



"Connection"



October 5

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

17th Sunday after Pentecost

Guest: Rev. Joel Walther



October 12

18th Sunday after Pentecost

Sermon Series: "We Give"

"Because We're Found"

Psalms 107: 1-22



October 19

19th Sunday after Pentecost

Sermon Series: "We Give"

"So We Can Serve"



October 26

20th Sunday after Pentecost

COMMITMENT SUNDAY

Sermon Series: "We Give"

"Cheerfully"

2 Corinthians 9:6-15



The United Methodist Social Creed

We believe in God, Creator of the world; and in Jesus Christ, the Redeemer of creation. We believe in the Holy Spirit, through whom we acknowledge God's gifts, and we repent of our sin in misusing these gifts to idolatrous ends.

We affirm the natural world as God's handiwork and dedicate ourselves to its preservation, enhancement, and faithful use by humankind.

We joyfully receive for ourselves and others the blessings of community, sexuality, marriage, and the family.

We commit ourselves to the rights of men, women, children, youth, young adults, the aging, and people with disabilities; to improvement of the quality of life; and to the rights and dignity of all persons.

We believe in the right and duty of persons to work for the glory of God and the good of themselves and others and in the protection of their welfare in so doing; in the rights to property as a trust from God, collective bargaining, and responsible consumption; and in the elimination of economic and social distress. We dedicate ourselves to peace throughout the world, to the rule of justice and law among nations, and to individual freedom for all people of the world.

We believe in the present and final triumph of God's Word in human affairs and gladly accept our commission to manifest the life of the gospel in the world. Amen.

The words you just read are from The United Methodist Church's "Social Creed." This statement, first originated in the early 20th century as a response to – or perhaps a voice crying out for justice *in* a world that was facing societal, relational, as well as geopolitical challenges that threatened the wellbeing of the global community. As it has been updated in the 100+ years since to reflect continued relevance, it remains a valuable part of The United Methodist's theological and Christ-focused presence in the world.

My hope is that you've already read the "Social Creed" (unless you skipped over it to get to my article), but I want to encourage you to go back and read it again. I wonder, what stood out to you most?

Perhaps what stood out to you was the beginning words which sound much like the other Christian creeds we're familiar with. The United Methodist "Social Creed" begins with statements of belief about God as Trinity (Father, Son and Holy Spirit) and God's forgiveness toward us as a response to our sin and our repentance. I think it's important to note that our denomination has always held – and continues to hold – a fidelity to God's redemptive and restorative work in the world through God's Holy Spirit!

Or, perhaps what caught your attention most was the way the "Social Creed" addresses various social issues that have a timeless relevance in our world: our

intrinsic human worth; dignity in our work, living, and relationships; commitments to justice, the rule of law, and individual freedoms; and much more. While it may seem as though each of these hold self-evident importance, it is worth noting that we (both the church and secular society) regularly struggle with these concepts, particularly as we find ourselves, from time to time, abandoning our fidelity to Christ in exchange for a fidelity to idols – particularly idols which have earned broad social acceptance.

We confess that, at times, we celebrate and promote economics that base a persons worth on their ability to work/produce. Historically and even presently, we find that value is afforded to certain populations over others based on socioeconomic status, particular utility, and even racial/ethnic prejudice. We allow the sins of nationalism, xenophobia, and desires for homogeneity to dismiss the importance of the global community and the values of the *beloved community* that are present in the Kingdom of God. We prioritize comfort, profit and prosperity at the expense of environmental stewardship. We simply must confess that we have fallen short of Christ's command to love God and to love our neighbor as ourselves. We have work to do.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our confession.

Finally, I wonder if what caught your attention was the closing sentence: "*We believe in the present and final triumph of God's Word in human affairs and gladly accept our commission to manifest the life of the gospel in the world.*" Here, we find ourselves recommitting to the incarnation of God's love present in Christ, and to being reflections of the grace we discover in the gospel – the *good news*. In a world full of hunger for good news, is there anything more refreshing than Christ's gospel in our worldly affairs?

