



The Grand Blanc UMC "Connection"

February, 2024



February 4

5th Sunday after the Epiphany

Sermon Series:

"Your Kingdom Come"

"Lead Us"

Matthew 6:9-13



February 11

Transfiguration Sunday

"Jesus, Elijah & Moses"

Walk into a Church"

Mark 9:2-10



February 14

Ash Wednesday

"God's Chisel"

The Skit Guys

Philippians 1:1-6



February 18

1st Sunday in Lent

YOUTH SUNDAY

"Discovering What Really"

Matters"



February 25

2nd Sunday in Lent

Sermon Series:

"Strange Neighbors"

"Dynamic & Authentic Worship"

Matthew 6:1-6

Micah 6:8



"Stable Churches"

I recently read an article about churches that said "the era of the stable church is gone." At first, I assumed it was going to articulate something about the Bethlehem stable and some sort of decline in Christmas nativity scenes on church lawns, or something of the sort. But it didn't. Instead, it offered an insight that I simply haven't considered. It pointed out that churches are either thriving or declining – growing or deteriorating. The idea of having a church that just remains "stable," unchanging, and steadfast in a community without growing or dying is a thing of the past.

Now, let me be clear: I don't write this with a sense of doom and gloom. This is not intended to be read with dread or anxiety. Instead, my hope is that you'll read it with joy, possibility, and the impulse to dream, act, and be a part of something amazing. What I want to do is share with you some really important observations about Grand Blanc UMC and how we are not merely existing as a stable church, but thriving as a growing, serving, and hope-filled church.

1. Sometimes we find ourselves perhaps a bit too analytical, to our own detriment. We measure growth in the church by a sum number of active members, and in doing so we forget some fundamental principles of our faith. For instance, I have a good friend who shared with me that his church welcomed 11 new members in the same year that they held funeral services for 12 of their long-time members. On their year end report, the analytics calculated a year of decline. But those numbers ultimately lie to us. We forget that those 12 members who have joined the saints of God had contributed to years of ministry and, despite their having died, continue to be a part of the church as they join the "great cloud of witnesses." The new members the church added simply (though wonderfully) became part of the church on earth as in heaven. Through the witness of that church in that particular community, the church grew!

Here at GBUMC, we have said goodbye to beloved saints of the church who now rest from their labors with God. And yet, this past year, we have welcomed new members, welcomed guests, and have been a part of growing the church. In other words, GBUMC is a growing church!

2. Churches that are missional, thriving, and growing, happen to find themselves financially strong. And there is a very real correlation between the two! I was once acquainted with a small congregation that had a beautiful history of serving their community. It was never a big church, but it loved its community. Over time, the community changed, as communities tend to do, and it began to "circle the wagons," so to speak. Missions and generosity took a back seat to balancing a budget. Sunday mornings became more about maintaining tradition than it was about worship. Even ideas for jump starting some new vitality were ignored for fear that it might be too hard and too different. The giving in the church continued to dwindle to the point that the biggest giver was a local community member who was not a member, but whose parents had attended the church years prior.

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That particular congregation lost its missional identity. It traded growth and the possibility for the certainty of what seemed like stability. Ultimately, the excitement to be generous dwindled to next to nothing for a church that was no longer thriving.

In my time at GBUMC, I have seen the opposite happening. I have seen ministry that is resilient and exciting. I have seen generosity that defies the challenges many churches have faced. I have witnessed dreaming that is daring, bold, and full of vitality! In 2023, we closed the year with giving that surpassed our expected income, more than met our budget, and sets us up for a wonderful start of 2024. By all accounts (pun intended), Grand Blanc UMC is thriving, and your generosity is just one sign of that.

3. Grand Blanc UMC has, as part of its DNA, a welcoming and hospitable spirit. I will share with you, and probably not for the first time, that I am regularly told by guests, especially on Sunday mornings, how much they appreciate the warm and authentic welcome they feel while here at church. Hospitality is, believe it or not (though, I hope you will) a very big part of the Gospel message. Making space for others in our lives is central to what it means to be a Christian. And this responsibility belongs not just to the ushers, the greeters, the Coffee Hour volunteers, the staff, or me, the pastor. Rather, it belongs to each us! Growing, thriving, missional, Gospel-centered churches, make space for others and demonstrate an authentic welcoming spirit!

