



The Grand Blanc UMC "Connection"

July, 2022



July 3

4th Sunday after Pentecost

"Keep It Simple"

Mark 12: 30-31

Bob Mills, Guest Speaker



July 10

5th Sunday after Pentecost

COMMUNION

ASP Sunday

"Rooted in Love"

John 15: 4



July 17

6th Sunday after Pentecost

Sermon Series:

"Who's That Now?"

"Hosea"

Hosea 11:9, 14: 4-7



July 24

7th Sunday after Pentecost

Sermon Series:

"Who's That Now?"

"Micah"

Micah 3: 1-12



July 31

8th Sunday after Pentecost

Sermon Series:

"Who's That Now?"

"Malachi"

Malachi 3: 1-18

"Preparing the Way"

Beginning in 1958, my grandparents, Melvin and Jane West, began renting a summer cottage in Oak Bluffs, Massachusetts, a small town on Martha's Vineyard island. As school teachers, they'd take a majority of the summer to travel out there with my dad and uncle in the car's backseat. They'd spend days on the beach with friends, old and new. After two summers of doing this, my grandparents were presented with the possibility of buying a cottage in the historical campground. With the help of some friends, they purchased a small cottage at 4 Forest Circle for \$1,800. The cottage which is now nicknamed, "Reunion," was first built in the 1860's and maintains the essence of that initial design today. Nearly 100 years after this cottage began making memories for families before us, it has, for the last 62 years, been a place for retreat and reunion for the West family.

As you read this article, Stephanie, the kids and I are getting back from a 9 day visit to the Martha's Vineyard cottage and a reunion with my dad's side of our family. As I'm writing this, it occurs to me that my grandparents, their sons, their grandchildren, and now their great-grandchildren have all enjoyed this place, and will continue to for years – even generations.

I reflect on this, not to suffer you though someone else's vacation stories (who doesn't love *that?*), but to ask a meaningful question: *are we always aware of the fact that our decisions and actions will have an impact on generations to come?* That sounds more ominous that it is intended, but I suspect you get my point. Did my grandparents have any idea that their real estate purchase would become a special – even spiritual – place for our family? Did they know that we'd build memories with our kids there? Did they know that ashes of our beloved would become part of the ground on which the cottage sits? Did they know that other families would begin their own traditions on Martha's Vineyard because of that space? I suspect that they did know, and I suspect they'd be pleased to know it *worked!*

The decisions we make today, as well as the actions we take today as a church, are not only accomplishing ministry and mission in the here and now, but preparing the way for the church (the Body of Christ) that will come after each of us. You see, ministry is rarely looking back at what was (or what we perceive to have been), but rather looking forward. At times, it requires us to take a leap of faith. At other times, it requires us to change. If we're willing to take steps to set the stage for the church to come, we are, in a very real way, preserving the faith.

Amen.
Pastor Brian





FOR THE HOMEBOUND:

Marge Berryman
Eleanor Hall

OUR CHURCH FAMILY:

Donna Brookins
Dennis Brudnak
Eric Campbell
Roma Corey
Cheryl Cottrell
Lisa England
Paul Manning
Eileen Scott

FOR OTHERS:

Emily Abbott
Erin Arbabha
Hudson Bennett
Nancy Bilas
Kim Brown
Roger Carter
Tony Conklin
Charlie Cook
Patricia Crawfis
Betty Crawford
Shelia Dirrim
Betsy Fisher
Judy Fisher
Alea Gardner
Wendell Griffus
Emily Harder

Dave Jones
Sherry Jurva
Andrea King
Jeffrey King
Jay Latimer
Kathy Latimer
Barb Lott
Doug Lott
Lisa McGehee
Bill Mortimer
Duane Peruski
Jennifer Prim
Eleanor Smith
Bettie Stach
Ed Truhan
Linda Vincil



~ We extend our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Shirley Robertson. Shirley passed away on June 5, 2022.

~ We extend our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Eugene Miller, who passed away on June 7, 2022. Eugene is Gina Briscoe's brother.

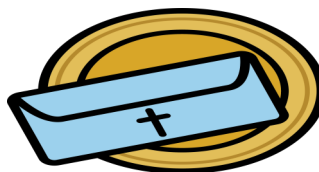


We have started up our Card Ministry again! Please take a moment to stop by the bulletin board in the hallway outside of the office. You will find a variety of cards that you are welcome to help yourself to, or feel free to use a card that you might have at home. Then, if you would, please tear off the 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.

Pastor Brian will be pausing his membership classes for the Summer. Don't miss the next opportunity to learn more about GBUMC and possibly become a member on Sunday, September 18, 2022!



Margaret (Marge) Cramer has moved.
Her new address is:
42400 12 Mile Road, Apt 214
Novi, MI 48377.



**Remember
Your Pledge
This Summer**

It's easy to submit your pledge online through our website!

