

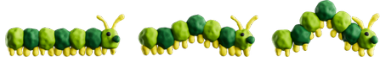


May 2026

# CONNECTION

May 3

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter  
“Israel Wants a King”  
1 Samuel 8: 1-22



May 10

6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter  
Mother’s Day  
“Prophets”  
1 Kings 19: 1-14



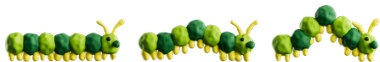
May 17

Ascension Sunday  
“Fall and Exile”  
2 Kings 17: 6-23



May 24

Pentecost  
“Daniel and the Return”  
Daniel 6: 1-23



May 31

Trinity Sunday  
Rev. Daniel Hart, guest  
preacher

## “Loving the Wheat”

Recently, I attended a teaching session with a clergy cohort that was led by Rev. Ginger Gaines-Cirelli, pastor at Foundry United Methodist Church in Washington D.C. The focus of her teaching session was on Sacred Resistance, a practice of living out our baptismal vows of resisting spiritual forces of wickedness and rejecting the evil powers of this world. She articulates that while this notion often evokes names of people who have done and are doing malicious works, we often forget that the “spiritual forces of wickedness” and the “evil powers of this world” are ways of life that we become either too familiar with and/or too comfortable with, so much so that they just become accepted parts of life. Examples include racism, discrimination, warfare, misogyny, poverty, etc. I am grateful for Rev. Gaines-Cirelli to name these realities against which we must resist as faithful Christians.

Furthermore, Rev. Gaines-Cirelli also reminds us that we as people are responsible for these instances of wickedness and evil. We each at times must grapple that while we hope to be full of faithfulness, love, grace, and compassion, we all fall short and, at times, must come face to face with our own culpability. To borrow a Biblical image, we’d all like to believe that we are made up of only good wheat (Matthew 13:24-30). The reality, though, is that we all have our share of thorny weeds mixed in.

Let us pray:

*Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

And so, with this acknowledgement comes the central question of this article: How are we to treat one another?

Perhaps it’s as easy as following what Jesus taught...

*“Teacher, what is the greatest commandment in the Law?” Jesus replied, “You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your being, and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: You must love your neighbor as you love yourself. All the Law and the Prophets depend on these two commands.”*

-Matthew 22:36-40 (CEB)

Certainly, this is an area upon which we can greatly improve. Loving our neighbor just as we love ourselves and just as we love God! Seems like a no-brainer! And yet we struggle with this so much! Perhaps we struggle with this because we can only see the thorny weeds in others and not in

## “Loving the Wheat” continued...

ourselves. Put another way, do we withhold love from others – do we hesitate to love our neighbors as ourselves – because we’ve bought into the idea that we’re somehow more worthy of love than those who could stand some weed-be-gone?

As good church-going folks, we’d cry, “heavens no!” But the truth is, so often, we struggle with this one. We see the actions of malevolence of some, and our culpability seems to pale in comparison. Sure, I have weeds and thorns, but look at THAT guy!

And so, perhaps we would be wise to not just love our neighbor, but to learn to see Christ in our neighbor. Let me say that again. We need to learn to see Christ in our neighbor. Yes, THAT neighbor. The one with all the thorns and weeds. Imagine how we’d begin to love one another, care for one another, reconcile with one another, invest emotionally in one another if we learned to see Christ in one another?

Now, I want to be clear about something. Seeing Christ in others does not negate presence of wickedness and evil. It’s just that we begin to see that there is some good wheat present in them, too. It’s not that we stop resisting when they create or perpetuate harm. Rather, we resist the weeds and thorns – not the person.

