



"Connection"

Church-and-Rescue (Get it?!)

May 1

3rd Sunday of Easter

Sermon Series:

"Love Languages"

"Quality Time"

Luke 10: 38-42

May 8

4th Sunday of Easter

Mother's Day

Festival of the

Christian Home

"The Many Moms"

Matthew 20: 20-28

May 15

5th Sunday of Easter

Sermon Series:

"Love Languages"

"Receiving Gifts"

Matthew 7: 7-11

May 22

6th Sunday of Easter

Sermon Series:

"Love Languages"

"Acts of Service"

John 14: 8-11

May 29

7th Sunday of Easter

Sermon Series:

"Love Languages"

"Physical Touch"

John 9: 1-11

In 2007, Arthur Allen, an oceanographer and member of the United States Coast Guard, put into practice an improved model of maritime search and rescue that became known as Search and Rescue Optimal Planning System (SAROPS). Say that three times fast! This was a result of nearly a decade of work studying the push and pull of bodies of water on everything from distressed swimmers and kayaks, to lost-at-sea ships and even aircraft. What became known as "Drift Analysis," Arthur was able to bring great improvement to a process of search and rescue that, though already underway in its earliest form, would ultimately benefit immensely from the changes he proposed. To be fair, though, Arthur's proposed changes were not welcomed by all, especially those who believed that the many years old processes of search and rescue were "good enough."

Now, you might suspect that my purpose in sharing this story is to say that we can't always do things the way we always have because new ways can be a great improvement, etc...etc. While there is a great amount of truth to that, my focus is rather on the boldness and innovation demonstrated by Arthur Allen, hardly a household name, to dedicate his life's work to exploring better ways of finding those who were lost at sea. He believed that, while there was merit to the original practices of search and rescue, there might be better and more successful ways of saving the lost.

See where this is going?

We all get to be a version of Arthur Allen for Christ's church, don't we? Many of us remember times, not all that long ago, when it seemed as though you could just open the church doors and people would show up, connect, join the church, and spend lifetimes as part of the congregation. As time has passed, we've learned that it doesn't really work like that, anymore. There are a variety of reasons for this, some of which are actually really good, but that's a topic for another book – or volumes of them.

And so, now we have to look at the vast waters of the community in which we live and serve as a church and ask ourselves, how can we, like Arthur Allen, search the waters differently for the lost. With our journey of 1800 feet to the street a few weeks ago on Palm Sunday, we begin the work of building meaningful and lasting relationships with the Grand Blanc community. While it may not be search and rescue, so to speak, it is a process of boldly and creatively declaring that we can, in fact, build upon what we've done in the past to discover effective ways of gospel sharing, relationship building, and church growing.

Join me, won't you, as we survey the waters around us, learn more about how the waters flow, and discover those adrift, so that we might serve, love, and demonstrate the grace of God to the world around us.

Peace,

Pastor Brian



In our prayers

FOR THE HOMEBOUND:

Marge Berryman
Eleanor Hall

OUR CHURCH FAMILY:

Cheryl Billings
Donna Brookins
Dennis Brudnak
Stan Chwojnicky
Cheryl Cottrell
Lisa England
Joyce Halter
Mary Manning
Paul Manning
Eileen Scott
Richard Smith
Norma Stanbury

FOR OTHERS:

Erin Arbabha
Hudson Bennett
Nancy Bilas
Kim Brown
Roger Carter
Deanna Cook
Tony Conklin
Betty Crawford
Cynthia Crawford
Shelia Dirrim
Betsy Fisher
Judy Fisher
Alea Gardner
Wendell Griffus
Robert Hall
Emily Harder
Dave Jones
Sherry Jurva
Andrea King
Jeffrey King
Jay Latimer
Kathy Latimer
Barb Lott
Doug Lott

Lisa McGehee
Bob Medlyn
Bill Mortimer
AJ Ozanich
Rachel Ozanich
Jennifer Prim
Eleanor Smith
Bettie Stach
Ed Truhan
Linda Vincil
George Zanca

Shirley Crane

Abbey Park
3221 East Baldwin Rd, #239
Grand Blanc, MI 48439

Shirley Robertson

Autumn Ridge of Clarkston
5700 Water Tower Place
Room 104B
Clarkston, MI 48346

Jeanne Dobes

Symphony Linden
202 S. Bridge Street
Linden, MI 48451



~ we extend our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Barb Watkins, who passed away on March 28. Barb is the long-time partner of Jessica Smith's father.

