



March 2026

# CONNECTION

## A Time to Every Season

March 1  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent  
“The Gospel: Part 1”



March 8  
3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent  
“The Gospel: Part 2”



March 15  
4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent  
“The Gospel: Part 3”



March 22  
5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent  
“The Gospel: Part 4”



March 29  
Palm Sunday  
“The Gospel: Part 5”



Ecclesiastes 3 is one of the most well known passages of scripture, probably just behind the 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm and John 3:16. Often attributed to Solomon, it begins with these words:

*“There’s a season for everything and a time for every matter under the heavens”*

In my life, particularly in my adult life, I have come to understand this notion better and better as time goes on, and I suspect that I’ll continue to discover its meaning and truth as time goes on. On Sunday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>, I shared with the GBUMC congregation in my sermon and in a subsequent letter that, through a lengthy and prayerful process of discernment, I have heard from God a shift in my calling, to transition away from pastoral ministry in the local church (effective July 2027), and toward a vocation as a licensed counselor (LPC to be specific).

As I shared, this shift in call – this new season of life and ministry will mean that my intention is to take a leave of absence from pastoral ministry and journey into this new season – this new calling – by furthering my education, pursuing licensure, and living out my emerging call. As Stephanie, the kids and I head into this new season of our lives as a family, we find ourselves experiencing a multitude of feelings: gratitude, excitement, grief, hope, nervousness, and leap-of-faith-ness (if I can coin that as a word). And, to be honest, that’s probably the short list.

What I know is that my love for this church – this congregation – is something that causes me to feel a sense of loss. I have found abundant joy and gladness in the opportunity to serve as Grand Blanc UMC’s pastor. Our family has grown close to this church family. I give great thanks for this church! To step away from pastoring this church, even when I know in the depths of my soul that it is following God’s call on my life right now, is one of the hardest things I’ll ever do. And yet, I am reminded that “There’s a season for everything and a time for every matter under the heavens.”

Time after time, I have preached this and have encouraged the church to remember that God calls us to step into the unknown, trusting that in new seasons of life, God goes with us; God remains with us! While I never anticipated that God’s call on my life would shift this way – and while following that shift is hard – I have to trust that God is 100% part of all of it!

And yet, as God is calling me into a new season of life – a new season of vocation and call – it is not lost on me that God is also inviting Grand Blanc UMC into a new season of what it means to be the church. It’s a new season of anticipating new pastoral leadership that will continue the work that God has already begun in this congregation. While we don’t yet know who the Bishop will appoint, I trust that God is already working in that pastor’s heart, just as I trust that God is already at work in this congregation to prepare for this new season.

In the meantime, I have the privilege of serving as your pastor until July 2027. While we continue to do good ministry, we’ll also prepare for transitions and new seasons. But one thing that will remain the same is that God will walk with us through each moment, each change, each new season, each new beginning. God will be with us as we celebrate and as we grieve.



For the Homebound

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42400 12 Mile Rd, Apt 132  
Novi, MI 48377

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

**Ann Fraile**  
327 Woodbridge Dr  
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Our Church Family:

Andrea Bernat  
Bazyl Briscoe  
Gina Briscoe  
Jim Bunker  
Judy Burgess  
Carol Capell  
Linda Compeau  
Roma Corey  
Judy Gratsch  
Gail Lutton  
Paul Manning  
Lee Pelton  
Norma Stanbury  
Vera Stuckey  
Bob Tritten

For Others:

Tom Alward  
Hailey Bagnell  
Danny Banfield  
Stephanie Blouir  
Courtney Boshear  
Paul Brieger  
Joel Brinkman  
Renee Brinkman  
Sallie Burek  
Patricia Crawfis  
Warren Crawfis  
Lucas Duby  
Tom Ferguson  
Merikay & Doug Franklin  
Eric Heiden  
Emma Heidrich

Dave Jones  
Doug Keene  
Mark Kilmer  
Asher Kring  
RJ Laws  
Grant LeDuke  
Vinny Martinez  
Clay McLean  
Vicky Muckenthaler  
Tim O'Kelly  
Bill Shier  
Eddie Snow  
Debra Uhelski  
David Ware  
Kelly Wilson  
Andrew Y

# Holy Week



**Sunday, March 29, Palm Sunday**

9am Potluck Breakfast  
10am Worship

Following Worship: Sunday School/Coffee Hour



We extend our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of William Carpenter, who passed recently. Bill is Alli VanOverbeke's father.

