



July 7

7th Sunday after Pentecost

ASP Sunday

"Building Kindness"

Ephesians 4:32

July 14

8th Sunday after Pentecost

Sermon Series:

"Summer Stories"

"David & Goliath"

1 Samuel 17:2-12, 16, 32-58

July 21

9th Sunday after Pentecost

Sermon Series:

"Summer Stories"

"Shadrach, Meshach and
Abednego"

Daniel 3:1, 4-30

July 28

10th Sunday after Pentecost

Sermon Series:

"Summer Stories"

"Jesus Walks on Water"

Matthew 14:22-33

Go Therefore...Together

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshiped him, but they doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age." -Matthew 28:16-20 (NRSVUE)

"Go therefore..."

Those words have haunted Christians for generations. For some, it's because it invites them beyond their comfort zone. "No thanks, God. I'd rather just stay right where I am, thank you very much!" For others, it's because that word "therefore" means that we actually have to do something with the gospel, and the gospel isn't always received very well by everyone. Dietrich Bonhoeffer, 20th century theologian, reminded us of this as he talked about the "cost of discipleship."

Still, for others, the words "go therefore" became haunting because it created significant confusion: *What is our mission field? Is it the whole world? Is it our own backyard? Is it only the poor and disenfranchised? Is it everyone?* To be fair, the apostles wrestled with this question in a really big way, and the questions haven't gone away ever since!

Two years ago, as I was getting ready to go with our Appalachia Service Project (ASP) team, I found myself asking this same question: *Go therefore...but where?* In 2022, we were headed to Harlan, KY. That answered the *where* part of the question, but what lingered was the question that always follows: "But, what about...?" You see, it's this question that requires us to see that the mission field is vast! It includes Appalachia, but it also includes Grand Blanc. It includes Flint, Detroit, Haiti, Liberia, Australia, and every single place in between. Our missional imperative is to all nations, all people, all places, in all times, and in all spaces.

As you can see, my struggle with this question of "Go therefore...but where?" wasn't fully answered. What I struggled with was the reality that, while mission and ministry in Appalachia was, and is still, vitally important, so is mission and ministry here. And so is it important in every space under the sun. Suddenly, the magnitude of "Go therefore..." began to come into view, and a new question came to mind: *How can we possibly fulfill the magnitude of the great commission? How could we possibly meet the missional needs of our neighbors near, far and everywhere in between? How could we possibly proclaim the gospel news in all places to all people?*

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The answer that came to me is this: Notice in verse 16 how it was the eleven disciples who had come together. The resurrected Christ came to the disciples as they were gathered *together*. Jesus didn't commission each one separately. Rather, he commissioned them *together*. That's the word that releases us from the daunting and sometimes haunting words "go therefore." We move out of our comfort zones *together*. We walk into and accept the cost of our discipleship, not alone, but *together*. We meet the magnitude of our commission – our missional imperative – *together*.

In other words, "go therefore" is not the commission given to one Christian or one church. It is the commission given to all of us. It is our collective task, and it invites us respond with a "yes!" Yes to mission and ministry in our own backyard. Yes to mission and ministry in spaces we don't call home. Yes to mission and ministry that takes us to meet new neighbors. Yes to mission and ministry that widens the circle. Yes to mission and ministry that compels us to see the image of Christ in one another. The commission given to each of us "Go therefore..." is made to all of us, collectively.

And so, on June 30, 2024, a team of ASP volunteers departed from GBUMC to go and serve our neighbors whom we've yet to meet in Knott County, KY. We're proclaiming the gospel with tools, sweat, love, and friendship. And now, as we prepare to come home to our own backyard, we're ready to do the same for the neighbors we know. Our circle will grow wider, and we'll have done it...*together*.

With you and for Christ,
Pastor Brian

"Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can, in all the places you can, at all the times you can, to all the people you can, as long as ever you can." — John Wesley



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



~ We extend our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Bob Fraile, who passed away on June 17, 2024. Bob's memorial service will be held here at GBUMC on Saturday, July 13.

