

"Connection"

October 1

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

18th Sunday after Pentecost

Sermon Series: "Three
Dreamers"

"Joseph, the Interpreter"

Genesis 41:15-36



October 8

19th Sunday after Pentecost

Sermon Series: "Three
Dreamers"

"Joseph, the Carpenter"

Matthew 1:18-24



October 15

COMMITMENT SUNDAY NEW MEMBER SUNDAY

20th Sunday after Pentecost

Sermon Series: "Three
Dreamers"

"GBUMC, the Believers"

Jeremiah 29:4-7



October 22

CALL TO MINISTRY SUNDAY

21st Sunday after Pentecost

"Unless"

Exodus 33:12-19



October 29

22nd Sunday after Pentecost

Guest Preacher:
Rev. Steve Buck

"Pull Up A Chair"

Then Levi threw a great banquet for Jesus in his home. A large number of tax collectors and others sat down to eat with them. The Pharisees and their legal experts grumbled against his disciples. They said, "Why do you eat and drink with tax collectors and sinners?" Jesus answered, "Healthy people don't need a doctor, but sick people do. I didn't come to call righteous people but sinners to change their hearts and lives."

Luke 5:29-32 (CEB)

The other day, I was watching a reality TV show (insert eye roll). You know, the kind of show that adds zero value to your life, but you can't help but watch? Anyway, during this particular episode, the show's participants were asked what time they'd like to have their lunch. Their response? 3 o'clock in the afternoon! When asked when they'd like to sit down for dinner (not yet eat, but just sit down, mind you), they replied, 10:30pm! Now, I'm all for enjoying your vacation and living life outside of the box, but lunch is at noon and dinner is between 5 and 6pm, right?!

Maybe you're with me, or maybe you're not. And that's kind of the point.

I wonder what Levi's banquet was like. Do you think it was catered? Buffet style? Family style? Maybe plated? What was the vegetarian option? How much wine was there? Was there enough for everyone? Oh, and how do you suppose the guests were invited? Maybe it was an invitation to the whole community! Or maybe it was just for certain hand-picked guests. Jesus seemed to have been the guest of honor, so do you think he got to weigh in on who came? Do you think they ate dinner on time, or was it more like 10:30pm?

We don't know the details, but the religious leaders certainly had some criticism for the party...for Jesus...maybe even for Levi – but most certainly for the party guests. *"Why [does Jesus] eat and drink with tax collectors and sinners?"* Now, to be fair, the Pharisees were *not* the only ones asking this question; I guarantee it! You see, how should I put this gently?

NO PERSON OF ANY RELIGIOUS AND SPIRITUAL INTEGRITY SPENT TIME WITH PEOPLE WHO WERE KNOWN TO BE SINNERS OR TAX COLLECTORS UNLESS ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY!

Jesus was doing that which no self-respecting rabbi would do...and I think he knew it. I suspect Jesus did it for two reasons. The first was simply because Jesus was showing absolute love for each person, all of whom he saw as a child of God.

Why? Because no one is left out of the banquet – here or heavenly. The second reason I suspect Jesus did it was because he wanted to prove a point to everyone who questioned it. Just because what I'm doing has not been done before...just because it's unfamiliar...just because it's new...doesn't make it wrong. It's as if Jesus' response is simple, *"Just because it's different doesn't mean it's not loving."*

In other words, just because I prefer my dinner at 6pm, doesn't mean that there is anything wrong with eating dinner at 10:30pm, especially if that's where the people who are hungry for love are. And so, if that means that we need to pull our chairs up to that late night table – no matter how different or out-of-our-comfort-zone it may be, our resounding response should simply be, "Let's Eat!"

There's another seat next to mine. You want it?