The word "Creed" simply means "belief." As Christians, we simply cannot escape the fact that any proclamation of our love for Christ – our beliefs - *must* be met with a concern for the wellbeing of our neighbors and all of God's creation. It is my prayer that we will recognize that one without the other – love of Christ without care for God's creation – is not reflective of the fullness of the gospel. May we commit ourselves to the words of this "Social Creed" and pledge to live them out in our lives.

Peace & love,
Pastor Brian



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Novi, MI 48377

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Grand Blanc, MI 48439

Eleanor Hall

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Grand Blanc, MI 48439

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Andrea Bernat
Bazyl Briscoe
Gina Briscoe
Jim Bunker
Judy Burgess
Carol Cerny
Roma Corey
Frank Davis
Ruth Davis
Judy Gratsch
Karen Lawcock
Gail Lutton
Paul Manning
Lee Pelton
Dick Shick
Norma Stanbury
Vera Stuckey
Bob Tritten

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Susan Allan
Hailey Bagnell
Danny Banfield
Courtney Boshear
Paul Brieger
Joel Brinkman
Renee Brinkman
Turley Briscoe
Sallie Burek
Peter Cherniawski
Patricia Crawfis
Warren Crawfis
Cynthia Crawford
Lucas Duby
Kathy Dutton
Tom Ferguson
Merikay & Doug Franklin
Karen Grossmann
Robert Hall
Eric Hansor

Emma Heidrich
Pat Johnston
Dave Jones
Doug Keene
Asher Kring
Cindy Larange
Grant LeDuke
Vinny Martinez
Clay McLean
Lynne O'Brien
Tim O'Kelly
Leo Reubke
James Ruthenberg
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Office Hours:
Monday, Wednesday & Thursday:
11am to 2:30pm
Sunday: 11am to Noon

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 2025 book pick: What's So Amazing About Grace? By Philip Yancey



Trunk or Treat has become a very large, very well attended event!! We are looking for help! Would you like to decorate your trunk and hand out candy? Can you help in other ways? Contact Angela Campbell to volunteer or for any clarification.



TRUNK OR TREAT
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3
5-7PM

GRAND BLANC UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH
515 BUSH AVE, GRAND BLANC

face painting, firetruck, cop
cruiser, Crime Stopper
McGruff, candy, bounce house,
raffle, DJ & more!

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Sunday, October 26
Noon to 2pm

Calling all our littlest ghosts and goblins for a Halloween themed party! We will have lunch, snacks, games, prizes, crafts...FUN!!

Come in or out of costume, your choice!
Participants: potty-trained thru 5th grade



HELLO october

Youth Group



**Sunday, October 5
12:30p**

Fieldtrip to Porter's Orchard!

Hayride, donut, & cider provided

Bring \$\$ if you want to take home extras.



Sunday, October 26

Noon to 2pm

Halloween Party

Dress up in costume and let's have some fun hosting a Halloween Party!!

Youth Group Leader:

Angela Campbell 810-241-7275

Nathan Rahn 734-276-3949

ASP Leaders:

Jennifer Lengyel 810-241-2343

Matt Anderson 586-634-8153

BOWLING



FOR BAZYL!

Sunday, October 12

Meet at Grand Blanc Lanes
at 12:45pm

Event is from 1pm to 4pm.

Parents please drop-off and pick up at Grand Blanc Lanes.

Bowling ball, shoe rental, bowling, pizza and pop are provided. Bring extra \$ for additional food/drink, arcade games and/or donation to assist the Briscoe family as Bazyl undergoes medical treatments.

Sunday, October 19

Soup & Bread
fundraiser for ASP!!!

Be at the church by

9:30am to help set-up!

We will serve following
the worship service and
following Sunday

School. Please stay to help clean-up.

We will need soups in crockpots!