OUR CHURCH FAMILY:

Shirley Andrews
Ron Blakemore
Donna Brookins
Jim Bunker
Ruth Davis
Rev. Julius Del Pino
Lisa England
Ann Fraile
Judy Gratsch
Dick Hubler
Donna Hubler
Jan Johnson
Gail Lutton
Paul Manning
Lee Pelton
Vera Stuckey
Bob Tritten
Darcie West

FOR OTHERS:

Susan Allan
Kim Allward
Dave Ax
Rich Bennetts
Nancy Bilas
Sallie Burek
Patricia Crawfis
Warren Crawfis
Betty Crawford
Cynthia Crawford
Paul Daly
Ellen Farr
Harold Ferguson
Merikay & Doug Franklin
Mike Gomez
Sharon Graham
Gene Griffel
Scott Jawors

Dave Jones
Doug Keene
Ellie Lauth
Adrianna Martell
Rev. Gordon Mitchinson
Lynne O'Brien
Carl Pate
Ruth Ann Sandrock
Paul Schultes
Ashley Schaffer
Bill Shier
Barb Smith
Eddie Snow
Emery Wacser
Jo Williams
Laura Wilson
Ed Woodard



Let them
know you
care!

Lee Pelton
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Flint, MI 48532-2039

Marcia Ferguson
5129 Bloss Dr
Swartz Creek, MI 48473-8908

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Coordinator of Children & Youth Ministries
Angela Campbell
christian.education@grandblancumc.org

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.**

July 2024 book pick: "Unafraid: Living with Courage and Hope in Uncertain Times" By: Adam Hamilton



SAVE THE DATES!!

Join us on Wednesdays in July,
beginning July 10 - July 31
9:30a - 12:30

Grand Blanc United Methodist Church
515 Bush Ave, Grand Blanc
810.694.9040
www.grandblancumc.org



Do you love the feel of the warm sunshine, like the smell of the woods, and love to hear nature and all its cacophony?

Like to play games, swim, or canoe?
What about the warmth of a campfire, the ooey-gooey goodness of a smore?

Wanna make new friends and play for a week straight?



summer camp

If you said yes to any of these then guess what.... we have a camp for you!!

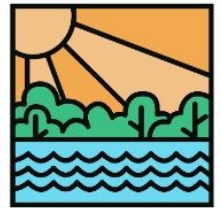
There are camps for grandparents and grandkids, families, adults, high school, middle school and elementary school. There is a place for you!!

There are many ways to help make camp affordable too, from rebates to scholarships here from GBUMC. If you want to go, we can work to make it happen!

See Angela Campbell for more information.

Or go to the camp website:

www.graceoutside.org/summer-camps



GRACE OUTSIDE

Summer Social will return
in August!!

COMMUNITY OUTREACH & ENGAGEMENT

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

♥ LOVING and CARING for our neighbors while getting out and doing STUFF!



Tuesday
July

30

12 - 4:30 PM

Grand Blanc UMC
Community Blood Drive

FELLOWSHIP HALL
515 BUSH AVE.
GRAND BLANC, MI 48439
12 - 4:30 PM



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

COMMUNITY DINNER

All are welcome!!!

NO Dinner in July

Wednesday, August 7, 2024
SPAGHETTI

Tossed Salad, Garlic Rolls
Dessert & Drinks

IN THE WORKS...

More Cool Community Events

(we will need help, contact the church office if you would like to be part of the following fun.)

GRAND BLANC TOWNSHIP POLICE NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

Tuesday, August 6, 5-8 pm
5405 S. Saginaw, Grand Blanc

GRAND BLANC FARMERS MARKET

Wednesday, August 14, 3-8 pm
Grand Blanc Chalet Shoppes
131 East Grand Blanc Rd.

At both of these events, we will set up a tent and immerse ourselves into and enjoy the fun, while also sharing cool GBUMC stuff.

GBUMC will have a booth at this event, honoring our veterans while also enjoying the festivities. If you are interested in being a part of the *booth team (veterans?)*, please contact the church office.

Grand Blanc Chamber of Commerce

JULY Summer Jam

SATURDAY, JULY 20

Featuring Country Music's Rising Star...

KOLBY OAKLEY

TAKING THE STAGE AT 7:30 PM

JB FLYOVER BY THE SCREAMIN' REBELS

JOHN VANCE BAND OPENING AT 5:30 PM

IN HONOR OF OUR VETERANS

Tickets \$10

ONLINE OR AT THE GATE GATE OPENS AT 5:00 PM

VETERANS GET IN FREE!

WITH VETERAN I.D.

BRING A CHAIR, BLANKET OR SIT IN THE STANDS!

DON BATCHELOR FIELD
GRAND BLANC ATHLETIC COMPLEX
11920 S. SAGINAW • GRAND BLANC
No weapons, smoking, vaping, alcohol or drugs are allowed on school property.

Food Trucks On-Site!

Thank you to our sponsors!