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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Wellbridge
3139 E. Baldwin Road
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5370 E. Baldwin Road
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Grand Blanc, MI 48439

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OUR CHURCH FAMILY:

Shirley Andrews
Marge Berryman
Donna Brookins
Jim Bunker
Ruth Davis
Rev. Julius Del Pino
Fran Duby
Lisa England
Judy Gratsch
Donna Hedding
Dick Hubler
Janice King
Karen Lawcock
Joanne Lepri
Paul Manning
Mariann Quaderer
Bob Tritten
Linda Zarnke

FOR OTHERS:

Susan Allan
Kim Allward
Rich Bennetts
Nancy Bilas
Sallie Burek
John Campbell
Patricia Crawfis
Warren Crawfis
Ray Dickinson
Harold Ferguson
Larry Fox
Alea Gardner
Sharon Graham
Gene Griffel
Phyllis Heide
Jim Hood
Laura Johnston
Dave Jones

Kathy Latimer
Ellie Lauth
Adrianna Martell
Ethan McKendry
Julie McKenna
Joshua Nelson
Larry Oden
Rick Palmer
Carl Pate
Martin Ryder
Bill Shier
John Smith
Eddie Snow
Gregory Sumerix
Jeff & Amy Tebo
Marvin Thompson
Emery Wacser
Laura Wilson
Ed Woodard



~ We extend our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Larry Spataro, who passed away on August 27, 2023. Larry is Angela Cook's brother.

~ We extend our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Norma Koerkel, who passed away on September 3, 2023. Norma is Bob Koerkel's aunt.

**Free Health Programs****Advance Care Planning**

Planning in advance for future healthcare choices.

- What if you became seriously ill or were injured?
- What if you could not speak for yourself?
- Do you know who would be making decisions regarding your healthcare?

FREE Presentation

October 26 @ 1pm or
November 16 @ 1pm or
December 21 @ 1pm

Genesys Hurley Cancer Institute
302 Kensington Ave, Flint
For more information or to register:

Www.ghci.org or
Call Tommie at 810-908-5972

FREE Breast Cancer Screenings

Thursday, October 12
5pm to 7pm

Women & Men, age 18 and older are welcome to take advantage of a FREE breast cancer screening.

If the physician determines that a mammogram is needed, the mammogram will be scheduled at a later date and will be free of charge for those without health insurance or are underinsured and can't afford the co-pay.

No appointment nor registration is necessary.

Walk-in between the hours of 5pm & 7pm

Genesys Hurley Cancer Institute
302 Kensington Ave, Flint

Smoking Cessation Program

Presented by Brian Cecil, RN, BSN
FREE 60 minute ZOOM information session starting at 5pm

October 17
November 14
December 12

It's never too late to quit!

Each session will:

- Help you develop a personal quit plan
- Explore alternatives to smoking
- Discuss quit options and allow time for questions

Pre-registration is requested

Call 810-606-7848

or email Brian at

brian.cecil@ascension.org

Individual counseling is available

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.**

October 2023 book pick: "Compelling Lives: Five Methodist Abolitionists and the Ideas that Inspired Them"

By Christopher P. Momany

Trunk or Treat!
Tuesday, October 31
6pm to 8pm

Let your friends and neighbors know to stop by!

If you are interested in participating with your trunk, please have your trunk set up before 6pm.

We are asking that you please supply your own candy, this year.

Pizza will be provided at 5:30pm for those participating with their trunks!

We had so much fun last year,
we hope you will join us!

Sunday School

*Growing Together
in Christ*

If you were unable to attend our Protection Policy Training Sessions during September, but will be working with Children, Youth and Vulnerable Adults here at the church in the future, please contact Angela Campbell to set up a training session.

Coming Soon!