~ we extend our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Wayne Nixon, who passed away on April 10. Wayne is Bev Atchison's father.

FEED THE BUS for F.I.S.H.

Saturday, May 21, 2022
9am to 3pm



Grand Blanc High School Parking Lot
(11920 S. Saginaw St.)



Items needed: Cereal, canned and boxed meals, hygiene products, toilet paper, Kleenex, laundry and cleaning supplies



A couple hosted their Pastor for dinner. After he left, a spoon was missing. Could the Pastor have taken it? This bothered them constantly. A year later the Pastor returned for dinner. Unable to help herself, the wife asked if he had taken the spoon? The Pastor replied, "I put the spoon in your Bible!"

Thank you to Bob Fraile for sharing this with us!



We have started up our Card Ministry again! Please take a moment to stop by the bulletin board in the hallway outside of the office. You will find a variety of cards that you are welcome to help yourself to, or feel free to use a card that you might have at home. Then, if you would, please tear off the name and address of someone on our list and send them a card! So easy, anyone can do it!. Please contact Carol Cerny or the church office, if you have any questions.

Native American Ministries Sunday May 1, 2022

Through Native American Ministries Sunday, we're able to equip and empower Native American pastors, congregations and seminary students to authentically worship and serve Jesus. As a member of The United Methodist Church, your gift, on this day, equips Native congregations to worship and serve as only they can. This work, and hundreds of other ministries, are possible because you give. Native American Ministries Sunday is an UMCOR project in the United States

Our giving allows Native Americans to encounter, worship and serve Jesus. When you support Native American Ministries Sunday, you equip seminary students who will honor and celebrate Native American culture in their ministries. And you empower congregations that are finding fresh new ways to minister to their communities with the love of Christ.

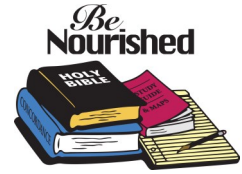
Please give generously to the Native American Ministries on Sunday May 1st. If you donate online please donate under the Native American Ministries Sunday tab. THANK YOU!



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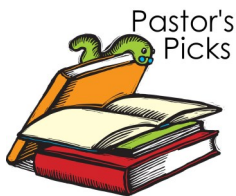
Pastor's Picks!

Each month Pastor Brian will be offering his "Pastor's Picks." He will offer a book recommendation. This book could be one that he is highlighting in his sermon series, one that goes with the current church season, or one that is just a good book to read. In addition, he will be "picking" a video too. These videos can be viewed for free using Amplify Media (see the article below on how to use Amplify Media). Hope you enjoy.

May 2022 picks:

Book:

"The 5 Love Languages: The Secret to Love that Lasts"
By Gary Chapman



Video:

"Love To Stay" By Adam Hamilton
A 6-part video series



NOW
Available

AMPLIFY
MEDIA

Have you checked out Amplify yet?
Amplify is a multimedia platform, like NETFLIX, but with thousands of Christian videos you can use for study, reflection, worship and inspiration. I will be including different Lenten suggestions in the weekly church emails.

Amplify has videos that can be used in your small groups, Bible studies and, of course, in your own personal faith journey. You can access all these videos anytime and on almost any device, including on your TV using Roku.

To access your FREE Amplify account, just follow these simple steps:

Go to: <https://my.amplifymedia.com>

Enter our Access Code: **pzybg**

(You will be asked to create your own login name and password)

If you have any questions, our church Amplify team is here to help. Feel free to get in touch with me and I will be more than happy to answer any questions.

We will be recognizing our 2022 high school graduates on Sunday, June 5, 2022. Graduates/parents will be contacted with details and a request for information and a photo. If you or your graduate have not been contacted by May 8, please contact the Christian Education office.



Our last day of Sunday School for this school year will be Sunday, May 22. Sunday School will resume in September 2022.

Summer Fun!! Our version of "VBS"



will be held on July 13, 20 & 27. More details to come!!! Watch future newsletters, announcements and emails.

Friends in Christ!

