

3. Christian Service

“The greatest among you must become like a person of lower status and the leader like a servant...I am among you as one who serves.

Luke 22:26-27 (CEB)

Serving the church and others in the world around us, like the other expectations of GBUMC membership, has diversity in style and approach. This includes both committee/team efforts, as well as missional outreach projects. However we serve, the act of serving invites us to humble ourselves so that we might be the hands and feet of Christ in the world.

4. Tithes & Gifts

“Honor the Lord with your wealth, with the first fruits of all your crops.”

Psalms 3:9 (CEB)

Tithing is a word that we use to talk about giving of our finances to the church. And, while there's truth to that, tithing is about so much more! The word, “tithing” translates to “tenth” which comes from the Biblical mandate to bring to God the first 10% of the season's crops. Today, we translate that to 10% of our household income.

When you give, it makes ministry in both the Grand Blanc church and community possible as well as ministry that goes

beyond our community, and into the world around us.

While we ask everyone to make their giving goal a true tithe (10%), we understand that this is a spiritual discipline that takes practice. If you've never given before, you are encouraged to start somewhere (2% for example), and increase each year until you're giving the full tithe. To help, there are many ways to give!

Please know that your church is grateful for your giving and your support of its ministries.

5. Christian Witness

“Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations...”

Matthew 28:19a (CEB)

As members of GBUMC, we have found our church home and a place where we can worship, learn, serve, and give in the name of Jesus Christ. But one of the remarkable things about the Christian faith is that it believes in a call by Jesus Christ to take that grace and love that we've discovered and open it up for the whole world to see.

Christian witness is not about standing on the street corner with a bullhorn and a sign with “REPENT” written in big letters. Instead, Christian witness is believing that our actions, behavior, words and attitude can all be evidence in the world of the love of Christ we've come to know. That is what we share as we continue in our work of disciple making.

New Member Class Grand Blanc United Methodist Church

“Friends in Christ exercising love, hope, and grace to enrich all lives.”



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“I am no longer my own, but thine. Put me to what thou wilt, rank me with whom thou wilt. Put me to doing, put me to suffering. Let me be employed by thee or laid aside for thee, exalted for thee or brought low for thee. Let me be full, let me be empty. Let me have all things, let me have nothing. I freely and heartily yield all things to thy pleasure and disposal. And now, O glorious and blessed God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, thou art mine, and I am thine. So be it. And the covenant which I have made on earth, let it be ratified in heaven. Amen.”

-Wesley Covenant Prayer

Overview of the Membership Process

STEP 1: The membership process actually begins with the **New Member Class**. New member classes last about 2 ½ hours and attending the class does not mean that you’re obligated to become a member. It’s just where you learn more about what being a GBUMC member is all about. Classes are held every other month and are announced regularly. No need to pre-register, just come as you are.

STEP 2: If after taking the New Member Class, you decide that membership is right for you, you’ll work with Pastor Brian to make plans for celebrating your membership during the Sunday worship service of your choice. Don’t worry! The Sunday celebration is very simple, and you won’t be alone.

STEP 3: You’ll fill out a simple New Member form that will help the church office make your membership official. If you’re transferring your membership from another church, we will take care of that for you.

STEP 4: Joyfully continue your journey of faith with your new church family!

5 Expectations of GBUMC Membership

1. Worship

*“Shout triumphantly to the Lord, all the earth!...Thank Him! Bless His name!”
Psalm 100 (CEB)*

Worship, at its core, is an experience in which we offer ourselves, our praise, and our thanksgiving to God. It is less about us receiving something during that experience (though we do become recipients of grace through worship), and more about giving to God in the experience.

Regardless of its style, worship that is meaningful and true continually keeps God at the center of the worship experience through scripture, sacrament (Holy Communion & Baptism), reflection (sermon), prayer, song, and thanksgiving.

Grand Blanc UMC currently offers two worshipping opportunities. Our 9:00am worship service, “Gathering In the Spirit” is a relaxed-style service with acoustic worship music provided by *Common Grace*. Our 11:00am worship service is more traditional with hymns, choirs, liturgy, and more.

However, you worship, we encourage our members to strive for an “A,” meaning that we aim to attend worship 90% of the time. This goal helps to keep us connected to God and spiritually charged.

2. Learning & Growing

“Every scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for showing mistakes, for correcting, and for training character, so that the person who belongs to God can be equipped to do everything that is good.”

2 Timothy 3:16-17 (CEB)

This is all about taking advantage of opportunities for us to learn more about God, our relationship with God, our relationship with the world and others, and so much more. This emphasis on learning and growing is essential to our Christian faith.