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ARMY NATIONAL GUARD

All are Welcome



LÒÒK
Church in the
PARK
a worship experience

Followed by lunch

Sunday, August 18, 10am

Physicians Park, 218 Reid Rd,

Grand Blanc

for more information,

Grand Blanc UMC (810) 694-9040



Knott County, Kentucky

June 30 through July 6



Please keep our ASP Team in your prayers! And join us on Sunday, July 7 for our ASP Service

Your 2024 ASP Team

Ryan Anderson

Isabella Briscoe

Kassidy Campbell

Kim Lutton

Emma Rahn

Matthew Rahn

Charlie Smith

Sam Smith

Adult Leaders

Matt Anderson

Sarah Anderson

Gina Briscoe

Angela Campbell

Dan Carvill

Jennifer Lengyel

Cathy Mitchinson

Shelby Mitchinson

Nathan Rahn

Brian Rice

Jessica Smith

Brian West

Summer Learn & Play

Through - August 13

Tuesdays 9am to noon

Kindergarten readiness activities*, nature trail hikes, and healthy eating lessons!

This is a free program. Parents are asked to stay and learn with their children.

Contact Andrea Mertz,
Certified K-5 Teacher
for more information: 810-280-4123

*Lessons will focus on preschool and Kindergarten developmental ages; however, ALL children are welcome!



07/07 Campbell
 07/14
 07/21 Mitchinson
 07/28



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 worship service. Your name and who the arrangement is in honor/memory of will be listed in the Sunday bulletin.



Birthdays and Anniversaries

Summer Snacks

07/14 Angela Campbell
 07/21 Susie Hagenstein & Cathy Mitchinson
 07/28 West Family

Greeters 10:00am

07/07 Shirley Wheeler
 07/14 Tom Cerny
 07/21 Nan Rahn
 07/28 RaeAnn Waisanen

10:00am Worship Ushers

07/07 ASP Team Members
 07/14 Tom & Carol Cerny
 07/21 K. Ivan & C. Mitchinson
 07/28 G. Bendall & M. Elmore-Hajek

COUNTERS

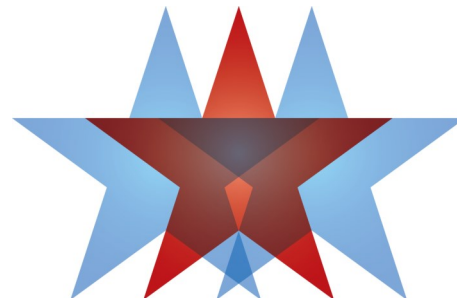
07/07 Sandy Jones, Tom Cerny
 07/14 Carol Capell, Ron Blakemore
 07/21 Virginia Sullivan, Carol Cerny
 07/28 Tom Cerny, Jim Wise

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 Eric Carlson, Brian Greenlees, Christopher Lengyel
 2nd Jody Swope, Debra Uhelski
 3rd Trudy Nelms (81)
 4th Grahm Lawcock
 7th Jacob Sandrock
 8th Gary Atchison
 11th Chloe Howard
 12th Chuck Rossman
 13th Lynelle Mueser
 14th Gavin Norris, Emilee Owen
 15th Pat England
 16th Sam Coronado, Kelsey Ivan, Jeremy Waisanen
 17th Robie Carlson, Olivia Mitchinson, Mariann Quaderer, Mary Strobe
 18th Dori Huntoon, Mike Lutton
 19th Emily Carvill, Matthew Rahn
 20th John Billings
 22nd Norma Stanbury (89)
 24th Nathan Rahn
 25th Shawn Lock, Charlie Smith
 26th Allison Jablonski, Bob Koerkel, Linda Zarnke

27th Judy Vamossy
 28th Todd Sandrock
 29th Robert Cwynar, Ashlyn Mueser
 30th Shannon Cumming
 31st Gina Briscoe, Susan Buck, Dave Coronado, Chad Gordinier



Anniversary Blessings

9th Laura & Steve Bjorkman
 18th Sonja & Cory Gratsch
 20th Dianne & Jim Scrimger (61)
 21st Karen & Chuck Rossman (40)
 26th Amanda & Donley Norris
 30th Sandy & Brian Angell



Congratulations to our College Graduates!!



SARAH ANDERSON Masters in Environmental Engineering from Michigan State University.
LIBBY GREENLEES Bachelor of Science in Early Childhood Education from Grand Valley State University.
KATIE LENGYEL Bachelor of Fine Arts in Acting and a Minor in Spanish from Oakland University.
ALEX MARTIN Bachelors in General Business from the University of Michigan, Flint.