**April 2, Maundy Thursday**

7pm Service at Fenton UMC  
119 Fenton St., Fenton

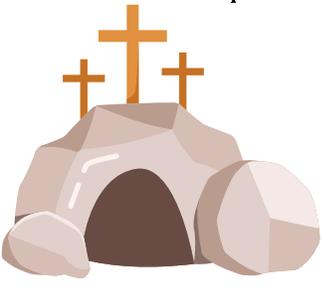


**April 3, Good Friday**

7pm Service at Holy Spirit Lutheran Church  
7234 Fenton Rd

**Easter, Sunday, April 5**

8:30am Worship  
9:30am Egg Hunt  
10am Worship



Do you watch our worship services online? We would be grateful if you would fill out our online Connect Cards!!

We have no idea who is watching from home unless a Connect Card is submitted.

We'd love to hear from you!!

Let us know you're watching!

You can find our online connect cards on our website or on the app!!

**Next New Member Class**  
**Sunday, March 8**  
**following worship**

*No Reservations Needed*

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.



# CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Coordinator of Children & Youth Ministries  
Angela Campbell  
christian.education@grandblancumc.org

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.**

**March 2026 book pick: "Shame and Grace: Healing the Shame We Don't Deserve"**

**By Lewis B. Smedes**

**"TRUNK" OR TREASTER!**  
**THURSDAY, MARCH 26**  
**4PM TO 6PM**

**Taking place in Fellowship Hall  
(to avoid any issues with Mother Nature)**

**Hot dogs, chips and water provided!**

If you are interested in helping, we need donations of candy and we also need people to hand out candy. We will set up tables instead of trunks.

EDUCATION MEETINGS ARE HELD ON THE 4<sup>TH</sup> MONDAY OF THE MONTH AT 4:30PM VIA ZOOM



United Methodist Camping has opportunities for all ages! Check out [www.graceoutside.org](http://www.graceoutside.org) or use this QR code for more information.

Camp scholarships are available!! Please see Angela Campbell for details.





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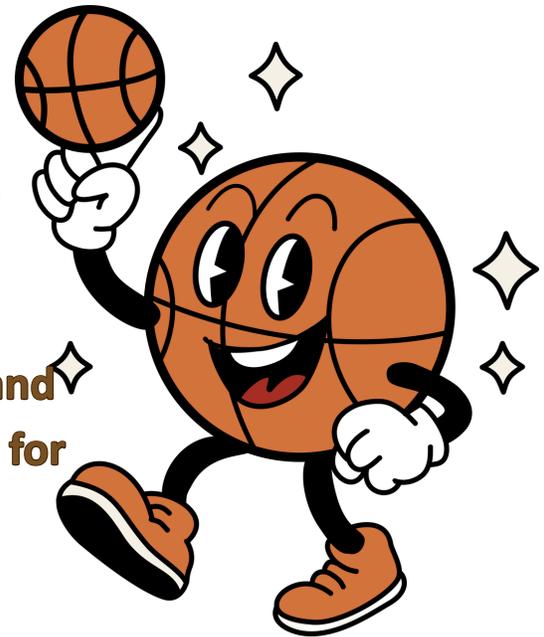
# YOUTH GROUP!



