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OPERATION INASMUCH
Saturday, April 25th

Inspired by Gospel of Matthew 25:40 — “Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me” — Operation InAsMuch is all about turning our faith into action. This is a church-wide opportunity to step outside our walls and serve others in practical, meaningful ways.

This year, we are offering seven different service projects, giving everyone a chance to participate in a way that matches their gifts, interests, and abilities. Whether you enjoy hands-on work, encouraging others, organizing, cleaning, or building there is a place for you!

We will be serving Chick-fil-A biscuits at 8:00am. Please sign up for breakfast so we will have a good count for breakfast.

In the afternoon, we will host a cookout from 2:00–5:00 pm at a local apartment complex in partnership with The Church Without Walls. We encourage you to sign up for a morning service project and then join us for this special time of fellowship and outreach in the afternoon.

Please click the link below to view all available service opportunities and sign up. We look forward to serving together!

[OIAM Breakfast Reservations](#)

[OIAM Projects](#)

AN UPDATE FROM THE PASTOR SEARCH COMMITTEE

We have been recording, analyzing, and compiling all of the great data you provided during the Conversational Conversations on March 22. We are interviewing the current ministers and former staff to get their input on what makes our church unique and what they envision for our future. In addition, we are updating the Church Profile, based on the good work done by the previous committee. The Church Profile is due on April 26, when we will have an all afternoon “writing and review” session with CHC. At that session we will write the Pastor Profile, based on the information you shared.

Thank you for your faithfulness in the 40 days of prayer. Friday (April 10) will mark the half-way point, and we truly feel God at work. We hope you do too!

*“The goal I pursue is the prize of
God’s upward call in Christ Jesus.”*
Philippians 3:14

FREE WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER

Wednesday, April 15th
5:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall

The Kitchen Team would like to treat everyone to a free meal this Wednesday! Please register by noon on Monday, April 13th if you plan to attend so we can have an accurate count.

Main Entree
Beef Tips, Rice and Gravy, Lima Beans
Grilled Chicken Salad
Cheese or Pepperoni Pizza Entree

[Dinner Reservations](#)

XYZ MONTHLY MEETING AND MEAL

For All Senior Adults!

Thursday, April 23 at 11:00 pm*
Menu: Meatloaf, Macaroni and Cheese, Mixed Vegetables,
Strawberry Salad, Rolls and Apple Pie

“Celebrating Color in the Garden”

Our very own Master Gardeners Jan Hubble and Jan McKinney will share with you samples of garden beauty the Lord created! If you’d like to enjoy the lunch following the program, please sign up at the link below or call the church office.

[XYZ Reservations](#)

JOIN US IN WORSHIP

Sunday, April 12

9:30 am: Sunday School

10:15 am: Worship

Second Sunday of Easter // Children's Love Offering

Anthems: *In Christ Alone* by the Sanctuary Choir

Scripture: Psalm 78:1-8

Sermon Series: *From One Generation to Another*

Sermon: "The Church We're Becoming"
by Gary Strickland

MINISTER ON CALL

April 10-12

Gary Strickland
(605) 413-7908
gary@esbcgreenville.org

DEACON OF THE WEEK



Grey Register is our deacon of the week. Grey and his wife, Rebecca, joined Earle Street in 2017. They have 2 young children, Luke and Jack. He works in data science and analytics. Grey is a member of the Daily Bread Sunday School class. He serves in the preschool ministry, on the Mission Vision Council, and

is the liaison for the United Ministries and GOAL Justice teams.

ATTENDANCE REPORT

Worship Attendance

Sanctuary	227
Preschoolers and Children.....	22
Total.....	249
Online Views (as of 4/9/26)	138

BUDGET REPORT

Report for April 5, 2026

Weekly Budget Requirements.....	\$15,713
Budget Gifts (this week)	\$10,426
Budget Offering Requirements.....	\$219,977
Budget Gifts to Date	\$165,891
Global Missions Offering	\$9,265

AN UPDATE FROM THE COMMITTEE ON DEACON NOMINATIONS

Thank you to everyone who submitted nominations for the 2026 Deacon Election. There were 96 total nominations submitted. 36 individuals were nominated and all 36 are eligible to serve. The committee will continue their work and will provide more details concerning the election soon.



