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Youth Group Kicks off tonight!!
5p-7p

Join us for fun around our new firepit
 with hot dogs and smores!
 All youth 6th through 12th grades are welcome!
 Bring a friend or two!

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TODAY Sunday, September 17 from noon to 2pm, Protection Policy Training. Lunch will be provided.

The children and youth in our church are some of our most vulnerable members. Here at GBUMC we have a "Policy Statement for the Protection of Children, Youth and Vulnerable Adults," known as our **Protection Policy**, and any staff or volunteer who works with these groups is required to be trained in our Protection Policy, which includes a background check. This training is to be renewed every three (3) years. If you have not gone through our Protection Policy class or haven't had the class within the last 3 years, please consider attending this class.

Dreaming

Pastor Brian would like to spend some time with those interested in doing some dreaming about the future ministries of Grand Blanc UMC. During a couple of weeks in September and October, there will be small group opportunities that you can sign up for to come and dream hopeful dreams with Pastor Brian and others from the church. To sign up, you can do so on the sheet in the Narthex, on the Sign-Up Genius that was sent via email, or by contacting the church office. The dates and times include:
 Monday, September 25th : 11am-Noon at the church
 or
 Tuesday, October 3rd : 2pm-3pm at the church
 or
 Tuesday, October 10th : 6:30pm-7:30pm via Zoom.

The Worship & Arts Team is looking for some help from you!


- Ushers for both services (you would help with the service you attend, every Sunday or once a month!)
- Scripture Readers or other readers during worship services (on a rotating schedule or just occasionally).
- Help with running the sound and video during worship services (help out occasionally).

Please indicate an area of interest on your Connect Card or contact the church office. Someone will walk you through all you need to know for these volunteer opportunities!!

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MINISTRY

Do you like music?
 Why don't you consider joining
 one of our music groups?

- Choir** rehearsals are every Sunday morning at 10:15am.
 Talk to Andrew Cramer if you have any questions.
- Bell Choir** rehearsals are every Wednesday at 6:30pm.
 Talk to Nancy Petrie if you have any questions.
- Common Grace** rehearses most Thursdays at 6:00pm.
 Talk to Gary Brandt if you are interested.


Acolytes

We are looking for children who would be interested in helping in the worship services by being an acolyte! If your child would like to participate, please contact the church office or note it on your Connect Card!

United Methodist Women/United Women of Faith
Wednesday, September 20
10am
All are welcome! Bring a friend!

Please sign-in with your Connect Card!
 Help us keep accurate attendance records!

The funds in our Community Care Fund (formerly Pastor's Discretionary Fund) have been depleted. There is a lot of need in our community and we have been trying to help to the best of our ability. We do have a fundraiser for this account coming up in November (see the announcement about the Comedy Show, below), but if in the meantime, you would like to assist with this account, your donations will be joyfully accepted. Please place your donation in the offering plate. Just make sure that it is clearly marked for Community Care Fund. Thank you for your continued support of this ministry.

Dinner Show

Friday, November 3, 6 pm

TICKETS - \$20/person
(Get your ticket(s) today!)
Includes, Dinner and Show

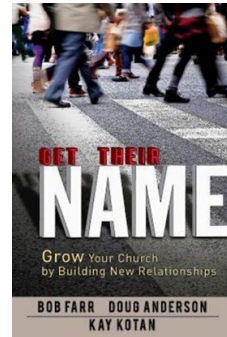


Michigan Comedian Billy Ray Bauer, has performed in 40 states and in Canada. Billy Ray has appeared on the nationally syndicated Bob and Tom Show and was named best local comedian for 2017 by Hour Detroit magazine. His G/PG show will be sure to keep us laughing. *Don't miss out!*

Menu

Chicken, Pasta, Salads,
Hot Vegetable, Rolls, Dessert, Drinks

This event is a fundraiser to support the **Community Care Fund**, formerly known as the Pastor's Discretionary Fund. With a new name, yet same purpose, this fund is used to help provide care to neighbors in our community who need assistance with items such as rent, utilities, gas, and more. These funds are sustained exclusively through fundraising and special donations. It is our hope to continue to be able to help provide much needed care and support to our community and our neighbors.



