

March 2

COMMUNION
Transfiguration Sunday
SERMON SERIES:
"My Real I.D."

"Who Shall We Be?"

Galatíans 6:11-15



March 5

Ash Wednesday
"Playing the Game"

March 9

1st Sunday of Lent SERMON SERIES: "Whodunnit?"

"The King"

Matthew 2: 16-18

March 16

2nd Sunday of Lent SERMON SERIES: "Whodunnit?"

"The Neighbors"

Luke 4: 20-30

Guest Preacher:

Carole Blair-Bouse

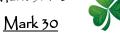
March 23

3rd Sunday of Lent SERMON SERIES: "Whodunnit?"

"The Religious Folk"



Mark 3: 1-6



4th Sunday of Lent SERMON SERIES: "Whodunnit?"

"The Religious Leaders"

l uke 21: 37-22:2



Compass Group Invitation

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. All the believers were together and had everything in common. They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved. -Acts 2:42-47

Dear church!

I am very excited to announce that at the end of March, we will be launching our first few Compass Groups – GBUMC's version of a small group ministry. Starting with 3-4 small groups, we'll look forward to growing as the ministry builds momentum. These small groups will be an opportunity for individuals, couples, families, etc. to grow in their faith with others from GBUMC, as well as those who are invited to come and see what the Compass Group ministry is all about. What we are looking forward to is this:

- 1. Compass Groups, as our small group ministry, will provide one of the most effective tools for growing the church through invitation, community building, and small group relationships.
- 2. Compass Groups will help to connect and equip church family who desire to grow in their faith, grow in their relationships with others, and grow in their service to others.
- 3. Compass Groups will help us integrate new members into the life of the church much quicker and with greater satisfaction.

And while these are not the only reasons, I hope that they give you some insight into what makes small group ministry so meaningful. And so, I want to invite you to join me, our Compass Group H.O.S.T.s (you'll have to come to learn what a H.O.S.T. is), and one another as we kick off our Compass Group small group ministry on Sunday, March 23rd from 1-2:30pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Refreshments will be provided. If you are interested in learning more about our small group ministry and maybe even joining one of our first Compass Groups, I truly hope that you'll come. Keep an eye out for more information coming out as that date draws closer.

Friends, I am incredibly excited for this new chapter in our church's life. I truly believe that the impact of small groups on this church will be powerful and even transformative.

Peace,

Pastor Brian



FOR THE HOMEBOUND:

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

Marcia Ferguson Abbey Park 3221 E. Baldwin Rd #323 Grand Blanc, MI 48439

Eleanor Hall

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

OUR CHURCH FAMILY:

Shirley Andrews Mini Armstrong Gina Briscoe Jim Bunker **Judy Burgess** Frank Davis Ruth Davis Judy Gratsch Gail Lutton Paul Manning Lee Pelton Chuck Rossman Dick Shick Norma Stanbury Vera Stuckey **Bob Tritten**

Your HELD

FOR OTHERS:

Susan Allan Baby Boy Asher Dave Ax Nancy Bilas Donald Billings Courtney Boshear Paul Brieger Joel Brinkman Renee Brinkman Sallie Burek Peggy Chwojnicki Patricia Crawfis Warren Crawfis Cynthia Crawford Lucas Duby Kathy Dutton Merikay & Doug Franklin Larry Smith

Gene Griffel

Karen Grossmann

Clara Holmes Anne Howarth Pat Johnston Dave Jones Doug Keene Cindy Larange Grant LeDuke Adrianna Martell Vinny Martinez Lynne O'Brien Leo Reubke Charlene Rice Phil Rice James Ruthenberg Ashley Schaffer Bill Shier **Eddie Snow** David Ware

Eric Hansor

If you ever find yourself We Need 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.

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!



Worship With Us 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 as well as news & notes! There is also a link to an on-line connect card. Let us know you were watching!

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, I plus they would really enjoy seeing you!!



Wednesday, March 5 Worship @ 6:30pm **Following Community** Dinner All are welcome!

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

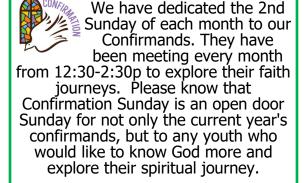
Pastor's Pick!

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.