**Sunday, March 1**  
**12:30-2:30pm**  
**Movie & Popcorn!!**

**Sunday, March 8**  
**12:30-2:30pm**  
**Basketball!!!**

**Enjoy a chili lunch and**  
**then join us outside for**  
**some fun!**



**Sunday, March 15**



**We'll grab some lunch and then head to**  
**Abbey Park to decorate cookies!**  
**Please pick up your youth at Abbey Park**  
**at 2:30pm**

**Sunday, March 22**  
**Picnic at Physician's Park**  
**12:30-2:30pm**

**Please pick up your youth at**  
**Physician's Park**



**Sunday, March 29**  
**12:30-2:30pm**  
**ASP meeting!!**

**Youth Leaders**

**Angela Campbell 810-241-7275**

**Nathan Rahn 734-276-3949**

**ASP Leaders**

**Jennifer Lengyel 810-241-2343**

**Matt Anderson 586-634-8153**

# 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!!!**

**Wed., March 4, 2026**

Sloppy Joes, Cole Slaw, Chips, Dessert & Drinks

Join us for a special event on Wednesday, March 4<sup>th</sup> after the community dinner to write thank you notes to our legislators for funding hunger programs and to make signs for Advocacy Day. Children and youth are welcome and encouraged to attend.

**Wed., April 1, 2026**

Pizza Buffet, Salad, Dessert & Drinks

**Wednesday, March 18<sup>th</sup>**

United Methodist Advocacy Day

TOPIC - Food Insecurity

Michigan State Capitol, Lansing

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. Registration using the address below.

<https://miumc.swoogo.com/AdvocacyDay>

**Saturday, March 21, 9-3pm**

**Grand Blanc Community Expo**

**Grand Blanc HS**

A one-day showcase of 70+ local vendors, food trucks, Kids' Corner, music, and a Grand Prize drawing. GBUMC will be one of the Vendors at the EXPO, be sure to stop by and visit when you come.



**Free Little RED Pantry**

The Free Little Pantry is outside the doors and is a 24/7 resource providing care and support for our neighbors.

If you notice that the Pantry might need some items, please feel free to help stock it or drop a note to the office so we can make sure it is kept up. Thank you! ❤️



**CHURCH AND SOCIETY**

NEXT MEETING 3/28 @ 10am

*Everyone is welcome to attend.*

The Church and Society Team is looking forward to Advocacy Day in Lansing on March 18<sup>th</sup> to meet with our legislators about food insecurity. Anyone from the church is welcome to join us! Registration deadline is March 1<sup>st</sup>. As we approach Advocacy Day, we reflect on our neighbors in need of food. You don't need to look far to find people with food shortages. Not being able to access enough food due to lack of money or other essential resources is often referred to as food insecurity. Recent cuts to food programs that help families purchase groceries along with higher prices at the store has increased the need for food help.

**Child Food Insecurity in Michigan: 13.1%, in Genesee County: 18.4%** Source: Feeding America

**Adult Food Insecurity in Michigan is 12.5% with the highest rates among Black and Hispanic populations reaching 23.1%**

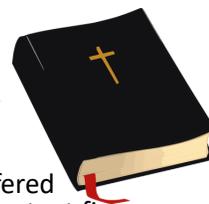
Source: State of Michigan Department of Health and Human Service Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System Surveillance Brief

In a recent advocacy day lunch and learn event, we learned there has been an increase in food bank/pantry use from seniors and the working poor, who's income doesn't meet monthly expenses. The choice becomes keeping a roof over your head or eating.

Our Social Principles address food justice and state: "We endorse policies and practices designed to ensure access to healthy nourishment and clean drinking water... we affirm food sovereignty, which promotes the rights of all people to healthy, culturally appropriate food produced through ecologically sound and sustainable methods".

Recently GBUMC put a dry pantry box at the front entrance, and it has been refilled many times already. We have several people in our congregation who work at the local FISH of Grand Blanc Food Pantry. The GBUMC Community Dinners also fill an important food need for many people. We are thankful for the food pantries and GBUMC's commitment to feeding the hungry. Many of the food banks started out as faith-based in the 1970's and now receive funding from the government. Finally, talk to someone on the Mission Team to hear about food missions GBUMC supports both locally and globally.

