



The Grand Blanc UMC June, 2023

"Connection"

SUMMER WORSHIP
SCHEDULE 10:00 AM
BEGINS ON JUNE 4



June 4

Trinity Sunday
Peace With Justice Sunday
"Let's Work Together:
The Sequoia Tree"
Guest Speaker: Bob Mills



June 11

2nd Sunday after Pentecost
GRADUATE SUNDAY
Sermon Series: "Gifted"
"Guide Me, Teach You,
Lead Us"
Romans 12:3-17



June 18

3rd Sunday after Pentecost
FATHER'S DAY
Guest Speaker: Julie Koerkel



June 25

4th Sunday after Pentecost
Sermon Series: "Gifted"
"To Know Love"
Romans 12: 3-17

A church that worships together — thrives together — grows together!

At the beginning of this year, the Worship and Arts Team here at GBUMC set some goals around worship, including one around worship attendance: *to see in-person worship attendance at GBUMC increase by 10% throughout the year.*

This goal was based on a few contributing considerations.

1. We have the people to make this happen! In other words, even without visitors flocking to GBUMC, this goal is *more than* attainable.
2. While worship attendance doesn't necessarily make someone a Christian, we do strongly believe that regular worship attendance does have a direct relationship to our spiritual health, our relationships with Christ. Certainly, this is something we want to encourage.
3. Our online streaming of both worship services continues to be used by members of our church family who are unable to come for one reason or another. Virtual worship, while it has its limitations, still allows individuals to experience and participate in worship with us. It also continues to be a meaningful outreach tool as it provides a safe "first visit" for folks looking for a church home. For these reasons and more, we'll continue to provide this virtual ministry. Our efforts to encourage in-person worship is not opposed to a virtual worship ministry.

In the last few months, the Worship and Arts Team has begun a few efforts to help encourage regular worship attendance such as our church text messaging service which about 60 people have signed up for. Through weekly texts, it is our hope that we can remind and encourage GBUMC'ers to make Sunday worship part of, what can often be, a busy schedule.

Now, as you read this, I want to be perfectly clear: *This is NOT a guilt trip from your Pastor.* This is not intended to make anyone feel like their uncommitted, or anything like that. Instead, I want it to be an invitation from your pastor to help your church grow: grow in *size*, grow in *spiritual health*, grow in its *outreach and service*. You see, when you are here with us in worship – when your loved ones, children, friends, etc. are here with us in worship – you become stronger in your faith and walk with God. And in turn, as the Body of Christ, we grow stronger and we grow as a family.

As I'm writing this, I am optimistic that we'll meet our goal of 10% growth in in-person worship. Not because we've made people feel guilty (I hope that's not the case), but because we all become part of a church-family effort to grow. I hope you'll join me!

See you on Sunday!

Pastor Brian

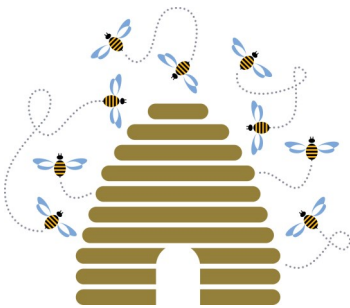


FOR THE HOMEBOUND:

Marge Berryman
Marge Cramer
Shirley Crane
Eleanor Hall

OUR CHURCH FAMILY:

Shirley Andrews
Amanda Bendall
Donna Brookins
Jim Bunker
Roma Corey
Cheryl Cottrell
Janet Davis
Sharel Etheridge
Marcia Ferguson
Judy Gratsch
Dick Hubler
Paul Manning
Ron Moleski
Don Sawyer
Richard Smith
Bob Tritten
Dale Wolfgram



FOR OTHERS:

