



"Connection"

Canned Thanksgiving



November 7

24th Sunday after

Pentecost

"If I'm Being Honest"

Ruth 3: 1-5; 4: 13-17



November 14

25th Sunday after

Pentecost

"My Calling to Serve"

Jeremiah 1: 4-10



November 21

Christ the King Sunday

Missions Sunday

"So All May Know"

1 Kings 8: 56-61



November 28

1st Sunday of Advent

Sermon Series:

"Won't You Be My

Neighbor?"

"It All Starts With Love"

John 1: 1-34

Mark 12: 28-34



If you've sat down to a Thanksgiving dinner before, you've probably been exposed to the activity of going around the table to name something for which you are thankful. As a kid, we'd do this with our little family of four, along with any immediate relatives who happened to travel in that year. As the youngest in the family, it was always up to me to go first. I'm not sure if this was a privilege extended to me as if I'd won some form for family lottery that I wasn't aware of, or if it was just everyone else's way of making sure that they had a few extra seconds to come up with something that they were (1) willing to share out loud, and (2) would make them look extra thankful! But there I was with not one moment to prepare: *"Brian, what are you thankful for?"*

I don't recall what my answers were, but I suspect it was probably something as profound as "family" or "my friends." Don't get me wrong, it's not that those topics of gratitude are any less deserving of being named, but they felt so canned! It's like asking a kid what they're favorite part of school is and they answer, "recess!" It's true, I'm sure, but we were looking for something a bit more...original.

And so, I'd blurt out my answer, "family," only to be outdone by the next answer that recalled the memorable family trip from earlier that summer! Constantly being outdone in my gratitude, I was determined one day to have a big family so that I could be the last one to express my thanksgiving at the Thanksgiving table and bring the masses to tears with my thoughtful response!

Do you see the twist coming?

Now, as the adult and parent, I am oldest in our household (by 3 months, mind you). It's MY turn to look on as others nervously name their thanksgiving, all the while knowing that I'd be the last to go with the most touching, creative answer! I look around the table as our kids, one by one, name what they're thankful for, and then, finally, it's my turn. My answer: "Family."

After 30 years of waiting for the opportunity to come up with a blow-'em-out-of-the-water answer, and I come up with the same canned answer that I did when I was young enough to still need an apron to eat a decidedly "messy" dinner. What gives!?

What I think happened was this: the answer of "family" or "friends" – or any answer that might feel canned – was never really just a rote answer, but was instead an answer I didn't fully understand until I grew older. "Family" was and is a perfectly good answer to the question, *what are you thankful for?* I just didn't know it yet.

This November, or whenever you're able to join others for a Thanksgiving dinner, remember that gratitude is not about outdoing one another in our thanksgiving, but seeing the value and meaning in the things that might otherwise go unnoticed.

What are you thankful for?

~Pastor Brian



FOR THE HOMEBOUND:

Marge Berryman
Woody Woodbeck

OUR CHURCH FAMILY:

Gary Atchison
Donna Brookins
Cheryl Cottrell
Becky Doran
Al Grain
Rosie Grain
Eleanor Hall
Dick Hubler
Mary Manning
Paul Manning
Eileen Scott

FOR OTHERS:

Don Baxter
Kim Brown
Deanna Cook

Tony Conklin
Cynthia Crawford
Shelia Dirrim
Jeanne Dobs
Alexandra Faulkner
Betsy Fisher
Donald Gibson
Wendell Griffus
Colin Harper
Chris Hayes
Scott Haze
Lynn Hunt
Scott Jawors
Whitney Jensen
Robert Koerkel, Sr.
Michael Lackey
Jay Latimer
Kathy Latimer
Barb Lott
Doug Lott
Gerry Moody
Wayne Nixon
Laura O'Neill
AJ Ozanich
Rachel Ozanich
Carl Pate

Mark Phillips
Naomi Rimmell
Thomas Sadler
Betty Shimel
Connie Skinner
Eleanor Smith
Jeff Sumerix
Donna Van Orden
Barb Wickersham
Sunny Wilson
Jim Winn
Sharon Woodard
Kevin Yoss
George Zanca

Autumn Ridge of Clarkston
Shirley Robertson
Great Lakes Christian Home
Helen Floyd



C.A.R.E. Team

Our C.A.R.E. Team is ready and willing to contact you or anyone you

know who could benefit from a phone call or card or whatever it is that would help them with what they (or you) might be dealing with today.