SEASONED CITIZENS
Picnic
THURSDAY,
JULY 14, 2022
@ NOON



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

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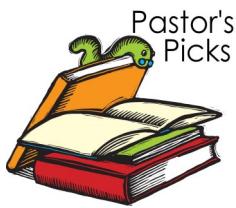
Pastor's Picks!

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.

July 2022 picks:

Book:

"The Turquoise Table:
Finding Community and Connection in Your Own Front Yard"
By Kristin Schell



Video:

"The Art of Hospitality" Session 6
"Creating a Culture of Hospitality"
By Debi Nixon & Yvonne Gentile



Summer Fun!

Wednesdays

July 13, 20, 27

9:00a.m. to 11:00a.m.



This is for our GBUMC kids ages Kindergarten through 5th grade.

Join us as we learn about Peace, Joy and Love.

Daily activities include a scripture lesson, craft, snack, fellowship and playtime!

Bring a friend!!!

BIBLES: If your child has not received a Bible from GBUMC, and would like to receive one, please email Angela at



christian.education@grandblancumc.org
or call the office at 810-694-9040. We will be presenting Bibles in August.

Save the Dates!

Sunday, August 21

Blessing of the Backpacks & Bible Presentation

Sunday, September 11

Discovery Sunday!

Come check out all of the educational opportunities we have here at GBUMC. More information will be shared in the August Connection.

Summer Lot Party!

Wednesday, August 17

6:00pm to 8:00pm



This is an event for everyone, but our outreach goal is to draw together families of (primarily) elementary-aged children from the broader Grand Blanc community who are not already engaged in the life of the church, and demonstrate the love of God in a way that might be surprising to those who are unchurched.

GBUMC families are welcome to attend and bring another family with you!

We will need lots of happy, energetic volunteers to share the love and spirit of GBUMC with others in our community.



GAMES!!



Food!



FUN!

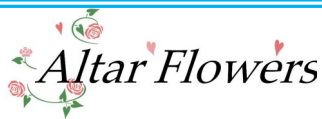


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Community!





07/03
07/10 Lutton
07/17 Mitchinson
07/24 Campbell
07/31 Briscoe

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.

Coffee Hour

07/03
07/10 West
07/17
07/24
07/31

Questions?

Contact Gail Lutton 810-908-3456.

Would you like to sign-up?

Check out the available dates on the list in the hall outside the office.

Greeters

07/03
07/10 Marilee Hubel
07/17
07/24
07/31

Would you like to volunteer?

Sign-up on the welcome table.

COUNTERS

07/03 Tom Cerny, Jim Wise
07/10 Jim Bunker, Tom Cerny
07/17 Carol Capell, Ron Blakemore
07/24 Jessica Smith, Carol Cerny
07/31 Tom Cerny, Jim Wise



Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthday Wishes

1st Eric Carlson, Brian Greenlees,
Christopher Lengyel
4th Grahm Lawcock
6th Jennifer Sandrock
7th Rebecca Brinn, Jacob Sandrock
8th Gary Atchison
12th Chuck Rossman
13th Lynelle Mueser
14th Janet Davis (87), Gavin Norris
15th Pat England
16th Sam Coronado, Kelsey Ivan,
Jeremy Waisanen
17th Olivia Mitchinson
18th Michael Lutton
19th Emily Carvill, Matthew Rahn
20th John Billings, Nathan Kurosky
22nd Bea Messmore (92),
Norma Stanbury (87)
24th Kelsey Hajek, Nathan Rahn
25th Matthew Harper, Shawn Lock,
Atticus Proulx, Charlie Smith

26th David Harper, Allison Jablonski,
Bob Koerke, Linda Zarnke
28th Chloe Harper, Todd Sandrock
29th Robert Cwynar, Ashlyn Mueser
31st Gina Briscoe,
Dave Coronado,
Chad Gordinier



Anniversary Blessings

1st Bev & Gary Atchison
9th Laura & Steve Bjorkman
20th Dianne & Jim Scrimger (59)
21st Karen & Chuck Rossman (38)
26th Amanda & Donley Norris (25)
28th Lisa & Pat England (43)
Hilary & Daniel Holtz
30th Sandy & Brian Angell



Grand Blanc United Methodist Church
Building and Roof Mortgage Summary

MORTGAGE BALANCE (as of 05-31-22)

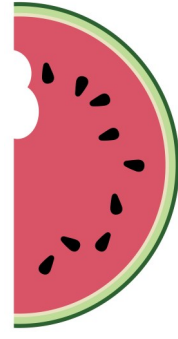
Mortgage Balance with UMF = \$135,109.00