Invite any friends that might be interested in
joining our mission team to help with this
fundraiser!

You don't want to miss out on this awesome

mission trip! We will travel,
this Summer 2026, to the
Appalachia area to help make
homes Warmer, Safer and
Drier!!! The more youth that
go, the more people we can
help!!



Appalachia

SERVICE PROJECT®



Soup

and bread
supper

Let's pack those vans!!



GBUMC COMMUNITY OUTREACH & ENGAGEMENT

“LOVING Boldly, **SERVING** Joyfully, **LEADING** Courageously”

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

COMMUNITY DINNER

All are welcome!!!

Wednesday, October 1, 2025

Pizza Buffet, Salad, Drinks and Dessert

Wednesday, November 5, 2025

Tacos and all the Fixins, Drinks and Dessert



Nov. 5 @ 4:30 pm
The Genesee County
Health Department
will be here giving
FLU SHOTS

Look FREE COMMUNITY Look
BREAKFAST

Saturday, November 15, 2025 (date change)

**Pancakes, Sausage, Egg Casserole,
Cereal & More**



CHURCH AND SOCIETY

Church and Society meets the
last Saturday of each month
In the church library at 10 am.

The Church and Society Team has laid out the agenda for future topics and future action. We will be studying the UMC Social Principles, looking at these topics from a biblical context, considering what the facts and statistics say about these topics and determining what actions to take for justice.

- ◆ Economic Justice/Income Inequality
- ◆ Poverty and Hunger
- ◆ Gambling
- ◆ Health Care
- ◆ Migrants, Immigrants, and Refugees

In our last meeting we talked about the Dignity of Work and how we can support the Henry Ford Nurses who are on strike. On Sunday September 7th, homemade cookies were delivered to the nurses after coffee hour.

Next meeting: Saturday, October 25 @ 10am

OUTREACH & ENRICHMENT

Another chance to INVITE a friend

*How to Make
Sweater Pumpkins*



**Tuesday, October 14
6—8 pm, \$25 (limit 10)**

Materials provided...
BUT, if you have a sweater that you would like to repurpose or one headed to the resale shop...why not bring it along and create that personalized project with lasting memoirs.

**Tuesday, November 11
6—8 pm, \$30 (limit 10)**

Materials provided...
Come try your hand at Needle Felting and make an ornament for some holiday cheer. This class will be fun and you will leave with a very sweet treasure.



Classes will be taught by Sue Purdy of Grand Blanc, member of the GB Art Council and an artist in her own right.

Faith & Facts

Provided by The General Board of Church & Society of The United Methodist Church

Economic, Health, and Gender Justice

What does the Bible say?

Woe to those who make unjust laws, to those who issue oppressive decrees, to deprive the poor of their rights and withhold justice from the oppressed of my people. **Isaiah 10:1-2**

But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you...and pray to the Lord on its behalf, for in its welfare you will have your welfare. **Jeremiah 29:7**

For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. **Matthew 6:21**

God has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; God has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty. **Luke 1:52-53**



What does the United Methodist Church say?

We decry the widening gap between the rich and the poor and the concentration of wealth in the hands of ever smaller percentages of the global population. We lament that too many of the world's people lack the basic resources necessary for survival and pledge ourselves to work toward the eradication of the roots and effects of poverty. **(The Economic Community, Economic Challenges, B. Poverty and Income Inequality)**

National budgets are moral documents. They are a testament to national priorities. May it be that such budgets invest in life-giving and life-sustaining priorities, indeed, the things that make for peace. **(2020/2024 Book of Resolutions, #4111, The United Methodist Church and Peace)**

The challenges of establishing fair and just tax systems are global. While some nations offer stronger social safety nets funded through more equitable tax systems, everywhere the forces of power and privilege seek to change structures to their benefit, oftentimes at the expense of our poorest and most vulnerable brothers and sisters. In our world economy, too often those individuals and corporations with the most wealth are most able to avoid the social responsibility of taxes by finding exemptions in local tax law or by using varied nations' tax regulations. **(2020/2024 Book of Resolutions, #2111, A Call for Just Tax Structures)**

The gap between the rich and poor continues to widen worldwide. The eighty-five richest people in the world control as much wealth as the poorest half of the world (source: Oxfam). As our Companion Litany to Our Social Creed states: "God cries with the masses of starving people, despises growing disparity between rich and poor...And so shall we." **(2020/2024 Book of Resolutions, #2111, A Call for Just Tax Structures)**



What do the facts say?

