



"Connection"



October 6

WORLD
COMMUNION
SUNDAY

20th Sunday after Pentecost

SERMON SERIES:

"Jesus Talks Money"

"Shrinking Camels"

Matthew 19:16-24



October 13

21st Sunday after Pentecost

SERMON SERIES:

"Jesus Talks Money"

"Perfect Barns"

Luke 12:13-21



October 20

22nd Sunday after Pentecost

SERMON SERIES:

"Jesus Talks Money"

"What Good Can It Do?"

Luke 16:1-13



October 27

COMMITMENT
SUNDAY

23rd Sunday after Pentecost

SERMON SERIES:

"Jesus Talks Money"

"Loosening Our Grip"

Matthew 6:25-34

Holy (Elevator) Friends

Back in June, I joined a group of great friends for dinner and an escape room. The dinner was delicious BBQ in Traverse City, and the escape room was an Alcatraz warden's office with a time limit of 1 hour. With our collective brains, wit, and laughter, we managed to complete the escape room with about 20 minutes to spare. Sure of ourselves that we must have broken the record, our egos were struck down when we were informed that groups had done it much faster (and better). Oh well!



What happened next, we didn't expect. We found ourselves in another escape room. This time, the escape room was an elevator. A very real elevator where the only escape option was the Traverse City Fire Department. There we were on a hot June day with eight of us crammed into a stuck elevator waiting for either a short fall, a rescue, or heat exhaustion.

But truth be told, it actually made for a lot of laughter, fun, and happy memories. We were assured the elevator didn't get stuck because of our weight (what a relief), nor because it was hanging on by a thread, waiting to fall. Instead, it was a failsafe mechanism that tripped, requiring time and a little know-how.

I tell this story to say that I couldn't imagine being stuck in an elevator with anyone else. These are truly some of the best friends I could ask for, and I am continually thankful that they are in my life. My prayer is that you are lucky enough to have people like that in your life - let's call them "elevator people."

I recently heard a pastor talk about the value of holy friendships. To be clear, these are not friends who are *more holy*. Instead, these are friends we have in our life who lift us up and who we can see, not only as parts of our lives, but also part of our spiritual journey. They are people who lift us up, pray for us, support us, challenge us, weep and laugh with us. They are elevator friends who will be with you when life gets incredibly challenging, and when things are moving along swimmingly.

And, if you're reading this and find yourself all too much aware that you don't have these holy friends in your life, I want to simply remind you that your church is full of holy friends - if you'll allow it.

I'm thankful for my friends - my holy friends - who God has placed in my life. I am thankful for their wisdom, their laughter, and their willingness to journey with me through this journey of life and faith.

Who are your holy friends - or, who will you let be your holy friends?

With love, Pastor Brian



FOR THE HOMEBOUND:

Marge Cramer

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Eleanor Hall

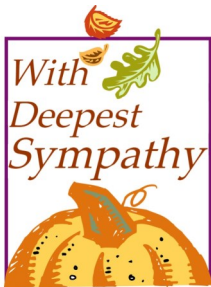
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Ashley Schaffer
Bill Shier
Eddie Snow
David Ware
Emery Wascer
Laura Wilson



~We extend our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Jonnie Cameron, who passed away on September 14. Jonnie is Peggy Chwojnicki's mother.

~ We also extend our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Donna Brookins, who passed away on September 18.

~We extend our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Louise Maybee who passed away on September 23. Louise is Frank Maxwell's daughter.



If you ever find yourself in need of prayer, please do not hesitate to contact the church office (Hospitals cannot notify us). The congregation would like to pray for you. Even if you do not want your prayer request shared with the entire congregation, Pastor Brian would like to keep you in his prayers. We will not share a prayer request unless we have permission.

We Need Your HELP!

World Communion Sunday is October 6, 2024

World Communion Sunday is one of six church-wide Special Sundays with offerings of The United Methodist Church. We celebrate World Communion Sunday on the first Sunday in October. World Communion Sunday calls the church to reach out to all people and model diversity among God's children.