Grand Blanc UMC is not a stable church. We are growing. We are thriving. We are living out what it means to be the church! It is my privilege to be a part of it alongside each of you, and I truly look forward to all this year will bring!

Peace,
Pastor Brian

*In
Our
Prayers*



FOR THE HOMEBOUND:

Marge Cramer
42400 12 Mile Rd, #214
Novi, MI 48377

Eleanor Hall
The Oaks at Woodfield
5370 E. Baldwin Rd #403
Grand Blanc, MI 48439

OUR CHURCH FAMILY:

Shirley Andrews
Ron Blakemore
Donna Brookins
Jim Bunker
Rev. Julius Del Pino
Lisa England
Judy Gratsch
Dick Hubler
Gail Lutton
Paul Manning
Don Sawyer
Bob Tritten
Linda Zarnke

FOR OTHERS:

Susan Allan
Kim Allward
Minnie Armstrong
Dave Ax
Rich Bennetts
Nancy Bilas
Sallie Burek
Patricia Crawfis
Warren Crawfis
Paul Daly
Ellen Farr
Harold Ferguson
Larry Fox
Merikay & Doug Franklin
Alea Gardner
Sharon Graham
Gene Griffel
Rev. John Hice
Jim Hood
Allan Jawors

Dave Jones
Ellie Lauth
Adrianna Martell
Julie McKenna
Rev. Gordon Mitchinson
Joshua Nelson
David Oden
Laura O'Neill
Rick Palmer
Carl Pate
Martin Ryder
Paul Schultes
Bill Shier
John Smith
Eddie Snow
Jeff & Amy Tebo
Marvin Thompson
Emery Wacser
The Washington Family
Laura Wilson
Ed Woodard



*With
Deepest
Sympathy*



~We extend our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Marjorie Berryman, who passed away on January 15, 2024. Her service will be here at GBUMC on Saturday, February 17 at 11:00 a.m. with a luncheon following.

~ We extend our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Shirley Crane, who passed away on January 18, 2024. Her service was held on Wednesday, January 23.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

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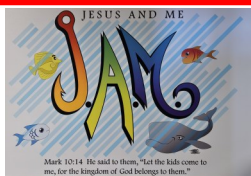
Office Hours:
Monday & Wednesday: 11am to 2:30pm
Thursday: 10am to 2:30pm
Sunday: 9am to 11am

Pastor's Pick!

Each month Pastor Brian offers 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.**

February 2024 book pick: "Love to Stay: Sex, Grace and Commitment"

By Adam Hamilton



JAM - Ages K-5th

We are continuing with our "Celebrate Wonder" curriculum that honors the spiritual life of children by engaging them in open-ended exploration and inquiry of the Bible.

During the month of February, the children will learn about The Lord's Prayer, Jesus Calming the Storms, Mary and Martha and the story of Zacchaeus. Their faith word this month is "**guide**." Through these lessons, the children will learn how Jesus gives us guidance in all aspects of our lives. Tammy Martin is our Lead teacher on the 1st & 3rd-5th Sundays, and Julie Korkel is our lead teacher on the 2nd Sundays. Nancy Bigler, Cathy Melkus, and Kristin Rahn are our JAM teaching assistants.



Youth Sunday School

February is all about our youth. Join us on February 18 for Youth Sunday where our junior and senior high youth will plan, lead and participate in both worship services that Sunday. They have coffee hour on the 4th, a bake sale for ASP on the 11th, and they will finish their movie, "Onward," on the 25th. Melinda Elmore-Hajek and Bob Tritten are wonderful teachers for our youth.

Sunday School for all ages @ 10:00 a.m.



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 and/or attend Sunday School.



