



The Grand Blanc UMC

December, 2025

"Connection"

SERMON SERIES:

"What Do You Fear?"

December 7

2nd Sunday of Advent

*"When We're Running Out
of Hope, God is At Work"*

Matthew 11: 1-11,

Isaiah 43: 19-21



December 14

3rd Sunday of Advent

*"Even in Our Fear, We Are
Called Forward"*

Luke 1: 26-39,

Jeremiah 1: 1-10



December 21

4th Sunday of Advent

*"When You're Afraid, Give
Me Your Hand"*

Matthew 1: 18-25,

Isaiah 41: 5-10

& 4pm Children's Program!!



December 24

Christmas Eve

7p & 11p

*"Good News is Louder
Than Fear"*

Luke 2: 1-20



December 28

1st Sunday after Christmas

"Light"

This Advent season, the Worship and Arts Team has been drawing upon the work of "Sanctified Art" and their 2025 Advent series, "What Do You Fear?" I'm immensely grateful for the wisdom of this series and the way it invites us to hear the promise of God that, in a world that so often stokes our fear, we *need not be afraid*.

Admittedly, fear is easy to come by and hard to leave behind. Fear, known to associate with its friends, *anxiety, depression, hopelessness*...perhaps even *grief* and *despair*, convinces us that fear is the only logical response to the world around us.

I don't know what tomorrow will bring...FEAR!

I'm not certain that I'm loveable...FEAR!

How could anyone look past the mistakes I've made...FEAR!

There is turmoil in the world, and it doesn't seem to let up...FEAR!

Again and again, we are taught that fear is the most logical – even responsible – way forward. We're taught that a "healthy amount of fear" will ultimately protect us. But at the end of the day, as Christians, we are left with a pressing question: *If fear is supposed to be part of our lives, then why does Jesus say over and over again, "do not be afraid"?*

In response to that question, we could question Jesus' naivete. Did he just not get the fullness of the human experience? Did he not fully understand that there are things in this world worthy of our fear? What if, instead of naivete, Jesus was protesting against the insistence that fear remain a steadfast part of our lives, inviting us to experience something altogether new?

And what is that new thing? I'm getting there.

In the first chapter of the Gospel of John, we read:

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God....In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it....The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us." (vv.1, 4-6, 14a).

In the midst of the world as we have come to know it – as we have come to expect it – Jesus, *"the Word,"* comes to dwell/live/move among us. The incarnation of God in Jesus Christ this Christmastime is an invitation to see the very world we live in as having been wholly changed. No longer are we "a people who walk in darkness" as Isaiah puts it. No longer are we searching for hope among hopelessness. No longer are we strangers to love. No longer are we destined to the chains of our past. Darkness HAS been driven out. Fear no longer gets to have the final word. Death does not win!

The "altogether new" thing that I mentioned a bit ago – the thing that replaces fear is this: Light. Fear tells me that there is something concerning in the unknown-ness of the dark. Christ – the incarnation of God – stands in the midst of the darkest night,

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illuminating the world to show us that the boogiemer isn't real, that dragons are slain by knights, that death no longer has the same sting, and that fallen, oh fallen is Babylon! (okay, so I mixed in some non-biblical references).

Christmas insists that light, not fear, rule our lives!

Lastly, I want to share with a resource from "Sanctified Art" that I have found meaningful. It's a creed. It's a statement of belief. I hope that you will find in it a reflection of yourself this season:

We have seen the valley.

We have seen a sky without stars.

We have seen the longest night,
and still we believe.

We believe in a with-us God.

We believe in the hope of tomorrow.

We believe that good news is louder than fear.

We believe this good news is for all people.

So even when our knees shake,
even when our voice trembles,
even when fear is all around us,
we will hold onto that good news.

We will reach for each other.

We will look for God in our midst.

We will sing songs of joy.

We will proclaim:

Unto us, love is born.

We have seen the longest night,
and we have seen unimaginable love.
So still, we believe.

Amen.



With Deepest Sympathy

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Turley Briscoe, who passed away on November 17. Turley is Bob Briscoe's father.