Hudson Bennett
Nancy Bilas
Margaret Brainerd
Sallie Burek
Patricia Crawfis
Warren Crawfis
Fred DeYoung
Robert Elliott
Harold Ferguson
Larry Fox
Alea Gardner
Gene Griffel
Judith Hellmich
Jim Hood
James Howard
Dave Jones
Carl Katterjohn
Jay Latimer
Kathy Latimer
Ellie Lauth
Bill Lockhart
Adrianna Martell
Heavenly Martin
Julie McKenna
Hunter Molyneux
Joshua Nelson
David Oden
Rick Palmer
Jennifer Prim
Martin Ryder
Bill Shier
Larry Spataro
Easton Stephenson
Gregory Sumerix
Jeff & Amy Tebo
Bill Thewalt
Marvin Thompson
Pastor Greg Timmons
Sara Toth-Perkins
Kayla Wiese
Ed Woodard



~ We extend our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Ken Crittenden, who passed away on May 5, 2023. Ken is Sarah Carlson's grandfather.

~ We extend our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Jean Lutton, who passed away on May 6, 2023. Jean is Mike Lutton's mother.



Congratulations and best wishes to Marissa and Chris Hellmich who were united in marriage on May 20, 2023. Chris Hellmich is Donna Hedding's grandson.



Marilyn Horton and Shirley Wheeler would like to thank the gentleman that paid for their Easter Brunch at Big Boy.



Sallie Farrell
1140 S. Morrish Road
Flint, MI 48532



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.



If you ever find yourself in need of prayer, please do not hesitate to contact the church office. The congregation would like

to pray for you. Even if you do not want your prayer request shared with the entire congregation, Pastor Brian would like to keep you in his prayers. We will not share a prayer request unless we have permission.

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.



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Director of Christian Education
Angela Campbell
christian.education@grandblancumc.org

Pastor's Pick!

Each month Pastor Brian will be offering his "Pastor's Pick" 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. 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!" Previous "Pastor's Picks" can be found in the Church Library.



June 2023 book pick: *"You'll Get Through This"* By Max Lucado



Summer Social

Wednesdays in June and August!

from 9:30a-12:30p

All school age kids are invited—bring a friend!
If you need to drop-off your child, please contact Angela, in advance, so that proper adult supervision is arranged

June 14: Meet at church, bring a lunch and a picnic blanket or beach towel. We will go on a nature walk/scavenger hunt and enjoy our lunches picnic style!

June 21: Meet at the splash pad at Physician's Park (218 Reid Road), we'll splash around and have some fun and then at noon we will walk to the hot dog stand! Bring money for the hot dog stand or your own lunch.

June 28: Meet at Cook/Mason Elementary (4455 Cook Road) we will play on the playground and then go to Trillium NCG for a matinee! Bring money for the movie.

If it rains on any off-site scheduled times, meet at the church for fun and games!

Summer Fun

Wednesdays in July (July 12, 19 & 26th)

from 9:30a-12:30p



Come one come all!
Summer Fun is for all kids K-5th.
Join us as we learn about the Fruits of the Spirit through lessons, crafts, games, songs, snacks & play.

Sound like Fun... it is!
Bring a friend/neighbor & have fun together

SAVE THE DATE!

We have a lot of events coming up this Summer. Keep checking your announcements, emails and future Connections for more information closer to the events.

- **August 24**—Community Prayer Event
- **August 27**—Worship in the Park/Blessing of the Backpacks/3rd Grade Bible Presentations—Community Back-to School Event co-hosted with Impact Realty @ Physician's Park (218 Reid Road)
- **September 10**—Sunday School Resumes, Church Potluck Picnic

Join us on
Sunday, June 11
during the 10am service
when we will recognize
our 2023 High
School
Graduates!