March 2025 book pick: "John: The Gospel of Light and Life" By Adam Hamilton



Confirmation







Nursery volunteer Schedule:

9am service & Sunday School: 1st Sunday Val Wise 2nd & 3rd Shelly Gould-Rice

11am service: Francis Duby

JAM teachers:

Tammy Martin & Julie Koerkel Assistants: 1st Sunday Rachel Bond 2nd/5th Cathy Melkus 3rd Nancy Bigler yancy Bigler 4th Kristin Rahn 5th

Youth teachers

Melinda Elmore-Hajek & Bob Tritten



YOUTH GROUP!

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

Unless noted otherwise, all youth group gatherings will be on Sundays from 12:30 to 2:30pm.

We will not meet on the 2nd Sunday because Confirmation Class meets on those Sundays.

Please know that Confirmation Sunday is an open door Sunday for not only the current year's confirmands, but to any youth who would like to know God more and explore their spiritual journey.





SUNDAY, MARCH 23
GUEST LEADERS:
CATHY MITCHINSON &
DAN CARVILL
A PERMISSION SLIP WILL BE NEEDED.



Sunday, March 30
Ice Cream Social
ASP Fundraiser
Following both
and 11am Worship

the 9am and 11am Worship Services!

ASP Leader: Jennifer Lengyel 810-241-2343 **Appalachia**



Youth Group Leaders: Angela Campbell: 810-241-7275

Nathan Rahn: 734-276-3949

COMMUNITY OUTREACH & ENGAGEMENT

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

UVING and CARING for our neighbors while getting out and doing STUFF!.

We serve a **FREE DINNER** every first Wednesday of the month from 5-6:15 pm.

COMMUNITY DINNER

All are welcome!!!

Ash Pa Wednesday

March, 5, 2025

Pasta, Salad, Garlic Bread,

Dessert, Drinks

Consider joining us for the Ash Wednesday Service following dinner at 6:30 pm

Wed., April 2, 2025

Pancakes, Egg Cheese Casserole, Sausage and Drinks, *Breakfast for Dinner*! ©

Share the LOVE, INVITE your friends.



dvocacy Day is March 12 in Lansing at our State Capitol and this year's topic is the crisis in care resulting from the 2019 auto no-fault insurance changes in Michigan.

Advocacy Day Activities Include:

- Advocacy Activities Include:
- Meetings with legislators
- Poster making for press conference
- Letter writing
- Prayer in the rotunda
- Prayer in the sanctuary

Learn more or SIGN UP AT

michiganumc.org/register-now-for-advocacy-day/

This year there is a challenge to Make cars out of paper plates for an art display on the lawn of the State Capitol.

Watch for opportunities to make some of these cars to be used on Advocacy day.





March 22

10:00AM - 3:00PM

WE ARE GRATEFUL TO BE ABLE HOST THIS SPECIAL DRIVE AT GBUMC IN HONOR OF AUBRIELLE WOODS & THE A TEAM.

Aubrielle 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 may

others facing critical illnesses. By donating blood you're not just giving a donations you're giving hope, strength and life itself.

Lets come together and overexceed expectations by filling every single appointment slot.



Dear Church family, It's time for a New Directory!

Celebrating faith.

Connecting families.

Sharing hope.

When people enter the doors of our church they are looking for a place to belong. Our directory brings us together to develop new relationships, connect with our own families and reconnect with those we haven't seen in a while. Join us for this "Connections Event" and be part of what God is doing right here at our church!

Directory Committee

Connections Event

Our church directory will not be complete without you. Join us to celebrate faith and family with our new church family album.

- Schedule your professional photography session when you stop by the sign-up table at church or simply go online and follow the instructions below.
 If we don't see your name on our list of appointments, you will receive a phone call inviting you to participate.
- Everyone who is photographed by Universal will receive a complimentary 8 x 10 portrait and a directory!
- Universal provides a complete professional portrait studio right here at our church!
 You'll enjoy a variety of poses, backgrounds, portrait sizes, finish and framing options AND have the opportunity to purchase portraits to give to family and friends.

Set your appointment with Universal today!

Gathering families, Connecting generations.



Photography dates are:

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Thursday, March 27 Friday, March 28 Saturday, March 29

Sign-up instructions are on the following page or you can sign-up at church on Sunday mornings or in the church office anytime! Sign-up soon to get the appointment time you prefer!

