



September 2026

CONNECTION

The Three B's Part 2: "Belonging"

September 6

15th Sunday after
Pentecost

Sermon Series:

"Social Creed"

"I Hope I Believe"

Matthew 28: 16-20



September 18

16th Sunday after
Pentecost

"The Race Before Us"

1 Corinthians 9: 24-27



September 20

17th Sunday after
Pentecost

Sermon Series:

"Committed"

"Prayers"

Matthew 6: 19-21;

Luke 11: 9-13



September 27

18th Sunday after
Pentecost

Sermon Series:

"Committed"

"Presence"

Acts 2: 37-47

In August's Connection newsletter, I shared with you the "Three B's" of church engagement and discipleship. The three B's – Believe, Behave, and Belong – are the operational order in which the church has historically sought to "make disciples of Jesus Christ." That said, the traditional ordering of the B's has come under the microscope and the church is starting to explore if there is a better way forward. If you haven't had the chance to read the August Connection article, I would encourage you to do so.

August Connection Newsletter Article

As I take time over the next three months to articulate the Three B's, I want to start the reordering of the B's with "Belong" coming first.

To articulate why I believe the first of the 3 B's ought to be "Belong," perhaps the best place to begin is with what Jesus names as the greatest commandment: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.... And the second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself" (Matthew 22:37, 39, NIV). Immediately, what I notice is that Jesus is pointing to God's relational nature. God desires for us to be in relationship with God and in relationship with one another. One of the most meaningful ways we can do this in our communities is by creating spaces of belonging. When we feel as though we belong, we feel loved, we feel seen, and we feel valued.

When the church places belonging after "believe" and/or "behave," we inadvertently place conditions on belonging. In other words, we tell others (those we seek to disciple) that they can belong in the Christian community if – and only if – they meet conditions of belief (often what we'd call "orthodoxy") and expectations of behavior (I'm really looking forward to sharing more about behavior in a couple of months!). While this leads to a much more homogenous community, it doesn't necessarily reflect the kind of community and relationships Jesus encourages (see Luke 19:1-10; Matthew 9:10-13; etc.).

So, what happens when we reorient our B's? What happens when we prioritize "belonging" ahead of belief and behavior? Practically, it means that we intentionally create a community founded on the Christian faith that will include (and I use that word intentionally) those who may not yet claim for themselves the Christian faith. It means that worship may not initially be valued by everyone in the church. It also means that there will be those who feel as though they belong, and yet their behavior may not yet match that of a Christian disciple.

Pardon the interruption:

I want to say a quick word about “behavior.” When I talk about “behavior” of a Christian disciple, I’m not talking about whether or not someone should get a tattoo or enjoy a glass of cabernet. Certainly, there are some church communities that hold certain cultural expectations based on cultural mores, and I’ll address that further in a couple of months. But for now, it’s best to understand “behavior” in terms of Christian discipleship as actions and lifestyle that reflect love of God and love of neighbor (or lack thereof).

Okay, we’re back to “belonging.” Jesus invites us to be relational, the love our neighbor and to make space for one another. I have always been so grateful for the way this congregation here in Grand Blanc continues to do this, and yet it can be something that we need regular reminders of. Why? Because at every turn, the world tells us not to.

So, what then with “behaving” and “believing”? What place do they have? Do they still matter? **ABSOLUTELY THEY DO!** They come next. God begins with relationship. Then, and only then, does God begin to help us to grow and become who we are created to be!

We are met together...

And in meeting we are blessed.

