



# "Connection"

## SUMMER WORSHIP SERVICES @ 10:00 AM

August 6

10<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

Sermon Series: *"I Believe"*

*"Suffering & Shalom"*

Jonah 2:1-2

Luke 23:32-43



August 13

11<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

Sermon Series: *"I Believe"*

GUEST: Rev. Steven Buck



August 20

12<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

Sermon Series: *"I Believe"*

*"Coming & Judging"*

John 14: 1-6



August 27

13<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

WORSHIP IN THE PARK!

Sermon Series: *"I Believe"*

*"Life"*

1 Corinthians 15:42-44, 54-55

## Scooter-O's

*"Then those who are righteous will reply to him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you a drink? When did we see you as a stranger and welcome you, or naked and give you clothes to wear? When did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?' 'Then the king will reply to them, 'I assure you that when you have done it for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you have done it for me.'"*

*-Matthew 25:37-40 (CEB)*

I'd never heard of Scooter-O's before, but there they were in the "Community Closet," a small cupboard in the basement kitchenette below my Intro to New Testament and Homiletics classrooms in DeWire Hall at Methodist Theological School in Ohio. The "Community Closet" wasn't a very large cupboard, with its doors a bit sticky from years of build-up and not much attention. The food items inside were a bit questionable in terms of their expiration date, but there they were; food items available for anyone in need to take. It was the seminary's version of a food bank. And sitting between a couple of cans of green beans and some form of bean with the label half torn off was a giant bag of off-brand Cheerios with about a month to spare on the expiration label. Looking around on a Saturday morning, I took them, went to my apartment, and had what I convinced myself was a fairly decent breakfast.

The background to the story is a lot longer than this article calls for, but the long and the short of it is that my pride kept me from reaching out for help. I wanted to believe I could do it alone. Were there those who would have helped me if I'd asked? Sure! But pride is a lonely thing.

I think about those Scooter-O's often, and I'm immensely grateful for whoever it was that put them there in that sticky "Community Closet" cupboard. I think about that bag of cereal every time I have the chance to hand out a blessing bag from the church, or when I can help someone a bit out of the church's discretionary fund. For me, I do my best to help others who are in need, in part, because someone decided to put cereal in a cupboard in anticipation of a day when I'd be hungry and afraid to ask for help.

In Matthew's Gospel, we find Jesus' reminder to his disciples that each time they are helping others, they are helping the divine. Each time they are serving the hungry, the hurting, the naked, and the marginalized, they are – in a very real way – serving Christ.

When our neighbors ask for help, may we recognize the courage that may take. When we're face to face with panhandling, may we recognize the pride that has been abandoned. When our neighbors ask for help, may we see in their faces the image of Christ. And when our neighbors are in need, may we seek to remember moments in our lives when we were in need and found aid in the One we call Love and LORD.

Pastor Brian



**FOR THE HOMEBOUND:**

Marge Berryman  
Marge Cramer  
Shirley Crane

**OUR CHURCH FAMILY:**

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

**FOR OTHERS:**

Susan Allan  
Hudson Bennett  
Nancy Bilas  
Margaret Brainerd  
Sallie Burek  
Patricia Crawfis  
Warren Crawfis  
Fred DeYoung  
Robert Elliott  
Harold Ferguson  
Larry Fox  
Alea Gardner  
Gene Griffel  
Jason Gugle  
Jim Hood  
Brandon Howard  
James Howard  
Laura Johnston  
Dave Jones  
Carl Katterjohn  
Kathy Latimer  
Ellie Lauth  
Adrianna Martell  
Heavenly Martin  
Julie McKenna  
Joshua Nelson  
Larry Oden  
Rick Palmer  
Linda Polehanki  
Jennifer Prim

Martin Ryder  
Bill Shier  
Larry Spataro  
Gregory Sumerix  
Jeff & Amy Tebo  
Bill Thewalt  
Marvin Thompson  
Pastor Greg Timmons  
Sara Toth-Perkins  
Emery Wacser  
Kayla Wiese  
Laura Wilson  
Ed Woodard

**Eleanor Hall**

The Oaks at Woodfield  
5370 E. Baldwin Road  
Room 403  
Grand Blanc, MI 48439

**Janet Davis**

The Oaks at Woodfield  
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Room 209A  
Grand Blanc, MI 48439



We extend our deepest sympathy to:  
~ the family and friends of  
James Owens, Sr., who  
passed away on April 5, 2023  
~ the family and friends of  
Jay Latimer who passed away  
on June 22, 2023. Jay is a  
dear friend of Donna  
Hedding.