ONLINE SCHEDULING INSTRUCTIONS FOR CHURCH DIRECTORY PHOTOGRAPHY APPOINTMENTS

Please note: Online scheduling will not be available on the weekends.

- Go to the Universal Church Directories website (www.ucdir.com)
- Click on the red button on the homepage entitled "photography session sign-up"
- ♦ Enter your church code mi2014
- Enter your church password photos
- Olick 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



UMCOR Sunday is March 30, 2025

On Sunday, March 30th there will be a special offering for UMCOR Sunday (formerly One Great Hour of Sharing) which is observed the fourth Sunday in Lent. Your gift allows UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief) to act as the arms and legs of Christ's church, moving toward the most vulnerable in their darkest days. Convinced that all people have God-given worth and dignity—without regard to race, religion or gender—together we are assisting those impacted by crisis or chronic need.

For over 50 years, United Methodist congregations have been taking part in this special offering. Your gift to UMCOR Sunday pays the administrative costs so when you donate to UMCOR for disaster relief such as hurricanes, tornadoes, fires, etc., <u>ALL the funds</u> donated can go directly to the relief effort 100%. Together, we reach children, families and communities who have experienced devastation in the wake of disaster.



Thank you for your generosity towards helping out when disaster strikes!

Lent and "In lieu of Lilies" Donations

Easter Sunday is April 20, 2025 and this year we will be supporting **Compassion Counts Food Pantry** (at The Gathering UMC) with our Lent offering and **BabyFold at Old Mutare Fairfield Children's Home in Zimbabwe** with our "In lieu of Lilies" offerings.

At **Compassion Counts Food Pantry (at The Gathering UMC)** "Providing Food for the Body and Soul" is their mission. Through the distribution of life sustaining food, the pantry shares God's love to the economically challenged region of Clare County, Michigan, serving more than 400 families and 1500 individuals monthly. The distribution of food is a mission of The Gathering UMC (a congregation of 20) and allows the members to share God's word with the many people who do not know Him. The Pantry welcomes partnerships with other churches.



Please use the Yellow <u>Lent/Easter offering envelope</u> provided in your offering envelopes or mark your donation for Lent/Easter in order for it to go to Compassion Counts Food Pantry. You can place this donation in the collection plate at any time.

The "In lieu of Lilies" collection will go to **Babyfold at Old Mutare Fairfield Children's Home in Zimbabwe**. At Babyfold in Zimbabwe, they care for abandoned children by providing love, clothing, food, and education. Their goal is to make sure that all children at the home are taken care of spiritually, physically, socially, and mentally.

Please fill out the "<u>In lieu of Lilies</u>" donation sheet below (copies will also be provided in your bulletins in April) and attach your cash or check (made out to GBUMC). The "<u>In lieu of Lilies</u>" form <u>must be turned in to the office</u> accompanied by your payment. There will be a listing provided at Easter showing in "Memory or Honor of" donations made.

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In lieu of Lilies donation to

Babyfold at Old Mutare Fairfield Children's Home in Zimbabwe

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Altar Flowers

03/02

03/09 In memory of Tom
Dunn, by the Mitchinson
Family

03/16

03/23

03/30 In appreciation of our wonderful staff

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

03/02 United Women of Faith

03/09 Mission Team

03/16 Education Team

03/23 Seasoned Citizens

03/30 ASP Ice Cream Fundraiser



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

5th Sunday Joy & Jan Billyard

COUNTERS

03/02 Virginia Sullivan, Carol Cerny

03/09 Carol Capell, Jim Wise

03/16 Dave Lessel, Carol Capell

03/23 Carol Capell, Ron Blakemore

03/30 Virginia Sullivan, Carol Cerny



Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthday Wishes

1st Tony Jablonski

34d Pat Cooper

4th Nikki Bigler, Grace Hedding, Brennen Mueser

5th Matt Anderson, Kaja Mraz

6th Zach Atchison, Nathan Bunker, Eric Nelson

7th Rich Carmoli (83)

8th Bob Briscoe, Shelly Gould-Rice

9th Dianne Scrimger (81)