-Pastor Brian



For the Homebound

Ann Fraile

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Richard Smith

5080 Baldwin Rd, Apt D2
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Norma Stanbury

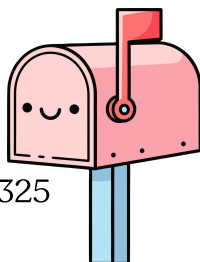
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New Address:

Donna Hubler
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Fenton, MI 48430



Marilyn Horton

440 N. Fenway, Apt 138
Fenton, MI 48430

Our Church Family:

Bazyl Briscoe
Gina Briscoe
Jim Bunker
Linda Compeau
Roma Corey
Cheryl Cottrell
Nancy Fiederlein
Judy Gratsch
Sandy Labby
Karen Lawcock
Gail Lutton
Paul Manning
Cathy Melkus
Ron Moleski
Lee Pelton
Bob Tritten
Bruce Van Vlack
Barb Zerilli

For Others:

Tom Alward
Mini Armstrong
Hailey Bagnell
Danny Banfield
Stephanie Blouir
Sherry Bohms
Paul Brieger
Joel Brinkman
Renee Brinkman
Evan Burnham
Karen Campbell
Patricia Crawfis
Warren Crawfis
Sergeant Crowley
Lisa England
Tom Ferguson
Doug Franklin
Merikay Franklin
Eric Heiden
Marilyn Horton
Dave Jones
Doug Keene
Mark Kilmer

RJ Laws
Sue Leonard
Vinny Martinez
Tim O’Kelly
Ardith Palmer
Bev Schlee
Bill Shier
Eddie Snow
David Ware
Andrew Y

With Deepest Sympathy

~We extend our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Caroline Greenlees, who passed away on August 4. Caroline is Brian Greenlees mother.

~We extend our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Marlene Hind, who passed away on August 6. Marlene is Mike Lutton’s aunt.





CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Coordinator of Children & Youth Ministries
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.

September 2026 book pick: "Renovate: Building A Life With God"
By: Jacob Armstrong



**Sunday School for all ages resumes on
September 13!**

**We will have a special
"Fueled by Faith"**

kick-off for Preschool thru 5th grade kids



*Please note, we will continue the Summer Sillies early dismissal for J.A.M. Sunday School. Children will be dismissed from service following the sermon. There will be an announcement, and children can meet their teacher at the back of the Sanctuary by the double doors. Your teacher will be holding a sign so you can clearly identify them.



Mark your calendars!

Friday, October 2 from 4-6pm: TRUNK OR TREAT!

We are in need of decorated trunks to pass out candy. We will also be accepting candy donations every Sunday in September. Come out and have some community Fall fun, grab a bite to eat, and enjoy the laughter and smiles!



**We are looking for volunteers to help
in our Nursery during worship
services. If you would be willing to
help one Sunday a month or even to
just be a substitute. Please contact
Angela Campbell.**



Would you be interested in helping with
children's Sunday School occasionally?
We could use people like you!!
Please contact Angela Campbell for more
information or to volunteer!



HELLO september YOUTH GROUP!!

Bring a friend!!

KICKOFF!!

Sunday, September 13

Noon to 2pm

Welcome!

Snacks, games, and more!



Sunday, September 20

Noon to 2pm

Movie Day!



Monday, September 21

4: 45 to 8pm

ASP Fundraiser at Culver's

Please help, if you are able!

Let's start getting ready for ASP 2028!!

ASP (Appalachia Service Project) is a mission trip that youth are invited to participate in every 2 years!



Sunday, September 27

Confirmation Class & Bonfire with S'mores!



Looking ahead to **October:**

4th Orchard Day! (Pick-up & Drop-off at GBUMC)

11th Let's get lost in a Corn Maze!

18th Halloween Party!!

25th ASP Soup & Bread Fundraiser



YOUTH GROUP LEADERS:

Angela Campbell 810-241-7275

Nathan Rahn 734-276-3949

APPALACHIA SERVICE PROJECT LEADERS:

Jennifer Lengyel 810-241-2343

Matt Anderson 586-634-8153

GBUMC Community Outreach & Engagement
“**LOVING** Boldly, **SERVING** Joyfully, **LEADING** Courageously”



CHURCH & SOCIETY
OUR NEXT MEETING IS

September 26 @ 10 am
ALL ARE WELCOME

**Living FAITH Seeking JUSTICE
Pursuing PEACE**

The U.M.C Social Principles state we are committed to protecting equal rights, liberties and protections of all people regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity. The U.M.C. recognizes LGBTQ+ ordained clergy and same sex unions. **Flint Pride Festival will be held in Flint at the Flat Lot on Saturday, September 19th from 2:00 – 8:00.** GBUMC will have a booth there, loving our neighbors. If you are there, please stop by the church booth. If you want to join us at our booth, please see Shelly Gould-Rice for a time slot.



