

# GOOD NEWS AT GRACE

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## All humans are made in the image of God, and God's image is inclusive and diverse.

Image: The steps of Roncesvalles United Church, Toronto in June 2018.

Credit: Kathryn Dorrell/The United Church of Canada



June is Gay Pride Month. The United Church of Canada joins the country in celebrating lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans, and 2-Spirit (LGBTQ2) people. It has been 33 years since the United Church's 1998 decision to declare that all people, regardless of sexual orientation, are welcome as full members in the church. And that all members—including those who identify as LGBTQ2—are eligible to be ordained ministers. But let's face it – not all communities of faith are living out that welcome. There are 99 communities of faith in the WOW region (of which Grace is a member), but only 9 affirming communities of faith in the region! We talk about accepting diversity, and being radically welcoming, but do we walk the talk?

On June 12, 2018, Historica Canada released the first "Heritage Minute" focusing on the LGBTQ2 community's fight against discrimination—a continued struggle for many, many non-straight people across this country. Thousands of people shared the video on social media, beaming with Canadian pride. (Click on this link to view [Historica Moment](#)). Given that Heritage Minutes were launched in 1991, perhaps the more appropriate public response should have been, "what took so long?" as opposed to a collective pat-on-the-back.

It is also easy to question why the church's full embrace of LGBTQ2 people happened in the late 80s, but it took three, full decades longer for UC to launch the Iridesce Living Apology project -a project that reflects and talks about people's LGBTQ2 experiences leading up to, and proceeding, the church's 1988 decision. [Video of Iridesce Living Apology project](#)

We have come a long way; we do understand more the importance of listening. But, we still have a long way to go! I am certain that Jesus, one of the world's greatest social agitators, would have joyfully donned rainbow-coloured robes, and raucously marched in as many Pride parades as possible. We must never stop shouting our openness from the rooftops. We must never stop drawing the circle wider, acting on that divine nudge to find the next barrier to compassionately break down. We must all play a role in ensuring that anyone who walks up the steps of any United Church is always radically welcomed.

Peace. Rev. Gail

Rev. Gail office hours: Now that the stay at home has been lifted, Rev. Gail will aim to be in Tavistock on Tuesdays to Thursdays from 10am-3pm. If she is not in the church at those times, she might be out on a pastoral visit. Remember you can reach her anytime at 519 703 1954.

## 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.com](http://www.graceunitedtavistock.com)

**June 13th:** Calming the Storm

**June 16th:** Zoom Board Meeting

**June 17th:** Drive thru Drop off for Camp Bimini

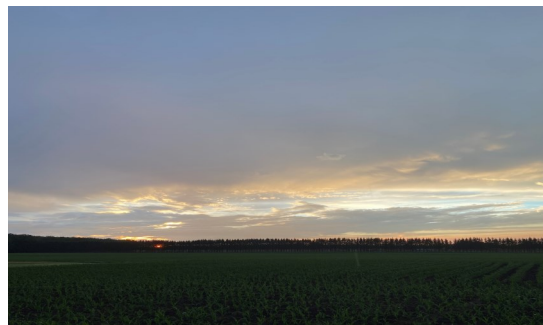
**June 20th:** Camping Sunday (recorded at Camp Bimini)

**June 23rd:** 10:00-12:00 am Sit n' Knit, Stay n' Crochet, outside meet  
2:00-4:00 pm Food for Friends

**June 27th:** Holy Humour, outside parking lot service

**July 4th:** Telling the Story of ....?

**July 11th:** Water, Water, Water - outside Baptism and New Membership



## 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!

[Join zoom link](#) Meeting ID: 818 6029 7371 Passcode: 700998

If you are having trouble connecting or staying connected, please connect with Rev. Gail 519 703 1954.



## Supporting our Partners in Faith

June 19, about 10 am: Roy Lichti and Pastor Jim Brown are planning a "parade walk" through Tavistock. Plans include Pastor Jim pulling Roy in a red wagon, cutting Roy's pandemic hair, colouring Pastor Jim's beard and more. Lots of sponsors are needed to raise funds for Mennonite Central Committee relief work internationally. Contact Pastor Jim or Alyssa Kerfoot [office@tavistockmennonitechurch.ca](mailto:office@tavistockmennonitechurch.ca). Go to [Canada Helps](#) to donate to this fundraiser and see updates.

### Contact us

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### Office Hours

The office hours are limited and will be a mix of working in office and from home. Please call ahead.

## 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:



- ◇ Brenda Mohr's brother, Pat, as he was recently diagnosed with an aneurism.
- ◇ Burns Holden as he struggles with health issues.
- ◇ Verna Herold as she struggles with health issues.

## FOOD for FRIENDS

Thanks to a grant from the United Church Embrace The Spirit, Grace United is able to start a new program that shares God's love through Food and Hospitality. (See the attached poster) The Pastoral Care and Outreach team will be cooking a one dish casserole once a month, delivering them to some folks at Grace, and freezing some for the wider community of Tavistock. If you would like to help cook, deliver, or be available for the community pick up, please contact either Bev Neeb (519 655 2695) or Rev. Gail (519 703 1954). Lets be the hands of God together!



