



GRAND BLANC  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
Sunday, January 18, 2026

## Human Relations Day, TODAY! Sunday, January 18th

Human Relations Day Sunday is celebrated on January 18, 2026. Donations to this UMCOR project provide interactive training experiences for better response to social challenges such as drug trafficking, abuse, alcoholism, and domestic violence in the United States. Together we extend a helping hand to those in crisis so they can overcome formidable obstacles.

The focus is on nurturing at-risk youth, strengthening communities' self-improvement efforts, and advocating for the oppressed. Over and over Jesus served people like this, embracing them; and that's what we want to model as the people of the United Methodist Church; to continue the ministry of Jesus and help all God's children to realize their potential.

The Human Relations Day offering encourages acceptance of all God's children. Your generous gift strengthens community outreach and empowers at-risk youth.

Envelopes will be provided on Sunday, January 18th with your bulletin or you can donate online by designating your gift for Human Relations Day. Please give generously! Thank you from the Missions Committee!

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If you are interested in diving deeper into Pastor Brian's sermons, you may be interested in purchasing the book "The Story" by Max Lucado and Randy Frazee. This link is a good resource for this book: <https://churchsource.com/pages/the-story>

Today's sermon explores Chapter Two.

The church library copies are on display at the back of the Sanctuary. You are welcome to look them over or come to the church anytime the office is open and read our copy.

This is, of course, not required!!! This is just an option for those who would like to explore the topics further.

## Looking Ahead:

Free Community Dinner

February 4, 2026

Hot Turkey Sandwich, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy,  
Vegetable

We will also be serving a meal on Ash Wednesday,  
February 18 from 5-6pm with the worship service  
following the meal.

## East Winds District Lay Servant Ministry Classes

Saturday, February 28, 2026  
and

Saturday, March 7, 2026

Held at Lake Orion UMC  
140 E. Flint St, Lake Orion, MI

### Course Options:

⇒ Basic Course for Lay Servants

⇒ Discover Your Spiritual Gifts

⇒ Teaching Biblical Faith: Leading Small Group Bible  
Studies



United Women of Faith  
Wednesday, January 21 @ 10am  
All are welcome!  
Feel free to bring a friend!

Please sign-in with your Connect Card!  
Help us keep accurate attendance records!  
Win a gift certificate!!

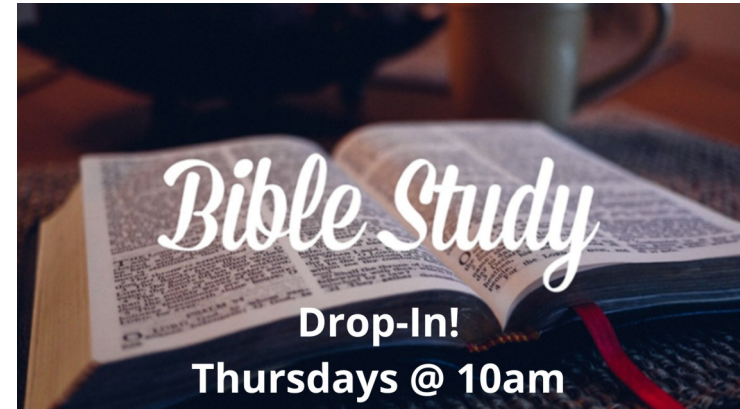
**A**dult Sunday School is held at 11:15 in the Library using the UMC Religion and Race "What is" series. Each week is a different topic. Attend weekly or for the topics that interest you. Grab a coffee hour snack and join us!

**Upcoming topics are:**

1/18 What is Model Minority?  
1/25 What is Race?  
2/1 What is Racial Profiling?



Prayer Shawl Ministry  
Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m.  
All are welcome!  
Knit or Crochet!



**Youth Group**  
**Today 12:30 to 2:30pm**  
Let's start prepping for our "Nerf War"



**Youth:**  
**Sunday, January 25**  
**12:30 to 2:30pm**

Join Jennifer & Matt for an ASP gathering!  
Learn more about ASP!

We will be leaving on Saturday, July 5 to travel to  
Central Appalachia to serve with the  
Appalachia Service Project.

We are looking for youth who will be finishing 6<sup>th</sup> thru  
12<sup>th</sup> grade this year! All are welcome!

Do you have a friend that might be interested? Bring  
them to this meeting!



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 that impacts 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.

## **Kroger Community Rewards**

Kroger has now linked Grand Blanc United Methodist Church to their rewards program!! Your purchases can now benefit the church!

Instructions how to link your Kroger Plus Card:

Simply register online at [krogercommunityrewards.com](http://krogercommunityrewards.com)

Be sure to have your Kroger Plus card handy and register your card with your organization after you sign up.

If a member does not yet have a Kroger Plus card, please let them know that they are available at the customer service desk at any Kroger.

Click on Sign In/Register

Most participants are new online customers, so they must click on SIGN UP TODAY in the 'New Customer?' box.

Sign up for a Kroger Rewards Account by entering zip code, clicking on favorite store, entering your email address and creating a password, agreeing to the terms and conditions

You will then get a message to check your email inbox and click on the link within the body of the email.

Click on My Account and use your email address and password to proceed to the next step.

Click on Edit Kroger Community Rewards information and input your Kroger Plus card number.

Update or confirm your information.

Enter UN976 number or Grand Blanc United Methodist Church, select organization from list and click on confirm.

To verify you are enrolled correctly, you will see your organization's name on the right side of your information Page.

REMEMBER, purchases will not count for your group until after your member(s) register their card.

Do you use your phone number at the register? Call 877-576-7587 to get your Kroger Plus card number.

Members must swipe their registered Kroger Plus card or use the phone number that is related to their registered Kroger Plus Card when shopping for each purchase to count.

Please contact the church office if you have any questions or need help with this process!!



## **Knowing Who We Are:**

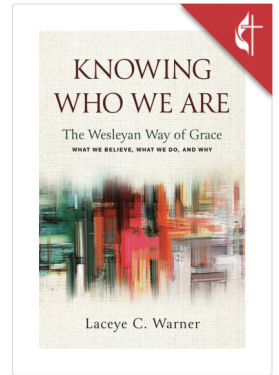
### **A Lenten Book Study on UMC Identity**

Move beyond just being in the UMC! Fully discover what sets us apart and empowers us to work for justice and spread God's love!

Across the Michigan Conference, many are seeking a deeper understanding of our identity, our history, and our mission.

We will be studying "Knowing Who We Are" by Lacey C. Warner. This book offers a clearer picture of our Wesleyan way of following Jesus, focusing on core values like:

- God's full grace for everyone
- Real-life transformation—how your faith leads to positive, visible change in your life, your community, and the world.



Book: Knowing Who We Are by Lacey C. Warner

Dates: Six sessions starting February 24 and through March 31 (6 sessions)

Time Options (Choose one):

Daytime: Tuesdays, 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM ET

Evening: Tuesdays, 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM ET

Cost: There is no cost to participate other than purchasing a copy of the book.

⇒ Purchase the book and read Chapter 1 before February 24.

Sign up today to join the connectional conversation!

