



"Connection"



September 3

10am SERVICE

14th Sunday after Pentecost

"Interrupting Work"

Exodus 3:1-15



September 10

9am & 11am SERVICES

RESUME

15th Sunday after Pentecost

"Blessed Assurance"

Hebrew 11:1

Matthew 28:16-20



September 17

16th Sunday after Pentecost

Mission Speaker

Temba Nkomozepi

Mujila Falls



September 24

17th Sunday after Pentecost

"Accident Prone"

Ephesians 2:1-10



"Pull Up A Chair"

"You have heard that it was said, You must love your neighbor and hate your enemy. But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who harass you...If you love only those who love you, what reward do you have? Don't even the tax collectors do the same? And if you greet only your brothers and sisters, what more are you doing? Don't even the Gentiles do the same? Therefore, just as your heavenly Father is complete in showing love to everyone, so also you must be complete."

Matthew 5:43-44, 46-48 (CEB)

But in all these things we win a sweeping victory through the one who loved us. I'm convinced that nothing can separate us from God's love in Christ Jesus our Lord: not death or life, not angels or rulers, not present things or future things, not powers or height or depth, or any other thing that is created.

Romans 8:37-39 (CEB)

When my grandmother, Jane West, passed away in December 2006 at the age of 90, she left us with two requests for her funeral. The first was that we'd sing the hymn "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing." The second was a bit unorthodox, and that was that she demanded that we not serve Green Bean casserole at her funeral luncheon. Needless to say, it wasn't her favorite! The problem was, for everyone else in the family, Green Bean Casserole was (and still is) a favorite. We wanted to bring to the table a dish that we loved, but simply wasn't allowed. We honored that wish of hers...for the most part.

In the last year or so, I've been sharing a vision with this congregation that I pray we can live into what it means to be what I call a "Big Table Church." Having shared this before, bear with me as I share it again with a bit more nuance. By a "Big Table Church," what I am referring to is the idea that we gather at the figurative (and sometimes literal) table of the God, feasting on the goodness of God's great love, and experiencing what it means to be Christians and a people called *the church*. Jesus invites us to recognize that this table is not only *BIG*, but that it is also *Growing*. At this table where we gather as a church, we have to begin to recognize that what allows me to come to the table is God's all-sufficient grace, which is also the very thing that brings you to the table.

You see, God's table – the fellowship of believers – is not yours or mine. It is wholly God's! And when it's God's table, and it is God's grace that invites you and me to it, there can be no argument that it is not available for each and every one of God's children! No exceptions, no small print, no asterisks. If there is space for me, then there is space for you. And if there is space for us, then there is absolutely space for all! God's grace and love knows no limit (Romans 8:37-39)!

But, we can't stop here, because this begins to sound like a table full of chaos! God's kingdom is one of love, grace, hope, peace, joy, and inclusion, and so it would be reasonable to expect that the table would be, too. For this purpose, I like to say that *the table is big and open to everyone, but the menu is God's, too, and we don't get to bring our own food.* And that's where the Green Bean Casserole comes in.

When we're at God's table, the meal that is served is love and love, alone! Another way to look at it is to remember that the meal that is served at the big table is the gospel – a gospel of immense and unfailing love; a gospel of diminishing margins

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and the inclusion of, and love for those who have spent too long on those margins; a gospel that announces forgiveness and grace; a gospel that sets free and tears down barriers, not builds them; a gospel that commands our love to be more reflective of God's love (Matthew 5:48).

For us to be a "Big Table Church" means that we're going to work hard – and at times struggle – to pull up chairs to the table to make sure that everyone has access to a seat. We're not going to leave anyone out, determine litmus tests for who belongs, or leave anyone on the outside looking in. We're not going to own the table, but instead recognize that it is, has always been, and will forever be GOD'S TABLE! For us to be a "Big Table Church," it means that we're going to feast on the incredible love of God and demand of ourselves and hold one another accountable to leave behind us all that is not of love.