Feel free to contact them at care.team@grandblancumc.org



If you would like to receive prayer concern emails from the church, please contact the church office at office@grandblancumc.org.



**Pastor Brian's
Drop-In Online Bible Study**

10-11am Every Thursday

No start date or end date. Just come and join us!

A weekly Bible Study lead by Pastor Brian for everyone who has ever wanted to take a closer look at Scripture. Drop-in anytime you want!

Contact the Church office for more information and how to join the Zoom gatherings
office@grandblancumc.org or (810)694-9040



**Daylight Saving
Time ends on
Sunday,
November 7 at
2:00 a.m.**



All Saints Sunday

Was celebrated on Sunday, October 31, 2021

We recognized the following individuals:

Ed Ferguson

Bonnie Grenier

Ellen Hansen

Phil Jackson

Robert Sharpe



Marilyn Alarie

Rita Brackrog

Dan Brudnak

Hank Cross

Richard Davis

Bill Grover

Barbara Hansen

Cathy Hubler

Michael Messmore

Kay Mueller

Sharon Reigle

Elena Trinidad

Jean Tyckoski





FOCUSING ON FAITH: A Daily Video Devotional Created by Pastor Brian West.



Be sure to subscribe and share. These videos will also be available on the GBUMC YouTube channel.

Seasoned Citizens

Thursday, Nov. 11

Noon



Food Drive is Here Again!

The Outreach Committee is sponsoring a fall food collection to benefit FISH. We would like to involve our entire church family in this annual effort. Flyers will be passed out after both church services on Sunday, Nov. 7 and 14 and will include a list of suggested items. Please use one of your bags to bring the items back to the church. Filled bags should be returned by Nov. 21.



Food Donations

Suggested items: tuna, stew or other canned meat products, peanut butter and jelly, pancake mix and syrup, macaroni and cheese, canned pork & beans, regular and chunky soups, dish soap, laundry detergent, canned fruit, spaghetti sauce, toilet tissue, Kleenex, shampoo and deodorant.

Thank you in advance, for your generous participation.

Jr. High & Sr. High News!

Youth Group Sunday—Nov. 21

We will meet after the 11:00am worship service. There will be an informational gathering about ASP, and then we will have a lunch. The Jr High will be sharing God's love by making blankets for the shelter, and the Sr High will share God's love by packing SOS boxes for the college students.

We hope you will join us!



Please feel free to contact the church office if you do not have internet and would like to receive weekly devotional materials in the mail.

November 28

United Methodist Student Day

On Sunday, November 28th there will be a special offering taken for United Methodist Student Day. Your support helps United Methodist students who don't have the resources to attend a school of their choice with Gift of Hope college scholarships. Envelopes will be provided for your convenience.



This offering helps provide over 70 scholarships available for United Methodist students to further their education and enrich the life of the Church. The fund is administered by the [General Board of Higher Education and Ministry](#). When you support United Methodist Student Day your gift enriches ministry and connects students to their faith and your gift transforms lives through education.

Altar Flowers

11/07 Wise
 11/14 Hubler &
 Campbell
 11/21
 11/28



There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board next to the prayer room, or feel free to call or email the office to order flowers for the Sunday of your choice. Flower arrangements are \$15.00 each from Grand Blanc Florist and you may take them home following the 11:00am worship service. Your name and who the arrangement is in honor/memory of will be listed in the Sunday bulletin.

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Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthday Wishes

1st Traci Russell,
 Alexander Woodbeck
 4th Tammy Martin
 6th Matt Briscoe, Shirley Crane (93),
 Celia Southworth (84)
 8th John Cumming, Lee Jackson (86)
 9th Ethan Norris
 10th Henry Hagenstein
 11th Jim Wise
 12th Thomas Cook, Eryn Holtz
 13th David Sanborn, Shirley Wheeler
 14th Brian Rice
 15th Cassidy Campbell, Alexis Stack
 16th Nathan Bendall
 17th Marjorie Berryman (97)
 18th Laurie Tritten, Emily Williams