~ the family and friends of Bea Messmore, who passed  
away on July 5, 2023

~ the family and friends of Edith Hagenstein, who passed  
away on July 8, 2023. Edith is Henry Hagenstein's  
mother.

~ the family and friends of Richard Paul, who passed away  
on July 9, 2023. Dick is a close family friend of Brian  
West and family.

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

**Grand Blanc UMC**

**We hope you will also  
"like & share!"**



Marylee Hubel moved in July.  
Her new address is:  
101 Walnut Circle, Apt 1126  
Grafton, WI 53024



**We Need  
Your**



If you ever find yourself  
in need of prayer, please  
do not hesitate to contact  
the church office  
(Hospitals cannot notify

us). 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.



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.

# CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Director of Christian Education  
Angela Campbell

## 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.



**August 2023 book pick:** "The Gifts of Imperfection" Let Go of Who You Think You're Supposed to Be and Embrace Who You Are  
By Brene' Brown, Ph.D., L.M.S.W



## Summer Social

Wednesdays in 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 can be arranged**

**August 2:** Meet at the splash pad at Physician's Park (218 Reid Road), we'll splash around and have some fun! Bring a lunch and we'll have a picnic!

**August 9:** Let's check out Sloan Museum! Meet in the church parking lot @ 9:30am to carpool/caravan.

**August 16:** Meet at Rust Park for Playtime and a picnic! Bring a lunch.

**August 23:** Meet at church for water games, other activities and pizza lunch!

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

## August 27

Join us at 10:00 a.m . For Worship in the Park @ Physician's Park (218 Reid Road), during the service we will be Blessing Backpacks and presenting our 3rd Graders with a Bible.

**Then be sure to stay after service:** 12p-2p Community Back to School Event co-hosted with Impact Realty and Culver's.

See the flyer on the next page.



Presentation of Bibles

**Sunday School  
Resumes**

**Sunday, September 10**  
With a church potluck  
picnic!



All-Church Potluck



All are Welcome



# Church in the **PARK**

*a worship experience*

*Save the Date*

**Sunday, August 27, 10am**

Physicians Park, 218 Reid Rd, Grand Blanc

**AUG 27 12-2pm**

**PHYSICIANS PARK**

218 Reid Rd, Grand Blanc, MI

## SUMMER END CELEBRATION

FACE PAINTING  
PIE THE PASTOR  
FROZEN TREATS  
FREE FOOD  
AND MORE!



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METHODIST CHURCH

## NEWS & NOTES FOR AUGUST FROM YOUR COMMUNITY OUTREACH & ENGAGEMENT TEAM

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 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

**See you Wednesday, August 2, 2023**

Mini Cold Cut Sliders, Salad Bar, Dessert, Drinks

**Invite your neighbors!**



**WE CONTINUE TO CONNECT WITH OUR COMMUNITY BUSINESSES BY SHARING OUR THANKS AND AFFIRMING WHAT THEY DO IN OUR COMMUNITY.**

**JARRING GRACE** has been a great tool to connect and build relationships with our community leaders and businesses. It is easy, fun and is ongoing, but it can also be a one time thing. If you appreciate one of

our businesses, schools or community services, please feel

free to contact Melinda Elmore-Hajek

(melmorehajek@gmail.com or call

810 845-2089) and find out how.

A big **THANK YOU** to our current Jarring Grace Volunteers, Laurie Tritten, Carol Cerny, Tom Cerny, Bob Mills, Gail Lutton, Mariann Quaderer, Marilyn Horton, Melinda Elmore-Hajek, Shirley Wheeler and Sharon Bohms. ♥

### 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!***

The gift of SERVICE

**volunteer**  
do good, feel good



*Good stuff to look forward too.*

**Please pencil in the  
Following dates and keep a  
look out for more details.**

**Wednesday, October 4, 2023**

**W**e look forward to our **FREE Community Dinner** at 5, along with a **COMMUNITY RESOURCE FAIR** from 4-6 pm. We will be inviting local businesses to set up a booth and share their information. A great way to know who are neighbors are, what they do and how they might one day be able to help us, our friends or family.