Some fun pictures from National Night Out, held on August 4 at the GB Township Police Station. GBUMC was proud to be a part of this community building event. #loveyourneighbors



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

All are welcome!!!

*All meals come with
Dessert and Drinks*

Wednesday , September 2, 2026

All the fixins for Pulled Pork Bowl
Pork, Rice, Coleslaw, Corn, Pineapple,
Pickles, Onions and maybe even more!

Wednesday, October 7, 2026

Pizza Day!!!!

Wednesday, November 4, 2026

Ham, Cheesy Potatoes,
Vegetable, Rolls

Wednesday, December 2, 2026

Brunch for Dinner
Yes, there will be Pancakes & more!

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 at note to the office so we can make sure it is kept up.



Some may have noticed that The Little Red Pantry is very busy these days. This is not hard to explain given the current financial climate. Hunger doesn't look a certain way, and we never know the hidden burdens our neighbors are carrying. If you see someone using the pantry, please offer them privacy and a warm smile. Let's keep Grand Blanc a judgmental-free zone where everyone feels safe getting the help they need.

Faith & Facts
Provided by the General Board of Church & Society of
The United Methodist Church
PEACE WITH JUSTICE

THE IMPOSITION OF SANCTIONS

What does the Bible say?

"Look after him," he said, "and when I return, I will reimburse you for any extra expense you may have. Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?" The expert in the law replied, "The one who had mercy on him." Jesus told him, "Go and do likewise." **(Luke 10:35-37)**



How long will you defend the unjust and show partiality to the wicked? Defend the weak and the fatherless; uphold the cause of the poor and the oppressed. Rescue the weak and the needy; deliver them from the hand of the wicked. **(Psalm 82: 2-4)**

The Lord's justice will dwell in the desert, his righteousness live in the fertile field. The fruit of that righteousness will be peace; its effect will be quietness and confidence forever. My people will live in peaceful dwelling places, in secure homes, in undisturbed places of rest. **(Isaiah 32: 16-18)**

What does the United Methodist Church Say?

Sanctions as political and economic tools of pressure and leverage can play a critical role in the mitigation and deterioration of conflicts. It is in this sense that sanctions are sometimes seen as a more tolerable alternative to war, but in no case should they impede the ability of people to have adequate access to food, water, and medicine. **(2020/2024 Book of Resolutions, #4160, "Guidelines for the Imposition of Sanctions")**



Those countries and entities who impose sanctions of any kind must always take care to protect the suffering and the innocents by means of the basic uncompromised modicum of international human rights and humanitarian laws. We must guarantee the right to protection of human life, human rights, and civil liberties; sanctions should not be imposed at the expense of the vulnerable. **(2020/2024 Book of Resolutions, #4160, "Guidelines for the Imposition of Sanctions")**



What do the facts say?

- The United States is the world leader in imposing economic sanctions and supports sanctions regimes affecting nearly 200 million people¹
- U. S. economic sanctions violate international law by causing economic hardship to sovereign states which undermines the human rights of their citizens.²
- Sanctions have caused the deaths of many around the world. For example, sanctions in North Korea led to more than 3,968 deaths in 2018 alone due to their impact on UN humanitarian programs.³
- Sanctions cause economic and social crises. In Iran, sanctions have contributed to unemployment, low incomes, and unsustainable living costs for millions. There have been several cases where crucial medicines listed on the humanitarian exemption list have been prevented from entering Iran due to sanctions.⁴
- The imposition of sanctions has a harmful effect on income inequality. Particularly U.S. economic sanctions predominantly affect the poorest people in the target countries.⁵

¹ Center for Economic and Policy Research, ² Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, ³ Korea Peace Now, ⁴ Human Rights Watch, ⁵ World Development Journal

What do you say?