S.O.S. - Support Our Students

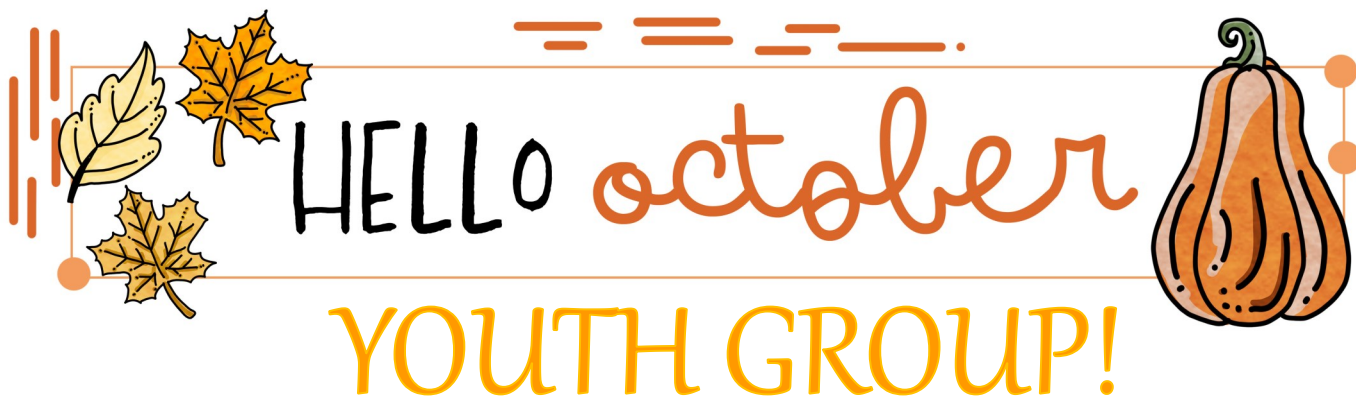
Fall is here and we are looking forward to the startup of the SOS (support our students) program. Watch for the names of college age youth displayed in the Narthex. If you are so inclined, please take a youth's name and commit to support them during this current school year with mail, prayers, etc.

Youth Group will be collecting goods for SOS boxes sent out before the end of their semester. A collection box will be located in the Narthex during November. Items included in these boxes could include, food or snacks, school supplies, and/or personal supplies. A complete list will be posted in the near future.



The youth will be going to Abbey Park to "reverse trick or treat" on Sunday, October 29th and we are looking for donations of candy. There will be a collection box in the Narthex on Sundays October 8th and October 15th. The youth will then pack goodie bags to distribute to the residents.

Thank you for supporting our youth!



HELLO october

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!

Leaders:

Angela Campbell

810-241-7275

Nathan Rahn

734-276-3949

Sunday, October 1st

5pm to 7pm

Join us for some fun, here at church!

Sunday, October 15th

5pm to 7pm

Help us pack our "reverse Trick or Treat" bags! We will deliver them to the residents of Abbey Park on October 29th

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22ND

9:30AM TO 1:30PM

SOUP & BREAD

FUNDRAISER FOR ASP

Most of you are familiar with our youth mission trips to serve with the Appalachia Service Project. Our next trip is planned for July 2024. Each Youth Group member is eligible to participate in ASP 2024!!

We hope you will consider joining us and you can bring a friend. If you'd like more information before our meeting in February, feel free to talk to one of your youth group leaders.

In the meantime, everyone's help is needed for this awesome fundraiser!

Sunday, October 8th

Meet at the church at Noon

We will get some lunch and then head to an orchard.

Permission slips will be required.

Parents: pick up your youth at the church at 4pm

Sunday, October 29th
Noon to 2:30pm

Reverse Trick or Treating at Abbey Park! We will gather at noon here at the church for a pizza lunch and then we will head over to Abbey Park to Treat the residents to some Halloween fun! Permission slips will be required.



SHARE THE LOVE → INVITE ← YOUR FRIENDS

COMMUNITY OUTREACH & ENGAGEMENT

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

♥ LOVING and CARING for our neighbors.

Your help is needed. Please consider signing up for the next blood drive.



Friday
October
13
12:00 PM - 4:00 PM

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



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

We serve a **FREE DINNER** every first
Wednesday of the month from 5-6 pm.

COMMUNITY DINNER

All are welcome!!!

Dinner COMEDY Show

Friday, November 3, 6 pm

TICKETS - \$20/person
(on sale NOW!)

Includes, Dinner and Show held @ the church



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 Pastors discretionary fund). The fund is sustained exclusively through fundraising and currently is taxed and unable to provide the much help necessary for current needs. Those needs can include, help with rent, utilities and the church typically has on hand gas cards for folks with transportation emergencies.

We put the FUN in fundraising!

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 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:

Tuesday, October 3rd
2pm-3pm at the church

Tuesday, October 10th
6:30pm-7:30pm via Zoom.



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

All children are always

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

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!!

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.