**DONATE BLOOD | heART**

Next GBUMC Blood Drive is  
**Friday, October 13, 2023**

**Watch for sign up details. Walk-ins are welcome while honoring all appointments. Let's do our part and continue to make a difference and save lives.**

### Dinner Show

**FUNDRAISER**

**11/3/23 6 pm**

***THIS IS ONE YOU WILL NOT WANT TO MISS.***

We have secured Billy Rae Bauer, a Michigan Comedian, with a giant list of accolades, to keep us laughing with a PG/G show. This along with an amazing dinner, all for fun and to raise \$\$\$\$ to help with supplementing, what we currently know as, the Pastors Discretionary fund. **Watch for ticket & other important details.**



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!



## 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!



We are always looking for help with our grounds upkeep! If you have time to pull some weeds or deadhead flowers, please feel free to stop by!

If you have any questions about what/where/how, please feel free to contact Bob Mills 810-240-0403 or the church office. All help is greatly appreciated!



## Join us for our second Summer Church Field Trip!

**The Wright Museum of African American History**  
**Thursday, August 17, 2023**  
**11am to 1pm**



**THE WRIGHT**

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 this opportunity, please contact the church office.**

08/06  
08/13 Melkus  
08/20 Cerny  
08/27 Wolfgram



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

08/06  
08/13 Melkus  
08/20 Cerny  
08/27 Worship @ the Park

### Greeters

10:00am

08/06 Nancy Bigler  
08/13 John Billings  
08/20 Becky Doran  
08/27 Shirley Wheeler

Contact Tom Cerny with questions  
tomcerny1@aol.com



### COUNTERS

08/06 Sandy Jones, Tom Cerny  
08/13 Carol Capell, Ron Blakemore  
08/20 Jessica Smith, Carol Cerny  
08/27 Tom Cerny, Jim Wise

Would you like to help? Let the office know! We just need a couple more volunteers to keep everyone at no more than once a month!

# august

## *Birthdays and Anniversaries*

### Birthday Wishes

1<sup>st</sup> Dani Rossman  
2<sup>nd</sup> Colleen Fitch  
4<sup>th</sup> Marty Seaman  
6<sup>th</sup> Bruce Van Vlack  
7<sup>th</sup> Wyatt Booms  
8<sup>th</sup> Nick Federici  
9<sup>th</sup> David Roberts, Don Sawyer (82)  
10<sup>th</sup> Paul Manning, Levi Skinner  
11<sup>th</sup> Ron Blakemore (86),  
Betty Gay Charmoli  
12<sup>th</sup> Shelby Mitchinson  
13<sup>th</sup> Jackie Davidson  
14<sup>th</sup> Tom Cerny (80), Denise Holaly,  
Richard Smith  
15<sup>th</sup> Jean Sayre (93)  
16<sup>th</sup> Lauren Chwojnicky, Lauren Rice  
17<sup>th</sup> Donley Norris  
18<sup>th</sup> Gary Dibeau (82), Chuck Lawcock  
20<sup>th</sup> Anne Coronado, Sam Smith,  
Jane West  
22<sup>nd</sup> Jennifer Banfield-Haggerty  
23<sup>rd</sup> Laura Heberling  
25<sup>th</sup> Sarah Anderson

26<sup>th</sup> Alex Trinidad  
27<sup>th</sup> Randi Klosterman  
28<sup>th</sup> Gordon Lawcock  
30<sup>th</sup> Marcia Ferguson (91)



### Anniversary Blessings

1<sup>st</sup> Patricia & Marvin Whitcomb (42)  
2<sup>nd</sup> Rose Marie & Richard Shick (65)  
9<sup>th</sup> Gina & Bob Briscoe (43)  
10<sup>th</sup> Nancy & Craig Fiederlein  
13<sup>th</sup> Andrea & Jeff Mertz  
15<sup>th</sup> Betty Gay & Rich Charmoli (53)  
25<sup>th</sup> Sam & Ryan Cantley  
26<sup>th</sup> Traci & Dave Russell  
27<sup>th</sup> Ann & Bob Fraile (57),  
Carrie & Gene Kurosky



Men's Coffee  
Every Friday at  
10:00 a.m.  
All are welcome!