This special offering provides:

- World Communion Scholarships: 50 percent (General Board of Global Ministries), with at least one-half of the annual amount for ministries beyond the United States
- Ethnic Scholarship Program: 35 percent (General Board of Higher Education and Ministry)
- Ethnic In-Service Training Program: 15 percent (General Board of Higher Education and Ministry)

Please donate generously on October 6th! Special envelopes will be available or you can "designate" your donation as World Communion Sunday. If you would like to give online, use the UMC special Sundays option on the GBUMC website.

THANK YOU!

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.**

October 2024 book pick: "Shiny Gods: Finding Freedom from things that distract us" By: Mike Slaughter



This month in our JAM classrooms, the children will be learning that God keeps His promises. The lessons will focus on God's promise to Noah, to Abraham, Sarah and Jacob.



Education team meeting is via zoom on October 17 @ 7pm.

Join us on
Sunday, October 20th for a
Halloween Party

for children PreK-5th grade from 12:30-3pm.
We will have lunch, play games, win prizes
and watch Hotel Transylvania.

Nursery volunteer Schedule:

9am service & Sunday School:
1st Sunday Val Wise
2nd & 3rd Shelly Gould-Rice
4th/5th - TBD

11am service: Francis Duby

JAM teachers:

Tammy Martin & Julie Koerkel

Assistants:

1st Sunday Rachel Bond
2nd/5th Cathy Melkus
3rd Nancy Bigler
4th Kristin Rahn

Youth teachers

Melinda Elmore-Hajek & Bob Tritten



Join us for
one or both
of our
Trunk or
Treat
events!

Halloween Night

October 31, 6 to 8pm

Trunk or Treat in the parking lot!
Bring your car and candy and help us
connect with the community!!

Pizza will be provided for those passing out candy.



HELLO october

YOUTH GROUP!

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



Sunday, October 6
@ Church
FOOD, FUN,
FELLOWSHIP!!!
12:30pm to 2pm



Sunday, October 13
2:30pm to 4:30pm
Porter's Orchard!!!



We will have cider and doughnuts!
We'll play on the school bus and
possibly take a hay ride!!

Bring money if you want to purchase
treats to take home with you.
Permission Slips will be required.

Sunday, October 20
12:30pm to 3pm
Halloween Party!!!

We are helping to host this party and running the games,
please arrive to help set-up at Noon and plan to help stay for
clean-up.

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



Sunday, October 27
Soup & Bread
Fundraiser for ASP!!!



Please help as much as you can. 

We need help with set-up beginning at 9:30am.
We will serve soup between worship services
and after the 11am service.
We will also need help with clean-up.



ASP Leader:
Jennifer Lengyel 810-241-2343



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!

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

COMMUNITY DINNER

All are welcome!!!

October 2, 2024


Sloppy Joes, Baked Beans, Salad, Chips

Dessert, Drinks

Wednesday, November 6, 2024

Pizza, Salad, Dessert, Drinks




Here's an  IDEA.
This year, why not...

Skip the Flu

get your
Flu Shot

**Wednesday
October 2, 2024
5-6:30 pm**

FLU SHOT Clinic is sponsored by the
Genesee County Health Department



*Stop in and while you are here, plan on staying
for the FREE COMMUNITY DINNER.*

Join Grand Blanc United Methodist Church Women of Faith for a

CELEBRATION

OF WOMEN'S' RIGHT TO VOTE.



FREE LIBERTY LUNCH

followed by

guest speaker Kathy Freeland

Saturday, October 5, 12 noon

What happened on August 18, 1920?



The 19th Amendment to the United States Constitution made it legal for women in the United States to VOTE!

CALL FOR RESERVATIONS (BY 9/30/24)

Virginia Sullivan (810-869-8581) or Sandy Jones (810-691-3013)

19TH AMENDMENT

HONORING WOMEN'S RIGHT TO VOTE

Grand Blanc United Methodist Church is located at 515 Bush Ave, Grand Blanc, MI

Blood Drive

Turn a new leaf
Fall Into giving

DID YOU KNOW One unit of blood can be separated into several components: red blood cells, plasma & platelets.

**Wednesday
October**

30

12 noon - 4:30 PM

Sign up TODAY!

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



Catered Dinner

Friday, November 8, 6 pm

Save the date...

