

Grace United Church April 9, 2021

GOOD NEWS AT GRACE

116 Woodstock St. S. PO Box 189 Tavistock ON N0B 2R0

graceunitedtavistock@gmail.com

519-655-2151



'GraceUnitedTavistock'



'Grace United Tavistock'



www.graceunitedtavistock.ca



Blessings.

As we enter another time of 'stay at home' order, I imagine that this might cause some anxiety for some of you. Just as the weather was getting warmer, and we were looking forward to the possibility of porch visits and outside gatherings.

But, as I prepared for the sermon this week, I was reflecting on Jesus' message of peace. It is a peace that can calm our fears and anxiety. Let me suggest that while you are in shut down, take some time to intentionally reflect on Divine peace: maybe repeat a piece of scripture that gives you comfort; maybe light a candle and say a pray; maybe just sit and listen to God in the sound of nature around you. And of course, be sure to reach out to others by phone and bless them with the words "May the Peace of Christ Be With You."

For now, I invite you to reflect on this well-known Prayer of Serenity

GOD,
grant me the
Serenity
to accept the things
I cannot CHANGE;
Courage
to CHANGE
the things I can;
and
Wisdom
to know the DIFFERENCE.

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: 853 1956 7015 Passcode: 050881



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

April 11th: The Blessing of Peace including the “baptism of Jed Herlick”

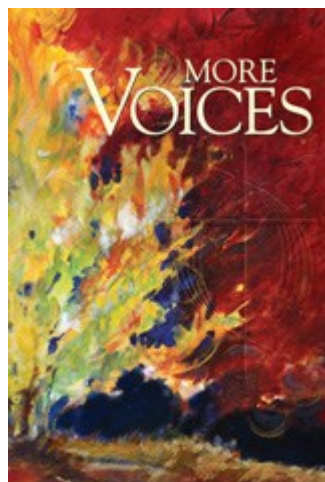
April 14th: Sit n’ Knit, Stay n’ Crochet Zoom meet

April 18th: Celebrating Earth Day

April 21st: 7 pm Board meeting by Zoom



Raise Your Voices in Memory of a Loved One !



A new hymn book to follow Voices United, entitled ‘More Voices’, is needed in our pews. We currently only have two copies of this book and would like to purchase 30 copies. This is an updated, more contemporary version of the original Voices United. For \$20, you buy a copy with a bookplate inscribed in memory of a loved one or in honour of a loved one or make a donation with your name as donor or an anonymous donation. We need to raise \$600 to have enough to distribute throughout the sanctuary. To purchase one, please get in touch with Tricia Wettlaufer at 519-655-9899 or email Tricia at tricia.wettlaufer@gmail.com or send an email to the church at graceunitedtavistock@gmail.com with ‘More Voices Order’ in the subject line. You will be able to pay by online deposit to Grace United or by cheque

Contact us

Rev. Gail Fricker: cell number 519-703-1954

gfricker@rogers.com

Carol Young: cell number 519-301-1356

tavigraceyouth@gmail.com

Office Email: graceunitedtavistock@gmail.com

E-transfer donation email: gracetavistockdonation@rogers.com

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

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.

CONGRATULATIONS!! To Scott Shewfelt on the success you achieved on your recent appearance on JEOPARDY. It was very exciting to watch!

Congratulations also on "going viral" with your final Jeopardy answer to host Aaron Rodgers. Scott made a lasting impression on Aaron saying "... will always be all time in my book, my friend."



CELEBRATING EARTH DAY!



This year Earth Day in Canada is April 22nd. We are planning to celebrate how we can be stewards of the God's Creations during worship on Sunday 18th. I am inviting you to please send me a photo that could be titled "God's Wonderful World." It could be a picture of your garden; trees in the park; a vacation snap of a beautiful beach; or a majestic mountain, ... etc. I will put them together into a slide show for the service, so we can celebrate Earth Day together.

Please send your photos to me by Wednesday 14th to gfricker@rogers.com.

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 13 for next week's newsletter. graceunitedtavistock@gmail.com

God Sightings



United Church Women Annual General Meeting Saturday, April 24 from 9:45 - 11:30 am

This year's theme is ***Continuing in Hope***. The Rev. Robin McGauley will be our worship leader & guest speaker. The agenda is as follows:

- Gather in Song at 9:45-10 a.m.
- Program-Business 10-11 a.m.
- Chat Room Socializing 11-11:30 a.m.