Take **ACTION** for justice...

- **Engage** in prayer, reflection, and action calling for everyone around the world to have adequate access to food, water and medicine.
- As sanctions are affecting vulnerable people around the world, **commit yourselves** to supporting humanitarian aid efforts through United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR).
- **Advocate** to your lawmakers to demand assessments on the humanitarian impact of sanctions, broaden and enforce humanitarian exemptions to sanctions, and to ensure sanctions and embargoes meet the requirements of human rights and international humanitarian law.
- **Sign up** for email alerts focused on sanctions and other peace with justice issues at <https://www.umcjustice.org/>.



For more information contact: advocacy@umcjustice.org
www.umcjustice.org

Or join us at our next Church and Society meeting on Saturday, August 29 @ 10am

Altar Flowers

9/6
9/13
9/20
9/27

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

1st Sunday John Billings & Kristin Ivan
2nd Sunday Kristin Ivan & Brian Rice
3rd Sunday Kristin Ivan & Dave Lessel
4th Sunday Raeann & Bernie Waisanen



Greeters

1st Sunday: Becky Doran
Virginia Sullivan
Raeann Waisanen
2nd Sunday: Stephanie Schick,
John Billings
3rd Sunday: Joy & Jan Billyard
Kris Surdu
Nancy Lepri
4th Sunday: Stephanie Schick
Cindy Duhon



COUNTERS

9/6 David Lessel, Mariann Quaderer
9/13 Carol Capell, Ron Blakemore
9/20 Kim Werth, Jan Billyard
9/27 Carol Capell, Jim Wise



SEPTEMBER

birthdays & anniversaries

Birthdays

1st Jim Bunker, Deb Carvill
7th Michael MacDonald
13th Lily Mertz
16th Calvin Church
18th Nancy Booms,
Dorrie Richmond (102)
19th Jackson Bernat
20th Connie Cariveau
21st Nathan DeVos,
Tanya Russian
25th Benjamin Lutton
26th Glen DeVos, Zahria Hardy,
Ruth Walder
28th Joy Billyard, Theo Gratsch,
Bernie Waisanen
30th Susan Rockafellow

Anniversaries

2nd Connie & David Skinner (38)
20th Luann & Dave Griffus (46)
21st Joanne Lepri & Mariann
Quaderer
28th Laurie & Julius Del Pino



SUMMER SNACKS

9/6 CINDY DUHON

COFFEE HOUR

9/13 CATHY MITCHINSON

9/20 STAFF PARISH

9/27 KIDS SUNDAY SCHOOL

Acolytes

9/13 Jack Bond, Matthew West

9/20 Lily Mertz, Micah West

9/27 Jane West, Matthew West



Nursery Volunteer Schedule

1st Sunday

2nd Sunday Shelly Could-Rice

3rd Sunday Jan Johnson

4th Sunday Cindy Duhon

Narthex Attendant

9/6 Eric Campbell

9/13 Nancy Lepri

9/20 Jan & Joy Billyard

9/27 Eric Campbell

Grand Blanc United Methodist Church

Financial Summary

General Fund Balance (as of 7-31-26) = \$18,578

Mortgage Fund Balance (as of 7-31-26) = \$1,127

MORTGAGE BALANCE (as of 7-31-26) = \$36,265

SEPTEMBER 2026

Sunday

Monday

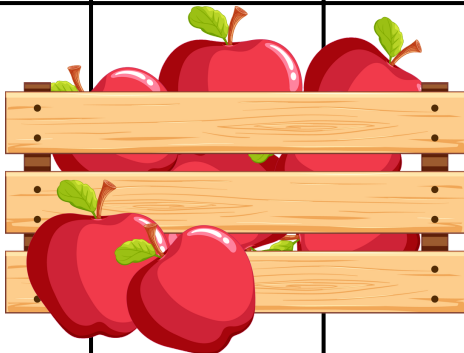
Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