Perspectives

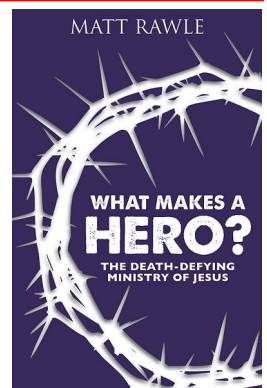
This adult Sunday school program utilizes Amplify to watch short, faith-based videos the participants discuss afterward. Beginning on February 18th, we will begin a Lenten journey using the videos from Tom Berlin's book *The Third Day: Living the Resurrection*. Stephanie West will be facilitating this Lenten Study.

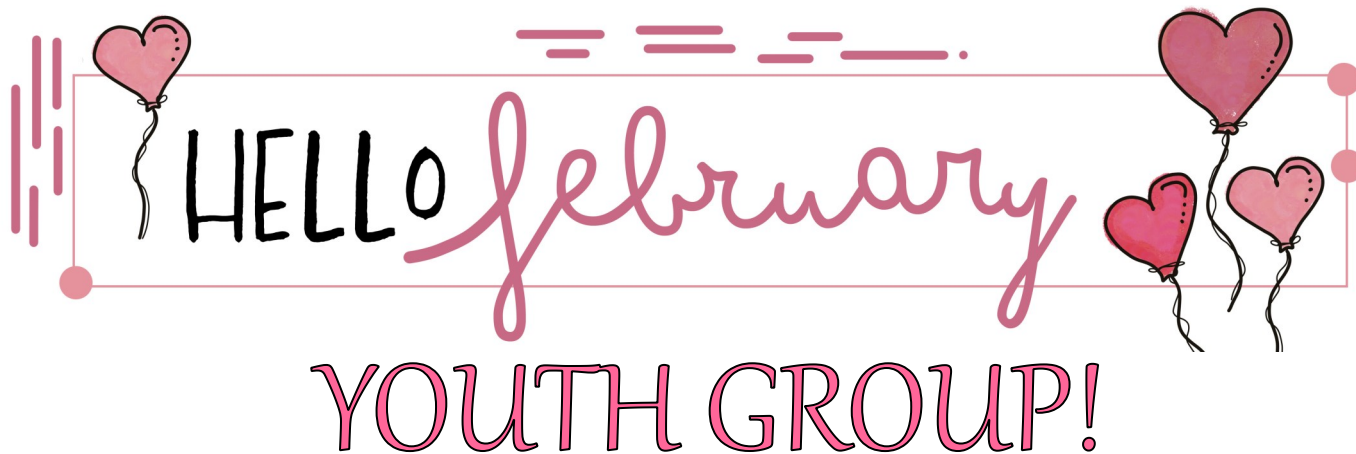
LENTEN STUDY: *What Makes a Hero?* offers us an image of what it looks like to be victorious over trials and temptations. Looking at pop culture heroes and others through the lens of faith, Matt Rawle shows how Jesus turned the concept of hero on its head. In keeping with his theme, "Pop in Culture," the book examines how good vs. evil, right vs. wrong, and overcoming adversity are fundamental to how Christians understand salvation. Heroes help us discern the good, fight for what's right, define identity, execute justice, spark revolution, and save lives.

Rawle enters the Gospel story to tell quite a different victory story—one obtained through humility, obedience to the cross, and an empty tomb. How does Jesus redefine what it means to be a hero?

Julie Koerkel will lead this in-person group study. They will meet on Tuesdays, with one Monday exception, from 7p-8p. Dates are as follows: Feb 20, Feb 27, Monday Mar 4, No mtg week of Mar 12, Mar 19, Mar 26 and possibly one more if needed.

If you are interested in signing up to participate in this Lenten study, please contact Angela Campbell at 810.694.9040 or christian.education@grandblancumc.org. Books will be available for purchase in the office for \$6.





HELLO february

YOUTH GROUP!