Pastor's Study


Grand Blanc United Methodist Church

Pastor Brian invites anyone who is an active part of this church join him for this small group study as we take time to read through the book Get Their Name: Grow Your Church by Building New Relationships. During this time, we'll have meaningful conversations and opportunities to explore the topic of our church and its members actively seeking to build relationships with those who do not already have a relationship with the church or with Christ, for that matter, and grow the church in the process. We'll explore: (1) the critical need for this, (2) why it's not as strange or awkward as we might think, (3) how we can share our faith with those we know and those we don't, and finally, (4) how we can actively make this part of GBUMC's ministry going.

The small group will meet once a month for a chance to discuss the readings and make plans for putting our learning into practice. Our gatherings will last two hours and will take place at the church. The time commitment for monthly readings is 1-2 hours per month, on average.

Books are available for purchase through the church office or on Cokesbury.com for \$11. Please be sure to obtain the book ahead of time to give time for the scheduled readings.

Dates, Times, & Reading Plan

Monday, September 25, 2023

6:00-8:00pm

Reading in Advance: Section #1: Pages 1 – 25

Monday, October 30, 2023

6:00-8:00pm

Reading in Advance: Section #2: Pages 27 – 66

Monday, November 27, 2023

6:00-8:00pm

Reading in Advance: Section #3: Pages 67 – 102

2023 Church Conference
Sunday, September 24
1:30 p.m.

Held this year at:
Lake Fenton UMC
2581 N. Long Lake Road

Our first opportunity meet the other churches in our Zone!
Everyone is welcome to attend!



I would like to thank all of the Committee Chairpersons for submitting the required forms for Church Conference so expediently. You made my job so much easier and I want you to know how much I appreciate you and all of the work you do for the church. Cathy Mitchinson

Pastor @ Panera

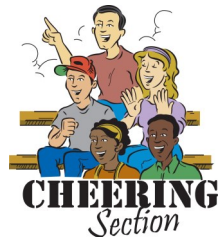
Tuesdays from 10am to Noon!
Pray, Chat, Advice or Listening Ear
Introduce a friend to Pastor Brian!

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BREAD®

The finance committee is looking for individuals who would be interested in helping with the counting and depositing of the weekly offering. The offering is always counted in teams of at least 2 people and you would be scheduled to count once a month at the most. Please indicate your interest on your Connect Card. Tom Cerny can answer any questions 810-252-6943 or tomcerny1@col.com

Check out the bulletin board outside of the Sanctuary! Feel free to post a schedule or event that church members could attend to support someone!

And then we can all watch for postings and attend when we're able!
Let's cheer for our community!!

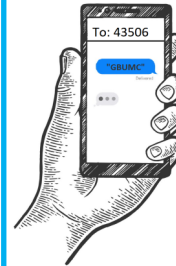


Want to celebrate someone's birthday in a special way? Rent the birthday sign!!! This fundraiser is an easy way for you to support our youth and their mission projects!!! For your generous donation of \$50, we will place this sign in the yard of your choice the night before the birthday and remove it again on the day after. The sign is in the Narthex. There is a folder attached to the sign with 3 months of calendars for signing up for the day(s) of your choice!!



If you have any questions, please call Cathy in 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!

Be sure to pick up a **BLESSING BAG** for our neighbors who are facing housing and food insecurities. Bags are available for you to take to someone or to keep in your car to share when you find someone that could use the bag and it's contents.

You are invited to continue donating the following items, which you can bring to the church anytime! Razors, deodorants, bar soap, toothbrushes, socks, washcloths, and band-aids, as well as the following travel sized items: shaving cream, lotions, shampoo, toothpaste, facial tissues and hand sanitizer.

The support for this ministry has been wonderful!!

~You can find filled Blessing Bags on the shelves between the conference room and the prayer room (across from the bathrooms). The bags are on the top shelves and the bins on the bottom shelves are where supply donations can be placed.