As a church, we are profoundly blessed by the ministry and work of a number of staff members who continue to support and organize the many ministries of this church. GBUMC's Staff Parish Relations Committee (SPRC) would like to invite you to join us in celebrating their wonderful work by helping us celebrate a week of Staff Appreciation. **For the week that begins on Sunday, May 15, 2022, the SPRC is inviting everyone to find meaningful and unique ways to express our appreciation to our wonderful staff here at the church.** While these expressions of appreciation can be shown through monetary gifts such as gift cards, that is certainly not the only way!

Perhaps consider some of these ideas, as well:

- ♦ A card or a letter of appreciation
- ♦ Drawings or artwork from children
- ♦ A homemade gift
- ♦ A dozen cookies
- ♦ And many more...



It is entirely up to you how you wish to express your appreciation. We hope that you'd find time, especially during this special week to celebrate and give thanks for the wonderful addition each of them are to our church staff and family.

Our Wonderful Staff

Cathy Mitchinson

Office Administrator



Nancy Petrie

Bell Choir Director

Gary Brandt

*9am Worship Music Director &
"Common Grace"*

Angela Campbell

*Director of Christian Education &
Webmaster*

If you're wondering why Pastor Brian isn't included, that is because we will have a time to celebrate his work and ministry during Pastor Appreciation time, typically held in October of each year. For now, we want to focus on the invaluable ministry of our staff members.

SPRING CLEAN-UP

Sunday, May 15 @ Noon

Bring your rakes, leaf blowers, chainsaws, clippers, tarps, ropes, shovels, brooms and enthusiasm!!!



*Spring
Clean-up!*



Our Summer Worship Schedule will begin on Sunday, June 12, 2022. We will have one worship service at 10:00a.m. through Sunday, September 4, 2022.

ASP 2022

Our mission group, working through the Appalachia Service Project will be serving in Harlan County, Kentucky from July 4 through July 9.



Facts about Harlan County, KY: Population: 26,699
36.2% of the population lives below the poverty level
42.2% of children live below the poverty level
Within Harlan County, 39 homes do not have full plumbing, 29 homes are without a full kitchen and 25 homes do not have a heat source.

Next Meeting for team members is May 15 @ Noon

Jarring Grace...What is it?

We look forward to “Jarring Grace” being an interactive way we can actively appreciate and support our business community, schools, governmental units and the list goes on.

We plan on taking a passive approach and the concept is quite simple....



- We put together jars of treats
- We take the treats to the designated businesses, schools, governmental units, etc.
- We introduce ourselves and give the gift of treats, thank them for what they do, let them know we appreciate them and are here if there is ever a need.
- The same person commits to going to the same place(s) each month as a way to continue appreciating, nurturing a relationship and letting people know who and where we are.

How can I help?

THERE ARE MANY WAYS TO HELP!

- Donate wrapped candy.
- Donate jars (no bigger than quart size).
- Help assemble the jars.
- Help deliver the gifts each month (we hope to have the same person deliver to the same locations, the number of deliveries is up to you).
- Bring ideas!

“Brothers and sisters, in this season of Lent when we turn our attention to our common humanity, let us reflect on the reality that we are all in need of God’s grace, we are all in need of one another’s kindness, and to care for ourselves as well as others is Christian!”

Pastor Brian West

Like to make people feel welcome?
Like to share that smile in your heart?
Be a “Greeter”!

Greeters are needed for both worship services to welcome all who come through our doors. We help visitors learn about GBUMC, enjoy greeting old friends and meeting new friends in Christ. Greeters can sign up for either one or both Sunday services, on regular rotation or as a sub. A signup sheet is available on the table in the Narthex or call or email Tom Cerny to learn more or to sign up. 810-252-6943

tomcerny1@aol.com.

PS—We’ll help you get comfortable with the role and equip you with the tools (aka information) so you can respond to questions or know who to introduce the person to, based on their interests.



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



Have you considered becoming a member of Grand Blanc U.M.C.? We have just the thing!!! Pastor Brian will be offering membership classes on the third Sunday of every month. No need to sign-up for these one-time, 45 minute gatherings! Just meet in the Narthex at 10:00am. Our next opportunity will be on Sunday, May 15, 2022.





05/01 Tritten
05/08 Wolfgram
05/15
05/22 Campbell
05/29

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.

