



October, 2022

The Grand Blanc UMC

"Connection"

October 2

17th Sunday after Pentecost
WORLD COMMUNION

SUNDAY

Sermon Series:

"Coffee With Jesus"

"In the First Place"

Ephesians 2: 19-22



October 9

18th Sunday after Pentecost

Sermon Series:

"Practice Makes Perfect-er"

"Part 1"

Psalms 1: 1-2



October 16

19th Sunday after Pentecost

Sermon Series:

"Practice Makes Perfect-er"

"Part 2"

Philippians 2: 3-5

John 13: 12-16



October 23

20th Sunday after Pentecost

Guest Speaker:

Eric Carlson



October 30

21st Sunday after Pentecost

COMMITMENT
SUNDAY

"Committed"

1 Kings 8: 56-61

A Learning Church

As your pastor, one of the things I commit myself to is regular continuing education. It's something I enjoy, as well as something I very much appreciate as it continues to nurture my own capacities for effective ministry and leadership. It is also my aim to ensure that I gain nuggets of learning that I can pass on to you all as a church!

Currently, I am taking an online course called "Creating Learning Environments" through my seminary Alma Mater, Methodist Theological School in Ohio. The course is designed to help think through ministry as a constant process of creating learning environments for each and every one of us, as people of faith, to learn, grow, and discover the goodness of God in *all* that we do. One thought that the class has been playing with for a couple of weeks now is this: *The church does not have a Christian Education program. The Church is a Christian Education program.*

Admittedly, that sounds a bit like a fortune cookie saying, doesn't it? But, what it is getting at is a very important truth. It reminds us that our education as Christians – our growth as disciples on a journey toward a community of God (sometimes we call that the "Kingdom of God") – is not just something we do in a Sunday School classroom, in a pew at 9am or 11am, or in a Bible Study. Those are vital and meaningful, to be sure! But, they are by no means a complete listing of the ways in which we "learn" as Christians. We also learn as Christians every time we expand our capacity to offer compassion and extend God's grace. We grow every time we find ourselves breaking bread with neighbor, friend, and stranger. We educate ourselves as disciples of Jesus Christ every time we dance to the rhythms of forgiveness and reconciliation.

Our means of Christian Education in the church that we are most familiar with – Sunday School, Bible Study, Small Groups, and even worship – are, once again, vital and important. But to assume that our Christian Education box is checked with just these is to ignore our greater purpose as a church. All that we do as a church – as a Christian Education entity – is to make disciples for the transformation of the world into the Kingdom of God that we glimpsed through Jesus presence, ministry, and promise.

And so, what do we do with all of this? We commit ourselves to learning and growing. We commit ourselves, not merely to knowing more, but to discovering, dancing, playing, and witnessing God's grace, love, hope, and peace, in all that we do as a church – as Christians. My prayer for you as you read this is that you would rediscover (or perhaps discover for the first time) the deep joy of being church. And once you're there, come and make community with each of us!

Amen.

Pastor Brian



FOR THE HOMEBOUND:

Marge Berryman
Eleanor Hall

OUR CHURCH FAMILY:

Donna Brookins
Roma Corey
Cheryl Cottrell
Judy Gratsch
Jack Hitchens
Dick Hubler
Paul Manning
Lisa McGehee
Eileen Scott
Norma Stanbury
Bob Tritten

FOR OTHERS:

Erin Arbabha
Hudson Bennett
Nancy Bilas
David Crane
Lilia Crane
Patricia Crawfis
Fred DeYound
Shelia Dirrim
Robert Elliott
Alea Gardner
Wendell Griffus
Emily Harder
Dick Hood
Dave Jones
Jay Latimer
Kathy Latimer
Heavenly Martin
Hunter Molyneux
Joshua Nelson
Rick Palmer
Jennifer Prim
Ruth Roach

Martin Ryder
Bill Shier
Bettie Stach
Greg Sumerix
Jeff Tebo
Marvin Thompson
Sara Toth-Perkins
Ed Truhan
Linda Vincil
Ed Woodard

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

Jeanne Dobes
Symphony Linden
202 S. Bridge Street
Linden, MI 48451

We extend our deepest sympathy to:



- ~ The family and friends of Betty Jacobs who passed away on September 3.
- ~ The family and friends of Susan Shelburne who passed away on September 6.
- ~ The family and friends of Elizabeth MacDonald-Blumenthal who passed away on September 17. Elizabeth is Cathy Mitchinson's cousin.
- ~ The family and friends of Diane Robertson who passed away on September 17. Diane is Angela Campbell's mother.
- ~ The family and friends of Bob Vandermark who passed away on September 18.
- ~ The family and friends of Stan Mitchinson who passed away on September 22. Stan is Jeff Mitchinson's uncle.
- ~ The family and friends of Hugo Brackrog who passed away on September 24. Hugo is Marilyn Moleski's brother-in-law.

May God Bless Your Marriage
Congratulations to Leland and Krystal (McCain) Mitchinson, who were united in marriage on September 3, 2022.

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.



Worship With Us



We are excited to announce that our 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service will also be available for viewing on our YouTube Channel beginning Sunday, September 25! Now you have your choice of watching either (or both!) of our Sunday morning worship services from the comfort of your home!

We continue to do our best to keep everyone safe while they participate in worship at their comfort level, whether in-person or online.

If you do not have access to the internet, but would like to watch Pastor Brian's Daily Devotionals, a church service or perhaps check out some of the wonderful videos available on Amplify, the television in the conference room has access to both YouTube and Amplify. Feel free to come and check out these options anytime that the church is open!



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

Grand Blanc UMC

We hope you will also "like & share!"

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Director of 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 handout on the welcome table or contact Angela on how to use Amplify Media). Hope you enjoy. The church will be purchasing a copy of each of Pastor's book picks for the church library. If you are interested in reading any of them, you are welcome to "check them out!"

October 2022 picks:

Book:

"Learning to Walk in the Darkness"
By Barbara Brown Taylor

Video:

"Fail: What to Do When Things Go Wrong"
A 5-Part Video Series



**Monday, October 31
6pm to 8pm**

- In the church parking lot
- ◇ Come with your car/trunk
- ◇ Bring your kids to trick or treat
- SPREAD THE WORD!**
- Donations of candy are needed



Classes for all ages at

10:00 a.m.

Every Sunday morning!

S.O.S. - Support Our Students

Fall is here and we are looking forward to the startup of the SOS (support our students) program. Watch for the names of college age youth displayed in the Narthex. If you are so inclined, please take a youth's name and commit to support them during this upcoming school year with mail, prayers, etc. Youth Group will be collecting goods for SOS boxes sent out before the end of their semester. A collection box will be located in the Narthex during October. Items included in these boxes could include, food or snacks, school supplies, and/or personal supplies. A complete list will be posted in the near future.



**Volunteers are needed for
Sunday School and the
nursery on Sunday
mornings! Please let us
know if you are willing to help!**

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY



October 2nd is World Communion Sunday, one of the special Sundays authorized by the General Conference to be observed with the taking of an offering throughout the denomination.

World Communion Sunday is observed the first Sunday in October and the observance focuses the attention of United Methodists on the universal and inclusive nature of the church. In United Methodist Churches around the world, a special offering is collected on World Communion Sunday to fund scholarships for seminarians. One half of the proceeds is for World Communion Sunday Scholars administered by the General Board of Global Ministries. The remaining one half is for the Ethnic Scholarship Program and the Ethnic In-Service Training Program, which are administered by the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry.

When we celebrate World Communion Sunday we celebrate our unity. When we give on World Communion Sunday our offering goes directly to equip world-changers who might otherwise go unnoticed without these financial gifts.

We believe all God's children have been created and gifted to build the kingdom Jesus ushered in, and your generosity on this day helps the United Methodist Church do just that.

Please give generously to this special Sunday offering. Envelopes will be provided with your bulletin on October 2nd. Thank you for your continued support!

Seasoned Citizens potluck/program

Thursday, October 13th

Gather at noon for coffee & conversation

Potluck lunch at 12:35pm

Program: Mike Heberling explores America's Most Deadly Pandemics: the 1918 Spanish flu and the recent COVID-19. He will compare treatments, government responses and demographics of these deadly diseases.

Join us for lunch and an interesting and thought-provoking program.

All are welcome.