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## In Our Prayers



### Our Church Family:

Andrea Bernat  
Bazyl Briscoe  
Gina Briscoe  
Jim Bunker  
Linda Compeau  
Roma Corey  
Judy Gratsch  
Gary Hajek  
Gail Lutton  
Paul Manning  
Lee Pelton  
Don Sawyer  
David Skinner  
Richard Smith  
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

### For the Homebound

#### **Marge Cramer**

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  
Grand Blanc, MI 48439



### Address update:

Richard Smith  
5080 Baldwin Rd, Apt D2  
Holly, MI 48442  
Please update your directory:  
Richard’s permanent address is now  
P.O. Box 191  
Grand Blanc, MI 48480-9998

**Sunday, May 24 is  
Pentecost Sunday  
Wear red and  
decorate your pew  
with red!!**



# 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.

**May 2026 book pick: "The Soul of the Helper: Seven Stages to Seeing the Sacred Within Yourself So You Can See It in Others" By: Holly K. Oxhandler, PhD**

The last day of Sunday School until Fall is Sunday, May 17

*A big thank you*

*goes out to all of our Sunday School teachers from JAM - Adult Sunday School! Thank you for your passion, your dedication, and your love for God, one another and community. you truly live into our UMC Mission statement of "making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world." God Bless you.*

## SAVE THE DATES!! VBS IN JULY!

We will be exploring the Snowball Mountain Challenge. This summer our children will learn that God is the source of their strength. This is reinforced with the mountain motto (theme verse): I can do all things through him who strengthens me." (Philippians 4:13, NRSV) The 5 key life/learning lessons the children will learn are as follows: I can share my gifts!...I can be brave!...I can give my all!.... I can pray! ....and I can hope!



PLEASE NOTE THAT A FREE COMMUNITY LUNCH WILL BE SERVED FOLLOWING THE LAST 4 VBS SESSIONS!

Join us on each Wednesday  
in July (1, 8, 15, 22, 29) from 9:30a - Noon.



# YOUTH GROUP!

Sunday, May 3  
Noon to 4:30pm  
MYSTERY TRIP!!



Sunday, May 10  
Mother's Day  
Celebrate the women in your life  
that help you!!

Permission Slip needed  
Drop off & pick up at  
the church

## OVERNIGHT!!!

Friday, May 15 @ 6pm to  
Saturday, May 16 @ noon

Bring your sleeping bags, pillow  
and sense of adventure!!



**Appalachia**  
SERVICE PROJECT®

Sunday, May 31

12:30 to 2:30

Training Session!!

Sunday, June 28

10am Commissioning

Service &

Construction

Training



Saturday, July 4

Pack the vans!

Sunday, July 5

Depart for Kentucky!!



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 5-6pm.

**COMMUNITY DINNER**

**All are welcome!!!**

**Wednesday, May 6, 2026**

Pulled Pork Sliders, Baked Beans,  
Cole Slaw, Drinks, Dessert

*Please be sure to come and ENJOY!*

Join us after dinner  
on May 6 for a concert by



We will sing, have fun and have the opportunity to support the GBUMC Care Fund.

**June 3, 2026**

We have a fun, delicious meal planned.  
*Please be sure to come and ENJOY!*

**Community @ GBUMC**

**FREE LUNCH**

Wednesdays  
July 8, 15, 22 & 29  
Noon to 1pm  
Please join Us!

**ALL are welcome!**



## CHURCH AND SOCIETY

The May meeting is canceled.

Several of us will be at  
Annual Conference

**OUR NEXT MEETING IS**  
June 27<sup>th</sup> @ 10 am



1 in 5 adults live with mental illness in the U.S. with the highest among young adults age 18-24 (NAMI-national alliance on mental illness)

As United Methodists, “We affirm healthcare as a basic human right and vow to work toward expanded access to all forms of medical care and treatment” (Social Principles p. 51).

### WE ADVOCATE FOR:

- Care to be available when needed
- Care to be provided on an equitable basis
- Insurance coverage for mental health treatment
- Protection of Medicaid funds for mental health treatment

### THINGS YOU CAN DO TO CARE FOR YOUR MENTAL HEALTH AND IMPROVE YOUR OVERALL WELLBEING:

- Prioritize self-care
- Eat a healthy diet & stay hydrated
- Get enough, quality sleep
- Reduce stress/set boundaries
- Exercise/movement
- Set personal goals
- Find a hobby you enjoy
- Try to stick to a routine
- Reduce alcohol consumption
- Seek help from professionals



It is ok to seek help and ok to talk to someone. Mental health issues are not a personal flaw or lack of faith. Ask yourself and others around you: How are you feeling? Do you need help? It is important to get the right help at the right time.