Panera
BREAD®



"Please bless these chops, these peas and these potatoes, both actual and couch."



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!

For the next three months we be enjoying a series entitled...**GETTING TO KNOW YOUR STAFF.** Each month we will showcase two or three staff giving us an opportunity to learn just a bit more about how wonderful they are. They each will receive a list of questions they can choose from and their answers will be shared for all to enjoy.

WE BEGIN THE SERIES WITH PASTOR BRIAN WEST AND CATHY MITCHINSON.



Pastor Brian West

What is on your bucket list?

Sky Diving

What are you most thankful for?

My family and close friends

What is your biggest regret in life?

Not doing Study-Abroad during college

What are you most afraid of?

Centipedes (Yes. It's because of the legs)

What do you feel most passionate about?

Building real community that reflects God's kingdom

How do you like to spend your free time?

With family, for sure, but I also enjoy watching TV and movies of all genres.

What would your perfect day be like?

Okay, so this is super specific (and all of these things can be Googled): Starting out with a sunrise walk along a Martha's Vineyard beach, followed up with an apple fritter from Back Door Donuts, time at the beach with Stephanie and kiddos, pizza at Giordano's in Oak Bluffs, MA, ice cream from Mad Martha's, and finally a glass of Cabernet Sauvignon on the cottage porch while we visit with neighbors on the campground circle in the night air.

What does your dream life look like? **I'm totally living it.**

Who is the most important person in your life and why?

My wife, Stephanie. While there are many, many important people in my life, without Stephanie, so many of those relationships just wouldn't be what they are.

Who in your life most makes you feel a sense of home?

Stephanie gets this one, too!

Do you have a mentor? **Many!**

Have you ever broken up with a friend, and why?

I don't know about "broken up," but certainly I've had great friends in various seasons of life who have fallen out of contact. I don't see this as a bad thing, though. They were wonderful friends in those seasons, and I hope I was a good friend to them, too!

What is the best compliment that you've ever received?

That I'm a good dad.

What is something people would never guess just by looking at you?

I'm a gentle giant

What makes you laugh the most? **Stand-up comedy**

Have you ever made a decision that changed your life?

Many, many!

What was the happiest day of your life?

The day I became a dad (also, because of health issues, the scariest)

What's your favorite thing about yourself?

My sense of humor

What's the most exciting part of your job?

Every moment I witness someone's "aha!" moment with God

What's the most important thing you've ever done at work?

Financial reports (just kidding). Every time I get to proclaim God's love to someone who doesn't feel it.

What's the best piece of career advice you ever got? "

Be an amazing dad, a great spouse, and a good pastor. If you do all three in that order, you'll succeed at each."

What was your first job? **Church nursery attendant**

What is your relationship like with your co-workers?

Relaxed and encouraging

Where do you see yourself in five years?

Here in Grand Blanc, hopefully :)

Do you believe in second chances? **At least!**

What was the biggest favor you've ever done for someone else?

Drove a friend 4 hours to Ohio and back in 1 day.

What was the biggest favor you asked from someone else for yourself?

I asked someone to drive me to the hospital while we were staying in the remote mountains of Guatemala (yes, I accidentally drank the water).

If you could change one thing about the world, what would it be?

Develop a sense of community and closeness to one another.

Would you rather drive or be the passenger in a car?

Drive. Always drive.

What is your dream vacation destination?

Food and wine tour of Italy.

If you could be any animal, what would you be and why?

Bird - flight!

What superpower would you want to have?

Flight would be awesome!

October is PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH

Sunday, October 8 is PASTOR APPRECIATION SUNDAY

Let's show Pastor Brian how much GBUMC appreciate him by recognizing his contributions and service to this Congregation. Below are some ideas on how you might honor Pastor Brian.

- ♥ Write him an encouraging , heartfelt letter note or card. His "Love Language" is words of Affirmation. Maybe share... What you've learned. Thank him for something specific he did or something he mentioned during a sermon, or a prayer that resonated with you.
- ♥ Pray for him. Serve/Volunteer in the church. Your presence at worship.
- ♥ Celebrate his wife and children.
- ♥ Or your own idea.