See you there . . . and bring a friend!



Youth Group events and activities are

being planned!

Please watch your emails and
Sunday announcements for
news!



HELLO EVERYBODY!!

Sunday, October 16, 2022
6:00 p.m. AT GBUMC

JACKIE AND GARY

Will present a fundraising concert for
The Golden Retriever Rescue of Michigan



The GRRofM has been providing
rescue, medical and forever home
placement in Michigan for 20 years.
They have saved/rescued over 3000
dogs!

There will be dogs attending the concert!!

Jackie and Gary will be
'SINGING THE GOOD OLD SONGS AGAIN' with
our new show for 2022!!

www.JackieandGary.com

Come on out! More songs, stories & comedy!

Enjoy the dogs and meet the staff!

We'll have some great fun!!

Hope to see you there!!

Pastor Brian's Drop-In Bible Study

10-11am on Thursdays

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!

Also available online. Contact the church office for the link to
join!

10/02
10/09
10/16 West
10/23 Ivan
10/30



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

10/02 UMM
10/09 Memorial Garden
10/16 Memorials & Gifts
10/23 Missions
10/30 Worship & Arts

Are you new to the church? Have you been coming for a while and been thinking about becoming a member? You are invited to meet Pastor Brian on Sunday, October 16 at 10am in the Prayer Room for a new member information time.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call the church office.

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

10/02 Jim Bunker, Tom Cerny
10/09 Carol Capell, Ron Blakemore
10/16 Jessica Smith, Carol Cerny
10/23 Tom Cerny, Jim Wise
10/30 Jim Bunker, Tom Cerny



Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthday Wishes

1st Rose Marie Shick
3rd Paul Rahn, Jessica Smith
4th Anna Slogor, David Woodbeck
5th Jack Hitchens (93)
6th Megan Bunker
7th Allison Koerkel, Kristin Rahn, Grace Williams
9th Becky Dick, Nancy Fiederlein
14th Isabella Briscoe, Kim Gordinier, Jason Lengyel
16th Julius Del Pino
17th Steven Buck
18th Cheryl Herrmann, Thomas Pettit
19th Matthew Black
20th Matthew West, Micah West
21st Robyn Bjorkman, Izzy Joseph, Louisa Stack
23rd Vicki Greenlees
24th Peggy Carlson
25th Jesse Gould, Sue Setera
26th Mini Armstrong, Brendan Brinn, Pam Eklund

27th Cheryl Cottrell,
Marilynn Moleski
30th Hilary Holtz, Jo Williams (82)



Anniversary Blessings

6th Laurie & Andrew Dick
Paula & Bob Guthrie (50)
14th Tracy & David Sanborn,
Lisa & John Stafford (33)
15th Anna & Paul Roth,
Karen & Marty Seaman
20th Angela & Shawn Lock
22th Felicia & Chuck Lawcock (34)
23rd Kristin & Chad Ivan

Greeters

9:00am

11:00am

10/02
10/09
10/16 Marylee Hubel
10/23
10/30

Would you like to volunteer? The sign-up sheet is on the kiosk.

Grand Blanc United Methodist Church
Building and Roof Mortgage Summary




MORTGAGE BALANCE (as of 08-31-22)

Mortgage Balance with UMF = \$131,867.49

Mortgage Reserve Fund Balance (as of 08-31-22) = \$10,499.52

Roof Reserve Fund Balance (as of 08-31-22) = \$16,534.90

OCTOBER 2022

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						
2 COMMUNION 9a Gathering in the Spirit 10a J.A.M./Sunday Sch 10a Coffee Hour 11a Traditional Worship Noon Choir Rehearsal	3 10a Pastor @ Panera 10a Yoga 6:30p Yoga 7p W & A Meeting	4 10a Prayer Group 10a Prayer Shawl 6:30p Celebration Ringers Rehearsal	5 10a Drop-In Bible Study 6p Common Grace Rehearsal	6 10a Men's Coffee 7p Al Anon	7 10a O.A. 10a Yoga	1 10a O.A. 10a Yoga
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GBUMC Prayer Shawl

Ministry Donates 15 shawls to UM Hospital

These shawls were donated to UM Adult Compassion Carts to help grieving families. They are used for support at the end of life. We were happy to be able to share our beautiful shawls.



please join us for a...