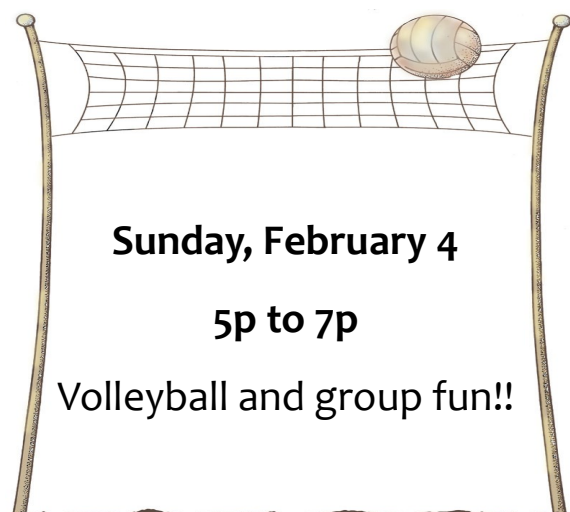
All youth grades 6 through 12 are invited to participate!
We hope you will join us and bring a friend!

Leaders:
Angela Campbell 810-241-7275
Nathan Rahn 734-276-3949

Sunday February 4: Youth in charge of coffee hour & ASP Info meeting @ 4p

See article about ASP information meeting on another page in this newsletter!

Sunday, February 11: Help with the ASP bake sale following both services



YOUTH OVERNIGHT!!

Friday February 16 @ 6p to Saturday, February 17 @ 10a

We will be making dinner together Friday night!

Please bring blankets, pillows, sleeping bags, etc. for the overnight. The church, surprisingly, does have many couches! Please do not bring video games or gaming systems.



February 25: No Youth meeting. Please see Angela or Nate, after church, for a take home outreach project for this week. Projects can be picked up ahead of time, if needed.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH & ENGAGEMENT

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

♥ LOVING and CARING for our neighbors.

We serve a **FREE DINNER** every first Wednesday of the month from 5-6:30 pm.

COMMUNITY DINNER

All are welcome!!!

Wednesday, February 7, 2024

Chicken Alfredo

(from a local restaurant)☺

Salad, Rolls, Dessert & Drinks

Saturday, March 16, 9am-3pm



FREE to the PUBLIC!!!!

GBUMC will be one of the exhibitors at the EXPO

Be sure to stop by and say HI

Come and enjoy food, music, raffle prizes, children's activities that include a bounce house and local GB Business displays!

The gift of SERVICE
volunteer
do good, feel good

ADVOCACY DAY

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13, 2024
Michigan State Capital
Lansing

SUPPORTING MENTAL
HEALTH CARE ACCESS

Michigan Conference
The United Methodist Church

Save the date • Learn more
michiganumc.org/justice-and-advocacy

Community Engagement comes in many forms.

If you are interested in attending, there is a sign up sheet on the kiosk in the Narthex

WHY DONATE BLOOD? ←

Free screenings — Your vital signs are checked before you're allowed to donate. This screening is an opportunity to uncover potential high blood pressure, an irregular heartbeat, or an infectious disease you might not know about. It might also reveal that you have rare blood type which is vital information should you ever need blood in an emergency.

Tuesday, April 30, 2024, 12 - 4 PM

Giving 

WARMS THE HEART

DONATE BLOOD

Grand Blanc United Methodist Church



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 consider helping.

With more volunteers we will have the opportunity to connect with more of our business community. If you would like to volunteer with JARRING GRACE, please contact Melinda, melmorehajek@gmail.com or call 810 845-2089.

It's the easiest thing to do...giving away candy, affirming and connecting with our neighbors.

A Ministry of
Grand Blanc UMC

BLESSING BAGS



LENTEN INGATHERING

Throughout the season of Lent, we'll be collecting a variety of personal care items that will be included in the Blessing Bags for our neighbors who may need them. Items can be placed in a labeled bin in the Narthex. Blessing Bags are always available for you to take and share with neighbors in need. Thank you!

What Items Can I Donate?

Most Needed Items:

- Shaving Cream (travel size)
- Deodorants (any kind/size)
- Socks (all sizes)
- Washcloths
- Band-Aids
- Hand Sanitizer
- Tampons & Pads
- Winter Hats, Scarves & Gloves

Additional Items:

- Shaving Razors
- Hand Lotion
- Shampoo (travel size)
- Bar Soap
- Toothbrushes
- Toothpaste
- Facial Tissue (travel size)

Prayer Shawl donates more Knitted Knockers!