		10a Yoga ¹	10a Prayer Shawl ² 5p FREE Community Dinner	10a Drop-In Bible Study ³ 6p Common Grace Rehearsal	⁴ 5p Compass Grp @ Martins 7p Al Anon	11a Yoga ⁵
10a Worship ⁶	⁷ LABOR DAY! OFFICE CLOSED 7p ACA	⁸ Office 10-2 10a Yoga	⁹ Office 10-2 10a Prayer Shawl 5:30p Choir 6:30p Bell Rehearsal	¹⁰ Office 10-2 10a Drop-In Bible Study 6p Common Grace Rehearsal	¹¹ Office Closed 7p Al Anon	11a Yoga ¹²
¹³ 10a Worship Sunday School for all ages following Worship Noon Youth Group	¹⁴ 6:30p Compass Grp @ Cooks 7p ACA	¹⁵ 10a Yoga	¹⁶ 10a Prayer Shawl Office closing at 2pm	¹⁷ Office 10-2 10a Drop-In Bible Study	¹⁸ 7p Al Anon	¹⁹ 11a Yoga 2-8p Flint Pride Festival in the Flatlot
²⁰ 10a Worship Sunday School Noon Youth Group	²¹ 10a Zentangle 5p-8p Culver's Fundraiser for ASP 7p Finance & Ad Council Zoom 7p ACA	²² 10a Yoga 7p Trustees-Zoom	²³ 10a Prayer Shawl 6p Compass Grp @ Rice's	²⁴ 10a Drop-In Bible Study 5:30p Compass Grp @ Rahns	²⁵ 7p Al Anon	²⁶ 10a Church & Society 11a Yoga
²⁷ 10a Worship Sunday School Noon Confirmation Noon Youth Group	²⁸ 4p Education Team Mtg-Zoom 7p ACA	²⁹ 10a Yoga	³⁰ 10a Prayer Shawl 1p Card Ministry			

Thank you for your support of this project!! We have already collected over **41 pounds** of plastic!! You are welcome to bring your clean and dry plastic to the church whenever the building is open!

Your plastic bags/film/wrap must:

Have a  OR  SYMBOL or be one of the items listed below
Should **STRETCH** and **NOT TEAR LIKE PAPER**
Be **CLEAN AND DRY** and **FREE OF FOOD RESIDUE**



Grocery Bags



Bread Bags



Newspaper Sleeves



Salt Bags



Bubble Wrap



Dry Cleaning Bags



Cereal Bags



Ice Bags



Case Over Wrap



Plastic Shipping Envelopes
(including Amazon blue/white mailers)



Pallet Wrap & Stretch Film



Wood Pellet Bags

Remember, never put these items in curbside recycling or standard recycling dumpsters. You will do more harm than good.

For answers to FAQs about the program, please click on this link:

www.co.burlington.nj.us/DocumentCenter/View/16780/NexTrex-FAQs



CARD MINISTRY

JOIN US ON THE LAST WEDNESDAY
OF EACH MONTH AT 1PM.

WE HAVE HAD SUCH A WONDERFUL
RESPONSE TO THE WORK OF
THIS MINISTRY!

WON'T YOU JOIN US?



Information is available at the Welcome Center or if you would like, we would be happy to mail information to you, just contact the church office.
Envelopes for this special giving can be found in the pews.
Together we can honor our past, meet the needs of the present, and build a faithful foundation for the future.



Monday, September 21 @ 10am
Zentangle



Zentangle is an easy-to-learn, meditative art method that uses structured, repetitive patterns (called tangles) to promote relaxation and focus.