Grand Blanc United Methodist Church
 Financial Summary

General Fund Balance (as of 05-31-24) = \$27,860
 Mortgage Fund Balance (as of 05-31-24) = \$1,552

MORTGAGE BALANCE (as of 05-31-24) = \$98,390

July 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 10a-2p OFFICE HOURS	2 9a Summer Learn & Play 10a-2p OFFICE HOURS NO Pastor @ Panera 10a Prayer Grp 10a Yoga	3 10a-2p OFFICE HOURS 10a Prayer Shawl	4 OFFICE CLOSED 	5 OFFICE CLOSED 10a Men's Coffee 7p Al Anon	6 10a O.A. 10a Yoga
Pastor Brian on ASP Mission Trip						
7 10a Worship ASP Service!	8 10a-2p OFFICE HOURS	9 10a-2p OFFICE HOURS 9a Summer Learn & Play 10a Pastor @ Panera 10a Prayer Group 10a Yoga	10 10a-2p OFFICE HOURS 9:30a Summer Fun/VBS 10a Prayer Shawl	11 10a-2p OFFICE HOURS	12 OFFICE CLOSED 10a Men's Coffee 7p Al Anon	13 10a O.A. Bob Fraile's Memorial Service
14 10a Worship	15 10a Zentangle	16 9a Summer Learn & Play NO Pastor @ Panera 10a Prayer Grp 10a Yoga 7p Worship & Arts Zoom	17 9:30a Summer Fun/VBS 10a Prayer Shawl	18	19 10a Men's Coffee 7p Al Anon	20 10a O.A. 10a Yoga
21 10a Worship	22	23 9a Summer Learn & Play 10a Pastor @ Panera 10a Prayer Group 10a Yoga	24 9:30a Summer Fun/VBS 10a Prayer Shawl	25	26 10a Men's Coffee 7p Al Anon	27 10a O.A. 10a Yoga
28 10a Worship	29 6p New Member Class	30 9a Summer Learn & Play 10a Pastor @ Panera 10a Prayer Group 10a Yoga Noon-4:30 BLOOD DRIVE	31 9:30a Summer Fun/VBS 10a Prayer Shawl			

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Rev. Brian West, Pastor
Cathy Mitchinson, Office Administrator
Angela Campbell, Coordinator of Children & Youth Ministries
and Webmaster

Gary Brandt, 9:00 Music Director/Director of Common Grace
Andrew Cramer, Music Director for Traditional Worship
Adrianna White, Nursery Attendant



GRAND BLANC UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

FRIENDS IN CHRIST EXERCISING
LOVE, HOPE AND GRACE TO
ENRICH ALL LIVES



Lansing Lugnuts
Faith and Family Night!
Fireworks after the game!

August 17 @ 7:05pm
Tickets are \$12 each

Tickets need to be ordered no later
than July 15.

Please see Tom Cerny with any
questions and to order tickets.

tomcerny1@aol.com
810-252-6943

Special Office hours in July:
Monday, July 1, 10a-2p
Tuesday, July 2, 10a-2p
Wednesday, July 3, 10a-2p
Thursday, July 4, Office Closed
Friday, July 5, Office Closed

Monday, July 8, 10a-2p
Tuesday, July 9, 10a-2p
Wednesday, July 10, 10a-2p
Thursday, July 11, 10a-2p
Friday, July 12, Office Closed

Regular Office Hours of 9am to 4pm will
resume on Monday, July 15.

Saying Goodbye to Adrianna

Our current Nursery Attendant for Sunday mornings, Adrianna White, will be in the nursery for her last Sunday with us on July 14th. We hope that you'll join us as a Staff Parish Relations Committee as we say a big THANK YOU to Adrianna for her time working as our Nursery Attendant. We also celebrate her next steps as she begins her college experience at Central Michigan University. As you have a chance during the next few weeks to share well wishes with her, be sure to keep her in your prayers as this next chapter in her life begins.

Are you interested in learning more about the United Methodist Church and Grand Blanc United Methodist Church? Thinking about becoming a member? Join us on Monday, June 24th at 6pm. No need to pre-register. Come as you are! If this date does not work with your schedule, please contact Pastor Brian or the church office, and we'll find a time or another upcoming class that will meet your needs.

Next New Member Class

Monday, July 29th
6pm to 8pm

Membership is about taking a meaningful
next step in your journey of faith

- Learn more about The United Methodist Church.
- Learn more about what it means to be a member of Grand Blanc United Methodist Church.

No need to pre-register!