There is no question that this is going to be incredibly hard for all of us at various times! At moments we're going to forget whose table it is and we're going fall short by thinking that we somehow deserve a seat at the table while others are still on the outside looking in. There are going to be days where we demand our Pyrex dish of Green Bean Casserole be allowed at the table, even though it just doesn't belong. And while we *will* succeed again and again at being a "Big Table Church" that reflects God's love, we must admit that this will likely be the most difficult thing we'll ever do in our lives! But I promise you this: there is nothing in this world more worth this effort than the Kingdom of God!

The truth is, we live in a world that is looking for a church that can be trusted. People of all ages are looking for a church that not only talks about love, but actually loves; not only talks about grace, but also extends it; not only exists for itself, but exists to that the world might come to know the goodness of God. In this season of Christianity, the world aches for an authentic expression of God's very real love. We can be that! But it's going to take each and every one of us.

Pull up a chair!

Pastor Brian



FOR THE HOMEBOUND:

Marge Berryman
Marge Cramer
Shirley Crane

Eleanor Hall

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

Janet Davis

Wellbridge
3139 E. Baldwin Road
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Grand Blanc, MI 48439

OUR CHURCH FAMILY:

Shirley Andrews
Marge Berryman
Donna Brookins
Jim Bunker
Fran Duby
Marcia Ferguson
Judy Gratsch
Donna Hedding
Dick Hubler
Karen Lawcock
Joanne Lepri
Paul Manning
Norma Stanbury
Bob Tritten



FOR OTHERS:

Adrainna & Brenden
Susan Allan
Hudson Bennett
Nancy Bilas
Margaret Brainerd
Sallie Burek
Patricia Crawfis
Warren Crawfis
Rev. Julius Del Pino
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
Janice King

Norma Koerkel
Kathy Latimer
Ellie Lauth
Adrianna Martell
Heavenly Martin
Julie McKenna
Joshua Nelson
Larry Oden
Rick Palmer
Martin Ryder
Bill Shier
John Smith
Eddie Snow
Larry Spataro
Colleen Stebens
Gregory Sumerix
Jeff & Amy Tebo
Marvin Thompson
Sara Toth-Perkins
Emery Wacser
Kayla Wiese
Laura Wilson
Ed Woodard

Please feel free to take a copy of The Upper Room or a copy of Our Daily Bread to someone that is not able to attend church in person. We always have a few copies left over. There are several people that would enjoy receiving a copy, plus they would really enjoy seeing you!!



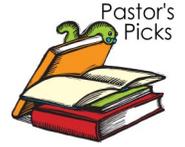
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CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

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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.**



September 2023 book pick: "Velvet Elvis" By Rob Bell



Sunday School Resumes Sunday, September 10

With a church potluck picnic!

Sunday School is available for all ages!
Our teachers are excited to get to know you all!

Sunday School is the place to make connections, build relationships and explore ways to apply the stories we read in the Bible to the real life journeys we are on. Fall is a great time to renew your commitment to grow in faith as a family.

Join us on Sundays at 10:00a.m.



All-Church Potluck

To kick-off our new program year, everyone is invited to our all-church

potluck picnic on Sunday, September 10 following the 11:00a.m. worship service.



Our nursery is available for preschool age and younger during all worship services.

All children are always welcome in the Sanctuary during worship services. Adrienne and a volunteer adult are in the Nursery, if you would prefer to let your children play there while you worship.

What a fun Summer we had with our Summer Social Wednesdays and our Summer Fun VBS programs. Thanks to everyone who joined us!



Youth Group!

All youth grades 6 through 12 are invited to participate!

We've got lots of great events planned for this Fall!

We hope you will join us and bring a friend!