In December the GBUMC Prayer Shawl group donated 25 pairs of Knitted Knockers to Dr. Ashley Richardson in Flint. She is a Breast Cancer Surgeon who serves the Flint area breast cancer patients. This is the second batch of Knitted Knockers dropped off at her office as the need is great. Thank you to the knitters of the Knockers!



GBUMC Fellowship Hall ☺ Bring a treat to share.
Come at 5:30 if you want to refresh your skills.

NEW MEMBER CLASS:

Interested in learning more about GBUMC and possibly becoming a member? Pastor Brian is offering a membership class on Saturday, March 9 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Lunch will be provided.

Questions? Contact the church office.



ASP Bake Sale!!!

Pick up your Super Bowl Treats!

Sunday, February 11, 2024
following both services.



SEASONED CITIZENS!

Thursday, February 8
12:00pm Coffee & Conversation
12:25pm Prayer & Devotion
12:30pm Potluck Lunch

Program:

Alger Newberry from GB McFarlen library will discuss the importance of libraries in cultural history and education. He will also share what our local library offers the Grand Blanc community.

Join us for good food & fun!

Ash Wednesday

Wednesday,

February 14

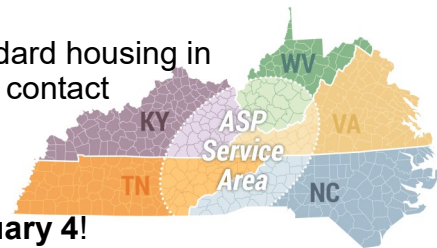
Worship Service

at 7:00 p.m.



Plans for the 2024 Youth Mission Trip to serve with the Appalachia Service Project are underway!!! Do you know someone in 6th through 12th grade that would be interested in this amazing experience? We will be having a youth/parent/guardian information meeting on **Sunday, February 4 at 4:00pm.**

The Appalachia Service Project envisions the eradication of sub-standard housing in Central Appalachia and the transformation of everyone who comes in contact with this ministry. The Appalachia Region experiences some of the Highest rates of poverty in the United States. This week long mission trip impacts the lives of volunteers and those they serve by helping make homes warmer, safer and drier. **We hope to see you on February 4!**



Lent and "In lieu of Lilies" Donations



Easter Sunday is March 31, 2024. This year we will be supporting **Water For Life (Liberia)** with our Lent offering and **God's Country Cooperative Parish (UP Michigan)** with our "In lieu of Lilies" offerings.

Please use the Yellow Lent/Easter offering envelope provided in your offering envelopes or mark your donation for Lent/Easter in order for it to go to **Water For Life (Liberia)**. Clean and safe drinking water and sanitation are human rights issues that need urgent attention in rural post-war Liberia. Most residents are drinking from unsafe sources of water and do not have access to standard toilet facilities. As a result, water-borne diseases are common. This project helps communities by constructing wells and proper toilet facilities within communities and schools and sets up community structures and leadership that will supervise and coordinate the wells and toilets. *You can place this donation in the collection plate at any time.*

The "In lieu of Lilies" collection will go to **God's Country Cooperative Parish (UP Michigan)**. Encompassing the greater part of four counties and Newberry in the UP, GCCP serves families living at or below the federally-established level of poverty. Circumstances of limited employment, transient population, long and harsh winters, proper clothing and significant distances to acquire adequate food and medical assistance are severe challenges. GCCP provides ministry to those who struggle to live by working together to provide connection, support and basic human services.

Please fill out the "In lieu of Lilies" donation sheet below or you can use a copy which you will get in your bulletin or pick up a copy in the office and attach your cash or check (made out to GBUMC). Those recognized with a donation in their memory/honor will be listed in the Easter worship bulletins. The "In lieu of Lilies" form must be turned in to the office accompanied by your payment by March 24, 2024, but your Lent envelope may be placed in the offering plate at any time.

