

GOOD NEWS AT GRACE

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Blessings!

This Sunday we will be celebrating Earth Day. As I reflected on God's wonderful world, I took a walk outside and intentionally began to list the things that I am grateful for. The list began to grow quite long – but here are just 10 of them:

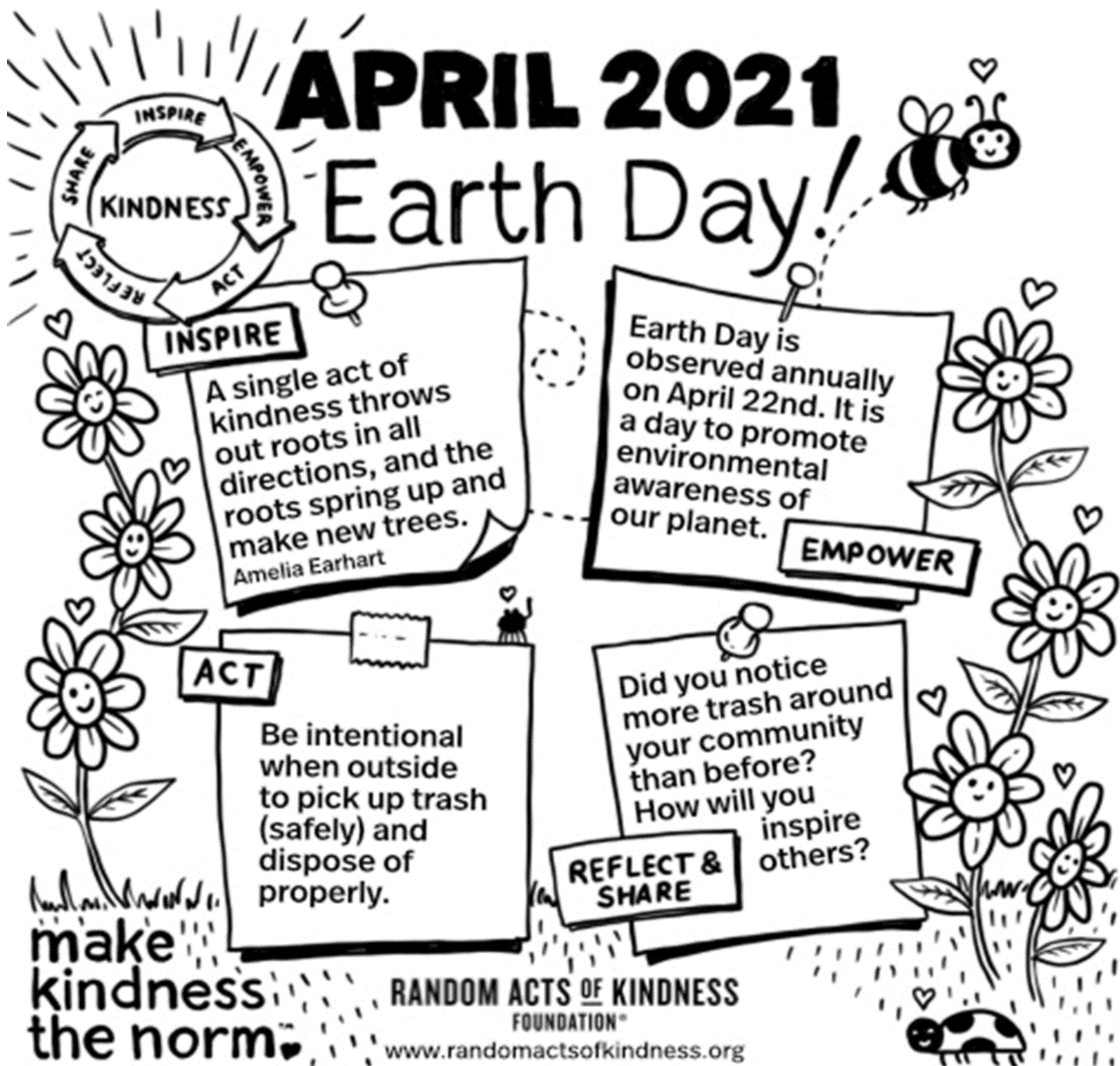
1. The sound of the cardinal and the woodpecker that provide an early wake up call outside my bedroom window each morning.
2. The smell of the hyacinths blooming in the Stratford Festival garden.
3. The little robin digging for worms in my garden.
4. The swans now swimming freely on the river in Stratford.
5. The smell of the air after a rainstorm.
6. The early morning mist hovering over the water.
7. The buds on the lilac bushes.
8. The afternoon sun bringing tranquility and calmness.
9. The feel of the earth under my fingernails as I garden.
10. The squirrels playing chase around the lawn (even though they dig up my bulbs!)