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?**

Motherhood is sacred. Therefore, making motherhood safe is a moral imperative. Women who are called to be mothers undertake a sacred responsibility to carry life and bring that new life into the world. We acknowledge the pain and suffering of women forced to be mothers through rape, child marriage, or lack of access to unwanted pregnancy services and products, and those who have suffered miscarriages. As a family of God, we support women and families in all situations. Mothers are important figures in our biblical tradition. Women like Eve, Hagar, Sarah, Elizabeth, and Mary the mother of Jesus are remembered for their role as bearers of new life. but within the sacred texts, there are also stories of maternal tragedy and loss. Both Rachel, (**Genesis 35: 16-20**) and the wife of Phinehas (**1 Samuel 4:19-20**) died after prolonged and difficult labors. Tragically, this is still happening today.

In the Gospel of John, Jesus tells his disciples that he came to bring abundant life to his followers (**John 10:10**). God's desire is that every mother, every child, and every family not only survives, but thrives. Tragically, survival is often a daily struggle for those who lack access to basic services and care. God calls us to respond to the suffering in the world, to love our neighbors throughout the world. (**Leviticus 19:18**)

**What does the United Methodist Church Say?**

As a church, we support other measures and initiatives to improve human health, including investments in preventative care, good nutrition, continuing research in infectious disease prevention and treatment, pre- and postnatal health, and substance abuse treatment on demand. We commend churches that are involved in community-based health-care ministries. (**The Political Community, Basic Rights and Freedoms, A. Health Care**)

Tragically, with regard to maternal care, survival is often a daily struggle for women who lack access to basic services that they need. God calls us to respond to the suffering around us, to love our neighbors throughout the world. As followers of Christ, we are members of the same body. We must care for everyone—especially women who are already navigating systems of oppression and often risking their lives during and following pregnancy and birth. (**2020/2024 Book of Resolutions, #4204, Maternal Health: The Church's Role**)

Maternal mortality is a moral tragedy and the church must address the health, economic, and cultural barriers that contribute to maternal deaths. (**2020/2024 Book of Resolutions, #4204, Maternal Health: The Church's Role**)

Women are crying out for not only their own survival but also the survival of their families and communities. They deserve access to services and care that empower their personal and economic decision-making and development. As a global church, we are called to eradicate systems of oppression and marginalization that inhibit women's well-being. (**2020/2024 Book of Resolutions, #4204, Maternal Health: The Church's Role**)

We call upon all United Methodists to address the root causes of maternal deaths in local contexts, which could include addressing access to health services, racism, or child marriage (**2020/2024 Book of Resolutions, #4204, Maternal Health: The Church's Role**)



**What do the facts say?**

- 808 women die every day and 2.4 million newborns die annually from complications during pregnancy or childbirth. (UNFPA)
- Ninety-four percent of the estimated 295,000 annual maternal deaths occur in low-resource where women lack access to adequate medical services (UNFPA/WHO)
- Currently, 225 million women would like to delay or prevent a pregnancy but lack access to family planning services that would facilitate them to do so. (WHO)
- If all the unmet need for family planning was met, maternal deaths would drop by a third, and 600,000 fewer children would lose their mothers each year. (UNFPA)
- In the United States, Black women are three times more likely to die from a pregnancy-related cause than White women. (CDC)



**What do you say?**

Take **ACTION** for justice...

- **Support** United Methodist projects around the world working on maternal health and family planning.
- **Advocate** for policies aimed at addressing racial disparities and increasing funding for family planning and reproductive health in your communities.
- **Partner** with local health initiatives that expand access to information and services for women's health. Ask how you can join with these organizations to ensure women and men in your community have access to the services they need to lead healthy lives.
- **Promote** healthy masculinity and engage men to actively participate in comprehensive family planning. It is not a women's problem; it affects us all, and men should be part of the solution.



For more information contact: [advocacy@umcjustice.org](mailto:advocacy@umcjustice.org)  
[www.umcjustice.org](http://www.umcjustice.org)

Or join us at our next Church and Society meeting on Saturday, March 28 @ 10am

# 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!!



## SEASONED CITIZENS

will host the CEO of the Crim Fitness Foundation in Flint Michigan, Lauren Holaly-Zembo on **Thursday, March 12**. The Holaly's were active members of GBUMC for several years. Please bring a guest to welcome her and learn all about a 10-mile road race that evolved into the Crim Fitness Foundation, which offers programs to support individual and community well-being in Genesee County.