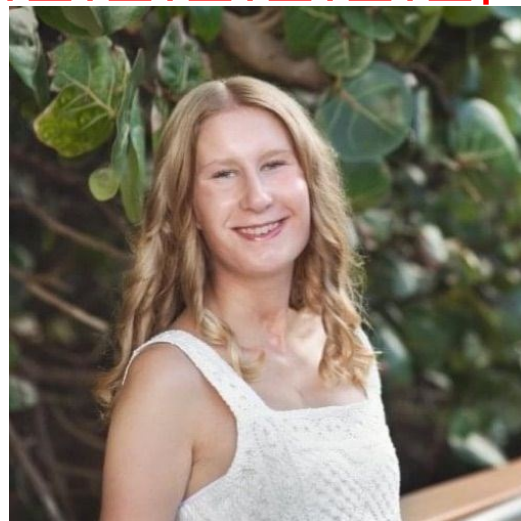
CAMERON HERRMANN

has graduated from Holly High School and will be studying business marketing at Grand Valley State University

GRACE HEDDING

My proudest achievements during high school have been earning a 3.8 grade point average, being inducted into the National Honor Society and being chosen as co-editor of the yearbook my senior year. I also received awards from the Michigan Interscholastic Press Association for my work in the yearbook and received several student of the month awards.

This fall I plan on attending Grand Valley State University and majoring in Secondary Education with an emphasis in History.



CHRISTOPHER LENGYEL



During his years at Grand Blanc High School, Christopher was a member of both the cross country and track & field teams. Christopher has qualified for this year's track & field state meet!!! He has also been an active member of the GBUMC youth groups and was a member of the 2022 ASP team!!

Christopher will be attending Northwood University in the fall where he will also be a member of their track & field team!

BRENDON RUSSIAN



Brendon Russian graduated with honors from Grand Blanc High School. Upon graduation, he received the Robert James Tartoni Memorial Mathematics Scholarship due to his achievements in the high school's math program. He is enrolled in the High School's Early College program and will continue his 13th year at U of M Flint. He will then transfer to Central Michigan University to pursue a degree in Mathematics.

Celebrating our College Graduates!!

Sarah Anderson has graduated from Michigan State University with a Bachelor of Science in Environmental Engineering and will be returning to MSU in the fall to continue with her studies in Graduate School.

Nathan Bunker has graduated from Kettering University with a Bachelor of Science in Computer Engineering.

Kaja Martin-Mraz has graduated from the University of Michigan, Flint with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing. She will be taking the NCLEX to become a Registered Nurse.

Karl Martin has completed his Certification as a Diesel Technician/Mechanic and has begun his apprenticeship.

Bailey Schultz has graduated from the University of Michigan, Flint with a Bachelor of Science in Molecular Biology with a Minor in Psychology and will be continuing her education, in the fall at SVSU to pursue a Bachelor of Science and certification in Medical Laboratory Science.



NEWS & NOTES FROM YOUR NEWLY FORMED COMMUNITY OUTREACH & ENGAGEMENT TEAM

WOW! Community Outreach & Engagement Team (COE), a long title for such a simple concept

♥ **LOVING and CARING for our neighbors.**

While this idea and many of the projects are not new, we are excited to have gathered a team of people together to begin to grow it. This page will highlight upcoming events, many of them outside the doors and into the streets. So enjoy and please feel free to get involved.

All are welcome!

Takeout available

COMMUNITY DINNER

June 7, 5-6 pm

Hot Dogs with or without Coney Sauce, Mac & Cheese, salad, chips and more.

The perfect gig to invite your neighbor to!



June 15-18, Grand Blanc H.S.

The Family Fun Fest. is always a great go to and we hope you will be able to partake in some of the happenings during the Festival.

We are excited about two opportunities during that time.

Wednesday, June 14, Time TBD -FEED the CARNIES

This year we will also be gathering some much needed supplies for the workers who help bring fun to our community. If you are able to donate, toilet paper, feminine hygiene products, dog treats, toiletries, snack bars, etc.

Friday, June 16 & Saturday, June 17—Indian Hill Neighborhood Yard Sale. We will be set up at Nan Rahn's house and giving away Hot Dogs, Chips and Water from 11am –1 pm (or while supplies last).



