

**Opportunities to observe Lent  
 from your Christian Education Team:**

**Available on a table in the Narthex**

~Hey Kids! Be sure to pick up your 2025 Lent calendar. This year's activities theme is "Lent is for Loving." On the calendar, you will find 40 different ways you can show love to your family, friends, and community. On the back is a fun way to count down to Easter Sunday.

~Looking for a Lenten discipline? We have just what you are looking for! "Forty Days - Forty Items" Stop by the table in the gathering space, and you will see everything you need in the basket on the table. Happy donating!

Ahoy!!  
 Seasoned Citizens:  
 Please join us on Thursday, March 13, 2025, at noon for our monthly potluck and program with guest speaker, Mike Heberling. Mike will tell us all about the location, history and stories of

*Shipwrecks in the Great Lakes.*

Come and we'll explore our own Great Lakes together. Bring a friend!

We got snowed out last month, so let's try this again!!



Cathy has received a jury summons for Tuesday, March 11. Office hours may be different this week. We will try to keep you posted, but you may want to call the office before coming to the church, to be sure someone is here.



**DONATE BLOOD**

**In Honor of Aubrielle Woods & The A-Team**

LOCATION  
 Grand Blanc United Methodist Church  
 515 Bush Ave  
 Grand Blanc, MI 48439

Make your appointment today:  
 Scan the QR code below  
 Call 866-642-5663  
 Visit [versiti.org/mi](https://www.versiti.org/mi)



**Saturday**  
**March**  
**22**  
 10:00AM - 3:00PM

Helpful tip:  
 Make sure to eat a healthy meal  
 and drink plenty of water  
 before donating.

Aubrielle Woods is a true warrior, bravely battling B-Cell ALL for the second time in the past three years. Throughout her fight, blood transfusions have played a vital role in her treatment—as they do for so many others facing critical illnesses. By donating blood, you're not just giving a donation—you're giving hope, strength, and life itself. That makes you a true hero

Let's come together as a community and over-exceed expectations by filling every single appointment slot. With your help, we can make a lasting impact and show Aubrielle and her family just how strong their support system truly is. A huge thank you to the Wolfpack for all the behind-the-scenes work in making this event possible, and an even bigger thank you to each of you for stepping up and making a difference. Let's rally for Aubrielle and The A-Team—because no one fights alone!



# COMPASS GROUPS

The Small Group Ministry of Grand Blanc United Methodist Church

**Sunday, March 23**  
**1:00-2:30pm**  
**GBUMC Fellowship Hall**  
(Refreshments will be provided)

Come learn more about small groups here at GBUMC, experience the uniqueness of our Compass Group ministry, and see how it will fit into your life! Individuals, families, kids...all are welcome!

**KICK OFF**



It's time to schedule your church directory photography appointment!! Photographers from Universal Church Directory will be here on **Thursday, March 27, Friday, March 28 and Saturday, March 29**. Please see the online scheduling instructions below or for the first few Sundays in March, a volunteer will be available in the Narthex to help you schedule your appointment. Please note that you will not be able to use the online scheduling on the weekends so that we don't double book when we are helping schedule families on Sunday mornings.

## ONLINE SCHEDULING INSTRUCTIONS FOR FAMILY APPOINTMENT SETTING

- ◇ Go to the Universal Church Directories website ( [www.ucdir.com](http://www.ucdir.com) )
- ◇ Click on the box on the right side of the homepage entitled "photography appointment scheduling login"
- ◇ Enter your church code [mi2014](#)
- ◇ Enter your church password [photos](#)
- ◇ Click on the Enter button
- ◇ Click on the desired photography date
- ◇ Click on the Reserve Time button beside the desired photography appointment time
- ◇ Enter the appropriate information in all required fields (indicated by the asterisk)
- ◇ Click on the Schedule Appointment button at the bottom of the screen to reserve the photography appointment time in your family's name
- ◇ If you have more than six family members being photographed, please reserve two appointments consecutively (such as 6:00 and 6:10)
- ◇ Print the next screen to use as a reminder of your family's photography Appointment
- ◇ Contact the church office to change or cancel your photography appointment

## Grand Blanc Community EXPO

Grand Blanc High School  
Saturday, March 22, 2025  
9-3 pm



This is wonderful day when Grand Blanc Businesses, Governmental Units, Non-Profits and more come together to share their wares with the community. It's festive and informative, there's food and prizes and giveaways galore. It's FREE and it's worth it!

## Next New Member Class

Saturday, March 22  
9-11am

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 Reservations Needed





## **Card Ministry**

Help us keep in touch with shut-ins, others on our prayer list, and people we haven't seen in a while.

Join our Card Ministry!!!

We will meet on the last Tuesday of every month at 10am.

Our first gathering will be on Tuesday, March 25!



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



We are very excited to share with you that as a church, we are going to be launching a new online platform for our ministries through a company called

“SubSplash.” This will include, among many other things, a new website, an app for your smartphone, tablet, and/or even your TV. This will also allow us to do a variety of wonderful things with both our outreach, as well as furthering our connections within the church. The best way to think about this is that it is “in addition to” rather than “instead of.” In other words, if you’re not big into phone apps or websites, that’s okay. You’ll still receive emails, enjoy phone calls once in a while, and the pews aren’t going anywhere!

We will certainly be sharing more with you in the days and weeks to come, but for now, we don’t want you to be surprised if you see an email or two testing the new system. Anything coming from “SubSplash” is coming from us and can be trusted.

## **CRAFTER’S DAY OUT WORKSHOP**

**FRIDAY, APRIL 11TH 6PM-11PM  
AND SATURDAY, APRIL 12TH 9AM-6PM**

**\$55 FOR BOTH DAYS!**

**GRAND BLANC UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
515 BUSH AVE**

### **THIS AMAZING DAY INCLUDES:**

- YOUR OWN 6’ TABLE
- FRIDAY NIGHT SNACK
- SATURDAY LUNCH
- LOTS OF DOOR PRIZES
- CREATIVE MEMORIES AND STAMPIN’ UP! VENDORS

THIS IS A FUNDRAISER FOR THE CHURCH’S APPALACHIAN SERVICE PROJECT (ASP) MISSION TRIP. 100% OF THE PROFIT WILL GO TOWARDS THEIR NEXT TRIP WHERE THE YOUTH GROUP WILL HELP REPAIR HOMES IN CENTRAL APPALACHIA.

### **REGISTER TODAY!**

MAIL THIS INFORMATION AND YOUR CHECK TO JUDI COTTRELL,  
2092 E REID RD, GRAND BLANC, MI 48439

OR

EMAIL TO JCOTTRELL4208@GMAIL.COM AND VENMO TO  
@JUDI-COTTRELL

QUESTIONS? CALL JUDI AT 820-624-4066

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

I WANT TO SIT WITH \_\_\_\_\_

*See you there!*

Full-size copies of this registration form are available on the kiosk in the Narthex. We hope you will support this fundraiser for our ASP Teams!