THURSDAY, MARCH 12  
Noon: Coffee & Conversation  
12:25pm: Prayer & Devotion  
12:30pm: Potluck Lunch  
1pm: Program

## Lent and "In lieu of Lilies" Donations

Easter Sunday is April 5, 2026 and this year we will be supporting the NOAH Project (at Central UMC in Detroit, MI) with our Lent offering envelopes and Abundant Health (Haiti & Liberia) with our "In lieu of Lilies" offerings (turned in to the office).

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The NOAH Project (at Central UMC in Detroit) aims to compassionately end homelessness in Detroit by extending radical hospitality to and entering into trusting relationships with homeless Detroiters. Using their volunteer-led bag lunch program as an initial engagement strategy, the NOAH Project works to empower people, regardless of how they ended up in homelessness, to find their individualized path to self-sufficiency through case management, street outreach, and a variety of community center programs targeting hygiene, health and wellness.

Please use the Yellow Lent/Easter offering envelope provided in your offering envelopes or mark your donation for Lent/Easter in order for it to go to the NOAH Project. You can place this donation in the collection plate at any time or make your donation with online giving.

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The "In lieu of Lilies" collection will go to Abundant Health (Haiti & Liberia). The Abundant Health project is working to increase access to health interventions in economically vulnerable communities. The project partners with thousands of communities and health workers through its community-based health programs, while also supporting United Methodist hospitals and clinics around the world. The programmatic emphasis over the next four years is to protect children from preventable causes of death and disease.

Please fill out the "In lieu of Lilies" donation sheet below which you will get in your bulletin or you can pick up in the office and attach your cash or check (made out to GBUMC). The "In lieu of Lilies" form must be turned in to the office accompanied by your payment (Cathy has a folder on her desk where you will put your completed form and payment). There will be a listing provided in the bulletin at Easter showing in "Memory or Honor of" donations made. Payment must be turned in to the office no later than Sunday, March 29, 2026.

Thank you for your generosity! We appreciate you!

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### In lieu of Lilies donation to Abundant Health (Haiti & Liberia)

Memory of \_\_\_\_\_

(or)

Honor of \_\_\_\_\_

Given by \_\_\_\_\_

Amount \_\_\_\_\_

Envelope # \_\_\_\_\_



# 2026 Lenten Calendar

This year we are focusing our Lenten journey on the abundance we enjoy, while reminding ourselves that there are many in our community that do not enjoy the same privileges we do. Throughout the week, take time to reflect on the prompts for that week. Use Sunday to reflect on the privileges we have in each area that are not necessarily shared by everyone in our community. You can add up your quarters on a daily or weekly basis.

The proceeds from our Lenten journey this year will all be donated to our Community Care Fund. If you have any questions about this fund, please refer to Pastor Brian's February Connection article.

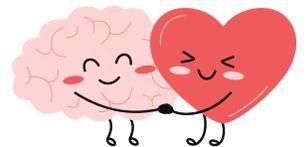
## Week One – 2/22 – 2/28 – “Food and Water” (25 cents for ...)

- every place in your community that sells groceries (think of Party Stores, \$ stores, Gas stations, etc.)
- every bottle of water in your house this week
- every meal served in your house this week
- every potable water source in your home/property
- every time you eat out this week
- every night you went to bed this week with your stomach full; add another 25 cents if you know where all your meals were coming from this week.



## Week Two – 3/1- 3/7 “Health – Mental and Physical” (25 cents for ....)

- every doctor you see (incl. dentist, therapist, optometrist, etc.)
- if you had time to pause/meditate/pray/reflect/ focus on joy today
- Take 25 cents back if you had a Dr appointment cancelled today
- Every time you volunteered this week
- If you have health insurance coverage, add 25 cents if it your insurance covers mental health
- every gym/health club membership or fitness class you attended



**Week Three – 3/8 – 3/14 “Communication”** (25 cents for ...)



- Every person you called/texted today
- Every personal or work email address you use
- Every person who you think would check on you if you were sick, or they haven't heard from you in 24 hours
- Every electronic communication device (TV, cell phone, tablet, laptop, computer, game console, smart watch, modem, etc.)
- If you can read and write
- If you speak another language