Register to receive a copy of the Annual Report and the Zoom link via email. Send an email to UCW.WOW@gmail.com or phone Kim at 705-734-0162 to register. Please wear your UCW pins, bring your favourite beverage & invite your UCW Sisters to join you!

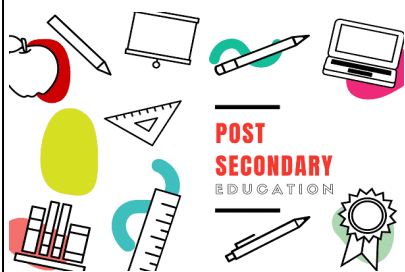


United Fresh Start

On Saturday April 24 from 9 am to 11 am Rev Gail and myself, Chris Wiffen, will be attending the module webinar on 'Habits, Norms and Expectations'. This is part of the United Fresh Start program that has been developed by the United Church of Canada. It is an opportunity to explore how understanding a community of faith's routines and norms can smooth a new person's entry into the system. We are encouraging other members of the community of faith to join us. To register, click on this link [To Register](#) by April 16th, or contact Rev Gail or Chris Wiffen. The Zoom link and workshop materials will be emailed to you ahead of time. Hope you will join us! Chris.

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 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.

Virtual Tour of the former Mohawk Institute Residential School

The United Church of Canada has made a commitment to work towards, and to live in truth and reconciliation with our indigenous brothers and sisters. It is an ongoing process to learn about the role that the Church played in the discrimination of Indigenous people. The Mohawk Institute Residential School is situated just 70 km away from Tavistock - have you been there? If not, then I invite you to join me on **April 20th 7-9pm** for a virtual tour hosted by a guide from the Woodland Cultural Centre. See details below:

“Hosted by the [Woodland Cultural Centre](#), a guide gives us a tour of the former Mohawk Institute Indian Residential School, providing the 140 year history of the institution. Viewers get to see the different rooms in the school: the girls’ and boys’ dormitories, cafeteria, laundry room and the rest of the building. As well, you will hear interviews from Survivors of the Mohawk Institute.”

There are only a few spots left, so Register now by clicking on the link below:

[Go to Registration form.](#)

CAMP BIMINI WISH LIST 2021

Camp Bimini thanks everyone who has donated wish list items to Bimini in the past or who is donating wish list items for the upcoming season. Please pass these items onto your Camp Bimini representative or drop them off at Bimini (contact us before to be sure someone is there, campbimini@cyg.net or 519-271-4129). You may also contact us to arrange for someone to pick them up.

SPORTS & GAMES

- ◇ Soccer balls
- ◇ Pool noodles
- ◇ Hula hoops
- ◇ Basketballs
- ◇ Playground balls
- ◇ Large pylons
- ◇ Skipping ropes

KITCHEN

- ◇ Paper towels
- ◇ Brooms
- ◇ Dustpans
- ◇ SOS pads and scrubbies
- ◇ Bleach

MISCELLANEOUS

- ◇ Rope
- ◇ Batteries—"9 volt" especially
- ◇ Canadian Tire Money
- ◇ Kindling

FIRST AID

- ◇ Good bandaids—all sizes
- ◇ Hot/cold compresses
- ◇ After-bite
- ◇ **contact the camp for complete list of needs**

FURNISHINGS

- ◇ Fans (portable)

OFFICE

- ◇ Scotch Tape
- ◇ Masking tape
- ◇ White copy paper

ARTS & CRAFTS

- ◇ Scissors
- ◇ Corks
- ◇ Magnetic strips
- ◇ Markers
- ◇ Glue guns & glue sticks
- ◇ Tape: all kinds
- ◇ Paint brushes
- ◇ Bristol board
- ◇ Googly eyes
- ◇ Paint: acrylic, fabric, tempera
- ◇ Embroidery floss
- ◇ Popsicle, craft sticks
- ◇ Sponges
- ◇ Safety pins
- ◇ Plastic totes (all sizes)
- ◇ Aluminum plates (all sizes)
- ◇ New white or dark cotton t-shirts

SPECIFICALLY FOR 2021

please contact us prior to donating to ensure the items are still needed

all items need to be new or very gently used

- | | |
|----------------------------|--|
| • Large totes | • Large garbage cans |
| • Large and medium coolers | • Spray sunscreen |
| • Medium beverage coolers | • 3-layered non-medical masks for children and adults *NEW ONLY* |
| • Large ice packs | • Non-contact thermometers |
| • Large tarps | • PPE (face shields, gloves, disposable gowns, medical masks) *NEW ONLY* |
| • Large event tent | |