Mortgage Reserve Fund Balance (as of 05-31-22) = \$10,905.00

Roof Reserve Fund Balance (as of 05-31-22) = \$16,535.00



2022 JULY



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
3 5a ASP Team Departs 10a Summer Worship	4 OFFICE CLOSED 	5 10a Yoga 6:30p Yoga	6 10a Prayer Group 10a Prayer Shawl	7 9a Just Finish It!	8 10a Men's Coffee 7p Al Anon	9 10a O.A. 10a Yoga ASP Team Returns
10 COMMUNION 10a ASP Service	11 6p Outreach 7p Ad Council via Zoom	12 10a Pastor @ Panera 10a Yoga 6:30p Yoga	13 9a Summer Fun! 10a Prayer Shawl 10a Prayer Group	14	15 10a Men's Coffee 7p Al Anon	16 10a O.A. 10a Yoga
17 10a Summer Worship	18	19 10a Pastor @ Panera 10a Yoga 6:30p Yoga 7p Education via Zoom	20 9a Summer Fun! 10a Prayer Group 10a Prayer Shawl	21 9a Just Finish It!	22 10a Men's Coffee 7p Al Anon	23 10a O.A. 10a Yoga
24 10a Summer Worship	25	26 10a Pastor @ Panera 10a Yoga 6:30p Yoga	27 9a Summer Fun! 10a Prayer Group 10a Prayer Shawl	28 Noon Summer Study/ Movie	29 10a Men's Coffee 7p Al Anon	30 10a O.A. 10a Yoga
31 10a Summer Worship In the Memorial Garden, weather permitting						

♥ 1800 FEET TO THE STREET ♥

We are very excited about our many opportunities to be out in our community, engaged and building relationships. GBUMC's ongoing relationships will only work to establish positive experiences and relationship. Recently, volunteers gathered to make **80 LUNCHES FOR THE CARNIVAL WORKERS** who came to town for the Grand Blanc Fun Fest. **FISH VOLUNTEERS** from GBUMC gather regularly to organize and distribute clothing and food for families in need. Seven **JARRING GRACE VOLUNTEERS** have been to 36 businesses in Grand Blanc to begin an ongoing relationship to actively appreciate and support our business community, schools and governmental units. The church grounds are used by walkers, walkers with dogs, bicyclists, basketball players, children on the playground and the list goes on. We need one another and are called to love the people who Jesus loved.

As these community engagement opportunities grow, won't you please consider how you can help?

The end of August, we will be celebrating worship at Physicians Park. The perfect 1800 feet ministry. Please save the date and check the sign up sheet to see how you can help. Many volunteers are needed to make sure we selflessly ♥ our community on that day.



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!

Jarring Grace Community Engagement has been up and running since May when seven (7) volunteers hit the streets, affirmed and supported 19 local business with a jar of candy and words of appreciation for what they do and what they mean to our community. June came along and the volunteers connected with 17 more businesses with the same message. This means a total of 34 Grand Blanc businesses are now connected with GBUMC with a simple jar of candy and a happy face delivering that jar. Beginning in July, these seven volunteer's will revisit their May businesses and likewise in August their June businesses. It is an ongoing relationship building simple and rewarding program. The fun part was the pleasant surprise from the volunteers as to how easy it is to give away candy, affirm and begin an ongoing relationship with our business neighbors.

We hope to expand Jarring Grace and reach many more businesses. If you are interested in knowing more, please contact Melinda Elmore-Hajek (melmorehajek@gmail.com or 810 845-2089).

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



GRAND BLANC UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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LOVE, HOPE AND GRACE TO
ENRICH ALL LIVES



Summer Movies & Faith

Join Pastor Brian and other movie-goers at Grand Blanc UMC for a Summer series of movies, conversation, and learning.

Join us at Noon, bring your own lunch to enjoy, and we'll enjoy each movie together with great conversation!

Thursday,
July 21st

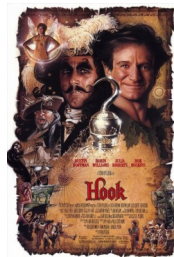
Unbroken

UNBROKEN



Thursday,
August 11th

Hook



Have you been participating in The Summer Gospel Challenge? Don't worry if you got behind, it's so easy to catch up! Remember to turn in your Summer Gospel Challenge journal at the end of summer, and be entered into a drawing for a special treat!



Appalachia

SERVICE PROJECT

Join us on Sunday, July 10!! Our ASP Team will be sharing their experiences in Harlan County, Kentucky during our 10:00am worship service. Early in the morning on Sunday, July 3, our team members will be getting into vans and making their way to Harlan County, Kentucky. They will spend the week working through the

Appalachia Service Project, making homes Warmer, Safer and Drier. They will be returning on Saturday, July 9 in the afternoon. Please pray for our team members while they are on this mission trip.

Youth: Ryan Anderson, Becky Dick, Marc Juarez, Christopher Lengyel, Kim Lutton, Emma Rahn, Lauren Rice, Charlie Smith

Adults: Matt Anderson, Dan Carvill, Jennifer Lengyel, Cathy Mitchinson, Shelby Mitchinson, Brian Rice, Jessica Smith, Alex Trinidad, Brian West.



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.

***Please note that Pastor Brian will be on the Mission Trip with the youth to Appalachia and there will be no Pastor @ Panera on Tuesday, July 5.

Panera
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