### JUST A FEW LOCAL RESOURCES:

- 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline
- Genesee Health System Behavioral Health Urgent Care: 1040 W. Bristol Rd, Flint
- Genesee Health System 24/7 Access line to mental health services 810-257-3740 ([www.genhs.org](http://www.genhs.org))
- Psychology Today website to find a local mental health professional ([psychologytoday.com](http://psychologytoday.com))
- Ask the pastor for help getting linked to mental health services



Faith & Facts  
Provided by the General Board of Church & Society of  
The United Methodist Church  
**ECONOMIC, HEALTH, AND GENDER JUSTICE**

# GAMBLING

## What does the Bible say?

God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them. (**Genesis 1:27a**)

Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, 'I will never leave you or forsake you. (**Hebrews 13:5**)

But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains. (**1 Timothy 6:9-10**)

I came that you might have life and have it abundantly. (**John 10:10**)

## What does the United Methodist Church Say?

Gambling, as a means of acquiring material gain by chance and at the neighbor's expense, is a menace to personal character and social morality. Gambling fosters greed and stimulates the fatalistic faith in chance. Organized and commercial gambling is a threat to business, breeds crime and poverty, and is destructive to the interests of good government. (**Book of Resolution #3250 Gambling**)

We oppose the legalization of pari-mutuel betting, for it has been the opening wedge in the legalization of other forms of gambling that has fostered the growth of illegal bookmaking. We deplore the establishment of lotteries and their use as a means of raising public revenues. (**Book of Resolution #3250 Gambling**)

We reject the practice of gambling because it focuses society's attention on the acquisition of monetary goods at the exclusion of all else and enriches a small minority at the expense of the larger majority. (**Social Principles 162.E**)

## What do the facts say?

- Studies show that a person is twice as likely to have a gambling addiction if he or she lives within 50 miles of a casino.<sup>1</sup>
- "Players" with household incomes under \$10,000 bet nearly three times as much on lotteries as those with incomes over \$50,000.<sup>2</sup>
- In 2022, per capita spending on state lotteries was \$316.47, but a lottery ticket buyer is 5 times more likely to be eaten by a shark than to win the lottery.<sup>3</sup> Gambling disorder involves repeated, problem gambling behavior.<sup>4</sup> Sports betting leads to problem gambling at a rate twice that of other gambling. In 2018 the Supreme Court struck down a federal law that limited sports betting primarily to Nevada. 45% of sports betting is now online putting easy access to gambling in the hand of anyone with a smartphone.
- Casinos target seniors by marketing special deals during the day that include fixed schedule transportation. Seniors who gamble are often on a fixed income and are particularly vulnerable to dipping into their retirement to play.
- Due to the virtual nature of online gambling, it is hard for players to verify the authenticity of sites they are using.<sup>5</sup>

<sup>1</sup>National Opinion Research Council. <sup>2</sup>Nat. Gambling Impact Study Report. <sup>3</sup>US Census Bureau. <sup>4</sup>American Psychiatric Assoc. <sup>5</sup>Gainsbury, S., Park, J., Suhonen, N. Consumer attitudes towards internet gambling: perceptions of responsible gaming policies, consumer protection, and regulation of online gambling sites. Computers in Human Behavior

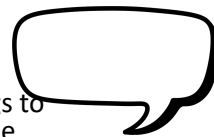
## What do you say?

Take **ACTION** for justice...

- **Remind** your state and federal legislators that gambling is contrary to good governance. It preys upon those who can least afford to lose money. Our goal of being good stewards of what belongs to God should lead us to make decisions that do not promote inequity and addiction. This should be particularly true as inequity and addiction disproportionately affects the poor, the elderly, and other vulnerable populations who are enticed to gamble what they cannot afford out of a desire to be lifted out of poverty or to alleviate loneliness.
- **Learn** more about how gambling affects your state and its spending decisions. Visit **[www.stoppredatorygambling.org](http://www.stoppredatorygambling.org)** for the latest information on gambling prevention advocacy activities.
- **Acknowledge** that the world and everything in it belongs to God and make decisions regarding the resources you control accordingly.