Thank you for your generosity! We appreciate you!

In lieu of Lilies donation to _____

Memory of _____

Honor of _____

Given by _____

Amount _____

Envelope # _____

02/04
02/11 Wise
02/18 Mitchinson
02/25



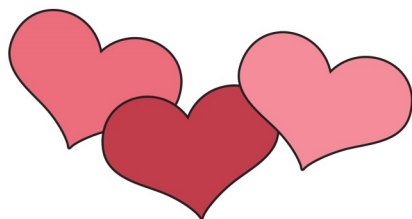
There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board next to the prayer room, or feel free to call or email the office to order flowers for the Sunday of your choice. Flower arrangements are \$15.00 each from Grand Blanc Florist and you may take them home following the 11:00am worship service. Your name and who the arrangement is in honor/memory of will be listed in the Sunday bulletin.

Coffee Hour

02/04 The Youth
02/11 The Luttons
02/18 Worship & Arts
02/25 Education

11:00am Worship Ushers

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



COUNTERS

02/04 Jessica Smith, Carol Cerny
02/11 Tom Cerny, Jim Wise
02/18 Sandy Jones, Tom Cerny
02/25 Carol Capell, Ron Blakemore

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!

February

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthday Wishes

1st Dan Carvill
2nd Luke Lock
5th Cooper DeVos, Ryan DeVos,
Sharne Scott (82)
7th Ken Cottrell, Katie Lengyel
9th Blakeley Cheney
13th Ron Moleski
14th Bennett Carlson
16th Becky Anderson
17th Hannah Dutton, Tony Hubler,
Cathy Mitchinson
18th Will Bigler, Sandi Russell
19th Eleanor Hall (94)
20th Lori DeVos

21st Zayden Briscoe, Barb Mills (86),
Linda Reigle,
David Skinner (86)
23rd Dale Wolfgram (81)
25th Roma Corey (86), Delilah Herron
27th Brett Carte
28th Aaron Cheney



Anniversary Blessings

14th Val & Jim Wise
18th Laurie & Bob Tritten (40)



Greeters

	9:00am	11:00am
02/04	Shirley Wheeler	Virginia Sullivan
02/11	John Billings	Tom Cerny
02/18	Becky Doran	Nan Rahn
02/25	RaeAnn Waisanen	Nancy Bigler

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

Grand Blanc United Methodist Church Financial Summary


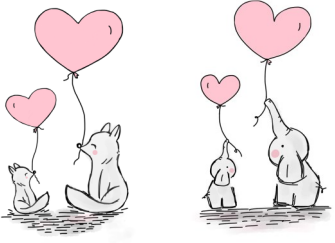
General Fund Balance (as of 12-31-23) = \$25,238
Mortgage Fund Balance (as of 12-31-23) = \$3,074

MORTGAGE BALANCE (as of 12-31-23) = \$108,735



2024 FEBRUARY



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 10a-2p Office Hours 10a Drop-in Bible Study	2 OFFICE CLOSED 10a Men's Coffee 7p Al Anon	3 10a O.A. 10a Yoga 6p Euchre
4 9a Worship 10a Coffee Hour 10a Sunday Sch 10:15a Choir 11a Worship 4p ASP Info mtg 5p Youth Group	5 10a-2p Office Hours 6p Mission Team	6 10a-2p Office Hours 10a Pastor @ Panera 10a Prayer Group 10a Yoga 7p Worship & Arts Zoom	7 10a-2p Office Hours 10a Prayer Shawl 5p Community Dinner 6:30p Celebration Ringers	8 10a-2p Office Hours 10a Drop-in Bible Study Noon Seasoned Citizens	9 OFFICE CLOSED 10a Men's Coffee 7p Al Anon	10 10a O.A. 10a Yoga
11 9a Worship 10a Coffee Hour 10a Sunday Sch 10:15a Choir 11a Worship ASP Bake Sale 5p Youth Group	12 10a-2p Office Hours 7p Ad Council via Zoom	13 10a-2p Office Hours 10a Prayer Group 10a Yoga No Pastor @ Panera	14 10a-2p Office Hours 10a Prayer Shawl 7p ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE	15 10a-2p Office Hours NO Bible Study	16 OFFICE CLOSED 10a Men's Coffee 6p Youth Overnight! 7p Al Anon	17 10a O.A. 11a Service for Marge Berryman
18 YOUTH SUNDAY! 9a Worship 10a Coffee Hour 10a Sunday Sch 10:15a Choir 11a Worship	19 RESUME REGULAR OFFICE HOURS M-F 9a to 4p 10a Zentangle 7p Finance Meeting	20 10a Prayer Group 10a Yoga No Pastor @ Panera 7p Lent Study	21 10a Women's Circles 10a Prayer Shawl 6:30p Celebration Ringers	22 10a Drop-in Bible Study 6p Common Grace	23 10a Men's Coffee 7p Al Anon	24 10a O.A. 10a Yoga
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A Day of Prayer and Healing