- Worldwide, health related expenses accounted for 15.5% of total government spending. ¹
- Military spending by the United States each year is four times greater than the next highest spending country (China) and more than the military budgets of the ten highest spending countries combined. ²
- Since 1990, the number of people living in extreme income poverty has been reduced by more than one billion and yet over 20,000 children die each day due to poverty-related conditions. ³
- The wealthiest eight individuals in the world have amassed more wealth than the poorest 3.6 billion people in the world combined. ⁴
- Governments are losing \$500 billion in revenue each year as companies shift and shield profits to low-tax jurisdictions. ⁵
- The fifteen countries that comprise the Economic Community of West African States are losing an estimated \$9.6 billion in public revenue each year because of tax preferences given to foreign companies. ⁶



¹World Health Organization, ²International Institute for Strategic Studies, ³UNICEF, ⁴Oxfam International, ⁵Tax Justice Network, ⁶Action Aid International

What do you say?

Take **ACTION** for justice...

- Examine** your personal and faith community's spending habits. Do these budgets reflect your values?
- Reflect** on the assets and needs in your community. Where can your spending—and the collective spending of institutions and governments—support life-giving and life-sustaining priorities?
- Learn more** about your government's tax and spending decisions. In the United States, visit the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities (**cbpp.org**) for the latest analysis of proposed legislation.
- Contact** your elected officials and tell them that budgets are moral documents and should reflect our shared values by uplifting the common good, supporting the poor and vulnerable, building peace in communities and among nations.



For more information: www.umcjustice.org

Or join us at our next Church and Society meeting on **Saturday, September 27 @ 10am**

Soup and bread



fundraiser

Our ASP (Appalachia Service Project) Soup & Bread fundraiser will be held on **Sunday, October 19** following worship! We will be looking for soup donations. A sign-up sheet will be posted by the beginning of October. All donated soups should be brought in a crock pot. It is also greatly appreciated if you could take your crockpot home at the end of the event. It is a lot of extra work to wash all of the crockpots!

Our youth will be serving with the Appalachia Service Project for a week during the Summer of 2026! Any and all youth 6th through 12th grade are invited to participate. If you have any questions, please contact Jennifer Lengyel or Matt Anderson.

Download the new Grand Blanc United Methodist Church App on your phone, today!



Be sure to say "yes" to receiving notifications! Stay in the loop!
Need help getting set-up?
Contact the church office!

Prayer Shawl

Wednesdays @ 10am

All are welcome!



Card Ministry
Last Tuesday of the month
at 10am
All are welcome!

S.O.S - Support Our Students

Fall is here and we are looking forward to the startup of the SOS (support our students) program. Look for the list of current college students in the Narthex! Choose a student, write your name by the student (this makes it easier to know who to contact if any information needs updating) and take the slip of paper with their information. Commit to supporting them during this current school year with mail, prayers, texts, etc.





October is Pastor Appreciation Month

Sunday, October 12th 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 12.
- 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.

Altar Flowers

10/05
10/12 The Rahn Family
10/19 The West Family
10/26

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 worship service. Your name and who the arrangement is in honor/memory of will also be listed in the Sunday bulletin.

Greeters

1st Sunday: Becky Doran,
Virginia Sullivan,
Raeann Waisanen
2nd Sunday: Nancy Bigler,
Cathy Melkus,
John Billings
3rd Sunday: Joy Billyard
Jan Billyard
Kris Surdu
Nancy Lepri
4th Sunday: Cathy Melkus
Stephanie Schick
**Looking for another
volunteer!!

