



GRAND BLANC
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Sunday, February 1, 2026

All

are
welcome!

GBUMC is hosting a FREE

COMMUNITY DINNER

Takeout available

The FIRST Wednesday
of each month, 5 - 6 pm

(freewill offering accepted but not expected)

February 4

Hot Turkey Sandwich, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Vegetable, Dessert & Drinks

Next New Member Class

Sunday, February 8
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

➡ The church office will be closing at noon on Friday,
February 6. Apologies for any inconvenience.

Looking Ahead:

February 21st, 2026, 9 am - 4 pm

KEEP DOING JUSTICE

Keep Doing Justice is a one-day event hosted by the Michigan Conference Board of Justice. The goal is to empower Michigan United Methodists to be better participants in seeking justice in our world.

This will be achieved through worship, speakers, and workshops showcasing justice-focused ministries in the Michigan Area UMC.

This event will be held at University UMC in East Lansing.

GBUMC has a number of folks registered.

If interested, please let the office know.

East Winds District Lay Servant Ministry Classes

Saturday, February 28, 2026

and

Saturday, March 7, 2026

Held at Lake Orion UMC

140 E. Flint St, Lake Orion, MI

Course Options:

⇒ Basic Course for Lay Servants

⇒ Discover Your Spiritual Gifts

⇒ Teaching Biblical Faith: Leading Small Group Bible Studies

Wednesday, March 18th
United Methodist Advocacy Day
Michigan State Capitol, Lansing
This year's topic is Food Insecurity
Additional details will be shared as they are available.
We hope you will plan to attend!
Find out more during the Lunch & Learn on
Wednesday, February 11, 12:15-12:45pm by
Zoom. Register with this QR code:

YOUTH GROUP!

TODAY from 2pm to 5pm
Rollerskating at Rollhaven!!

Grown-ups: Please drop off and pick up your youth at Rollhaven 5315 S. Saginaw St.

Youth: Bring a friend!!

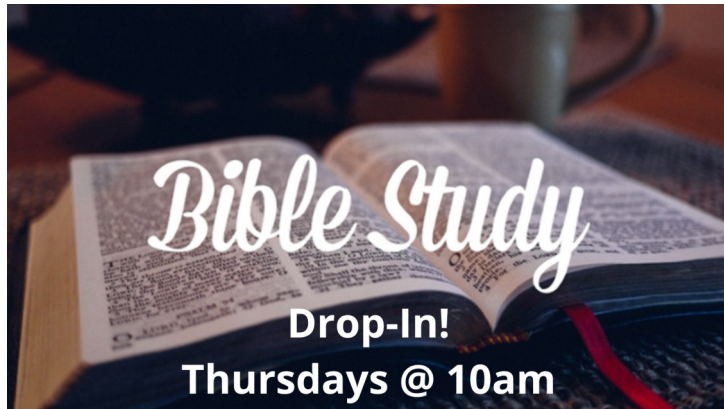


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Giving Statements are ready. Please pick yours up today. Any that have not been picked up today will need to be mailed tomorrow. Please help us save on postage!! If you gave at all in 2025, there is a statement in the welcome area for you!!

Thank you!

If you have any questions about your statement, please contact Sharon Bohms 810-344-7868
finance.secretary@grandblancumc.org



You are invited to join us for coffee hour in our Fellowship Hall (just turn to the left as you leave the worship service)!

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>

Today's sermon explores Chapter Four.

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.

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

Adult Sunday School is held at 11:15 in the Library using the UMC Religion and Race "What is" series. Each week is a different topic. Attend weekly or for the topics that interest you. Grab a coffee hour snack and join us!

Upcoming topics are:

- 2/1 What is Racial Profiling?
- 2/8 What is Systemic Racism?
- 2/15 What is Antiracism?



**SPECIAL MEAL FOLLOWED BY ASH
WEDNESDAY SERVICE!**

Wednesday, February 18

Meal: 5-6pm

Pasta, Salad, Garlic Bread, Dessert & Drinks

Worship Service begins at 6pm



Grand Blanc UMC will follow the Grand Blanc School District in closing our campus for inclement weather. So if Grand Blanc Schools are closed due to weather that impacts travel conditions, the church will also be closed. All in-person events for that day will be cancelled. If the weather clears

and a group chooses to meet later in the day, it will be the responsibility of the group leader to convey that information to the group.

Most staff will remain available via email and phone when working from home.

Looking to Join a Compass Group?

We are excited to announce that we have a 4th Compass Group being added to the schedule on the 4th Wednesdays of each month from 6:00-7:30pm. This Compass Group will be hosted at the home of Brian and Shelly Gould-Rice home in Davison, MI.