We plan to host another

Community Care Fund FUNDRAISER.

We did this last year and had a great time AND raised money for this vital ministry. Secure the date and watch for more info to come soon. The price will remain the same as last, \$20/person.



Calling all Seasoned Citizens of all ages! On **Thursday October 10**, Joe Follett from the Montrose Historical and Telephone Pioneer Museum will tell us about the origin and history of the telephone. See you at 12 noon for coffee/conversation, grace at 12:25 and program at 1pm. Bring a dish and call a friend to bring with you!!



NEW MINISTRY

We are working to develop a new Small Group Ministry here at GBUMC that will invite people to join a monthly small group gathering called “Compass Groups” where you’ll get to gather at a small group member’s home (the H.O.S.T.) and share a time of fellowship and refreshments, learning and growing, prayer, and even missions. Before we can get things started, we need to establish small Group H.O.S.T.s who are willing to...

HOSTS Needed

- Have a **H**ear for people,
- **O**pen their home to the Compass Group once a month,
- **S**erve a refreshment (or arrange of them),
- **T**urn on a video that will guide the small group study.

Next New Member Class

Monday, October 28
6 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.



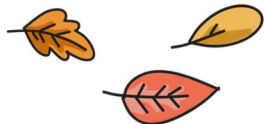
Altar Flowers

- 10/06 In memory of James Wheeler by Shirley Wheeler
- 10/13 In honor of Pastor Brian, by your church family
- 10/20 Happy Birthday, Matthew & Micah, the West Family
- 10/27

There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board outside of the Sanctuary, 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 11am worship service. Your name and who the arrangement is in honor/memory of will also be listed in the Sunday bulletin.

Coffee Hour

- 10/06 Staff-Parish
- 10/13 Worship & Arts
- 10/20 UMM
- 10/27 ASP Soup & Bread



11:00am Worship Ushers

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

COUNTERS

- 10/06 Carol Capell, Ron Blakemore
- 10/13 Virginia Sullivan, Carol Cerny
- 10/20 Tom Cerny, Jim Wise
- 10/27 Dave Lessel, Tom Cerny



Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthday Wishes

- 1st Rose Marie Shick
- 3rd Jessica Smith
- 6th Megan Bunker
- 7th Allison Koerkel, Kristin Rahn, Grace Williams
- 9th Becky Dick, Nancy Fiederlein
- 10th Cathy Bixby
- 11th Bazil Briscoe
- 14th Isabella Briscoe, Kim Gordinier, Jason Lengyel
- 16th Julius Del Pino
- 17th Steve Buck
- 18th Stan Bell, Cheryl Herrmann, Thomas Pettit
- 19th Matthew Black
- 20th Matthew West, Micah West
- 21st Robyn Bjorkman, Elizabeth Joseph
- 23rd Vicki Greenlees, Nancy Lepri

- 24th Peggy Carlson, Kim Werth
- 26th Mini Armstrong, Pam Eklund
- 27th Cheryl Cottrell (81), Marilyn Moleski
- 30th Hilary Holtz, Jo Williams (84)



Anniversary Blessings

- 6th Laurie & Andrew Dick
- 14th Tracy & David Sanborn
- 15th Anna & Paul Roth, Karen & Marty Seaman
- 20th Ericka & Ernest Lyons
- 22nd Felicia & Chuck Lawcock (36)
- 23rd Kristin & Chad Ivan (31)



Greeters

9:00am

- 10/06 Shirley Wheeler
- 10/13 Becky Doran
- 10/20 Raeann Waisanen
- 10/27 John Billings

11:00am

- Virginia Sullivan
- Carol Cerny

Joy & Jan Billyard

Contact the church office with questions or to volunteer!

