

# GOOD NEWS AT GRACE

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*"So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet,  
you also out to wash one another's feet." (John 13:14)*

Blessings,

Today is Maundy Thursday – the day before Jesus' death.

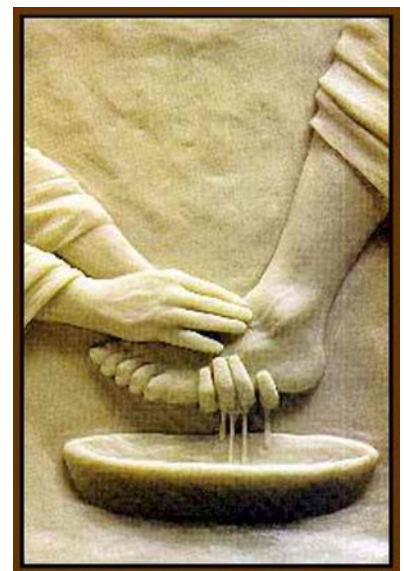
The word 'Maundy' comes from the Latin *mandatum*, which literally means "mandate" or "commandment." In some churches, often in other traditions, Maundy Thursday is marked by a service that includes the ancient ritual of foot washing. It is a reminder of the story of Jesus' foot washing found in the Gospel of John. In the act of washing another's feet – the commandment of loving one another is physically symbolized. It is a gesture of loving servanthood and a hallmark of discipleship.

A couple of years ago, when my son was the music director at St Paul's Anglican, I participated in their Maundy Thursday service that included foot washing. The Minister humbly knelt at the front with a basin of water, a jug, and a collection of towels. As I awkwardly removed my socks and shoes and came forward, there was a deep sense of intimacy to allow this man to silently wash my feet. It was a humbling experience, full of vulnerability, liberation, and love.

I am aware that literally exposing one's feet to be washed is not an easy practice for many Canadians. In the United Church, taking socks and shoes off during worship is uncommon. But since we are not gathered in the sanctuary, and we are in the safety of our own homes – why not try it? If you are able, I invite you to gather a bowl, a jug, and towel, and take turns with a partner or a friend (in the same bubble of course) in kneeling to wash each other's feet. Like me, you may find this to be a truly transforming experience.

Prayer: *We are humbled by Jesus' intimate act of love.  
Help us to follow this act as we do it for one another.  
Help us to renew ourselves as disciples of Jesus.  
Help us to be transformed in love and service. Amen.*

Peace. Rev. Gail



## **Sunday Zoom Coffee Time**

Please join us on zoom at 11:30 on Sunday for a time of social chat and get together - bring your own coffee! Rev. Gail would love to get to know some faces.

[Join zoom link](#)      Meeting ID: 874 0324 2259      Passcode: 741693



If you are having troubles connecting or staying connected, please connect with Carol 519-301-1356

### **Upcoming Services and Dates:**

(until further notice, all the worship services will be online)

**ALL SERVICES CAN BE VIEWED ON GRACE YOUTUBE CHANNEL, WHICH CAN BE ACCESSED THROUGH OUR WEBSITE:**

[www.graceunitedtavistock.ca](http://www.graceunitedtavistock.ca)

**April 2nd:** Good Friday – Were you there?

**April 4th:** Easter SONrise 7am - Online service led by the Youth

**April 4th:** 'Have you seen the Lord?' An online celebration service introducing the praise band, and sharing Communion.

**April 11th:** The Gift of Peace

**April 14th:** Sit n' Knit, Stay n' Crochet Zoom meet

**April 18th:** Celebrating Earth Day

**April 21st:** 7 pm Board meeting by Zoom



Please join us for "From the Table to the Cross," a Good Friday service with Moderator Richard Bott and members of the General Council Executive. We will gather online to remember stories of Jesus' final hour and sing and pray together. If you are able, please bring a glass of water, a flower, and a candle to help to set the table that reaches far beyond our own walls and screens. Available for streaming starting at 9:30 a.m. EDT, April 2 on YouTube: [youtube.com/unitedchurchofcanada](https://youtube.com/unitedchurchofcanada).

### **Contact us**

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### **Office Hours**

Rev. Gail is available in office Tues. to Thurs. 10:00—4:00 pm

Katherine Brenneman Tues. and Thurs. 9:30—12:30 pm

## Easter Resurrection Rolls

### Ingredients

- 1 can Pillsbury Crescent Dough
- 8 large marshmallows
- ¼ cup butter, melted
- 1 Tbsp cinnamon & ¼ cup brown sugar mixed together in a bowl