10th Sonja Gratsch

11th Susie Hagenstein

12th Carol Cerny

13th Jacob Waisanen

14th David Sandrock

15th Kris Surdu

18th Melanie Fiederlein,

Stephanie West

19th Kristin Ivan, Zac Manning

21st Kelli Hedding, Alexis Trinidad

22nd Carrie Church, Libby Greenlees

24th RaeAnn Waisanen

25th Henry Roth, Charlotte Roth

27th Lisa England

28th Sandy Jones, Karen Lawcock

29th Carrie Kurosky

30th Seth Hagenstein

31st Laura Bjorkman, Betty Marks (86)



Anniversary Blessings

3rd Gail & Mike Lutton

7th Barb & Bob Mills (66)

16th Monique & Brett Carte (41)

24th Sandy & Chad Labby

25th Susan & Steve Buck

Church & Society Group

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Meets on the last Saturday of every month @ 10am! Join us on Saturday, March 29 @ 10am

Living Faith, Seeking Justice and Pursuing Peace.

You are invited to join the discussion about opportunities for social justice according to the Social Principles of the United Methodist Church.

Let's put our faith into action!

<u>Greeters</u>

9:00am 11:00am Shirley Wheeler Virginia Sullivan 03/02 John Billings Carol Cerny 03/09 Becky Doran Joy & Jan Billyard 03/16 Cathy Melkus 03/23 Raeanne Waisanen 03/30 John Billings

Grand Blanc United Methodist Church Financial Summary

General Fund Balance (as of 01-31-25) = \$32,275 Mortgage Fund Balance (as of 01-31-25) = \$3,239

MORTGAGE BALANCE (as of 01-31-25) = \$89,448

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9a Worship 10a Sunday Sch & Coffee Hr 11a Worship Noon Chili Cook -off 12:30p Youth	3	10a Yoga	5 10a Prayer Shawl 5p Community Dinner 6:30p Ash Wednesday Service	6 10a Drop-in Bible Study 6p Common Grace	7 6p Game Night 7p Al Anon	8 10a Yoga
Group 9 DAYLIGHT SAVE TIME BEGINS 9a Worship 10a Sunday Sch & Coffee Hr 11a Worship 12:30p Confirmation	7p ACA 10 10a Zentangle 7p Ad Council - Zoom 7p ACA	10a Yoga	ADVOCACY DAY 10a Prayer Shawl 5:30p Chancel Choir 6:30p Celebration Ringers	13 10a Drop-in Bible Study Noon Seasoned Citizens	14 7p Al Anon	15 10a Yoga
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Seasoned Citizens:

After our February snow day, let's try this again!!! 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

Thipwrecks in the Great Lakes.

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

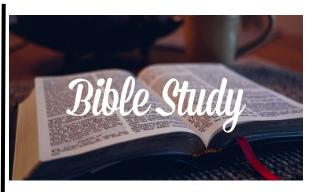


Card Ministry The Last Tuesday of Every Month @ 10am

Join us for our first get-together on **Tuesday, March 25**!!

Help us keep in touch with shut-ins, others on our prayer list, people we haven't seen in a while, or even just mail out birthday or anniversary cards.

We have the cards and stamps, we just need you!!!



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.

March dates: March 6, 13, 20 & 27 @10am











Check out our new GBUMC merch!!! All proceeds from the sales of this product go to support the ministries of Grand Blanc United Methodist Church. To purchase use the QR code or visit https://www.bonfire.com/store/grand-blanc-umc-merch/Contact the church office with any questions.

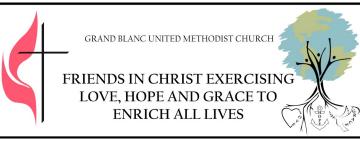


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Rev. Brian West, Pastor Cathy Mitchinson, Office Administrator Angela Campbell, Coordinator of Children & Youth Ministries and Webmaster

Gary Brandt, 9:00 Music Director/Director of Common Grace Andrew Cramer, Music Director for Traditional Worship Andrea Bernat, Nursery Attendant Kimmy Sayers, Custodian





No Reservations Needed

Office Hours: Cathy may be summoned for Jury Duty the week of March 11. If office hours need to change that week, we will let you know as soon as possible. Thank you!

Next New Member Class

Saturday, March 22 9-11am

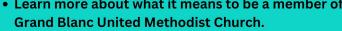
Membership is about taking a meaningful next step in your journey of faith

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



We hope you will also "like & share!"









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!