The word Paul used in his original letter, *karpos*, is deliberately singular. That singular focus is really important.

We do not get to pick and choose which qualities we mature and grow into as disciples of Christ, like some sort of spiritual breakfast buffet at Big Boy. Instead, through the power of the Holy Spirit we can grow into our identity in Christ and mature

as his disciples. All of who we are is being transformed by the power of the Holy Spirit as we follow Christ. What better way to describe Jesus than the one who is and brings true love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, gentleness, faithfulness, and self-control? This fall will be a season of better understanding who our God is and therefore who we are becoming as God's beloved people.

May the season ahead be one of growth and maturity for us all as we let God harvest the Fruit that has been planted and nourished in us by Christ and through the Holy Spirit.

Grace and Peace, Pastor Adam



## September 2026 Worship

**September 6**                      **Introduction to The Fruits of the Spirit**                      COMMUNION

Worship Leader Reading: Psalm 1

Preaching Text: Galatians 5:13-26

Sermon Summary: Pastor Adam dives into Paul's warning and invitation to the Galatians to live by the Spirit and therefore bear the fruits of the Spirit. He will also make connections with Psalm 1.

Helpful Resource I found while outlining this series: <https://lumcmaui.org/sermons/fruitsofthespirit>

**September 13**                      **Love**

Psalm Reading: Psalm 136:1-9 (CEB)

Preaching Text: 1 John 4: 12-21 (NRSV)

Sermon Summary: Pastor Adam outlines how our love for God is because God first loves us, but at the same time we are not truly loving God if we do not show and share love to others.

**September 20**                      **Joy**                      COMMUNION

Psalm Reading: Psalm 126 (CEB)

Preaching Text: Nehemiah 8:1-12 (NRSV)

Sermon Summary: Pastor Adam explains that while joy is a feeling, it is a choice we can make

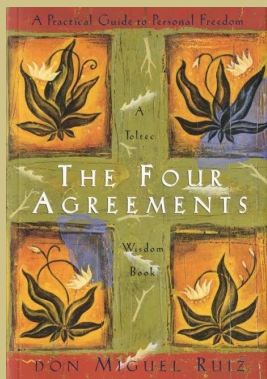
**September 27**                      **Peace**

Psalm Reading: Psalm 29 (CEB)

Preaching Text: Philippians 4:4-7 (NRSV)

Sermon Summary: Pastor Adam dives into the mystery of how God has so much power (as described in Psalm 29) but we can have so much turmoil and troubles in our lives. What does it mean to have God's peace that surpasses all understanding guard our hearts and minds?

# Library Link



Based on ancient Toltec wisdom, the Four Agreements offer a code of conduct that can transform our lives to a new experience of freedom, happiness and love.

## BE IMPECCABLE WITH YOUR WORD

Speak with integrity.

**DON'T TAKE ANYTHING PERSONALLY**

Nothing others do is because of you.

**DON'T MAKE ASSUMPTIONS**

Find the courage to ask questions and express what you really want.

**ALWAYS DO YOUR BEST**

Under any circumstance, simply do your best, and you will avoid self-judgment, self-abuse, and regret.



Mean Jean was the recess queen, and nobody said any different. She ruled (bullied) until a new kid came to school, and life changed for everyone!



## 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](#)

The logo for PastorChat, featuring the word 'PastorChat' in a bold, sans-serif font. 'Pastor' is in white and 'Chat' is in yellow, both set against a dark blue speech bubble background.

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

# 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  
Harold Woods



## THOSE WHO HAVE CLAIMED ETERNAL LIFE

## Recovering at Home

Eleanor Budge  
Pastor Craig Pahl

## Hospitalized or Rehab

Julie Johnston

## 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?

**Thank you** for all the August Fill-a-Pew donations to the Christian Child Care Center  
These items are much appreciated and will be put to good use.