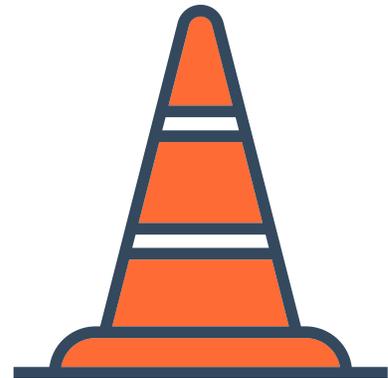
**Week Four 3/15 – 3/21 – “Home”** (25 cents for ...)



- Every shower/bath taken in your house in a day or week
- Every 500 square feet of living space, including outbuildings
- Every light, heat and/or water source in your home
- Every bed and pillow in your house
- If you didn't have a foreclosure/eviction/shut-off notice this month
- if you own your home

**Week Five 3/22 – 3/28 – “Safety”** (25 cents for...)

- If you have an alarm system on your home
- Every exterior light in your home/outbuildings
- If you have a neighborhood watch
- Every door/window that does not have a bar on it
- If you wouldn't hesitate to call 911
- Every police/fire station in your community



**Week Six 3/29 – 4/4 – “Transportation”** (25 cents for...)

- Every vehicle you own, don't forget the recreation ones too
- Every time you got gas this week
- Every bike, scooter or other means of transportation
- Every ride you got from a friend – take 25 cents back if you used public transportation
- Every ride share app on your smartphone
- Every flight you have taken this year (or 2025)



## Altar Flowers

- 3/1 In honor of our beautiful staff,  
by Dale Wolfgram
- 3/8 In memory of Tom Dunn,  
by the Mitchinson Family

- 3/15  
3/22  
3/29

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 and come 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.

## Ushers

- 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday Nancy Bigler & John Billings
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Kristin Ivan & Brian Rice
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Fran DUBY & Kristin Ivan
- 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday Raeann & Bernie Waisanen
- 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday

## Greeters

- 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday: Becky Doran  
Virginia Sullivan  
Raeann Waisanen
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday: Stephanie Schick,  
Cathy Melkus  
John Billings
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday: Joy & Jan Billyard  
Kris Surdu  
Nancy Lepri
- 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday: Cathy Melkus  
Stephanie Schick  
Cindy Duhon
- 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday: Gary Bobalik,  
Sue Bobalik,  
Becky Doran

## COUNTERS

- 3/1 Kim Werth, Jan Billyard
- 3/8 Carol Capell, Jim Wise
- 3/15 David Lessel, Mariann Quaderer
- 3/22 Carol Capell, Ron Blakemore
- 3/29 Kim Werth, Jan Billyard



# MARCH

*birthdays & anniversaries*

## Birthdays

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Pat Cooper
- 4<sup>th</sup> Grace Hedding
- 5<sup>th</sup> Matt Anderson, Kaja Mraz
- 6<sup>th</sup> Nathan Bunker, Eric Nelson
- 7<sup>th</sup> Rich Charmoli (84)
- 8<sup>th</sup> Bob Briscoe,  
Shelly Gould-Rice
- 9<sup>th</sup> Dianne Scrimger (82)
- 10<sup>th</sup> Sonja Gratsch
- 11<sup>th</sup> Susie Hagnestein
- 12<sup>th</sup> Carol Cerny (82)
- 13<sup>th</sup> Jacob Waisanen
- 15<sup>th</sup> Kris Surdu, James Wagner
- 18<sup>th</sup> Melanie Fiederlein,  
Stephanie West
- 19<sup>th</sup> Kristin Ivan, Zac Manning
- 21<sup>st</sup> Kelli Hedding,  
Alexis Trinidad

- 22<sup>nd</sup> Carrie Church,  
Libby Greenlees
- 24<sup>th</sup> RaeAnn Waisanen
- 25<sup>th</sup> Henry Roth,  
Cameron Roth
- 27<sup>th</sup> Lisa England
- 28<sup>th</sup> Sandy Jones,  
Karen Lawcock
- 29<sup>th</sup> Renee Eggert
- 30<sup>th</sup> Seth Hagenstein
- 31<sup>st</sup> Laura Bjorkman

