



GRAND BLANC
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Sunday, December 7, 2025

United Women of Faith
Wednesday, December 10 @ 10am
Christmas Gathering at
Gina Briscoe's
9279 James Richard, Goodrich



**Calling all Citizens,
Senior/Seasoned or otherwise:**

Our December 11 potluck will be followed by a
White Elephant Gift Exchange featuring Jan Billyard
as Master of Ceremonies.

A White Elephant is a possession that is useless
and difficult to dispose of. So bring your useless
item wrapped in Christmas paper and unload it on
someone else.

Please plan to attend our final event of 2025.

And bring a friend or two!

Noon: Coffee & Conversation

12:25: Prayer & Devotion

12:30 Potluck Lunch



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



Common Grace will be sharing
their Christmas Program at
American House this Thursday,
December 11 at 6:30pm. Please

encourage your friends that reside at American House to attend this
fun and meaningful program! You are welcome to attend as well!

We are looking for a couple of High School
and/or College Students that would like to
acolyte during the 11pm service on
Christmas Eve.

If you are interested or know someone who is
interested, please contact Val Dutton
valerie.dutton@yahoo.com or contact the church
office.



Looking Ahead:

**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

Mistletoe Market Winterfest

Saturday Dec 13, 2025

11 AM–3 PM FREE (new time)

Grand Boulevard/Grand Chalets, Grand Blanc MI

FREE Take a picture with Santa and/or the Grinch

FREE Holiday Crafts in the Museum

FREE Hot Beverages & Popcorn

FREE Smores Station

Grand Blanc Rd. Closed from Grand Boulevard to Saginaw St.

Holiday Shopping area W/vendors on Grand Blanc Rd.

Local businesses open, AND MORE!!



GBUMC will be at this event

SERVING JOYFULLY..

**FREE Hot Chocolate and
a chance at the SUCKER TREE!**



Come out, join in the fun and LOVE BOLDLY!

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



DATE CHANGE:

Please note that Card Ministry will meet
on Wednesday, December 17 at 10am.

Apologies for the delay of our new Church directory.

It will be ready soon!!

CHRISTMAS



PROGRAM

Calling all children and youth! This Christmas, we will be presenting **"Manager Tales."** We've all heard the stories of Mary, Joseph, the shepherds, and the wise men, but what about the others who were there when Jesus was born? We are in need of 4 main speakers, and all the angels, animals, shepherds and wise men that we can fit in the sanctuary!

Final Rehearsal Saturday Dec 13 9-10:30a.

**Program – Sunday, December 21 @ 4pm with
Dinner to follow.**



**Youth Group
Progressive Dinner!
Today!**

***Please arrive at the church by 3:30pm,
we will depart at 3:45.***

Appetizers: The Mitchinson's

Main Course: The Cook's

Dessert: The West's

Please pick up your youth at the West home
(12110 Francesca) at 7pm.

GBUMC COMPASS Groups

We would like to gauge interest in forming additional Compass Groups. If you would be interested in participating in a new Compass Group or if you know of a current group that you would like to join, please write in your interest on your Connect Card, or contact the church office.

Our Compass Groups meet once a month and are purpose-driven small groups that consist of individuals, couples, and/or families to connect people, wherever they are on their faith walk, with an intentional small group for the purpose of growing in their love for Christ through fellowship, discipleship, service and worship.

2025 Advent and “In lieu of Poinsettias” Donations

We are supporting GBUMC youth with the "Advent" offering (the pink envelope in your box) this year. Our youth will be serving in Appalachia in 2026 and your donations will help fund their trip. We do this every other year to support our GBUMC family and make a difference in the lives of the impoverished people in Appalachia.

You can place the pink envelope in the offering plate at any time. If you donate online, please designate Advent Offering.

For “In lieu of Poinsettias” this year we will be supporting UMCOR World Hunger and Poverty. Their primary goal is to provide funding, accompaniment, and technical support to organizations empowering families to sustainably improve their food and nutrition security while also developing resources and educational materials to educate and raise awareness within the faith-based community about the issues faced by people who are poor and food insecure and to call people to action and to end the systemic injustices of hunger and poverty in the world.