In Our Prayers

FOR THE HOMEBOUND:

**Marge Cramer
Marcia Ferguson
Eleanor Hall**

OUR CHURCH FAMILY:

Shirley Andrews
Andrea Bernat
Bazyl Briscoe
Gina Briscoe
Jim Bunker
Judy Burgess
Carol Cerny
Linda Compeau
Roma Corey
Frank Davis
Ruth Davis
Fran Duby
Judy Gratsch
Karen Lawcock
Adriana Lock
Gail Lutton
Paul Manning
Lee Pelton
Norma Stanbury
Vera Stuckey
Bob Tritten

FOR OTHERS:

Susan Allan
Hailey Bagnell
Danny Banfield
Stephanie Blouir
Courtney Boshear
Paul Brieger
Joel Brinkman
Renee Brinkman
Sallie Burek
Patricia Cawfis
Warren Cawfis
Cynthia Crawford
Lucas Duby
Kathy Dutton
Tom Ferguson
Merikay & Doug Franklin
Clifford Glen
Brian Greenlees
Karen Grossmann
Robert Hall
Eric Hansor

Emma Heidrich
Pat Johnston
Dave Jones
Doug Keene
Mark Kilmer
Asher Kring
Grant LeDuke
Vinny Martinez
Clay McLean
Vicky Muckenthaler
Lynne O'Brien
Tim O'Kelly
James Ruthenberg
Larry Ruthenberg
Bill Shier
Larry Smith
Eddie Snow
Rosemary Thiebaut
Debra Uhelski
David Ware
Kelly Wilson
Andrew Y

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

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Angela Campbell
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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.**

December 2025 book pick: Sent: Delivering the Gift of Hope at Christmas

By: Jorge Acevedo, et al.

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? I am in need of 4 main speakers, and all the angels, animals, shepherds and wise men that we can fit in the sanctuary!

Dates to remember: Rehearsals Saturdays, Dec 6 & Dec 13 9-10:30a.
Program – Sunday, December 21 @ 4pm with Dinner to follow.

Our Month of Gratitude

The month of November is traditionally the month we consciously practice gratitude. During the month, I had leaves out with the writing prompt "I am grateful for...." I thank everyone who participated, and wanted to share all of the wonderful things our GBUMC family is thankful for:

Family....health...our church family ... our church...parents... We are BLESSED...all the support here at GBUMC....all the good cooks... a sunny day...all the wonderful people...my mom... food....friends...my house....our pastor....the amazing children of our church... my salvation...love...hope...grace....friends & family...the beautiful 1st snowfall....my wonderful kids...God....Pastor Brian's leadership....toilets....health...warm home... hard conversations in Sunday School... Wednesday Night Dinners...absurdities... Christmas... the beauty of nature....each other

We have so many things to be thankful for, this list is just the beginning. God is so good, all the time~

It's a great time to start thinking about Summer Camp!!

Lake Louise Summer Camp 2026 Schedule FULL WEEK CAMPS

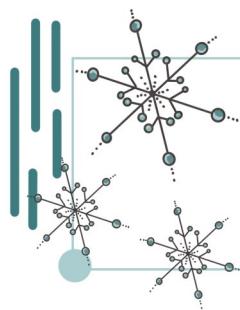
- 6/14-6/20 Camp Beloved for LGBTQ+ youth; Grades 9-13
- 6/21-6/27: Holy Ground Camp; Grades 9-13
- 6/28-7/4: Choir Camp for singers and musicians; Grades 4-13
- 7/5-7/11: As We Are Camp; Grades 9-13
- 7/12-7/18: Middle School Camp; Grades 6-9
- 7/19-7/25: Polar Bear Camp; Grades 4-6
- 7/19-7/25: MOSAIC for artists of all kinds; Grades 9-13

PARTIAL WEEK CAMPS

- 7/26-7/29: Black Bear Camp for kids in grades 2-5 w/an adult
- 7/26-7/28: Teddy Bear Camp Session 1; ages 4 years old through 3rd grade + adult
- 7/30-8/1: Teddy Bear Camp Session 2; ages 4 years old through 3rd grade + adult

Please inquire about our camp scholarships!!





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Youth Group

Youth Group Leaders:

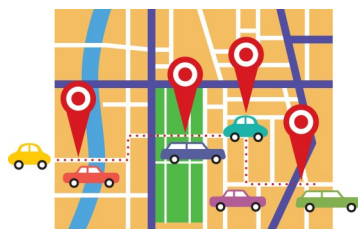
Angela Campbell 810-241-7275

Nathan Rahn 734-276-3949

ASP Leaders:

Jennifer Lengyel 810-241-2343

Matt Anderson 586-634-8153



PROGRESSIVE DINNER

December 7 – Progressive Dinner. Parent drop off @ 3:30 to the church. Leaving at 3:45 for 1st house. Parent pickup will be at the parsonage (12110 Francesca) at 7:30pm. Permission slips will be required.

December 14 – Join us at church, for lunch, blanket tying, and Christmas shows.

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YOUTH Christmas ACTIVITIES



FUNDRAISER AT CULVER'S

Monday, December 15

5pm to 8pm

Please plan to spend an hour
or two helping!!