September

12th (Tuesday) 5p-8p ASP fundraiser @ Culver's

17th (Sunday) 5p-7p Youth Group Kickoff

24th (Sunday) 5p-7p Gather at the church



October

1st (Sunday) 5p-7p Gather at the church

8th (Sunday) Noon-4p Lunch and trip to the Orchard

15th (Sunday) 5p-7p Pack Reverse Trick or Treat Bags

22nd (Sunday) 9:30a-1:30p ASP Soup & Bread Fundraiser

29th (Sunday) 5p-7p To Abbey Park for Reverse Trick or Treat

November

5th (Sunday) 5p-7p Gather at the Church

12th (Sunday) 5p-7p Movie night at the Church

18th (Saturday) TBD FEED the Bus for FISH

26th (Sunday) Noon-2p Hanging of the Greens



Decorating Party

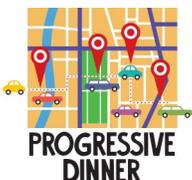
December

3rd (Sunday) 5p-7p Shopping for FISH family

10th (Sunday) 4p-8p Progressive Dinner

17th (Sunday) 4p-8p Gift Wrapping Fundraiser

31st (Sunday) Noon-2p NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY!



NEWS & NOTES FOR SEPTEMBER AND MORE FROM YOUR COMMUNITY OUTREACH & ENGAGEMENT TEAM

Community Outreach & Engagement Team (COE), a long title for such a simple concept . . . Take a **closer** look!
♥ LOVING and CARING for our neighbors. So many opportunities coming this fall.



All are welcome!

Takeout available

COMMUNITY DINNER

See you Wednesday, September 6

Pasta, Salad, Garlic Bread, Dessert, Drinks

5-6 pm Invite your neighbors!

The gift of SERVICE

volunteer

do good, feel good

All are welcome!

5-6 pm

Takeout available

COMMUNITY DINNER

See you Wednesday, NOVEMBER 1

Pizza Buffet, Salad, Drinks and Dessert

♥ Don't miss out & bring a friend ♥

Looking Ahead...

All are welcome!

4-6 PM

Takeout available

COMMUNITY DINNER

See you Wednesday, October 4

Sloppy Joes, Baked Beans, Salad, Chips, Dessert, Drinks

AND

Community Care Resource Fair

Health Information
Community Resources
Give A-ways
Blood Pressure Check & more

Dinner COMEDY Show

Friday, November 3, 6 pm

TICKETS - \$20/person
(on sale beginning September 10)
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

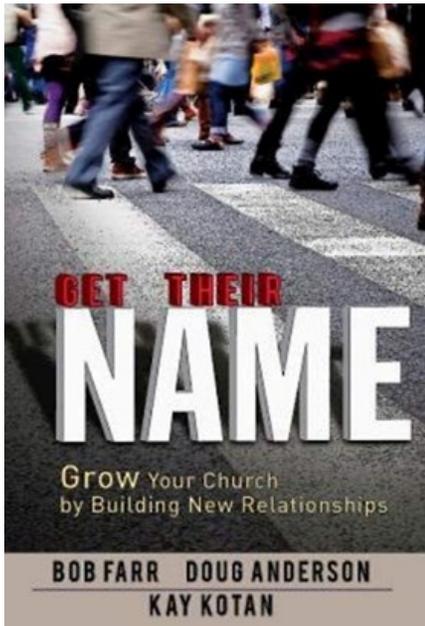
Chicken, Pasta, Salads,
Hot Vegetable, Rolls, Dessert, Drinks

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.

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 to 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 forward.

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

09/03
09/10
09/17
09/24



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.

SEPTEMBER



Birthdays and Anniversaries

Coffee Hour

09/03 Lutton
09/10 Education
09/17 Staff Parish
09/24 United Women's Fellowship



11:00am Worship Ushers

1st Sunday Jim Wise (10:00 a.m.)
2nd Sunday Virginia Sullivan
3rd Sunday Bob & Barb Mills
4th Sunday Gary Bendall

COUNTERS

09/03 Sandy Jones, Tom Cerny
09/10 Carol Capell, Ron Blakemore
09/17 Jessica Smith, Carol Cerny
09/24 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!