19th Chad Ivan
 21st Mary Manning
 24th Carol Capell
 25th Jenna Sanborn, Bob Tritten
 27th Steven Cottrell
 29th Wanda Roberts



Anniversary Blessings

2nd Cathy & Jeff Mitchinson (30)
 8th Shannon & John Cumming
 15th Jan & Thomas Pettit
 18th Angela & Kevin Cook
 19th Donna & Dick Hubler (61)



Join us for refreshments
 and conversation
 Sunday mornings @ 10a

11/07 Youth
 11/14 The Luttons
 11/21 Education
 11/28 Trustees

Special Coffee Hour:

Sunday, December 5
 At 10:00 a.m.

Stop in to Celebrate Donna
 Hedding's 80th Birthday!!



11:00am Worship Ushers

1st Sunday Jim Wise
 2nd Sunday Virginia Sullivan
 3rd Sunday Bob & Barb Mills
 4th Sunday Dennis Brudnak

COUNTERS

11/07 Carol Cerny, Dave Russell
 11/14 Tom Cerny, Jim Wise
 11/21 Jim Scrimger, Nick Federici
 11/28 Carol Capell, Jim Bunker,
 Ron Blakemore

ASP 2022!! Yes, we are once again planning a mission trip through the Appalachia Service Project!! We will have a gathering here at the church on Sunday, Nov. 21 following the 11:00am worship service to talk to anyone who might be interested in attending or anyone that would like more information. This life changing experience is open to anyone who will have finished 8th grade through those graduating from high school in 2022. We are requesting that anyone participating in this mission trip be vaccinated against COVID-19. We will be departing for Appalachia on Sunday, July 3 and will return on Saturday, July 9, 2022.



Grand Blanc United Methodist Church
 Building and Roof Mortgage Summary

MORTGAGE BALANCE (as of 09-30-21)

Mortgage Balance with UMF = \$169,247.57
 Mortgage Reserve Fund Balance (as of 09-30-21) = \$13,755.89
 Roof Reserve Fund Balance (as of 09-30-21) = \$16,434.90

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 Cathy Mitchinson, Office Administrator
 Angela Campbell, Office Assistant
 Dr. Lee Pelton, Organist/Choir Director
 Gary Brandt, 9:00 Music Director/Director of Common Grace
 Nancy Petrie, Bell Choir Director



GRAND BLANC UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

FRIENDS IN CHRIST EXERCISING
 LOVE, HOPE AND GRACE TO
 ENRICH ALL LIVES



The Prayer Shawl group meets in the parking lot once a week. They look at the weather and choose the best day. If you are interested in joining them contact the church office for details.

Pastor @ Panera

Every Tuesday from 10am to noon. Prayer, Chat, Advice or a listening ear. All are welcome. Invite your friends to stop by to meet Pastor Brian.



DEVOTIONAL MATERIALS AVAILABLE

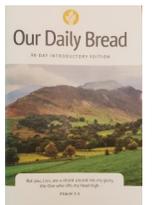
Along with The Upper Room, we will now be offering copies of Our Daily Bread. While we receive The Upper Room for a small fee, Our Daily Bread is a free publication.

We will continue to offer both and we encourage you to try them to see if one of them would be something that would benefit you.

Our current copies of The Upper Room, provide daily devotionals for September and October and we have both large print and regular print copies. Our Daily Bread has provided to us with 90-day introductory editions and then we will begin to receive dated editions.



If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the office.



S.O.S - Support Our Students

Fall is here and we have resumed our SOS (support our students) program. All of your students have sponsors. Thank you to everyone who has signed up to sponsor our students!

Youth Group will be collecting goods for SOS boxes sent out late November, please have your donations here by Sunday, November 14. A collection box will be located in the Narthex. Suggested donations for these boxes: individually wrapped food (snack bars, microwave popcorn, candy -get that leftover Halloween candy out of your house!-, hot cocoa, gum, crackers, etc.) school supplies (pens, pencils, highlighters, sticky notes, etc.) and personal supplies (little Kleenex packages, chapstick, etc.). Please do not donate any liquids. Thank you for your support of this important ministry.



Susannah/Rebekah

Circle will meet on

Wednesday, November 17

at 10:00 a.m.

in Fellowship Hall.