Grand Blanc United Methodist Church
Financial Summary

General Fund Balance (as of 08-31-24) = \$19,522
 Mortgage Fund Balance (as of 08-31-24) = \$2,137

MORTGAGE BALANCE (as of 08-31-24) = \$95,080



October 2024



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 10a Pastor @ Panera 10a Yoga 7p Worship & Arts Meeting via Zoom	2 10a Prayer Shawl 5p Community Dinner 5:30p Choir 6:30 Celebration Ringers	3 OFFICE 10a-2p 10a Drop-In Bible Study 6p Common Grace	4 OFFICE CLOSED 10a Men's Coffee 3p-8p Trunk or Treat 7p Al Anon	5 10a O.A. 10a Yoga 11a Women's Luncheon
6 9a Worship 10a Sunday Sch 11a Worship 12:30p Youth Group 3p Funeral for Chris Kuntz	7 OFFICE 10a-2p	8 OFFICE 10a-2p NO Pastor @ Panera 10a Yoga 10a Prayer Group	9 10a Prayer Shawl 5:30p Choir 6:30 Celebration Ringers	10 NO Drop-In Bible Study Noon Seasoned Citizens 6p Common Grace	11 10a Men's Coffee 7p Al Anon	12 10a O.A. 10a Yoga F.H. in use
13 9a Worship 10a Sunday Sch 11a Worship 12:30p Confirmation Class 2:30p Youth Group to Orchard	14 1p Garland Street Literary Club 7p Ad Council via Zoom	15 10a Pastor @ Panera 10a Yoga	16 10a Prayer Shawl 10a Women's Circle 5:30p Choir 6:30 Celebration Ringers	17 10a Drop-In Bible Study 7p Education Team	18 10a Men's Coffee 7p Al Anon	19 10a O.A. 10a Yoga 3p Wedding
20 9a Worship 10a Sunday Sch 11a Worship 12:30p Halloween Party	21 10a Zentangle 7p Finance	22 10a Pastor @ Panera 10a Yoga 10a Prayer Group	23 10a Prayer Shawl 5:30p Choir 6:30 Celebration Ringers	24 10a Drop-In Bible Study	25 10a Men's Coffee 7p Al Anon	26 10a O.A. 10a Yoga
27 9a Worship 10a Sunday Sch 11a Worship Noon ASP Soup & Bread Fundraiser	28 6p-8p New Member Class	29 10a Pastor @ Panera 10a Yoga	30 10a Prayer Shawl Noon-4:30p Blood Drive 5:30p Choir 6:30 Celebration Ringers	31 10a Drop-In Bible Study 6p Trunk or Treat		



October is Pastor Appreciation Month

Sunday, October 13th is Pastor Appreciation Day

Let's show Pastor Brian how much GBUMC appreciates him by recognizing his contributions and services to this congregation. His "Love Language" is Words of Affirmation.

- Write an encouraging, heartfelt letter, card or note.
- Tell him what you've learned from him.
- Thank him for something he did or something he mentioned in a service or a prayer that resonated with you.
- Sometime during the month tell him what he says or did that touched you.
- Be present in worship, especially on October 13.
- Perhaps your own idea?

15 Ways to Pray for Your Pastor. A UMC.org Feature by Joe Iovino

One of the best ways we can support our pastors and show them our appreciation is to regularly pray for them.