JARRING GRACE has been going for one year and we are thrilled with the results. We have 7 volunteers who regularly deliver candy along with conversation to 34 business and we are excited with the growing relationships.

Our goal for this coming year is to make sure we connect with every school and school related building in

the district. Currently we cover, McGrath, Anderson, Central Office, the Bus Garage and Middle School East. **If you think you might like to deliver candy to one of the schools,** please feel free to contact Melinda Elmore-Hajek (melmorehajek@gmail.com or 810 845-2089).



**Tuesday
June**

27

12:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Helpful tip:
Make sure to eat a healthy meal and drink plenty of water before donating.

**GRAND BLANC U.M.C.
COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE**

LOCATED IN FELLOWSHIP HALL

Make your appointment today:

-Call 866-642-5663

-Visit Versiti.org

-Follow QR Code Link



Eligibility question call 1 (616) 233-8642

Walk-ins welcomed and appointments honored

Donors are at the heart of our community! Donate and receive a Versiti t-shirt, while supplies last. -PLUS- Be entered for a chance to win a motorcycle!

**IF YOU WOULD BE WILLING TO HELP WITH
ANY OF THESE PROJECTS,
PLEASE CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE.**

Heartsaver® CPR AED

What better way to share love than to be prepared in case the unthinkable happens. We are excited to share, we have a staff

that is committed to being CPR/AED certified. But, how about we take it a step further and we all can consider taking two hours and being trained. The cost is \$45 and the class runs from 10 am-12 pm on the first Saturday of each month. If you are interested, contact, Jim L Cooper Jr. (810) 964-1320 or register on line at...

<https://www.coopercprllc.com>

This course will cover adult, child and infant CPR and adult, child and infant airway obstructions, along with how to use the AED. Grab a friend and sign up today!

New fundraiser for our Appalachia Service Project and other youth mission opportunities!!!

Rent me!!!

Celebrate someone's birthday by renting this birthday sign for their yard. A current or past member of our ASP teams will place the sign in the yard of your choice the night before the celebrant's birthday and will remove the sign the day following the birthday!

Sign-up on the calendar next to the sign or contact the church office! Please make your \$50 check payable to GBUMC and note that it is for ASP!

Thank you for your continued support of our amazing youth!



We will soon be starting our ASP 2024 trip planning!!!

We are looking for youth that would be interested in participating in this amazing mission experience!

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask Dan Carvill, Cathy Mitchinson or Pastor Brian!

Or anyone who has been on a previous trip!

Another Prayer Shawl Ministry Donation!



In addition to the 58 pairs of Knitted Knockers donated last month we have been hard at work and donated 20 pairs to Breast Cancer Surgeon Dr. Ashley Richardson in Flint. Her specialty is breast cancer patients and there is a greater need due to so many women skipping their mammograms during the pandemic.

The Knockers are worn as prostheses for mastectomy breast cancer patients.

Previously we have donated over 200 pairs of knitted knockers to the Flint area hospitals. This brings our total over 220 pairs! Thank you to all the dedicated knitters (and crocheters)!

Our prayer shawl group meets on Wednesday mornings at 10:00 a.m. If you knit, crochet or have always wanted to learn, they'd love to have you join them!



Summer Church Field Trips!

For-Mar Nature Preserve & Arboretum

Thursday, June 29, 2023

10am to 1pm

Join us for a wonderful day of exploring nature and being reminded of what our Christian faith has to teach us about care for the earth and discovering God in the world's beauty! There is no cost.

Please bring a sack lunch to enjoy! If you wish to carpool meet at the church by 9:30am.



THE WRIGHT

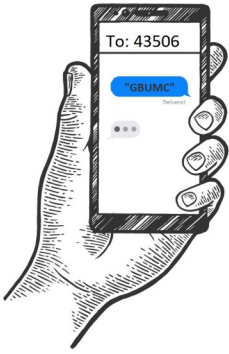
The Wright Museum of African American History

Thursday, August 17, 2023

11am to 1pm

Located in downtown Detroit, the Wright Museum helps to celebrate, preserve and share the African American culture and history. Join us for a day of learning and discovering with a guided tour. Cost is just \$10/person (Due August 1, 2023). Cost does not include lunch at a location TBD. If you wish to carpool meet at the church by 9:30am.