LOVE EACH OTHER WITH GENUINE ACTION, AND TAKE DELIGHT IN HONORING EACH OTHER. ROMANS,12:10

GETTING TO KNOW YOUR STAFF CONTINUED...



Cathy Mitchinson

What are you most thankful for?
My children.

What is your biggest regret in life?
I wish I had been a better student in school.

Do you believe in second chances?
Absolutely!!! I need them!!

How do you like to spend your free time?
I enjoy spending time with family and friends and gardening and knitting

Who is the most important person in your life and why?
Jeff, because I know he loves me and accepts me as I am and he makes me a better person.

Who in your life most makes you feel a sense of home?
My mom. She still lives in the house I grew up in and being with her there is the most comforting and comfortable place to be.

What is the best compliment that you've ever received?
That I made a positive impact on someone else's life.

What is something people would never guess just by looking at you?
That I was spoiled as a kid. Not monetarily but that my parents never made me do anything.

Have you ever made a decision that changed your life?
The decision to accept the role of one of the youth group leaders here at GBUMC.

What was the happiest day of your life?
The day I got married.

What's the most important thing you've ever done at work?
When we have funds available to help someone who is struggling financially, to give them a little sense of relief.

What's the best piece of career advice you ever got?
"Make sure that your job is something you enjoy doing"

What was your first job?
Church nursery attendant followed by working at the New Hudson Lumber Company.

If you could change one thing about the world, what would it be?
That we appreciate each other and accept our differences.

What is your dream vacation destination? **Alaska**

If you could be any animal, what would you be and why?
A duck. They get to fly and swim!

10/01
10/08 SPRC
10/15 Briscoe
10/22
10/29



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

10/01 U.M. Men
10/08 The Luttons
10/15 Worship & Arts
10/22 ASP Soup & Bread
10/29 The Wests



11:00am Worship Ushers

1st Sunday Jim Wise, Carol Cerny
2nd Sunday Nancy Bigler,
Virginia Sullivan
3rd Sunday Bob & Barb Mills
4th Sunday Gary Bendall,
Tom Cerny
5th Sunday

COUNTERS

10/01 Sandy Jones, Tom Cerny
10/08 Carol Capell, Ron Blakemore
10/15 Jessica Smith, Carol Cerny
10/22 Tom Cerny, Jim Wise
10/29 Sandy Jones, Tom Cerny

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!



Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthday Wishes

1st Rose Marie Shick
3rd Paul Rahn, Jessica Smith
4th Anna Slogor
6th Megan Bunker
7th Allison Koerkel, Kristin Rahn,
Grace Williams
9th Becky Dick, Nancy Fiederlein
10th Cathy Bixby
11th Bazyl Briscoe
14th Isabella Briscoe,
Kim Gordinier,
Jason Lengyel
17th Steven Buck
18th Cheryl Herrmann,
Thomas Pettit
19th Matthew Black
20th Matthew West, Micah West
21st Robyn Bjorkman,
Elizabeth Joseph,
Louisa Stack

22nd Patricia Whitcomb
24th Peggy Carlson
26th Mini Armstrong, Brendan Brinn
27th Cheryl Cottrell (80), Marilyn Moleski
30th Hilary Holtz



Anniversary Blessings

6th Laurie & Andrew Dick,
Paula & Bob Guthrie (51)
14th Tracy & David Sanborn,
Lisa & John Stafford (34)
15th Anna & Paul Roth,
Karen & Marty Seaman
20th Angela & Shawn Lock
Erica & Ernest Lyons
22nd Felicia & Chuck Lawcock (35)
23rd Kristin & Chad Ivan (30)
27th Tanya & Donovan Russian



Greeters

9:00am

10/01 Shirley Wheeler
10/08 Dick Shick
10/15 Becky Doran
10/22 RaeAnn Waisanen
10/29 John Billings

11:00am

Virginia Sullivan
Tom Cerny
Nan Rahn
Nancy Bigler
Tom Cerny

Contact Tom Cerny with questions or to volunteer! tomcerny1@aol.com

Grand Blanc United Methodist Church
Financial Summary

General Fund Balance (as of 08-31-23) = \$19,664
Mortgage Fund Balance (as of 08-31-23) = \$4,594