If you have not had the opportunity to try a Compass Small Group, please know that you are still welcome to participate! Each Compass Group is held once each month at the Host's home. If you are interested in trying one out, please contact the church office at office@grandblancumc.org or (810)694-9040 with your date/time preference, and we'll help connect you with the host!

Compass Groups:

1st Fridays @ 5-7pm
Host: Tammy Martin
Location: Grand Blanc

4th Thursdays @ 5:30-7:30pm
Host: Nan Rahn
Location: Grand Blanc

2nd Mondays @ 6:30-8:00pm
Host: Angela Cook
Location: Grand Blanc

4th Wednesdays @ 6:00-7:30pm
Host: Brian & Shelly Gould-Rice
Location: Davison



Please sign-in with your Connect Card!
Help us keep accurate attendance records!
Win a gift certificate!!

Knowing Who We Are:

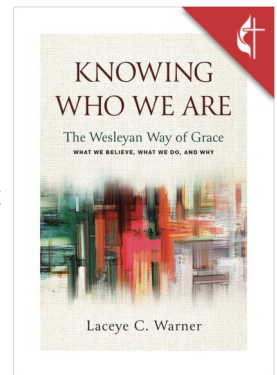
A Lenten Book Study on UMC Identity

Move beyond just being in the UMC! Fully discover what sets us apart and empowers us to work for justice and spread God's love!

Across the Michigan Conference, many are seeking a deeper understanding of our identity, our history, and our mission.

We will be studying "Knowing Who We Are" by Lacey C. Warner. This book offers a clearer picture of our Wesleyan way of following Jesus, focusing on core values like:

- God's full grace for everyone
- Real-life transformation—how your faith leads to positive, visible change in your life, your community, and the world.



Book: Knowing Who We Are by Lacey C. Warner

Dates: Six sessions starting February 24 and through March 31 (6 sessions) **These sessions are by Zoom, and hosted by the Conference.**

Time Options (Choose one):

Daytime: Tuesdays, 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM ET

Evening: Tuesdays, 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM ET

Cost: There is no cost to participate other than purchasing a copy of the book.

⇒ Purchase the book and read Chapter 1 before February 24.

Sign up today to join the connectional conversation!



Friends,

I wanted to share with you an invitation from Bishop David Bard that has been shared among United Methodists all around the world. In preparation for the upcoming 2026 Council of Bishops Leadership Gathering, Bishops are extending an invitation to United Methodists to take part in a brief survey, as well as scheduled webinars as you so choose.

Bishop Bard shares with us:

“Over the past several years, we have navigated profound challenges as a connection. Now, we have an opportunity to turn toward the future with courage, clarity, and collective wisdom. The Leadership Gathering Design Team has created multiple pathways for every United Methodist to contribute to this discernment process.

...The insights gathered [from this denomination-wide survey] will directly inform the 2026 Leadership Gathering as we seek to follow the leading of the Holy Spirit in this Kairos season. The survey will be open from January 15 to February 15, 2026, and accessible via the link below. This is an important opportunity for clergy and laity alike to speak faithfully and prayerfully into the life of our denomination.”

Bishop Bard goes on to invite United Methodists to participate in discernment webinars:

“At the request of the Council of Bishops, United Methodist Communications will host three church-wide webinars in order to help us discern our Wesleyan identity and new vision (please note that these are all virtual):

- January 24, 2026, 10 am-11:30 am eastern: Wesleyan Theology, “Love Boldly”
- February 21, 2026, 10 am-11:30 am eastern: Wesleyan Misson, “Serve Joyfully”
- March 21, 2026, 10 am-11:30 am eastern: Wesleyan Leadership, “Lead Courageously”

More information, including registration links, can be found at the link below. Those registered will have an opportunity to submit questions beforehand. All webinars will be recorded and available for later viewing.

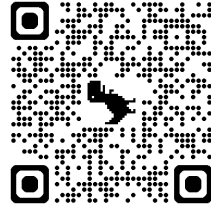
These are important opportunities for clergy and laity alike to speak faithfully and prayerfully into the life and future of our beloved Church. I am deeply grateful for the many demands you carry, and I believe this moment warrants our collective attention and care. Our connection and mission are strengthened when we listen widely, discern together, and remain rooted in our Wesleyan identity...

...Please hold this process in prayer, as I continue to hold you and your ministries in mine.”

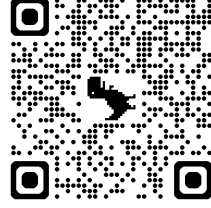
Thank you for your attention to this and for your participation. As they are hoping for widespread participation in this mutual time of discernment, we'll likely be sharing this invitation throughout the process. Please know the survey only needs to be completed once. All of the webinars are virtual.

Should you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact the church office, and we'll help you as best we can.

Peace, Pastor Brian



Link to survey



Link for additional information