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, May 30 @ 10am





ASP 2026  
 July 5 - July 11  
 Magoffin County  
 Salyersville, KY

“Let your hope make you glad. Be patient in time of trouble and never stop praying. Take care of God’s needy people and welcome strangers into your home.”  
 –Romans 12:12-13 (CEV)

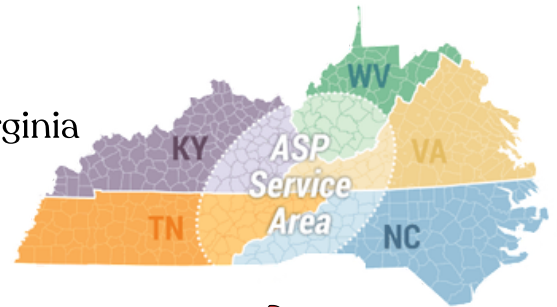


We hope you will plan to join us for  
 ASP Commissioning: We will commission our  
 2026 ASP Team on **Sunday, June 26**  
 ASP Service: Join us on **Sunday, July 12** to hear  
 all about their experience!!

GBUMC has been sending youth and their adult leaders to serve the families of Central Appalachia since 1981.

From 1981 to 2024:

- 28 trips
- 4 states visited: Kentucky, Tennessee, Virginia, West Virginia
- 58 families homes made Warmer, Safer & Drier
- 367 GBUMC participants, throughout the years!



## SEASONED CITIZENS

Thursday, May 14

Noon: Coffee & Conversation

12:25; Prayer & Devotion

12:30: Potluck Lunch

Program:

Lorene Wilson “Kids Say the Darndest Things”

# Next New Member Class

## Sunday, May 17 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



**PASTOR BRIAN'S DROP IN  
BIBLE STUDY WILL MEET  
ON THURSDAY MAY 14 AND  
THURSDAY, MAY 21 AT  
10AM.**

**WATCH FUTURE  
PUBLICATIONS OF THIS  
NEWSLETTER AND YOUR  
SUNDAY ANNOUNCEMENTS  
FOR THE FALL START UP  
DATE!!**

Jim Smith, MBA, Financial Advisor, Raymond James is offering two  
Lunch & Learn Sessions

**Tuesday, May 12 from noon to 1pm**

**The Essential Planning Checklist**

helping you to organize

- Financial account and key contacts
- Insurance policies and beneficiary information
- Legal and estate-related documents
- Emergency contacts and instructions
- Important personal and household details

**Thursday, May 21 from noon to 1pm**

**Longevity Planning, Thriving through Retirement**

- Planning for a longer retirement timeline
- Aligning Income strategies with lifestyle goals
- Managing healthcare and long-term care considerations
- Creating flexibility for life's transitions
- Identifying purpose, engagement, and fulfillment in retirement

Both sessions will be held in Fellowship Hall

RSVP: [jim.smith@raymondjames.com](mailto:jim.smith@raymondjames.com) or [carolyn.yee@raymondjames.com](mailto:carolyn.yee@raymondjames.com)

## Altar Flowers

5/3 In Memory of Joan M. Schick,  
by Stephanie Schick

5/10  
5/17

5/24 In honor of our anniversary by  
Angela & Eric Campbell

5/31 In honor of Angela Campbell,  
on her birthday by Eric & Kassidy  
Campbell

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  
int 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

## 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

5/3 Carol Capell, Jim Wise  
5/10 Carol Capell, Sandy Labby  
5/17 David Lessel, Mariann Quaderer  
5/24 Carol Capell, Ron Blakemore  
5/31 Kim Werth, Jan Billyard