To sign-up for either opportunity, please contact the church office.



Texts from Church

Stay up to date with worship news and information from Grand Blanc United Methodist Church! It's as simple as texting GBUMC to 43506.

That's it!

Now, you'll receive reminders, information, and encouragements to worship with your church family at GBUMC!

Peace with Justice Sunday is June 4th



On June 4th we will celebrate Peace with Justice Sunday which is one of six special Sunday offerings in the United Methodist Church. Your gifts support ministries in the annual conference and internationally.

When you support Peace with Justice Sunday, your gift becomes a voice for advocacy around the world. Together we are an agent of change that

shifts systems of inequality to empower people and communities; making it possible to plant new seeds of peace with justice in God's garden of creation. There are many programs supported by this offering including providing sustainable organic healthy foods; helping youth recover from substance abuse through education and rehabilitation; and offering laundry services to homeless families just to name a few.

Half of the offering goes to Peace with Justice ministries in the annual conference. The remainder assists the General Board of Church and Society for its Peace with Justice efforts.

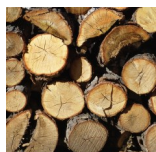
Please give generously to This International Mission.
Thank you from the Missions Committee!

Church Grounds Beautification



The welcome mat is out for all those interested in making our church grounds more beautiful. Make your availability known in the church office or call Bob Mills at 810-240-0403.

We can use donations of the following (either in full bags or partial bags/packages): perennial plants, fertilizer, bags of top soil or potting soil, grass seed, flower seeds. (Just set any of these items by the shed).



If you need fireplace wood or fire pit wood we have plenty. Just look around from the parking lot to the creek and help yourself.



"I thought you invited me to be a Premises Keeper!"

06/04
06/11 Koerkel
06/18
06/25 Sullivan



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

06/04
06/11 Cathy Mitchinson
06/18
06/25 Potluck

Greeters 10:00am

06/04 Angela Cook
06/11 Marylee Hubel
06/18 Becky Doran
06/25 Nancy Bigler

*Would you like to volunteer?
Contact Tom Cerny with questions
tomcerny1@aol.com*

COUNTERS

06/04 Tom Cerny, Jim Wise
06/11 Sandy Jones, Tom Cerny
06/18 Carol Capell, Ron Blakemore
06/25 Jessica Smith, Carol Cerny

**Summer Worship
at 10:00 a.m.
will begin on
Sunday, June 4
and continue
through Labor Day.**



Birthday Wishes

2nd Bob Guthrie
3rd Val Dutton, Abby Manning
5th Eric Campbell, Jason Roberts
6th Nan Rahn
7th Robert Bixby
8th Melinda Elmore-Hajek
10th Shawn Rimmell
11th Marylee Hubel
14th Cameron Herrmann,
Jim Scrimger (81)
16th Nancy Bigler, Barbara Heberling
17th Amanda Fraile, Paula Guthrie,
Maggie Stafford
18th Brett Davis, Andrew Koerkel,
Greg Reigle, Kai Seaman,
Etta Skinner
19th Mackenzie Bruce
24th Laurie Dick, Marcia Fraile
25th Donna Brookins, Judy Gratsch,
Gail Lutton, Beverly Martin
26th Ralph Cribbs (89), Nancy Petrie
27th Gary Gratsch, Trevor Phillips,
Donovan Russian
29th Emma Fiederlein,
Marilyn Horton (83),
James Owens (84),
Eleanor Poole (91),
Virginia Sullivan (83)
30th Lilly Brin, Joshua Gordinier,
Jeff McGehee