World Communion Sunday is October 4, 2026

World Communion Sunday is one of six church-wide Special Sundays with offerings of The United Methodist Church. We celebrate World Communion Sunday on the first Sunday in October. World Communion Sunday calls the church to reach out to all people and model diversity among God's children.

This special offering provides:

- 1) World Communion Scholarships: 50 percent (General Board of Global Ministries), with at least one-half of the annual amount for ministries beyond the United States
- 2) Ethnic Scholarship Program: 35 percent (General Board of Higher Education and Ministry)
- 3) Ethnic In-Service Training Program: 15 percent (General Board of Higher Education and Ministry)

Please donate generously on October 4th! Special envelopes will be available or you can designate your online donation as World Communion Sunday.



THANK YOU!

THANK YOU!!

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO BROUGHT IN CEREAL ON AUGUST 9TH. WE WERE OVERWHELMED WITH THE GENEROSITY. WE COLLECTED 82 BOXES OF CEREAL PLUS 5 CONTAINERS OF OATMEAL FOR THE LITTLE COMMUNITY PANTRIES. THE YOUTH ENJOYED MAKING A DOMINO TRAIN WITH THE BOXES TO KNOCK DOWN DURING SUMMER SILLIES. THE SQUEALS OF DELIGHT WERE TRULY A BLESSING. THANK YOU!



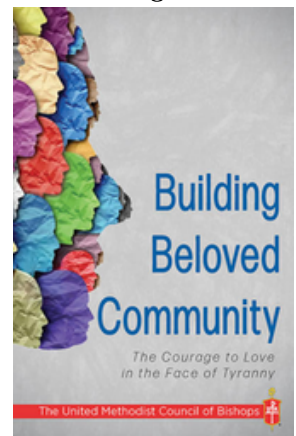
It's time for Adult Sunday School!

Classes resume on Sunday, September 13th following worship. We will meet from approximately 11:15 – 12:00. We are looking forward to another great year. This fall's

curriculum will be from the book Building Beloved Community: The courage to love in the face of Tyranny by The United Methodist Council of Bishops. This study will include chapters with "discussion questions that help communities discern faithful responses to local challenges while connecting to the worldwide struggle for justice and peace". It is not necessary to purchase the book to participate, but if you would like to purchase a copy of the book, it can be found online at resourceumc.org. So, please grab a coffee hour snack and join us in the library!



Artwork by Jane West



September 13th

is

PB&J Day!

Bring in your jars of Peanut Butter and Jelly to fill the local food pantry's and feed the people!

A monthly food drive hosted by the Rice Compass Group



PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY DONATES MORE KNITTED KNOCKERS!

On July 28, 2026 the Prayer Shawl Ministry of GBUMC donated 10 pairs of Knitted Knockers to Dr. Suzanne Law in Flint (see photo below)

Dr. Law is a General and Breast Cancer surgeon in Flint. We are very happy to donate these Knitted Knockers to her patients.

If you are interested in joining the Prayer Shawl Ministry team, please stop by on Wednesday mornings at 10:00 a.m. in the church library. We can help you if you need to brush up on your knitting or crocheting skills or would like to learn how. We also knit and/or crochet Prayer Shawls.

At Christmas we make Hats for FISH families.



PAPER AND CARDBOARD RECYCLING



If you are working on **projects at the church** and have cardboard or paper for recycling, please use the large bin labeled for cardboard and paper recycling in Fellowship Hall.

Every week the church office sends a "Hometouch" mailing to our "shut-ins."

The following was the devotion shared in a recent mailing and it has a message for all of us:

The Scripture Reading that accompanied this devotion was Matthew 14: 13-21 (the loaves and fishes).

Every summer, at least once during the summer months, often in August, and after the final "Amen" rings out in the sanctuary, a second, equally important service begins on the church lawn: the annual church potluck. For a congregation of about 100 people, this isn't just lunch. It's a meticulously planned, community-driven act of love, fellowship and a grand culinary choreography of social engineering.