We hope you are all seriously thinking about our trip to serve with the **Appalachia Service Project** this Summer!! ...And thinking about inviting your friends!! This is an amazing opportunity to be the **Hands and Feet of Christ**, making homes

Warmer, Safer & Drier!!

We travel to the Central Appalachia Region of the United States. Areas of Central Appalachia have poverty rates that are nearly double the national average. The Appalachia Service Project receives many more applications for help than they are able to assist. Every volunteer that we are able to send on this life-changing Mission Trip extends the assistance that ASP is able to provide!

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, December 3, 2025

Pork Loin, Mashed Potatoes,
Gravy, Vegetable, Applesauce,
Roll, Drinks and Dessert

Thursday, January 1, 2026

Special LUNCH 12 - 1 pm Special

CELEBRATE the beginning of the **NEW YEAR**
w/ Pulled Pork Sliders, Alfredo Pasta, & Salad
Drinks and Dessert

Wednesday, January 7, 2026

***Butty**, Cole Slaw, Chips, Pickles
Drinks and Dessert

*** Butty**—British slang for sandwich ☺



CHURCH AND SOCIETY

NEXT MEETING 12/27 @ 10 AM

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays from the Church and Society Team! Did you know

there are at least 14 holidays from mid-November to mid-January? While we recognize Advent, the Birth of Christ and Epiphany in the Christian Church, it is also appropriate to extend happy wishes to others recognizing traditions such as Bodhi Day, Hanukkah and Kwanzaa (7 Principles). What other holidays or traditions can you name?

Good News from the Council of Bishops!

They completed canvassing the votes of annual conference and there were 4 UMC constitutional amendments approved by the 2024 General Conference. The amendments garner more than the 2/3 majority and became effective immediately. The votes were as follows:

	Yes Votes	No Votes	Percentage
Amendment I	34,148	3,124	91.60 %
Amendment II	33,895	2,920	92.00 %
Amendment III	33,875	2,989	91.90 %
Amendment IV	33,952	2,792	92.40 %

Amendment I: Regionalization – A set of amendments to create new regional conferences that will have equal power to adapt portions of the Book of Discipline within their respective regions.

Amendment II: Inclusiveness of the church – Adds the words “gender” and “ability” to Paragraph 4, Article 4 of the UMC Constitution to categories that cannot be used to exclude membership from the UMC.

Amendment III: Racial Justice- An amendment to strengthen Article V of the UMC Constitution by explicitly recognizing the church’s role in combating racism, racial inequity, colonialism, white privilege, and white supremacy.

Amendment IV: Educational Requirements for Clergy- Amends Section VI, Article IV of the UMC Constitution establishing education requirements for clergy members of annual or provisional conferences who are eligible to vote for clergy delegates to the General Conference.

Source, and for more information about the amendments: *The United Methodist Church and Society Faith in Action* Page at: www.umcjustice.org

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!

RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

Faith & Facts Provided by The General Board of Church & Society of The United Methodist Church Civil and Human Rights

What does the Bible say?

Then Peter and the other apostles answered and said, "We ought to obey God rather than human beings." **Acts 5:29**

If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. **(Romans 12:18)**

There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. **(1 John 4:18)**

For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery. **(Galatians 5:1)**



What does the United Methodist Church say?

Religious freedom, as a human right, involves not only every individual's freedom of belief, thought, and conscience, but also a person's right to change one's belief. **(Book of Resolutions, #4300, Religious Freedom: Grounded in Love)**



What do the facts say?

- The First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution guarantees freedom of religion and prohibits government establishment of religion. In 2023, 77% of Americans said it is important for people of all faiths to be able to practice freely in the U.S. (Pew Research Center)
- Reports of religious discrimination and hate crimes, especially against Jewish, Muslim, and Sikh communities, have been on the rise in recent years. (FBI Hate Crimes Statistics)
- Religious minorities often face barriers to employment, education, and public service due to implicit and explicit bias. (U.S. Commission on Civil Rights.)



What do you say?

Take **ACTION** for justice...

- **Learn** about and **build** relationships with people of different faiths in your community.
- **Speak out** against religious discrimination and stand with those who are targeted for their beliefs.
- **Advocate** for policies that protect the religious liberty of all people-not just the majority.
- **Support** organizations that defend religious freedom, such as the Baptist Joint Committee for Religious Liberty (BJC) or Americans United for Separation of Church and State.