Sign up by May 3rd to pray for our Students and Adults heading to Look Up Lodge, Ecuador and the Bronx this summer!

SUMMER PRAYER PALS

We have an incredible summer ahead and would love for our entire church family to be part of it! This year, 35 from our church family are heading to Look Up Lodge, 20 will be serving in the Bronx, and 14 are traveling to Ecuador. Would you consider partnering with us in prayer by signing up to be a Summer Prayer Pal? Simply click below to sign up, and we'll match you with a student or adult and provide a short bio so you can be praying specifically for them throughout the summer.

We're also planning a special opportunity for you to connect! Join us on **Wednesday, May 20th for a combined Prayer Pal Mixer and Youth Grad Night**, where you'll (hopefully!) get to meet your student in person. Because some are participating in multiple trips, we need a total of 55 prayer pals. Even if you're going on a trip yourself, we'd love for you to sign up and pray for someone else too!

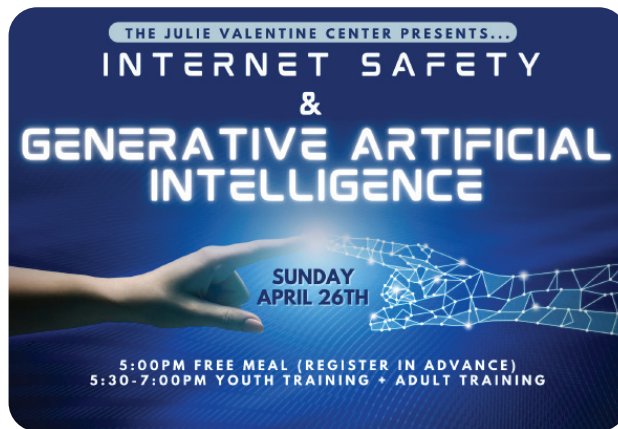
Become A Prayer Pal



CONTACT LUCY TO GET YOUR SITE!

SPRING CAMPING TRIP

Join us for our Spring Camping Trip at Lake Jocassee on May 15-17th! The cost for each campsite is \$100 for the weekend. We would love for you to join us. Let Lucy (lucy@esbcgreenville.org) know if you have any questions!



INTERNET SAFETY TRAINING

Sunday, April 26th

5:00 pm: Free Dinner (Please register below.)

5:30 - 7:00 pm: Training

The Julie Valentine Center will be leading our youth and adults through Internet Safety Training and Generative Artificial Intelligence. This training is open to youth and adults of all ages. Childcare will be provided if there is interest. More details about the facilitators is below. If you plan to join for the free meal before training, please sign up below. You may also call the church office at 864-233-5332.

Internet Safety Training



Krista Alessandrini has over 10 years of experience in children-centered trauma work, with a career rooted in advocacy and intervention. She began as a volunteer Guardian ad Litem and rape crisis advocate, later serving as a Juvenile Community Specialist with the Department of Juvenile Justice. There, she witnessed the strong link between childhood trauma and juvenile justice involvement, which inspired her transition to the Julie Valentine Center as the Child Advocacy Center Coordinator, where she manages daily operations, leads Multidisciplinary Team case staffing, and advocates for children impacted by sexual exploitation and trafficking.



Ashley Cure brings over 10 years of experience in specialized skills from case work and management within the Department of Social Services and now in public service at the Greenville County Sheriff's Office. Ashley has dedicated her career to the intersectionality of maintaining a career in public safety and social welfare. In her current role, Inv. Cure investigates crimes against children to include physical and sexual abuse. She also investigates adult sexual assault cases.



Carrie Walker Nettles has over twenty years of experience working with the children's ministries of multiple churches and as a child advocate with the Dee Norton Child Advocacy Center in Charleston, SC. Carrie traveled to General Theological Seminary to study with Jerome Berryman, developer of Godly Play, specifically working on a theology of the child and the spirituality of the child. Carrie completed her residency with the Spiritual Care department at Greenville Memorial Hospital. She worked across all units encountering various stages of trauma and recovery, specifically assigned to the children's hospital and pediatric psychiatric facility. She is a board-certified chaplain with the Association of Professional Chaplains and the Pediatric Chaplains Network. She has traveled the country teaching child protection professionals about the spiritual needs of the child and teaching faith leaders about the spiritual impact of abuse, the M.O. of religious sex offenders, excellent congregational prevention and response policies, and trauma-sensitive spiritual care. In December of 2016, The Julie Valentine Center hired Carrie to become the first staff chaplain serving a Child Advocacy Center.