The preparation starts days in advance with the sign-up sheet, a silent contract ensuring a balanced spread. Then, as the service concludes, the great migration begins. Every family arrives bearing their offering: a bubbling tuna noodle casserole in an insulated carrier, a massive cooler of sweet tea, platters of ham and cheese sliders, the ubiquitous green bean casserole and sticky "no-bake" cookies. This is a dance of abundance, where volunteers move like ninjas, setting up folding tables, running cords for crockpots, and deploying the industrial coffee urn.

It's this familiar, generous overflow that offers us a perfect entry point into the ancient story of the loaves and fishes from the gospel of Matthew.

Jesus and the disciples are facing a ravenous crowd of not 100 souls, but more than 5,000! All they can find is a boy's lunch-five loaves and two fish. It is laughably inadequate. But Jesus simply says, "Bring them here to me."

This is the heart of this story. Jesus doesn't ask for what we don't have; *he asks for what we do have*. The miracle begins not with abundance but with scarcity. Jesus takes what is small, blesses it, breaks it, and multiplies it in his hands. And somehow, the little they bring becomes more than enough for everyone. We understand the ache of limitations-fewer responsibilities, but also fewer abilities. Yet Jesus still says, "Bring what you have to me." A prayer. A phone call. A word of kindness. A quiet offering of patience. Nothing is too small for him to use. The thing is, God does not measure the size of the gift; God measures the heart in the giver. When we offer our little, God fills it with his abundance.

And notice something beautiful: the *disciples are the ones who distribute the bread*. Jesus could've made bread fall from the sky. Instead, Jesus puts the miracle into their hands. Even when they feel inadequate, Jesus lets them serve. God is still doing that with us. God takes simple faith and turns it into nourishment for others.

HomeTouchMinistry.com, Canton, OH

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



Rev. Brian West, Pastor

Cathy Mitchinson, Office Administrator

Angela Campbell, Coordinator of Children and Youth
Ministries and Webmaster

Gary Brandt, Director of Common Grace

Andrea Bernat, Nursery Supervisor

Kimmy Sayers, Custodian

The church office will be open 9am to 4pm
Monday thru Friday with the following exceptions:
Tuesday, September 8 10am to 2pm
Wednesday, September 9 9am to 1pm
Thursday, September 10 9am to 12:30pm
Friday, September 11 Closed
Wednesday, September 16 Closing at 2pm
Thursday, September 17 10am to 2pm



It's Confirmation Time, Again!
It's an exciting time at GBUMC as some of our youth begin a process of exploring and journeying toward their confirmation. In The United Methodist Church, Confirmation is a time of intentional preparation, giving participants the chance to reflect on the foundation of our faith in a safe environment to ask questions and wrestle with the mysteries. Confirmation also helps our youth investigate the depth of their faith and helps them begin to understand what it means to become a fully devoted follower of Jesus Christ, and make their first public profession of faith. Participants are invited to claim for themselves the name Christian and the family of The United Methodist Church.

This year, the Confirmation class will meet once a month during the regularly scheduled Youth Group time period 12-2pm beginning September 2026 through May 2027 and is open to students who are in the 6th-9th grades. If your student is in high school and you feel they may benefit from Confirmation, please contact me and let me know. We'll figure out what is best for them at their age and grade level.

Please take a moment as a family and have a chat about this exciting opportunity to take part in Confirmation. So that I can look forward to having amazing youth as part of this process, please let us know ASAP if you are interested in participating. You can do this by contacting the church office: (810)694-9040 or emailing me at pastor@grandblancumc.org

Peace,
Pastor Brian



S.O.S.

Support Our Students

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

Seasoned Citizens

Thursday, September 10

Noon: Coffee & Conversation

12:25pm Meditation & Prayer

12:30pm Potluck Lunch

Program: Dale Wolfgram

presents: "A Trip Above the Arctic Circle"

Bring a friend or two!!