Pancake Supper

5-6:30 pm

Wednesday, October 26

We look forward to providing you with a top notch **Pancake Supper** which will include pancakes, ham, sausage, egg casserole, blueberry cobbler and beverage. This meal is being prepared by folks who have extensive experience preparing this tasty meal and they are excited to be able to do so. ☺ Invite friends, eat in and enjoy all a nice meal can offer (conversation, time with friends, making new friends, etc.) or...Grab a take out!

A **Free Will Offering** will be collected with the proceeds going to help within our community.

Join us at: Grand Blanc United Methodist Church

515 Bush Ave, Grand Blanc. ????: call (810) 694-9040

A graphic for Free Breast Screenings. It features a heart shape made of many small figures of people in pink and black. To the right of the heart is the text "GENESYS HURLEY CANCER INSTITUTE" and "FREE BREAST SCREENINGS". Below this is the date and time: "Thursday, October 13, 2022 From 5 to 7 pm".

GENESYS HURLEY CANCER INSTITUTE

FREE BREAST SCREENINGS

Thursday, October 13, 2022
From 5 to 7 pm

302 Kensington Avenue, Flint, Michigan

No appointment or registration necessary.

Women & men, age 18 and older, are welcome to walk-in to take advantage of a **FREE** breast cancer screening. If the physician determines a mammogram is needed, the mammogram will be scheduled at a later date and will be **free** of charge for those without health insurance or are underinsured and can't afford the co-pay

MEN'S BANQUET **MONDAY, OCTOBER 24** **DOORS OPEN AT 6:00PM** **DINNER AT 6:20PM**

**OUR GUEST SPEAKER WILL BE SHARING
INFORMATION ABOUT THE I.G.N.I.T.E. PROGRAM**

**INMATES
GROWTH
NATURALLY AND
INTENTIONALLY
THROUGH
EDUICATION**

*"Eliminating generational
incarceration through education, by
restoring value, hope, and purpose
to our inmate population"*
-Sheriff Chris Swanson

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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
Andrew Cramer, Music Director for Traditional Worship
Nancy Petrie, Bell Choir Director
Adrianna White, Nursery Supervisor



GRAND BLANC UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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



Catching Up On Giving

Summer sure was busy! Even hot and sunny! Between trips up north, toes in the sand, and even enjoying time off from school, the church has kept chugging along and engaging the congregation and community in wonderful and creative ministry! In order for that wonderful momentum to continue, we rely upon your generosity and your giving. As we jump back into the fall with our new program year, we want to take a moment and invite you to ensure that your planned/pledged giving is up to date. You can do this in a number of ways:

- Give during the offering on Sunday mornings.
- Use our online giving option by going to grandblancumc.org/tithe. This is easy and safe!
- You can give by mail by sending your donation to the church office at 515 Bush Ave., Grand Blanc, MI 48439

Again, please know how much your giving is appreciated. It is through your generosity that we are able to live into the ministries, programs, and hospitality that God calls GBUMC to. Thank you!



Are you looking for an opportunity to fight the root causes of injustice in the United States through deep engagement with a local community? Are you between the ages of 20-30? The Global Mission Fellow US-2 Track could be the perfect opportunity for you! Global Mission Fellows seek to combat systemic oppression and alleviate suffering while serving in partnership with their new community. They serve for two years as a cohort across the United States working in public health, migration issues, poverty situations, and much more.

See the flyer on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall or visit www.umcmmission.org/gmf

October Is Pastor Appreciation Month Sunday, October 9th is Pastor Appreciation Sunday

Let's show Pastor Brian how much GBUMC appreciates him by recognizing his contributions and services to this congregation. Below are some ideas on how you can honor Pastor Brian.

1. Pray for him.
2. Write an encouraging, heartfelt letter, card or note. His "Love Language" is Words of Affirmation.
What you've learned.
Thank him for something specific he did or something he mentioned during a sermon.
A prayer that resonated with you.
3. Serve/Volunteer in the church.
4. Celebrate his wife and children.
5. Your presence at worship.
6. Your idea???



I hear there may be cupcakes on Sunday, October 9th during coffee hour.