For more information contact: advocacy@umcjustice.org

www.umcjustice.org

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

Longest Night

Wednesday, December 3rd
6:00pm

Grand Blanc United Methodist Church
515 Bush Ave. Grand Blanc, MI

Hosted by:
Fenton, Grand Blanc, Halsey and Linden
United Methodist Churches

This is a special service designed to help create space this Christmastime for those who are missing loved ones, facing difficult times, or experiencing grief of one form or another. It's a safe and welcoming time and space. All are welcome.

**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



**SAVE
THE
DATE**

**LET'S JOIN OUR
VOICES IN SUPPORT OF
JUSTICE AND ADVOCACY**

The next Advocacy Day at the Michigan State Capitol will be held on Wednesday, March 18, 2026. United Methodists and friends from across Michigan will spend the day meeting with lawmakers and encouraging policy action.

Activities included meetings with legislators, letter-writing, poster-making for the rally on the Capitol steps, prayer in the Capitol rotunda, and prayer and worship in the sanctuary at Central UMC across the street from the Capitol. **Watch for more info. soon.**

SPECIAL DATE FOR DECEMBER!

Card Ministry will be meeting on
Wednesday, December 17!!



To all who have been a part of caring for our church's wonderful space - the gardens, the grass, the trees, the leaves - all of it, a million thank yous! We are certainly blessed with our little corner of God's creation, and we are equally blessed with the many hands who work to care for it. Know that the Trustees and our church appreciate it!

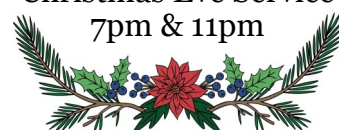
Christmas Worship Opportunities

Sunday, December 21 @ 4pm

Christmas Program by our Children & Youth
Followed by dinner!!

Wednesday, December 24

Christmas Eve Service
7pm & 11pm



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



Culvers 9090 Holly Rd , Grand Blanc

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

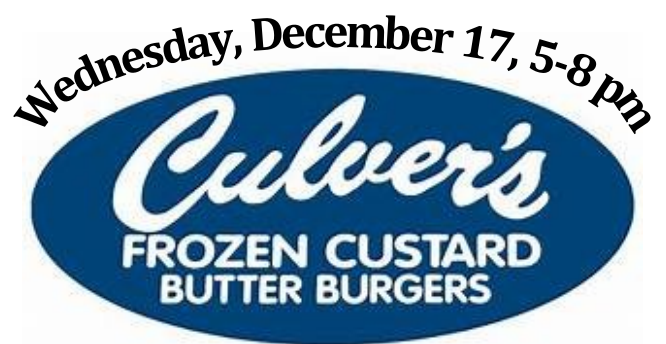
Plans are underway for this Youth Mission Trip in the Summer of 2026.

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.



Culvers 9090 Holly Rd , Grand Blanc

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!



GBUMC Merchandise makes a great Christmas gift!!

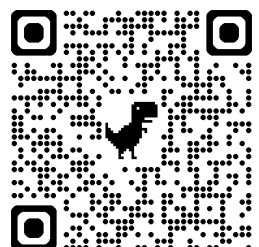


Check out our GBUMC merch!!! All proceeds from the sales of this product go to support the ministries of Grand Blanc United

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.





December



Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays Wishes

2nd Eric Sandrock
3rd Amanda Bendall, Richard Shick
5th Judi Cottrell, Chad Labby,
 Marvin Whitcomb
6th Jocelyn Phillips
7th Rachel Bond, Aaron Bunker
12th Ali VanOverbeke
14th Sharel Etheridge
15th Drake Carlson
16th Joanne Lepri
18th Mariann Black, Andrew Dick,
 Chloe Haggerty, Kim Lutton
19th David Lessel
20th Val Wise
22nd Duane Southworth
23rd Sallie Farrell, Joyce Halter

24th Brian West
26th Beth Bennetts
29th Mixsy Trinidad, Alex Turner
30th Grace Coronado, Katie Zahrt



Anniversary Blessings

17th Mary & Paul Manning (42)
21st Dawn & RJ Magiera
29th Mary & David Strobe (46)

Altar Flowers

12/07 In memory of Leon Bohms
 by Sharon Bohms
 12/14 In memory of my
 husband, Kelly by Cindy
 Duhon

12/21

12/28

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
 Cindy Duhon

Acolytes

12/07 Jane West & Zayden Briscoe
 12/14 Grace Williams & Micah West
 12/21 Lianna Williams & Matthew West
 12/28 Jack Bond Matthew West