As you celebrate Earth day – I invite you to make a list of the things that you are grateful for in God's Wonderful World. And then, think about the ways that you can be a steward of the environment. As a reminder – you could print off the next page, maybe colour it, and put it on your fridge.

Enjoy each day!

Peace,

Rev. Gail.



Remember to always try to INSPIRE, EMPOWER, ACT, REFLECT and SHARE!

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Office Hours

The office hours are limited due to the provincial stay at home order.

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: 850 8722 0723

Passcode: 289549



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 18th: Celebrating Earth Day

April 21st: 7 pm Board meeting by Zoom

April 25th: **Faith Alive In The Home**

April 28th: Sit n' Knit Stay n' Crochet Zoom meet

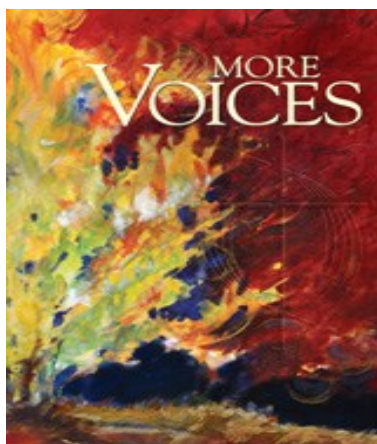
May 2nd: Rev. Gail is on vacation - the service will be a link to "Jazz Worship"

May 9th: Everything you know you learnt from Mom

May 16th: Holy Homour - a parking lot service (more details to follow)



Raise Your Voices in Memory or Honour 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 sponsor 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 sponsor a copy, 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. Make your donation by E-transfer to gracetavistockdonation@rogers.com (make sure to add More Voices to the message) or by cheque made out to Grace United Tavistock with 'More Voices' on the memo line. **More Voices donations are eligible for tax receipts.**

To date we have 14 ordered and need 16 more copies donated to reach our goal of 30 copies. Talk to Tricia Wettlaufer today about how to donate. Thank you to those who have donated!

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.



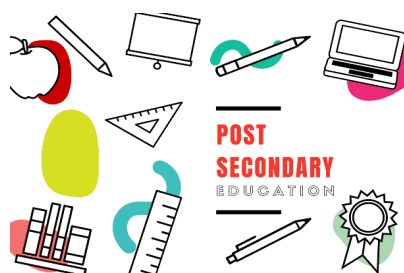
And please keep the following people in your prayers this week:

- ◇ Donna and Clarence Herlick, and family, as Donna struggles with cancer.
- ◇ Brenda Mohr's brother, Pat, as he was recently diagnosed with an aneurism.

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

Rev. Gail working from home and study leave - In keeping with the Stay at Home order, Rev. Gail will be mostly working from home. She is still available by phone at anytime (519 703 1954), please don't hesitate to reach out, and she can make emergency pastoral visits as needed. She will also be away on study leave for the next three Thursday afternoons (April 22nd, 29th, May 6th) to attend Soul of The Preacher retreat.

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.



Carol Young and Camp Bimini makes the National United Church News! "When talking about love and respect for nature, we can't not tell you about Camp Bimini! The camp - a place north of London, ON where God's creation comes together with respect for each other and the environment - received a grant from the Wesley C Smith Fund for their new virtual camp outreach program, Bimini Connects.

While the COVID-19 pandemic prevented on-site camping, Camp Bimini leaders knew that they could still provide a summer camp program to their campers and families. Seventeen counsellors, twenty adults, and twenty more youth song leaders volunteered to adapt Camp Bimini's regular camp programs to an online platform.

The results were inspiring. "I cannot say thank you enough to Camp Bimini for adapting to bring camp to our home during these difficult times!" says Kathy, a parent of two sons who participated in the program. "Bimini Connects is a program that was invaluable in filling the void that was created when overnight camp and sports were all cancelled in 2020."

The 8-week online camp resulted in over 330 hours of watch time, including a family in Saskatchewan, whose mother had attended Camp Bimini as a child and was excited to share "her camp" with her children. What an incredible success!"



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 20 for next week's newsletter.
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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. Start collecting and a drop off date at Grace will be arranged soon.

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

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
- ◇ Baby food jars

****contact the camp for complete list of needs****

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