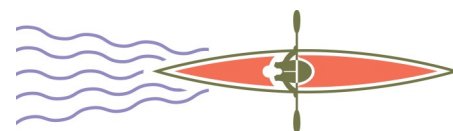


Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthday Wishes

1st Christopher Dutton
2nd Jordan Mickens
3rd Adriana Lock
4th Gregg Mueser
5th Marilyn Federici,
Craig Fiederlein,
Carole Hitchens
6th Jennifer Lengyel, Dawn Magiera,
Jeff Mitchinson
7th Erwin Rimmell, Vera Stuckey (95)
8th Bayleigh Ivan
10th Conlan Mueser
11th Karl Martin,
Shirley Robertson (93)
12th Ronald Fitch (83)
13th Margaret Cramer (80)
14th Cheryl Billings
15th Laurie Del Pino
16th Roger Colby, Luann Griffus,
Cameron Roth

17th Brent Roberts
19th Graham Holtz, Shar Ringlein
24th Bill Prim
25th Brad Griffus, Leah Hagenstein
26th Ryan Anderson
30th Angela Campbell
31st Anna Roth



Anniversary Blessings

12th Deb & Frank Skinner (15)
13th Jennifer & Jason Lengyel
18th RaeDeane & Randy Middleton
21st Becky & Matthew Anderson
22nd Angela & Eric Campbell,
Vicki & Brian Greelees (40)
25th Lynette & Gregg Mueser
31st Rebecca & Brendan Brinn



Join us for refreshments and conversation Sunday mornings @ 10a. Volunteers are needed.

Sign-up in the hallway or contact the office!

05/01
05/08 How about you?
05/15
05/22
05/29



11:00am Worship Ushers

1st Sunday Jim Wise
2nd Sunday Virginia Sullivan
3rd Sunday Bob & Barb Mills
4th Sunday Gary Bendall
5th Sunday Sallie Farrell

COUNTERS

05/01 Jessica Smith, Carol Cerny
05/08 Tom Cerny, Jim Wise
05/15 Jim Bunker, Tom Cerny
05/22 Carol Capell, Ron Blakemore
05/29 Jessica Smith, Carol Cerny

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.

Be sure to check out Pastor Brian's daily devotionals on our YouTube Channel: Grand Blanc UMC

Grand Blanc United Methodist Church
Building and Roof Mortgage Summary

MORTGAGE BALANCE (as of 03-31-22)



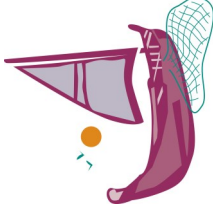

Mortgage Balance with UMF = \$137,249.17

Mortgage Reserve Fund Balance (as of 03-31-22) = \$12,209.52

Roof Reserve Fund Balance (as of 03-31-22) = \$16,484.90



MAY 2022

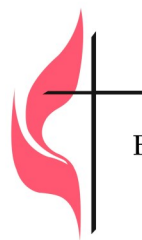
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Native Amer. Min. COMMUNION 9a Gathering in the Spirit 10a J.A.M./Sunday Sch 11a Traditional Worship Noon: Outdoor Cleanup	2 6p F.H. in use	3 10a Pastor @ Panera 10a Yoga 6:30p Yoga	4 10a Prayer Group 10a Prayer Shawl 5p Chancel Choir 6p F.H. in use 6:30p Celebration Ringers	5 9a Just Finish It! 10a Drop-In Bible Study	6 10a Men's Coffee 6p F.H. in use 7p Al Anon	7 10a O.A. 10a Yoga
8 MOTHER'S DAY 9a Gathering in the Spirit 10a J.A.M./Sunday Sch 11a Traditional Worship	9 6p F.H. in use 6p Outreach 7p Ad Council via Zoom	10 10a Pastor @ Panera 10a Yoga 6:30p Yoga	11 10a Prayer Group 10a Prayer Shawl 5p Chancel Choir 6p F.H. in use	12 10a Drop-In Bible Study Noon Seasoned Citizens	13 10a Men's Coffee 6p F.H. in use 7p Al Anon	14 9a Boys/Girls Club 10a O.A. 10a Yoga 1p Home Plate 2022
15 9a Gathering in the Spirit 10a J.A.M./Sunday Sch 10a New Member Class 11a Traditional Worship Noon ASP Meeting	16 6p F.H. in use	17 10a Pastor @ Panera 10a Yoga 6:30p Yoga 7p Education via Zoom	18 10a UMW Circle 10a Prayer Shawl 5p Chancel Choir 6p F.H. in use	19 9a Just Finish It! NO Bible Study	20 10a Men's Coffee 6p F.H. in use 7p Al Anon	21 10a O.A. 10a Yoga
22 9a Gathering in the Spirit 10a J.A.M./Sunday Sch 10a Trustee Meeting 11a Traditional Worship	23 6p F.H. in use	24 10a Pastor @ Panera 10a Yoga 6:30p Yoga	25 10a Prayer Group 10a Prayer Shawl 5p Chancel Choir 6p F.H. in use	26 10a Drop-In Bible Study	27 10a Men's Coffee 6p F.H. in use 7p Al Anon	28 10a O.A. 10a Yoga 11a Wedding
29 9a Gathering in the Spirit 10a J.A.M./Sunday Sch 11a Traditional Worship	30 MEMORIAL DAY! Church office is closed	31 10a Pastor @ Panera 10a Yoga 6:30p Yoga				