Birthday Wishes

1st Bev Atchison, Jim Bunker,
Deb Carvill,
RaeDeane Middleton
3rd Connor Seaman
5th Gary Hajek
14th Alyssa Norris
16th Calvin Church
18th Nancy Booms,
Dorrie Richmond (99)
20th Deb Skinner
21st Nathan DeVos, Bob Fraile,
Adrienne Jablonski,
Tanya Russian
22nd Sue Brady
25th Benjamin Lutton
26th Glen DeVos, Ruth Walder (85)
28th Theodore Gratsch,
Bernie Waisanen

Anniversary Blessings

2nd Connie & David Skinner (34)
3rd Krystal & Leland Mitchinson
10th Marilyn & Nick Federici (57)
13th Renee & Bob Eggert (48)
16th Cathy & Robert Bixby
20th Luann & Dave Griffus (43)
21st Mariann Quaderer & Joanne Lepri (10)
25th Anne & Dave Coronado
28th Laurie & Julius Del Pino



Greeters

9:00am

11:00am

09/03 10:00am Service: Nan Rahn
09/10 Carol Cerny Angela Cook
09/17 Becky Doran Nancy Bigler
09/24 RaeAnn Waisanen Nan Rahn
Contact Tom Cerny with questions tomcerny1@aol.com

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



2023 SEPTEMBER



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 OFFICE CLOSED 10a Men's Coffee 7p Al Anon	2 10a O.A. 10a Yoga
3 10a Worship 11a Coffee Hour	4 OFFICE CLOSED LABOR DAY	5 10a Pastor @ Panera 10a Yoga 10a Prayer Group 6p Missions 7p Worship & Arts via Zoom	6 10a Prayer Shawl 5p Community Dinner	7 6p Common Grace	8 10a Men's Coffee 7p Al Anon	9 10a O.A. 10a Yoga
10 9a Worship 10a Coffee Hour 10a Sunday Sch 10:15 Choir 11a Worship Noon ALL CHURCH POTLUCK PICNIC!	11 7p Ad Council via Zoom	12 10a Pastor @ Panera 10a Yoga 5p-8p ASP Fundraiser @ Culver's	13 10a Prayer Shawl 6:30p Celebration Ringers	14	15 10a Men's Coffee 7p Al Anon	16 10a O.A. 10a Yoga 2p District Open House @ Lexington UMC
17 9a Worship 10a Coffee Hour 10a Sunday Sch 10:15a Choir 11a Worship 5p Youth Group Kickoff	18 10a Zentangle	19 10a Pastor @ Panera 10a Prayer Group 10a Yoga	20 10a Prayer Shawl 6:30p Celebration Ringers	21 6p Common Grace	22 10a Men's Coffee 7p Al Anon	23 10a O.A. 10a Yoga
24 9a Worship 10a Coffee Hour 10a Sunday Sch 10:15a Choir 11a Worship 5p Youth Group	25 11a Dreaming Session 6p Get Their Name Study	26 10a Pastor @ Panera 10a Yoga	27 10a Prayer Shawl 6:30p Celebration Ringers	28 6p Common Grace	29 10a Men's Coffee 7p Al Anon	30 10a O.A. 10a Yoga

Ryan Anderson's Eagle Scout Project!

Ryan has completed his project. We hope you will enjoy this new firepit. It will be a wonderful place to gather and enjoy nature. We will be consecrating this project on a future date.



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 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 name and password)

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask me.

Angela Campbell, Christian Education Director

REMINDER:

Sunday, September 10:

9:00am and 11:00am

worship services resume and

Sunday School also resumes!!

Bring a dish to pass and join us at noon for our

All Church Potluck Picnic!!



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

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

Grand Blanc UMC

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

Our music programs are
resuming! Have you
considered singing in the
choir or ringing bells?

Andrew and/or Nancy would love to have
you join their group!

Chancel Choir rehearses on Sundays at
10:15am. **Celebration Ringers** rehearses on
Wednesdays at 6:30pm.

If you are interested in singing with **Common
Grace**, please speak with Gary Brandt.



Like to make people feel welcome?
Like to share that smile in your heart?
Be a "Greeter"!