# MAY

## birthdays & anniversaries

### Birthdays

1<sup>st</sup> Christopher Dutton,  
Brett Russian  
2<sup>nd</sup> Phillip Reints, David Strobe  
3<sup>rd</sup> Adriana Lock  
4<sup>th</sup> Gregg Mueser  
5<sup>th</sup> Marilyn Federici,  
Craig Fiederlein,  
Carole Hitchens, Kim Pierson  
6<sup>th</sup> Jennifer Lengyel,  
Dawn Magiera, Jeff Mitchinson  
7<sup>th</sup> Vera Stuckey (101)  
8<sup>th</sup> Bayleigh Ivan  
9<sup>th</sup> Elaine Gooch (88)  
10<sup>th</sup> Conlan Mueser  
11<sup>th</sup> Karl Martin  
12<sup>th</sup> Ronald Fitch (87)  
13<sup>th</sup> Margaret Cramer (84)  
15<sup>th</sup> Laurie Del Pino  
16<sup>th</sup> Roger Colby (80),  
Luann Griffus, Cameron Roth

17<sup>th</sup> Brent Roberts  
23<sup>rd</sup> Isaac DuRussel  
24<sup>th</sup> Jan Billyard, Bill Prim (82)  
25<sup>th</sup> Brad Griffus  
26<sup>th</sup> Ryan Anderson,  
Evan Mertz  
28<sup>th</sup> Karla Shotwell  
29<sup>th</sup> Lily Koerkel  
30<sup>th</sup> Angela Campbell,  
Fran Duby  
31<sup>st</sup> Anna Roth

### Anniversaries

9<sup>th</sup> Kris Surdu & Nancy Lepri  
13<sup>th</sup> Jennifer & Jason Lengyel  
21<sup>st</sup> Becky & Matt Anderson (32)  
22<sup>nd</sup> Angela & Eric Campbell,  
Vicki & Brian Greenlees (44)  
25<sup>th</sup> Lynelle & Gregg Mueser (35)  
28<sup>th</sup> Jordan & Matt Briscoe

## COFFEE HOUR

5/3 SHOTWELL FAMILY  
5/10 FINANCE  
5/17 TRUSTEES  
5/24 PRAYER SHAWL

## 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

Grand Blanc United Methodist Church  
Financial Summary

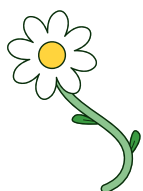
General Fund Balance (as of 3-31-26) = \$15,269  
Mortgage Fund Balance (as of 3-31-26) = \$3,167  
MORTGAGE BALANCE (as of 3-31-26) = \$41,876

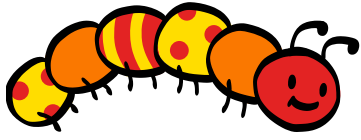
## Acolytes

5/3 Jack Bond & Matthew West  
5/10 Lily Mertz & Zayden Briscoe  
5/17 Jane West & Micah West  
5/24 Matthew West & Micah West  
5/31 Grace Williams & Lianna Williams