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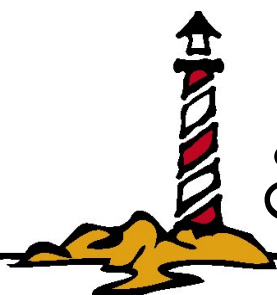
Rev. Brian West, Pastor
Cathy Mitchinson, Office Administrator
Angela Campbell, Director of Christian Education
and Webmaster

Gary Brandt, 9:00 Music Director/Director of Common Grace
Mike Yaros, 11:00 Music Director/Director of Chancel Choir
Nancy Petrie, Bell Choir Director



GRAND BLANC UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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



Seasoned Citizens

Thursday, May 12

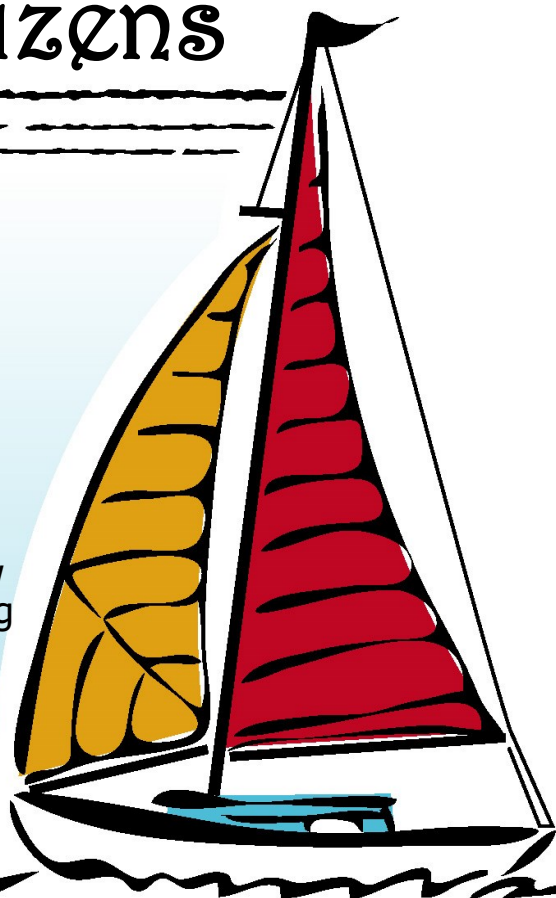
Gather at noon for coffee and fellowship

12:25 Devotion and prayer

12:30 Potluck Lunch

1:10pm Program (TBD)

This is our special get together where we hold our annual collection for F.I.S.H. of Grand Blanc. We know that this is an honorable community organization doing good work. With this in mind, hopefully you will all seek to contribute as you can either via a contribution in person on May 12, or by cash or check near that date. Please make checks payable to F.I.S.H. Donna Hedding will collect them and deliver them to F.I.S.H.



Boys and Girls Clubs of Greater Flint Spring Clean-Up & Volunteer Day

Saturday, May 14, 2022

9:00 a.m. to 1:00 a.m.

3701 N. Averill Ave.

Pastor Brian will meet you there!

Contact the Church office if you are willing
to lend a hand!

(so that we can let them know how many to expect)

office@grandblancumc.org

810-694-9040

U.M.W. Circles

Picnic at the church

Wednesday, May 18

At 10:00 a.m.

All are welcome!