1. **Spiritual Lives.** Our pastors lives are important to their finding the wisdom, strength and guidance necessary to lead a church. Pray for your pastor's growth as a disciple of Jesus Christ, as the Holy Spirit works through them to serve your congregation and community.
2. **Time Management.** With all of their responsibilities, United Methodist pastors need to become masters of their calendars. John Wesley knew this back in the 1700s. He instructed the preachers, "Never trifle away time." Pray for your pastors to use time wisely, including blocking out occasions for Sabbath rest, prayer, work and family.
3. **Families.** Speaking of families, it is important to remember that our ministers may also be a spouse, a parent, and a child to parents who have needs. Remember to pray for your pastor's family.
4. **Preaching.** Delivering a great sermon (and the ones that are less than great) takes hours of study and preparation. Pray for your pastors as they prepare worship services, sacraments and sermons. May they have the words to communicate what God has placed on their hearts.
5. **Strength.** The work of a pastor requires reserves of spiritual and emotional strength. Ask God to bolster ministers' hearts and minds, especially on days when they feel weak, inadequate, or unqualified.
6. **Visiting Ministries.** Visiting people in hospital rooms, nursing homes, rehabilitation centers, memory centers, hospice units, homes and jail cells, is an important part of your pastor's job. Pray for his ability to connect with those who are struggling and share God's comfort, peace and hope.
7. **Leadership.** Pastors shepherd their congregations, lead individuals to Christ and guide the church as a witness to the work of God in our communities. Pray for your pastor's ability to lead your congregation.
8. **Decision-making.** Being a leader includes making difficult decisions. Sometimes that means making a call when the "right answer" is elusive. Other times it is about making an unpopular choice. Pray for God to guide your pastor's decisions.
9. **Ministry with the poor.** Pastors are called upon to help those who do not have enough food, rent money, or the ability to pay a utility bill. They also lead their congregations to do the same. Pray that your pastor has the wisdom and resources necessary to help those in need, and that he might represent Jesus well to those who feel forgotten.
10. **Communication.** We've all sent a note, email or text that is misunderstood by the recipient. Ministers reach out to so many people miscommunication is nearly impossible to avoid. Ask God to make your pastor's communication clear and for grace when he is misunderstood.
11. **Conflict.** Conflicts sometimes arise when people miscommunicate and disagree. Some conflicts are serious, while others are petty. Pray for your pastor's strength, wisdom, patience and discernment as they navigate the conflicts that arise.
12. **Vision.** United Methodist pastors help set the vision for their congregations. Pray that your pastor may clearly see where God is leading your church and for opportunities for ministries to grow in those areas.
13. **Finances.** Money worries can be a big distraction. Pray for financial peace for your pastor, both with the congregation's budget and his family finances.
14. **Health.** Your pastor's physical health is important. Pray for them to take time to care for their bodies through rest, exercise, and eating well.
15. **Encouragement.** Pray for your pastors to be encouraged today. Pray that they might know in their hearts the differences they make in the lives of individuals, in your congregation, and in your community.

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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
Andrea Bernat, Nursery Attendant



GRAND BLANC UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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



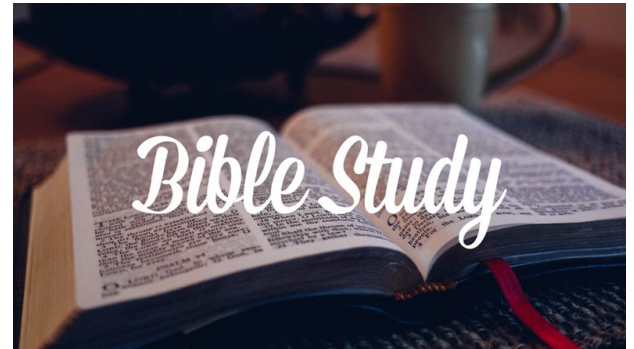
Special Office hours in October:
Thursday, October 3, 10a to 2p
Friday, October 4, Office Closed
Monday, October 7, 10a to 2p
Tuesday, October 8, 10a to 2p



When you are working in our church kitchen, please remember that you need to wash your hands for a full 20 seconds as soon as you walk into the kitchen. This is a health department regulation and we want to keep our certification!!



Join the Women's Group
Wednesday, October 16
@ 10am



Join Pastor Brian and other Bible explorers as we journey through scripture with an eye toward discovering more about God's love, our relationship with God, and what that means for our ministry today and tomorrow! And don't avoid us if you're worried you might miss class occasionally. You're welcome to **drop-in** anytime, and we'll catch you right up! And so, join us every Thursday at 10am for a great time of fellowship, learning, and Bible study. We look forward to seeing you! In the event of winter weather that closes Grand Blanc Schools, the Bible Study will take place on Zoom at the same time. A Zoom link will be emailed out to the whole church.

The East Winds District Lay Servant Courses.

Multi-Week Lay Servant Course:

Life Together in the United Methodist Connection,
Saturdays, October 12 & November 2, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.,
Sandusky: First UMC, 68 Lexington St., Sandusky.
Pastor Diane VanMarter, instructor.
[Click Here](#) to Register

Fall Lay Servant Ministries Workshop

SAVE THE DATES:

Friday, October 18th and Saturday, October 19th

LOCATION: Owosso 1st UMC

List of classes will be sent out soon.

Let the church office know if you would like more information or additional contact information.

October dates:

October 3, 17, 24, 31

@10am

Note: no class on October 10