Coffee Hour

12/07 Staff Parish
 12/14 Community Outreach
 12/21 Finance
 12/28 Bible Study

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

12/07 Sandy Labby & Carol Capell
 12/14 Carol Capell, Jim Wise
 12/21 Dave Lessel,
 Mariann Quaderer
 12/2 Carol Capell, Ron Blakemore

Nursery volunteer Schedule:

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

Narthex Attendants (10a-noon)

12/07 Jan Billyard
 12/14 Deb Koval
 12/21 Barbara Zerilli
 12/28 Julie Koerkel

Grand Blanc United Methodist Church
 Financial Summary



General Fund Balance (as of 10-31-25) = \$21,603
 Mortgage Fund Balance (as of 10-31-25) = \$1,478

MORTGAGE BALANCE (as of 10-31-25) = \$78,934



December



	1 6p Mission Team 7p ACA	2 10a Yoga 7p Worship & Arts Zoom	3 10a Prayer Shawl 5p Community Dinner 6p Darkest Nights Service	4 10a Pastor Brian's Drop-in Bible Study 6p Common Grace @ Abbey Pk	5 5p Compass Grp @ Martin's 7p Al Anon	6 9a Children's Program Reh. Fellowship Hall in Use 7p Common Grace @
7 10a Worship Sunday School & Coffee Hour following worship 3:45p Youth Progressive Dinner	8 6:30p Compass Grp @ Cook's 7p Finance Mtg Zoom 7p ACA	9 10a Yoga	10 10a Prayer Shawl 10a UWF @ Briscoe's 5:30p Chancel Choir Rehearsal 6:30p Celebration Ringers	11 10a Drop-in Bible Study Noon Seasoned Citizens	12 7p Al Anon	13 9a Children's Program Reh. 11-3 Winterfest Downtown GB
14 10a Worship Sunday School & Coffee Hour following worship 12:30 Youth Group Carolling	15 FISH in FH 5p Culver's Fundraiser 6:30p Education Team—Zoom 7p Ad Council Zoom 7p ACA	16 FISH in FH	17 FISH in FH 10a Prayer Shawl 10a Card Min. 5:30p Chancel Choir Rehearsal 6:30p Celebration Ringers Reh.	18 FISH in FH 10a Drop-in Bible Study 5:30p Compass @ Rahn's	19 7p Al Anon	20 Fellowship Hall in Use
21 10a Worship Sunday School & Coffee Hour following Worship 4p Child/Youth Christmas Program	22 7p ACA	23 10a Yoga 7p Trustee Zoom	24 OFFICE CLOSED 7p Christmas Eve Srv 11p Christmas Eve Srv	25 OFFICE CLOSED	26 OFFICE CLOSED 7p Al Anon	27 10a Church & Society 10a Yoga
28 10a Worship Sunday School & Coffee Hour	29 7p ACA	30 10a Yoga	31 OFFICE CLOSING AT NOON			

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.

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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 Christmas Eve Bulletin). 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.

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 # _____

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Cathy Mitchinson, Office Administrator
Angela Campbell, Coordinator of Children & Youth Ministries
and Webmaster

Gary Brandt, Director of Common Grace
Andrew Cramer, Worship Music Director
Andrea Bernat, Nursery Attendant
Kimmy Sayers, Custodian

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 December 7th and marked 'staff appreciation' whether you give by check or electronically. Thank you for your generosity.



GRAND BLANC UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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



The office will be closed the following dates:

Wednesday, December 24

Thursday, December 25

Friday, December 26

And will close at noon on
December 31



December 4 @ Abbey Park @ 6:30p
December 6 @ Crossroads Chapel @ 7
December 11 @ American House @ 6:30

United Women of Faith

Wednesday, December 10
@ 10a

Christmas Gathering
at Gina Briscoe's
(9279 James Richard, Goodrich)



You may have noticed the new "little free **PANTRY**" in the Narthex these past few weeks. This is phase one of a project that came about after a conversation by one of our small groups at GBUMC. It began with talk about life, the state of affairs and one member mentioning that her boss put a prayer box in the office and how much it has helped. That conversation took on a life about putting a prayer box outside the church for passerby's to share, if they like. It continued with the idea of putting out a small pantry (you many have seen them here and there) and then, there was mention of the Free Library. The group made a plan, wrote it up, filled out an Endowment Request Form, which was approved, and the idea took on a life.

The current pantry will ultimately be the "little free LIBRARY" when a new, slightly larger piece is build that will take over and become the pantry. Both will be mounted outside and available for friends, neighbors or anyone who might want or need what we have to share. And when completed, a prayer box will also be attached.

A seemingly simple way to ENGAGE! ❤️

All are invited to keep an eye on the contents and help with making sure it is stocked and ready when needed. 😊