Greeters are needed for both worship services to
welcome all who come through our doors. We help
visitors learn about GBUMC, enjoy greeting old
friends and meeting new friends in Christ. Greeters
can sign up for either one or both Sunday services, on
regular rotation or as a sub. A signup sheet is
available on the table in the Narthex or call or email
Tom Cerny to learn more or to sign up.
810-252-6943 tomcerny1@aol.com.

PS—We'll help you get comfortable
with the role and equip you with the
tools (aka information) so you can
respond to questions or know who to
introduce the person to, based on their
interests.



United Methodist Women/United Women of Faith

Join us as we gather on the 3rd Wednesday of the
month at 10:00am.

We look forward to seeing you on Wednesday,
September 20 at 10:00am.





Our next youth mission trip through the Appalachia Service Project (ASP) will be Summer of 2024!! In preparation of this trip we are holding a new fundraiser! On the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall, you will find 100 envelopes. Each envelope has a dollar amount written on it, from \$1 all the way up to \$100. If you would like to help fund our trip, please take the envelope of your choice, place that dollar amount in it and turn it into the church office. This fundraiser will run from October 1, 2023 through December 1, 2023. If you put cash in the envelope, please make sure to put your name on the envelope so that it will be included on your church giving statement for this year. We will have a drawing and one of our supporters will win dinner at Culver's during one of our Culver's nights!

~Remember that the birthday sign is still available for rent! Just sign up on the calendar in the folder attached to the sign and a member of the ASP team will place the sign in your yard the night before your scheduled date and will return to pick it up the day following. Birthday sign rental is \$50.00.

Thank you for your continued support of our youth and this wonderful mission opportunity.

GBUMC **Seasoned Citizens** begins the 2023-2024 season with Russell Sayles, Administrative Officer, Great Lakes National Cemetery on Belford Road. Please join us on **Thursday, September 14** for coffee and conversation at noon followed by potluck at 12:30 and this informative and inspirational program around 1 p.m. See you there!



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.


WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY



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October 1st 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 and 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 1st or you can donate online by designating World Communion Sunday offering.

Thank you for your continued support!

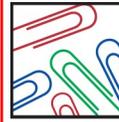
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Cathy Mitchinson, Office Administrator
Angela Campbell, Director of Christian Education
and Webmaster
Gary Brandt, 9:00 Music Director/Director of Common Grace
Andrew Cramer, Music Director for Traditional Worship
Nancy Petrie, Bell Choir Director
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.

The office will be closed on Friday, September 1 and Monday, September 4 for Labor Day.

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 will be sent out, or by contacting the church office. The dates and times include:

Monday, September 25th

11am-Noon at the church

Tuesday, October 3rd

2pm-3pm at the church

Tuesday, October 10th

6:30pm-7:30pm via Zoom.

You are invited to:

A New Leaf District Open House

Meet our new superintendent & East Winds Staff

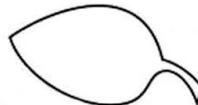
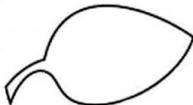
Saturday, September 16

2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. (No RSVP required)

Lexington UMC

5597 Main Street

Lexington, MI 48450



They are asking each attendee bring a leaf or fill one out on site, with a mission idea to be placed on the Mission Tree as we consider what ways each Mission Zone can serve in their local neighborhoods. Leaves are available on the kiosk.

Prayer Shawl News!

GBUMC's Prayer Shawl group is now supplying Pocket Prayer Shawls to a Grief Support Group which meets at Swartz Funeral Home monthly under the supervision of Dr Canine. The Pocket Prayer Shawls have been well received by the bereavement group and they asked us to continue to provide them for future participants.

The Pocket Prayer Shawls are also included in the Blessing Bags GBUMC provides for the community. We continually find ways to reach out in our local community to help those in need.

Here's our description: "A group of friends coming together on a weekly basis for fellowship, friendship and fun. We do ministry for others creating wearable hugs (a.k.a. prayer shawls)."

We meet on Wednesdays from 10:00 a.m. to Noon in the church library, and if the weather is nice we meet outside in the back parking lot! No knowledge of knitting or crocheting is necessary, just come on and join 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!