Be cheerful no matter what; pray all the time; thank God no matter what happens.

This is the way God wants you who belong to Christ Jesus to live.

(1st Thessalonians 5: 16-18, The Message)

You are being invited to share in a day of prayer for the East Winds District.

Beginning on February 1st at 12:00 pm and continuing for 24 hours, ending on February 2nd at 12:00 pm, we will be asking you to pray with us.

There will be four six-hour themes for prayer.

February 1, 2024 12:00 pm – 6:00 pm

A time of prayer for those who are ill in body or spirit, those who are injured, those who are managing chronic conditions, and those who are being asked to make life changing decisions as a result of physical or mental limitations.

February 1, 2024 6:00 pm - 12:00 am

A time of prayer for our faith communities as we begin a new era for United Methodists, our nation, our state, our district and our local churches.

February 2, 2024 12:00 am – 6:00 am

A time of prayer for all of God's children, including our family members, our neighbors, and the strangers among us.

February 2, 2024 6:00 am – 12:00 pm

A time of prayer for lives lived in harmony and peace as we celebrate the blessed gifts of who we are and whose we are.

Marysville UMC (East), Chesaning UMC (West), Hayes UMC (North) and Lake Orion UMC (South) have been chosen as host sites for those who wish to pray in person during the first time segment.

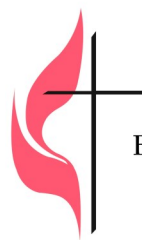
The District will be hosting a virtual site for prayer between 6:00 pm on February 1st and 6:00 am on February 2nd. We ask that you pray wherever you are between 6:00 am and 12:00 pm on February 2nd.

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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



Temporarily, beginning
Tuesday, January 30 we will
have special office hours,
covered by volunteers.



Monday through Thursday, 10am to 2pm
The office will be closed on
Fridays: February 2, 9 and 16.

**Regular office hours will resume on
Monday, February 19.**

We apologize for any inconvenience
and thank you for your understanding.



Grand Blanc UMC will follow the
Grand Blanc School District in closing
our campus for inclement weather.
So if Grand Blanc Schools are closed
due to weather conditions that impact
travel conditions, the church will also be closed. All in-
person events for that day will be cancelled. If the weather
clears and a group chooses to meet later in the day, it will
be the responsibility of the group leader to convey that
information to the group.

Most staff will remain available via email and phone when
working from home.

IF YOU READ THE BIBLE 4X A WEEK, THESE ARE THE RESULTS:

1. Feeling lonely drops 30%
2. Anger issues drop 32%
3. Bitterness in relationships drops 40%
4. Alcoholism drops 57%
5. Sex outside of marriage drops 68%
6. Feeling spiritually stagnant drops 60%
7. Viewing pornography drops 61%
8. Sharing your faith jumps 200%
9. Discipling others jumps 230%

Understanding the Bible Engagement Challenge: Scientific Evidence for the Power of 4
Arnold Cole, Ed.D. & Pamela Caudill Ovwigho, Ph.D. December 2009

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

AMPLIFY MEDIA