The Prayer Shawl group meets  
Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. Join  
us as we knit and crochet  
prayer shawls, hats and  
scarves, etc.



Grand Blanc United Methodist Church  
Financial Summary

General Fund Balance (as of 06-30-23) = \$23,631  
Mortgage Fund Balance (as of 06-30-23) = \$5,839

**MORTGAGE BALANCE (as of 06-30-23) = \$115,721**



# August 2023



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<b>1</b> <b>NO</b> Pastor @ Panera 10a Prayer Group 7p Fellowship Hall in use	<b>2</b> 9:30a-12:30p Summer Social! 10a Prayer Shawl 7p Fellowship Hall in use	<b>3</b> 7p Fellowship Hall in use	<b>4</b> 10a Men's Coffee 7p Al Anon 7p Fellowship Hall in use	<b>5</b> 10a O.A. 10a Yoga
	<b>6</b> 10a Worship 11a Coffee Hour	<b>7</b> 7p Fellowship Hall in use	<b>8</b> 10a Pastor @ Panera 10a Yoga 7p Fellowship Hall in use	<b>9</b> 9:30a-12:30p Summer Social! 10a Prayer Shawl 7p Fellowship Hall in use	<b>10</b> 7p Fellowship Hall in use	<b>11</b> CHURCH OFFICE CLOSING AT 1pm 10a Men's Coffee 7p Al Anon
	<b>12</b> 10a O.A. 10a Yoga					
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	<b>19</b> 10a O.A. 10a Yoga					
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<b>27</b> 10a Worship in the Park! Picnic! Noon Back to School Event	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> 10a Pastor @ Panera 10a Yoga	<b>30</b> 10a Prayer Shawl 6p ASP gathering at the Parsonage	<b>31</b> CHURCH OFFICE CLOSING AT NOON		





# As sweet as honey



Honey is both a sweetener and a medicine.  
How can our words be used in the same ways?



*Directions: Use the hexagon key to fill in the missing vowels and complete Proverbs 16:24, NIV.*



Gr  c    s w  rds

r   h  n   c  m b,

s w   t t  th  s   l

nd h   l  ng



t  th  b  n  s.



PROVERBS 16:24, NIV

Answer: Gracious words are a honeycomb, sweet to the soul and healing to the bones. Proverbs 16:24, NIV

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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

## 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.

Pastor Brian will not be at  
Panera on August 1.

**Panera**  
BREAD®

**AMPLIFY MEDIA**

### New from Amplify!!!

We live in a busy world. Our plates are full.  
It's often difficult for people to make time to  
read their Bibles.

To help you fit Bible reading and prayer into  
your hectic schedule, the entire audio library  
of the Common English Bible (New Testament  
and Old Testament) is now available with a  
subscription to Amplify Media.

In addition to the CEB Audio Edition, Amplify  
gives you access to thousands of high-quality  
videos!

GBUMC has a subscription and so to access  
your FREE Amplify account,  
just follow these simple steps:  
Go to: <https://my.amplifymedia.com>.  
Enter our Access Code: pzjybg  
(You will be asked to create your own login  
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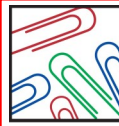
If you have any questions, please do not  
hesitate to ask me.

Angela Campbell, Christian Education Director



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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 August:

Friday, August 11 9am to 1pm

Thursday, August 31 9am to noon

### 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!

## ASP Gathering!

If you went to ASP in 2022, or if you think  
you'd like to go in 2024, you are invited to  
join us on

**Wednesday, August 30, 6p to 8p  
at the Parsonage (12110 Francesca)**

for a cookout! If you will be in high school,  
beginning Fall of 2024, or if you graduate  
in 2024, you are invited to join us for this  
amazing mission trip!

The Appalachia Service Project envisions  
the eradication of substandard housing in  
Central Appalachia and the transformation  
of everyone who comes in contact with  
this ministry.

Bring something to drink  
and your swimsuit!

Our tentative week to go in  
2024 is: June 30 -July 6.

**ASP**  
**Appalachia**  
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