The donation for "In lieu of Poinsettias" needs to be dropped off at the office with the form below by December 14 (in order to be listed in the December 21st and Christmas Eve Bulletins). We will not be ordering poinsettias this year but if you make a donation please designate in "memory of" or "honor of" using the form below and leave it with your check or cash in the GBUMC office. You may also pay online if you prefer, but you must leave this form in the office with your information, if you want your In memory of or In honor of listed in the bulletin.

Please give generously in this joyful Christmas season.
THANK YOU!!

Here's the information we need for your donation:

Memory of _____
(or)
Honor of _____

Given by: _____

Amount \$ _____ Envelope # _____

Adult Sunday School will be 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:

12/7 What is Empathy?

12/14 What is Equity?

12/21 What is Gaslighting?



Two opportunities to avoid cooking and to help two wonderful ministries!!



Culvers 9090 Holly Rd , Grand Blanc

Monday, December 15, 5-8 pm

Our ASP (Appalachia Service Project) Team will be hosting this fundraiser!

Plans are underway for this Youth Mission Trip in the Summer of 2026.

GBUMC has been sending youth to serve in the Central Appalachia Region since 1981! This will be the 29th team from GBUMC! Your continued support of this life-changing mission trip is truly appreciated!!

The Appalachia Service Project is a home restoration mission organization making homes Warmer, Safer and Drier, since 1969.

Wednesday, December 17, 5-8 pm

Our Friends at **Halsey United Methodist Church** will be hosting a Culver's Fundraiser to benefit their special Ministries and we are excited to be able to support them by meeting up, enjoying an evening of no cooking, good food and fellowship.

Halsey folks have been steadfast in supporting GBUMC, ASP, and Community Care Fund Fundraisers at Culvers. We are thankful for the **Connection** and the opportunity to support one another.

We hope you are able to support one (or both!) of these fundraisers!



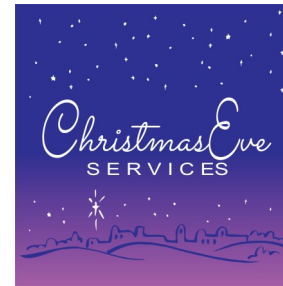
The Hope & Calvary United Methodist Church's
United Women in Faith Group are holding a Cookie Walk!!
Saturday, December 13 from 11am to 2pm
Held at Calvary UMC, 2111 Flushing Rd, Flint
**ALL PROCEEDS GO TO PURCHASE WISH LIST ITEMS
FOR VOICES FOR CHILDREN & GREEN D.R.E.A.M.S.
URBAN YOUTH PROJECT**

Cash & Check accepted
Small bags are \$15, Large bags are \$25
You will receive a pair of gloves and you can walk through and
select your choice of cookies from each table!
They are accepting pre-orders
Pre-order forms are available on the Community Bulletin board
(across from the Education Office).



Thankful for our Staff

We are so blessed (and lucky) to have such an outstanding staff! They remain dedicated to our congregants and ministries month after month. The Staff Parish Relations Committee (SPRC) would like to give you the opportunity to express your appreciation to our paid staff for their selfless efforts on our behalf during the year. SPRC will be collecting our annual LOVE gift for the staff. Donations need to be received by **TODAY**, December 7th and marked 'staff appreciation' whether you give by check or electronically. Thank you for your generosity.



Christmas Eve Services

Wednesday, December 24

7pm

"Good News is Louder Than Fear"

11pm

*"Mary, Did You Know He'd Cry and
Throw Tables?"*

Both services will include Communion



Giving Tree information via **SignupGenius.com**

Please help us provide gifts for children for Christmas this year. You can visit SignupGenius.com to select Christmas gifts for the following charities:

FISH Clothes Closet – Underwear and Socks for boys and girls, Sweatpants and Jeans for boys

Ennis Center for Children (in Flint) – Hygiene products and Diapers

UM Children's Village – Gift Cards for AMC, Domino's, Meijer, Target, McDonald's, Walmart, Amazon, and most Restaurants. Any gift card amount accepted (no minimum).

Thank you for supporting GBUMC's Giving Tree this year. We appreciate all you do to help us help out the children at Christmas!

**ALL ITEMS NEED TO BE AT THE CHURCH BY SUNDAY,
DECEMBER 14**