40 DAYS OF PRAYER
March 22 - April 30

Will you commit to praying during our 40 Days of Prayer? You can access the daily prayers here or on our social pages, pick up a copy in the office or click below for the prayer guide.

Day 22 – April 12: “Thomas responded to Jesus, ‘My Lord and my God!’ Jesus replied, ‘Do you believe because you see me? Happy are those who don’t see and yet believe.’” (John 20:28-29) Count me among the happy, loving Christ. **Pray for endurance for the PSC as they patiently work through the search process, resisting the pull to rush to the finish line, instead having no timetable but God’s.**

Day 23 – April 13: “Peter and the apostles replied, ‘We must obey God rather than humans!’” (Acts 5:29) May we always remember that yours is the supreme authority, Adonai. We bow to no one but you. **Pray for God’s strength and guidance in the pastor’s former church.**

Day 24 – April 14: “If their plan or activity is of human origin, it will end in ruin. If it originates with God, you won’t be able to stop them.” (Acts 5:38-39) May we join you in your unstoppable work, O Christ. May we love as you love. **Pray that we would surrender all bitterness, division and anger within our church family; that God would empower us to love one another with a patient, forbearing love.**

Day 25 – April 15: “Praise God, all of you who are his messengers! Praise God, all of you who comprise his heavenly forces! Sun and moon, praise God! All of you bright stars, praise God!” (Psalm 148:2-3) **Pray that the future pastor and his/her family would feel peace and excitement about the opportunity to lead our church.**

Day 26 – April 16: “You have a pure and enduring inheritance that cannot perish—an inheritance that is presently kept safe in heaven for you.” (1 Peter 1:4) Lord, we thirst for what you have in store for us. May our hunger for the Kingdom drive us into loving action. **Pray that we will open our hearts as a congregation and decide that we are going to love our new pastor.**

Day 27 – April 17: “Although you’ve never seen him, you love him. Even though you don’t see him now, you trust him and so rejoice with a glorious joy that is too much for words.” (1 Peter 1:8) Attune our hearts to your nearness, O Christ. **Pray that the PSC will be diligent and thorough, wise and thoughtful as they identify and meet with potential candidates.**

Day 28 – April 18: “We are witnesses of everything he did, both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They killed him by hanging him on a tree, but God raised him up on the third day and allowed him to be seen, not by everyone but by us. We are witnesses whom God chose beforehand.” (Acts 10:39-41) Give us eyes to see your presence, Christ. **Pray that God is preparing a community of friends and neighbors for our next pastor and his/her family, that they would feel a powerful welcome and a deep sense of belonging.**

AN UPDATE FROM THE CHILDREN'S MINISTRY COUNCIL

The Children's Ministry Council has been discussing ways to better serve both our children and our incredible volunteers. As a result, we are excited to share that we are restructuring our Sunday classes. Moving from four classes to three will provide greater flexibility for our volunteers while creating more opportunities for children to grow and connect together.

One of the most exciting changes is moving the Babies–2K class from the back hall into Room 103. We're thrilled to bring our youngest children closer to the rest of the ministry and all the fun! We've been working to create more welcoming, home-like, and playful spaces for the children—and we're not done yet! There will continue to be more fun happening on the 1st floor!

The restructuring began Easter Sunday and went so smoothly! All 22 children and 8 volunteers enjoyed celebrating our Risen King!

Feeling left out of all the fun? We have room for you! There are so many ways you can support and serve the Children's Ministry. Contact children@esbcgreenville.org to learn more.



1st Floor

Room 103: Babies - 2K

Room 102: 3K-5K

Room 101 A/B: 1st - 5th Grade

Room 101 C: Children's Worship

Every 1st & 3rd Sunday of the Month.

Room 100: Preschool Choir