Ushers

1st Sunday Nancy Bigler & John Billings
2nd Sunday Kristin Ivan & Brian Rice
3rd Sunday Fran Duby & Kristin Ivan
4th Sunday Raeann & Bernie Waisanen

COUNTERS

10/05 Carol Capell, Jim Wise
10/12 Dave Lessel,
Mariann Quaderer
10/19 Carol Capell, Ron Blakemore
10/26 Kim Werth, Jan Billyard



October

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthday Wishes

1st Rose Marie Shick
2nd Angela Wagner
3rd Paul Rahn, Jessica Smith
4th Anna Slogor
6th Megan Bunker
7th Allison Koerkel, Kristin Rahn,
Grace Williams
9th Becky Dick, Nancy Fiederlein
10th Cathy Bixby
11th Bazyl Briscoe, Lee Ann Gaspar
14th Isabella Briscoe, Kim Gordinier,
Jason Lengyel
16th Julius Del Pino
17th Steve Buck
18th Stan Bell, Thomas Pettit
19th Matthew Black

20th Matthew West, Micah West
21st Robyn Bjorkman, Izzy Joseph,
Louisa Stack
23rd Vicki Greenlees, Nancy Lepri
24th Peggy Carlson, Kim Werth
26th Mini Armstrong, Pam Eklund
27th Cheryl Cottrell (82),
Marilynn Moleski
30th Jo Williams

Anniversary Blessings

6th Laurie & Andrew Dick
14th Tracy & David Sanborn (30)
15th Anna & Paul Roth (20)
20th Ericka & Ernest Lyons
22nd Felicia & Chuck Lawcock (37)
23rd Kristin & Chad Ivan (32)

Acolytes

10/05 Grace Williams & Micah West
10/12 Lianna Williams & Matthew West
10/19 Jack Bond & Micah West
10/26 Lily Mertz & Zayden Briscoe

Nursery volunteer Schedule:

1 st Sunday	Kristin Ivan
2 nd Sunday	Shelly Gould-Rice
3 rd Sunday	Jan Johnson
4 th Sunday	Fran Duby

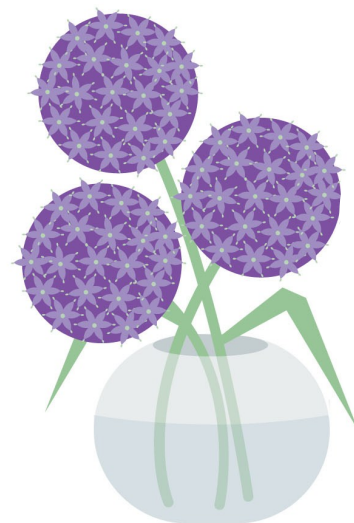
Coffee Hour

10/05 UMM
10/12 Memorials & Gifts
10/19 ASP Soup & Bread fundraiser
10/26 Cathy Mitchinson

Grand Blanc United Methodist Church
Financial Summary

General Fund Balance (as of 08-31-25) = \$27,318
Mortgage Fund Balance (as of 08-31-25) = \$1,708