## Anniversaries

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Gail & Mike Lutton (25)
- 7<sup>th</sup> Barbara & Bob Mills (67)
- 10<sup>th</sup> Lee Ann Gaspar &  
Carol Bingham (10)
- 24<sup>th</sup> Sandy & Chad Labby
- 25<sup>th</sup> Susan & Steve Buck

## COFFEE HOUR

- 3/1 UNITED WOMEN OF FAITH
- 3/8 MITCHINSON
- 3/15 MEMORIALS & GIFTS
- 3/22 SEASONED CITIZENS
- 3/29 POTLUCK BREAKFAST!

## Acolytes

- 3/1 Zayden Briscoe & Matthew West
- 3/8 Jack Bond & Micah West
- 3/15 Lily Mertz & Zayden Briscoe
- 3/22 Jane West & Matthew West
- 3/29 Grace Williams & Lianna Williams

## Nursery Volunteer Schedule

- 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday Kristin Ivan
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Shelly Gould-Rice
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Jan Johnson
- 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday Cindy Duhon
- 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday

## Narthex Attendant

- 3/1 Sharon Bohms
- 3/8 Cindy Duhon
- 3/15 Eric Campbell
- 3/22 Eric Campbell
- 3/29 Val & Jim Wise

Grand Blanc United Methodist Church  
Financial Summary

General Fund Balance (as of 12-31-25) = \$51,148  
Mortgage Fund Balance (as of 12-31-25) = \$2,694  
MORTGAGE BALANCE (as of 12-31-25) = \$76,530



# MARCH 2026



Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

<p><b>1</b></p> <p>10a Worship 11a Sunday School &amp; Fellowship 12:30p Youth Group 3p Common Grace @ Lambertville UMC</p>	<p><b>2</b></p> <p>6p Mission Team 7p ACA 7p Program Staff Mtg-Zoom</p>	<p><b>3</b></p> <p>10a Yoga</p> <p><b>OFFICE CLOSED</b></p> <p>5:45p Choir 6:45p Bells</p>	<p><b>4</b></p> <p>10a Prayer Shawl</p> <p>5p Dinner 6p Advocacy Day letter writing &amp; sign making</p>	<p><b>5</b></p> <p>10a Bible Study</p>	<p><b>6</b></p> <p>5p Compass Grp @ Martins 6p FH in use 7p Al Anon</p>	<p><b>7</b></p> <p>11a Yoga</p>
<p><b>8</b></p> <p>10a Worship 11a Sunday School &amp; Fellowship &amp; New Member Class Noon: Chili Potluck 12:30p Youth Group</p>	<p><b>9</b></p> <p>1p Garland St Literary Club</p> <p>6:30p Compass Grp @ Cooks 7p AD Council-Zoom 7p ACA</p>	<p><b>10</b></p> <p>Office opening late 10a Yoga 12-1:30p Office closed 5:45p Choir 6:45p Bells 7p Worship mtg/Zoom</p>	<p><b>11</b></p> <p>10a Prayer Shawl 10a Safety Team-Zoom</p>	<p><b>12</b></p> <p>10a Bible Study</p> <p>Noon Seasoned Citizens</p>	<p><b>13</b></p> <p><b>OFFICE CLOSED</b></p> <p>7p Al Anon</p>	<p><b>14</b></p> <p>11a Yoga</p>
<p><b>15</b></p> <p>10a Worship 11a Sunday School &amp; Fellowship 12:30p Youth Group 3p Common Grace @ New Hudson UMC</p>	<p><b>16</b></p> <p>7p Finance Mtg-zoom 7p ACA</p>	<p><b>17</b></p> <p>10a Yoga</p> <p>12-1:30 Office Closed</p>	<p><b>18</b></p> <p>ADVOCACY DAY 10a Prayer Shawl 10a Women's Group</p>	<p><b>19</b></p> <p>10a Bible Study</p>	<p><b>20</b></p> <p>7p Al Anon</p>	<p><b>21</b></p> <p>11a Yoga</p>
<p><b>22</b></p> <p>10a Worship 11a Sunday School &amp; Fellowship 12:30 Youth Group</p>	<p><b>23</b></p> <p>4:30p Education Team-Zoom 7p ACA</p>	<p><b>24</b></p> <p>10a Yoga 12-1:30p Office Closed 5:45p Choir 6:45p Bells 7p Trustees -Zoom</p>	<p><b>25</b></p> <p>10a Prayer Shawl</p> <p>1p Card Ministry</p> <p>6p Compass Grp @ Rices</p>	<p><b>26</b></p> <p>10a Bible Study</p> <p>4p "Trunk" or Treaster</p> <p>5:30p Compass Grp @ Rahns</p>	<p><b>27</b></p> <p>7p Al Anon</p>	<p><b>28</b></p> <p>10a Church &amp; Society 11a Yoga</p>
<p><b>29</b></p> <p>9a Potluck Breakfast 10a Worship 11a Sunday School &amp; Fellowship 12:30 Youth ASP Meeting</p>	<p><b>30</b></p> <p>7p ACA</p>	<p><b>31</b></p> <p>10a Yoga</p> <p>12-1:30p Office Closed</p>				