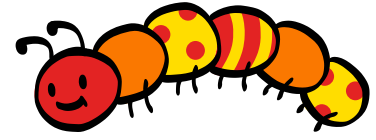
## Narthex Attendant

5/3 Val & Jim Wise  
5/10 Cindy Duhon  
5/17 Jan Billyard  
5/24  
5/31





# MAY 2026



Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

					<p><b>1</b> RUMMAGE SALE!</p> <p>5p Compass Grp @ Martins</p> <p>7p Al Anon</p>	<p><b>2</b> RUMMAGE SALE! 11a Yoga</p>
<p><b>3</b> 10a Worship Followed by Sunday School &amp; Coffee Hour 12:30p Youth Group</p> <p>2p Common Grace @ Tranquility</p>	<p><b>4</b> 5p Mission Team</p> <p>7p ACA</p>	<p><b>5</b> 10a Yoga</p> <p>5:45p Choir 6:45p Bells 7p Worship mtg/Zoom</p>	<p><b>6</b> 10a Prayer Shawl</p> <p>5p FREE Community Dinner followed by Common Grace Concert</p>	<p><b>7</b> NO Bible Study</p>	<p><b>8</b> 7p Al Anon</p>	<p><b>9</b> 11a Yoga</p>
<p><b>10</b> MOTHER'S DAY 10a Worship 11a Sunday School &amp; Fellowship</p>	<p><b>11</b> 6:30p Compass Grp @ Cooks</p> <p>7p AD Council- Zoom</p> <p>7p ACA</p>	<p><b>12</b> 10a Yoga Noon Lunch &amp; Learn</p> <p>5p F.H. in use</p> <p>5:45p Choir</p>	<p><b>13</b> 10a Prayer Shawl</p>	<p><b>14</b> 10a Bible Study Noon Seaseoned Citizens</p>	<p><b>15</b> 6pm Youth Lock-in</p> <p>7p Al Anon</p>	<p><b>16</b> 11a Yoga</p>
<p><b>17</b> 10a Worship 11a Sunday School &amp; Fellowship &amp; New Member Class</p>	<p><b>18</b> 7p Finance Mtg-Zoom</p> <p>7p ACA</p>	<p><b>19</b> 10a Yoga</p> <p>5:45p Choir</p>	<p><b>20</b> 10a Prayer Shawl 10a United Women of Faith Picnic</p>	<p><b>21</b> 10a Bible Study Noon Lunch &amp; Learn</p> <p>5:30p Compass Grp @ Rahns</p>	<p><b>22</b> 7p Al Anon</p>	<p><b>23</b> 11a Yoga Fellowship Hall in Use</p>
<p><b>24</b> PENTECOST 10a Worship 11a Sunday School &amp; Fellowship</p> <p><b>31</b> 10a Worship</p>	<p><b>25</b> MEMORIAL DAY OFFICE CLOSED</p> <p>4:30p Education Team-Zoom</p> <p>7p ACA</p>	<p><b>26</b> 5:45p Choir</p> <p>7p Trustees- Zoom</p>	<p><b>27</b> 10a Prayer Shawl 1p Card Ministry</p> <p>6p Compass Grp @ Rices</p>	<p><b>28</b></p>	<p><b>29</b> OFFICE CLOSED</p> <p>7p Al Anon</p>	<p><b>30</b> NO Church &amp; Society Fellowship Hall in use</p>

# 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!!

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## May 31, 2026 – United Methodist Student Day



On Sunday, May 31st there will be a special offering taken for United Methodist Student Day. Your support helps United Methodist students who don't have the resources to attend a school of their choice with Gift of Hope college scholarships. Envelopes will be provided for your convenience.

This offering helps provide over 70 scholarships available for United Methodist students to further their education and enrich the life of the Church. The fund is administered by the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry. When you support United Methodist Student Day your gift enriches ministry and connects students to their faith and your gift transforms lives through education.

Thank you for your generosity in continuing Christian Education!

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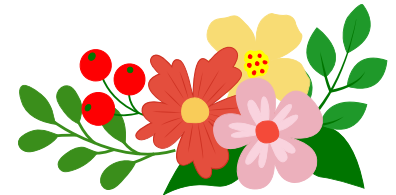
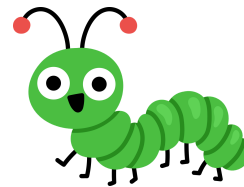
FRIENDS IN CHRIST EXERCISING  
LOVE, HOPE AND GRACE TO  
ENRICH ALL LIVES



The church office will be open from 9am to 4pm  
Monday thru Friday with the following exceptions:  
Friday, May 1 Closed  
Monday, May 25 Memorial Day Closed  
Friday, May 29 Closed



Prayer shawl would like to thank the  
anonymous donor for the big bag of yarn  
that was left in the library!



FISH of Grand Blanc is in CRITICAL need of:

- Boxed Potatoes
- Boxed Mac & Cheese
- Canned Meats (tuna, chicken, salmon)
- Canned Fruit

Feel free to drop off your donations here at the church in the shopping cart in the hall.



### Prayer Shawl Ministry donates Knitted Knockers!

On April 16th the GBUMC Prayer Shawl Ministry delivered 24 pairs of Knitted Knockers to Surgeon Dr. Ashley Richardson in Flint for distribution to Breast Cancer patients. Our group is happy to help out those who can't afford prostheses after breast cancer surgery.

If you would like to join the Prayer Shawl Ministry, please stop in at GBUMC on Wednesday mornings from 10am to noon. We can help you learn to knit or crochet (or brush up your skills if it has been a while).

Hope to see you there!

If you are watching our worship services  
from home, we would appreciate it if you  
would fill out our online Connect Card.  
Let us know you are watching!!