MORTGAGE BALANCE (as of 08-31-25) = \$81,313



October

		1 10a Prayer Shawl 5p Community Dinner 6p Community Prayer Service		2 10a Pastor Brian's Drop-in Bible Study 6p Common Grace		3 OFFICE CLOSSES AT NOON 5p Compass Grp @ Martin's 5p Trunk or Treat 7p Al Anon		4 10:45a Yoga					
5 10a Worship Sunday School & Coffee Hour following worship 12:30p Youth Group		6 6p Mission Team 7p ACA		7 10a Yoga 7p Worship & Arts -Zoom		8 10a Prayer Shawl 5:30p Chancel Choir Rehearsal 6:30p Celebration Ringers Rehearsal		9 10a Drop-in Bible Study Noon Seasoned Citizens		10 7p Al Anon		11 10:45a Yoga	
12 10a Worship Sunday School & Coffee Hour following worship 12:30p Youth Group		13 10a Zentangle 6:30p Compass Grp @ Cook's 7p Ad Council Zoom 7p ACA		14 10a Yoga 12:30p Wedding 6p Pumpkin Craft Class		15 10a Prayer Shawl 10a United Women of Faith 5:30p Chancel Choir Rehearsal 6:30p Celebration Ringers Reh.		16 10a Drop-in Bible Study 6p Common Grace		17 7p Al Anon		18 10:45a Yoga	
19 10a Worship Sunday School & Coffee Hour following Worship Noon: Soup & Bread ASP Fundraiser		20 7p Finance Mtg—Zoom 7p ACA 7:30p Education Team—Zoom		21 10a Yoga		22 10a Prayer Shawl 5:30p Chancel Choir Rehearsal 6:30p Celebration Ringers Rehearsal		23 10a Drop-in Bible Study 5:30p Compass Grp @ Rahn's		24 OFFICE CLOSSES AT NOON		25 10a Church & Society 10a Yoga	
26 COMMITMENT SUNDAY 10a Worship Sunday School & Coffee Hour 12:30p Youth Group		27 7p ACA 7p SPRC Zoom with DS		28 10a Yoga 10a Card Ministry		29 10a Prayer Shawl 5:30p Chancel Choir Rehearsal		30 10a Drop-in Bible Study 6p Common Grace		31  7p Al-Anon			

World Communion Sunday is October 5, 2025

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 5th! Special envelopes will be available or you can designate your online donation as World Communion Sunday.

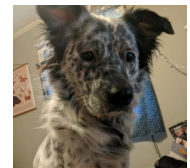
THANK YOU!

A request from your PowerPoint team:

If you have a picture of a special pet that you might like to see on the big screen on Sunday morning, to be used as the background for the "Children's Moment" slide, please send a copy of it to the church office. We would like to add a personal touch to our Sunday Morning slides and also get a peak at all those special pets in our lives.

A couple of things

- We ask that there are no people in the picture
- It must be an original picture
- You are aware and ok with it being shared on the internet.



We work under copyright rules and must be mindful when posting content online, to avoid any violations which can lead to serious consequences.

So check out those pictures on your camera or in your photo album or set up the perfect shot and then pass them along.

Next New Member Class Sunday, October 12 following worship

**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



Congratulations to Krystal & Leland Mitchinson on the birth of their son, Wyatt Hayes, on September 12, 2025!!

Cathy & Jeff Mitchinson are the proud (new) grandparents!

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Andrea Bernat, Nursery Attendant
Kimmy Sayers, Custodian



GRAND BLANC UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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



The church office will be closing
at noon on
Friday, October 3 and
Friday, October 24.



October 11 & 12 Cheboygan UMC,
Cheboygan, MI
October 16 Tranquility @ 6:30p
October 23 Abbey Park @ 6:30p

If you have any questions about this
musical outreach ministry, or would
like to participate, please contact
Gary Brandt garyshadows2@aol.com

UNITED WOMEN OF FAITH "BABY SHOWER" FOR HEARTBEAT OF FLINT

Donations will be accepted throughout the month of
October. There will be a table (possibly in Fellowship Hall)
where you can leave your donations.

Needed items:

Similac—Newborn Formula

Bottles & Pacifiers

Diapers (larger than Size 3)

Wipes

Baby Clothes (Size 0 to 5 years)

Used Car seats—any size (must be within 6 months of the
Manufacturer's Tag)

Seasoned Citizens

Thursday, October 9, 2025

Noon: Coffee & Conversation

12:25pm: Prayer & Devotion

12:30pm: Potluck Lunch

Program: The Bomeli's share their recent
trip to Japan!

Bring a friend or two!!