Anniversary Blessings

2nd Judy & Gary Gratsch (44)
4th Barbara & Mike Heberling (46)
5th Deborah & Dan Carvill (41),
Sandy & Todd Sandrock (41)
8th Shelly & Brian Rice
9th Dorothy & Roger Colby (56),
Colleen & Ron Fitch (51)
10th Julie & Bob Koerkel (34)
11th Linda & Greg Reigle
12th RaeAnn & Bernie Waisanen (41)
13th Jessica & Jim Smith (25)
14th Mixsy & Alex Trinidad
15th Carrie & Jody Church
17th Celia & Duane Southworth (45)
21st Susie & Henry Hagenstein (48)
22nd Kristin & Nathan Rahn
28th Gretchen & Tony Jablonski



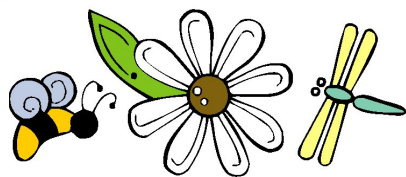
Grand Blanc United Methodist Church
Financial Summary

Due to the congregation's generosity, the Finance Committee was able to pay an additional \$5,000 against the mortgage principle in March.

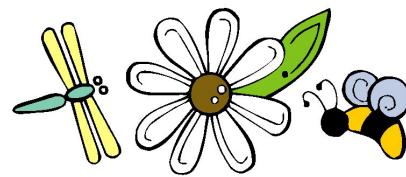
General Fund Balance (as of 04-30-23) = \$57,504

Mortgage Fund Balance (as of 04-30-23) = \$4,884

MORTGAGE BALANCE (as of 04-30-23) = \$118,013



June 2023



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 OFFICE CLOSES AT NOON	2 OFFICE CLOSED 10a Men's Coffee 7p Al Anon UM Michigan Annual Conference	3 10a O.A. 10a Yoga 10a Batdorf Memorial Service
4 10a Worship 11a Coffee Hour Noon F.H. in use UM Michigan Annual Conference	5 6p Mission Team Mtg	6 10a Pastor @ Panera 10a Yoga 10a Prayer Group 7p W & A Meeting	7 10a Prayer Shawl	8 Noon: Seasoned Citizens	9 10a Men's Coffee 7p Al Anon	10 10a O.A.
11 GRADUATE RECOGNITION SUNDAY! 10a Worship 11a Coffee Hour	12 7p Ad Council (Zoom)	13 10a Pastor @ Panera 10a Yoga	14 9:30a-12:30p Summer Social 10a Prayer Shawl	15	16 OFFICE CLOSES AT NOON 10a Men's Coffee 7p Al Anon	17
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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 Attendant



GRAND BLANC UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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



Office Hours

Office hours may vary whenever Cathy is on vacation. Office hours will be posted in the

Connection, Bulletin Announcements and emails, but it may be most helpful if you call the church before stopping by.

Special office hours in June:

Thursday, June 1 9am to noon

Friday, June 2 Closed

Friday, June 16 9am to noon

Thursday, June 22 9am to noon

Friday, June 23 Closed

A Note about kitchen use:

When you are using the kitchen, please be sure to complete and sign the checklist in the red binder under the light switches. It is important to know who is using the kitchen and that all items on the list have been completed. This includes coffee hour.

Also, due to health department code, we are unable to use any container that is not brand new in packaging. Please do not bring in any reusable container that has already been used once. Thank you!

Worship With Us



All worship services continue to be available on-line!! Be sure to watch when you can't attend in person and we invite you to go to our website where you

will find a link to our YouTube channel along with the current Sunday bulletin, news & notes and compass! There is also a link to an on-line connect card. Let us know you were watching!

Seasoned Citizens Picnic Potluck!

Thursday, June 8, 2023

Noon: Coffee & Conversation

12:25pm: Prayer & Devotion

12:30pm: Potluck Lunch-Hot dogs will be provided.

You are invited to bring an outdoor game!

This will be our last gathering until September.