MORTGAGE BALANCE (as of 08-31-23) = \$113,411



October 2023

**FRIGHTFULLY
GOOD!**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9a Worship 10a Coffee Hour 10a Sunday Sch 10:15a Choir 11a Worship 5p Youth Group	2 6p Mission Meeting	3 10a Pastor @ Panera 10a Yoga 10a Prayer Group 2p Dreaming Session	4 10a Prayer Shawl 4p Community Dinner with Resource Fair 6:30p Celebration Ringers	5 10a Drop-in Bible Study	6 10a Men's Coffee 7p Al Anon	7 10a O.A. 10a Yoga
8 9a Worship 10a Coffee Hour 10a Sunday Sch 10:15 Choir 11a Worship Noon-4p Youth, Lunch & trip to Orchard 2p-4p F.H. in use	9 7p Ad Council via Zoom	10 10a Pastor @ Panera 10a Yoga 6:30p Dreaming Session via Zoom	11 10a Prayer Shawl 6:30p Celebration Ringers	12 10a Drop-in Bible Study Noon Seasoned Citizens 6p Common Grace	13 10a Men's Coffee Noon-4p Blood Drive 7p Al Anon	14 9a-2p New Member Class 10a O.A. 10a Yoga
15 9a Worship 10a Coffee Hour 10a Sunday Sch 10:15a Choir 11a Worship Noon Coffee Hour 5p Youth Group	16 10a Zentangle 6p Men's Dinner	17 10a Pastor @ Panera 10a Prayer Group 10a Yoga	18 10a Women's Circles 10a Prayer Shawl 6:30p Celebration Ringers	19 10a NO Drop-in Bible Study 6p Common Grace	20 10a Men's Coffee 7p Al Anon	21 10a O.A. F.H. in Use
22 9a Worship 10a Soup & Bread 10a Sunday Sch 10:15a Choir 11a Worship Noon Soup & Bread	23 7p Finance via Zoom	24 10a Pastor @ Panera 10a Yoga	25 10a Prayer Shawl 6:30p Celebration Ringers	26 10a Drop-in Bible Study 6p Common Grace	27 10a Men's Coffee 7p Al Anon	28 10a O.A. 10a Yoga
29 9a Worship 10a Coffee Hour 10a Sunday Sch 10:15a Choir 11a Worship Noon Youth Group Pizza & then to Abbey Park	30 6p Get Their Name Study	31 10a Pastor @ Panera 10a Prayer Group 10a Yoga 6p Trunk or Treat				



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 or place it in the offering plate. 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.

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, October 18



Friday's at 10:00a.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,
and more!

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY



**WORLD COMMUNION
SUNDAY**

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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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



You Are Invited



When: Monday, October 16, 2023
Where: GBUMC Fellowship Hall
Who: Men & boys of all ages are welcome
Time: Doors open @ 6:00pm Dinner @ 6:15pm
Speaker: Judge Duncan Beagle, Retired
Special Music: Ken Duck
Cost: Freewill Offering
R.S.V.P Bob Mills 810-240-0403, b.mills@att.net
by October 13 (if possible)



Seasoned Citizens



Join us for our Thursday, October 12 event. Don and Lavonne Bomeli have been traveling again, this time to France including Normandy and Versailles. We continue to enjoy their travelogues.

Please join us at noon in Fellowship Hall for coffee and conversation; grace will be given at 12:35. Potluck starts at 12:30 and our program begins around 1pm. Remember you don't need to be Seasoned, just interested in good friends, good food and good fun. See you there!



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!



Soup & Bread fundraiser Sunday, October 22

Following both worship services
Come enjoy all you can eat soup
and bread. We will be asking for
donations of soup (please bring
in a crock pot). Watch the
Narthex for the sign-up sheet.
This all-you-can-eat meal is by
donation. Your monetary
donations will help support our
youth mission trip to Appalachia
in July 2024!

The Appalachia Service Project
envisions the eradication of
substandard housing in Central
Appalachia.

Warmer, Safer, Drier

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

Grand Blanc UMC

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