We hope you have been enjoying the coffee and tea that are available before the worship service on Sunday mornings! You are welcome to stop there and fill up your own travel mug or there are disposable cups available. Feel free to take your beverage into the worship service!



**Prayer Shawl Ministry meets at 10am every Wednesday. All are welcome to join to knit or crochet!**



Please Note:

For the month of March Chancel Choir and Celebration Ringers will rehearse on Tuesdays.

Chancel Choir: 5:45 - 6:45p

Celebration Ringers: 6:45 - 7:45p

Have you been thinking about joining? Feel free to drop in at a rehearsal or speak to Andrew Cramer, our Music Director



Start your Spring Cleaning for this year's Rummage Sale! You can bring in your donated items beginning Monday, April 27



Remember to set your clocks ahead one hour before going to bed on Saturday, March 7, for daylight savings time!

**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>**

**The church has copies of the preschool version, the children's version and the youth version, in addition to the original version. 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.**

**Pastor Brian will explore Chapters 22-27 throughout Lent**

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

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LOVE, HOPE AND GRACE TO  
ENRICH ALL LIVES



Office Hours

Monday - Friday 9am to 4pm,  
with the following exceptions:  
Tuesday, March 3: Office closed  
Tuesday, March 10: Opening late  
Friday, March 13: Closed  
Tuesdays, March 10, 17, 24 & 31: Office Closed from  
Noon to 1:30pm



**UMCOR Sunday is March 15, 2026**

On Sunday, March 15th there will be a special offering for UMCOR Sunday 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.

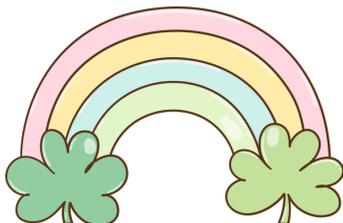
For over 50 years, United Methodist congregations have been taking part in this special offering. Your gift to UMCOR Sunday pays the administrative costs so when you donate to UMCOR for disaster relief such as hurricanes, tornadoes, fires, etc., ALL the funds donated can go directly to the relief effort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

Our GBUMC congregation has been so very generous over the years. Thank you for your continued support!

Looking for donations of candy for "Trunk" or Treaster and also the Easter Egg Hunt.

Please feel free to drop of your donations outside of the Education Office.

Thank you!



**HAVE YOU SEEN YOUR FRIENDS WALKING AROUND WEARING AWESOME GBUMC APPAREL? WOULD YOU LIKE YOUR OWN? WE'VE GOT JUST THE THING; T-SHIRTS AND SWEATSHIRTS!**



**PROCEEDS WILL HELP SUPPORT OUR MINISTRIES! CHECK OUT THE DIFFERENT OPTIONS BY SCANNING THIS QR CODE OR BY VISITING:**



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