### Instructions

1. Preheat oven to 375°F. Spray a cookie sheet with cooking spray or line with parchment paper.
2. Unroll crescent dough and separate each triangle. *[This is like the cloth they wrapped Jesus in.]*
3. Brush each triangle with melted butter. *[This symbolizes the embalming oils.]*
4. Sprinkle each triangle then with the cinnamon/brown sugar mixture. *[This is like the spices used to prepare his body for burial.]*
5. Place marshmallow *[representing Jesus]* in the top of the crescent roll and roll into a crescent roll shape, then secure the sides by tucking them under and pinching them closed. (Don't worry about how they look! They will be yummy!) *[This represents how they wrapped Jesus' body.]*
6. Place on prepared cookie sheet and repeat with remaining 7 rolls.
7. Bake in preheated oven *[symbolizing the tomb]* for 8-10 minutes or until golden brown on the outside.
8. Let cool for a few minutes and cut open. The marshmallow has disappeared! *[This signifies how Jesus has been resurrected.]*
9. Enjoy! (we can enjoy them together during our coffee time Zoom on Sunday)



## Do you have a prayer request?



*“In all things let your requests be known to God in prayer.”* (Philippians 4:6)

Grace has a group of wonderful and dedicated people that form a prayer chain. If you, or anyone you know is in need of prayer, please reach out to our Minister, Rev. Gail, or to the chair of Grace PCO, Bev Neeb, and we will begin praying for you.

And please keep the following people in your prayers this week:

- ◇ Donna and Clarence Herlick, and family, as Donna struggles with cancer.
- ◇ Brenda Mohr's brother, Pat, as he was recently diagnosed with an aneurism.
- ◇ Ken Brenneman, as he waits to be released from hospital.

## **Birthdays**



### ***Two Milestone Birthdays!!!***

Jean Brown is 90 on April 8th! and Jean Houghton is 100 on April 29th! Be sure to call them up or send them a Happy Birthday note.

Nathan Townsend April 1

Brian Boland April 3

Mitchel McKay April 4

Mallory Mohr April 4

Blake McCann April 5

Margaret Koch April 7

Kelsey Mogk April 7

Ethan Miller April 8

Dwight Herlick April 9

Austin Lupton April 9

James Stevely April 9

Dustin Sauder April 10

Halle Townsend April 11

Amber Jackman April 11

Anne Gregory April 12

Dylan West April 16

Amber Riehl April 17

Ava Cook April 20

Pat Rieck April 23

Grace Locke April 24

Greg Ankenmann April 24

Charlie Lupton April 24

Olivia Townsend April 25

Shirley Wilhelm April 29

Connor Shantz April 30

## **Anniversaries**

Keith and Carol Weitzel April 8

Bruce and Jane McKay April 14

Jason and Kayla Shantz April 24

Rodney and Monica Shantz April 26

Charlie and Joanne Lupton April 28



## Don't forget to tune into Jeopardy tonight

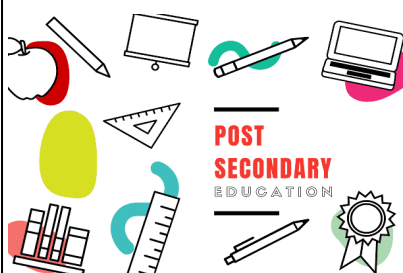
If you are a fan of the tv show Jeopardy you might want to tune in tonight April 1st at 7:30 pm. (if you have Rogers it is channel 17) Scott Shewfelt will be a contestant!! We think it's quite exciting! So tune in and yell your answers at him.



### Grace United Church Scholarship

The Grace United Church Scholarship, established in 2014, strives to create, encourage and nurture teen and young adult growth.

This is open to students enrolled or about to be enrolled at a post-secondary institution in Canada.



The scholarship will encourage teen and young adult participation, involvement, and perhaps leadership at Grace United Church, providing an opportunity for them to share their gifts with the Grace United Church family. This scholarship will also provide the opportunity for the Grace United Church family to be a support to teens and young adults in their participation and involvement with the

Grace United Church family and a support as they grow and learn. It will be a reminder that Grace United Church is a caring church family where they are welcomed and where they can feel they belong.

The Grace United Church Scholarship will be funded by the Grace United Church family.

*For full information and/or an application to apply, please contact the Youth Coordinator, Carol Young [tavigraceyouth@gmail.com](mailto:tavigraceyouth@gmail.com) or the church office. **Application deadline is April 30, 2021***

*To give to the Scholarships, you can include in offering envelope or in another envelope marked "scholarship". Cheques made payable to Grace United Church.*

### Good News at Grace Submissions

We welcome your good news stories and pictures along with announcements. Please have your submissions emailed to Katherine by Tues. April 6 for next week's newsletter. [graceunitedtavistock@gmail.com](mailto:graceunitedtavistock@gmail.com)

### From the Office: GRACE HAS A NEW EMAIL

- The office is switching to gmail. Please send your office emails to [graceunitedtavisock@gmail.com](mailto:graceunitedtavisock@gmail.com)
- E-transfer donations should be sent to [gracetavistockdonation@rogers.com](mailto:gracetavistockdonation@rogers.com) (security question answer Grace1980)