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PLEDGE SUNDAY This Sunday, November 19

On Sunday, November 12, our church voted to approve the proposed 2024 budget. This week a mailing was sent to our congregation with information on this budget, a letter from our interim pastor and a 2024 pledge card. During the worship service this coming Sunday, you will have an opportunity to bring your pledge card forward as an act of worship and support for the approved budget. If you forget your pledge card, there will be extra cards available in the pew pockets.

If you worship with us online or won't be at church in person on Sunday, there is an online pledge card available by clicking [here](#) or visiting our website.

NOMINEE TO FILL VACANT POSITION ON THE PASTOR SEARCH COMMITTEE

The Nominating Committee, in unanimous agreement, has selected Eric Wells as the nominee to fill the vacant position on the Pastor Search Committee. In accordance with our constitution and bylaws, the nominee will be presented to the church for a vote by ballot on Sunday, November 26 in the morning worship service. For your information, the other members who were elected on July 23 and are already serving on the Pastor Search Committee are: Gee Gee Carmarda, David Clyborne, Emory Hendrix, Carrie Mussman, Rebecca Register, and Larry Worley.



HANGING OF THE GREEN

**Sunday, December 3rd
5:00 pm in the Sanctuary**

The Youth Choir and Youth Handbell Choir will provide the music, along with carols and readings as we decorate our sanctuary for the Advent and Christmas season.

Everyone is invited to participate by helping to bring in the decorations for that service. There are signup sheets on the bulletin boards on the 2nd and 3rd floors across from the small elevator, you can click [here](#), or email Janice Hinnant at janice@esbcgreenville.org. Please sign-up so you can be a part of this special service!



CHURCH FAMILY 'POTLUCK' THANKSGIVING LUNCH

Sunday, November 26th

11:30 am in the Fellowship Hall

Your church family would like to share a Thanksgiving meal with you! Please join us for this churchwide celebration where we can share what we are thankful over some fantastic food. If you plan to attend, please sign up to bring an item at the link below. Please also consider picking up a recipe card from the 'Thankful' bulletin board on the second floor, by the library. Please fill out the card and display it with your dish. You never know, your wonderful dish might become a new holiday favorite for another family.

[November 26th Lunch](#)

AN UPDATE FROM THE DEACONS

The deacons met on Sunday, November 12 prior to the final congregational listening session. In this meeting, the deacons:

- prayed for each other and the church;
- discussed congregational concerns that had been expressed to individual deacons in prior weeks;
- agreed to continue publishing meeting summaries in the newsletter in order to keep the congregation informed of their work;
- discussed when and what the next steps will be after the final congregational listening session; and
- acknowledged that the Constitution and By-Laws may need to be revised to allow deacons to vote via email on minor issues. Any motions requiring significant discussion would still be included in in-person meetings, whether previously-scheduled or special-called.

JOIN US IN WORSHIP

Sunday, November 19th
10:30 am in the Sanctuary
Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost
Pledge Sunday

Anthem: *Find in Me a Thankful Heart* by the Sanctuary Choir

Scripture: 2 Corinthians 12:13-21; 9:6-15

Sermon: "\$5000 for Venezuela" by Gary Strickland

RECENTLY HOSPITALIZED

Thelma Huskey Brad Wilson

IN MEMORIAM

LINDA PICKEL

August 20, 1944 - November 10, 2023

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

Bill Hendrix and family upon the recent death of his son, Ted Hendrix.

ATTENDANCE REPORT

Week of November 12, 2023

Sunday School Attendance

On-Campus.....	167
Virtual.....	0
Total.....	167

Worship Attendance

On-Campus.....	218
*Virtual.....	129
Total.....	347

* Virtual refers to the total number of times the livestream has been viewed.

BUDGET REPORT

Report for November 5, 2023

Weekly Budget Requirements.....	\$28,873
Budget Gifts (this week)	\$22,150
Budget Requirements to Date.....	\$1,328,178
Budget Gifts to Date.....	\$1,061,027
Global Missions Offering.....	\$46,622

DEACON OF THE WEEK



Keith Merck is our deacon of the week. Keith was on the cradle roll at ESBC and was baptized in 1966. Keith married another long-time member Vicki Carlton in 1983. Keith is retired from Duke Energy - Oconee Nuclear Station. In addition to his role as deacon, Keith serves on the History Team, Nominating Committee, serves as an usher, and is a member of the Loaves and Fishes Sunday School class.

GLOBAL MISSIONS OFFERING

We are \$3,378 from meeting our missions goal of \$50,000 for 2023! You have done a great job is keeping the main thing a priority. Please remember to complete your pledge by year end, or give whatever you feel led to give and help us meet our goal.



COAT DRIVE WITH GREENVILLE CHURCH WITHOUT WALLS

We are once again partnering with Greenville Church Without Walls for their annual coat drive. We need new and gently used coats for children K5-5th grade girls and boys. These coats will be given to students at Grove Road Elementary School. Please have the coats at the church by Monday, December 4.

From the Minister of Music

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Youth Choir and Handbells—Festival By the Sea - If you haven't given me the \$25 deposit for Festival By the Sea, please get it to me by this Sunday. Thank you!