**Fill-a-pew October** - Candy Collection for our Community Halloween Open House.

## 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





# PEACE VIGIL

Peaceful reflection, meditation, and prayer

3<sup>RD</sup> WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH

6:00-7:00 PM

All are welcome

## Stephen Ministry



Happy Fall, Church Family! We welcome and look forward to working with Pastor Adam. We also need your help in checking on our home and otherwise bound folks! Visiting with them, calling them, and sending encouraging cards all make a huge difference to them. A big part of our ministry is just listening to those we encounter, not giving answers but allowing God to work in their lives and then working it out themselves with God's help. If you'd like more information about how to do that, please let

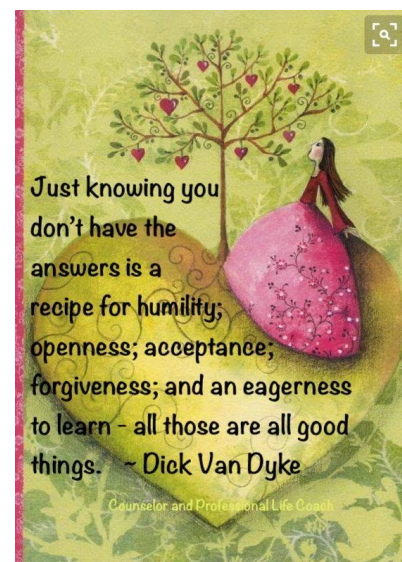
one of the Stephen Leaders know so we can start a new Stephen Ministry Training Class! Tammy Youmans, Virginia Curtis, and I would be happy to answer your questions.

Also, remember the Prayer Vigil in our beautiful Chapel, held on the 3rd Wednesday of each month from 6:00 to 7:00. A Stephen Minister will be available if you want to talk, or you are welcome to just pray and meditate.

Blessings,

Barb Perry

Stephen Leader



# September 2026 Calendar

## Weekly & Monthly Recurring Events

### Sundays

- 9:00am Choir Practice
- 10:00am Worship, Sanctuary
- 11:00am Coffee Fellowship, Fellowship Hall
- 11:30am Pastor Chat, Library

### 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)
- 6:00-7:00pm Monthly Peace Vigil - Chapel  
(Third Wednesdays)

### Thursdays

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

Noisy Offering for Missions  
3rd Sundays



Please visit the FUMC  
website calendar  
for the latest updates.  
Here is the link: [https://  
greenvillefumc.org/calendar](https://greenvillefumc.org/calendar)

## Upcoming Services, Events or Meetings

### September

**All Church Potluck  
& Game Night**  
**Wednesday September 23**  
**5:45 pm**

**Missions Bacon Breakfast**  
**\*\*Tentative due to Kitchen\*\***  
**To be determined**

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### October

**Church Conference**  
**Sunday October 4**

**Destini Cunliffe Memorial  
Blood Drive**  
**Saturday, October 24**  
**10:00am – 2:30pm**

**Halloween Open House**  
**Saturday, October 31**  
**6:00am – 8:00pm**



## September Birthdays

5 Brant Gunn  
 9 John Hostetler  
 11 Betsy Stevens  
 11 Betty Knapp  
 13 Sylvia Petersen  
 15 Leeah Roberts  
 17 Dwight Wheelock  
 18 Nick Springsteen  
 19 Bill Willison  
 21 Dr. Homer Shrader  
 22 Mike Pfaff  
 24 Elaine Pendrick  
 28 Char Johnson  
 28 Nancy Finch  
 28 Chris Ritter



## September

2 Tom & Judith VanSyckle  
 2 Barb & Robert Schuster  
 3 Sharon & Leon Pinckney  
 7 Dwight & Janice Wheelock  
 9 Eldon & Ann Lutz

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*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](mailto:office@greenvillefumc.org)*

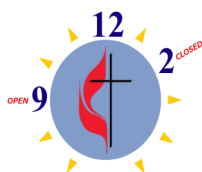


Happy 175th Anniversary of FUMC  
and the Burning of the Mortgage!



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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 Adam can be reached by email [pastor.adamwoods@gmail.com](mailto:pastor.adamwoods@gmail.com) phone, or text (616-236-9393).

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

**Submission Deadlines:** **Deadline** for the next Newsletter is **Tuesday, September 15**  
Please forward your submissions to the church office.

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