### Do you have a listening ear?

We know that during this time of Covid restrictions, that loneliness is on the rise. It is important to reach out to others in conversation on the phone, chat, listen, maybe even share a porch visit. We want to make sure that no-one is left out, and that we all stay connected, and supported.

So, we are starting a new team called **The Care and Communication Team**. Starting in July we will meet monthly and confidentially share who we have touched base with, and any concerns that there might be in our community of faith.

If you feel that God is nudging you to be part of this team, please call Rev Gail (519 703 1954) or Jean Lowe (519 655 3205).

### God Sighting from Joan Bartlett.

When Joan and Paul woke up on Monday morning, they found a mother Mallard duck and her 10 ducklings in their pool. A wonderful sight of God's creation.



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. June 15 for next week's newsletter.  
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### Cook's Corner : What to do with Rhubarb!

At the virtual coffee hour after church last Sunday, there was much talk about what to do with the abundance of rhubarb right now. Tricia Wettlaufer kindly shared her suggestions of Rhubarb Cake, and Rhubarb pie, and we thought it would be fun to share the recipe with everyone. I invite others to share any special seasonal recipe for Cook's Corner.

Thanks Tricia – now the only question is when we can taste them in a live coffee hour!

#### Rhubarb Cake

Batter:

½ cup butter

1 egg

2 cups sifted all purpose flour

½ tsp. salt

1 cup buttermilk (or use 1 cup milk with 1 tbsp. lemon juice, let sit for 5 minutes)

2 cups chopped rhubarb in ½ inch pieces

1 tbsp. flour

1 ½ cups white sugar

1 tsp. vanilla

1 tsp. soda

Topping:

¼ cup butter

2 tsp. cinnamon

1 cup firmly packed brown sugar

Batter: Cream butter and sugar until smooth and creamy; beat in egg and vanilla.

Sift together 2 cups flour, soda and salt. Add to the creamed mixture alternately with the buttermilk, making 3 dry and 2 liquid additions. Toss the rhubarb with 1 tbsp. flour and mix it gently into the batter. Spoon into buttered 13 x 9 inch cake pan and smooth the surface.

Topping: Blend together all the ingredients and sprinkle evenly over the batter.

Bake at 350F for 45 minutes or until the cake has risen and browned and a toothpick inserted in centre comes out clean.

#### Rhubarb Pie

2 eggs, beaten

1 c. white sugar

¼ tsp. salt

2 tbsp. flour

1 tablespoon Tapioca (if you do not have any Tapioca, use 3 to 4 tbsp. flour instead of just the 2 tbsp.)

Mix all together then add 4 cups chopped rhubarb. Bake a pie crust, empty, for 10 minutes at

450F. Add pie filling and dot with butter. Bake at 400F for 10 minutes then at 350F for about 45

minutes or until set. If you want to make a custard, mix together 2 eggs well beaten, 1 cup sugar and 1 cup milk. Then add your rhubarb and cook.



Dear  
Grace United Church  
family,

Thank you so much for  
the very generous gift  
towards my post  
secondary education.

It will help me at  
Windsor University  
this fall!

thanks, Jordan





## Camp Bimini 5km Walk, Ride or Run August 14-15, 2021.

Camp Bimini has been in operation since 1947--74 years!--and has welcomed children, youth and adults to come to gather to be a community and to experience nature, grow spiritually and create lifelong friendships. Camp Bimini, like every camp, has been greatly affected by COVID-19 and are facing another year with many financial challenges. This fundraiser will help Camp Bimini move forward to 2022 with hope.

Ellie Shantz ([ellieshantz72@gmail.com](mailto:ellieshantz72@gmail.com)), Jayden Ruby ([jdruby66@gmail.com](mailto:jdruby66@gmail.com)) and Carol Young ([tavigraceyouth@gmail.com](mailto:tavigraceyouth@gmail.com)) are participating! If you'd like to sponsor one or all of these people, please let them know! Help them reach their fundraising goals (last year these 3 raised over \$7000 combined)!

We would love to receive your support for a place and a space that means the world to so many and is a second home for us and so many others. Our stories are life-changing. We can arrange an etransfer or you can send a cheque as well. Income tax receipts given....Thank you!



**If you would like to join  
Rev. Gail in the  
interfaith march this  
Friday in London,  
please contact her on  
519 703 1954.**

# Camp Bimini

## Wish List



Camp Bimini is collecting items for their wish list. You can help with items needed for camp programs, especially crafts. Thank you for supporting Camp Bimini.

Grace United Church is hosting a drive thru drop off on Thursday, June 17th from 6:00—8:00 pm.

### 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 (especially coloured duct tape and packing tape)
- Paint brushes
- Bristol board
- Fabric ribbon
- Flat thumb tacks
- 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

## **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*

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Large totes</li> <li>• Large tarps</li> <li>• Large garbage cans</li> <li>• Spray sunscreen</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3-layered non-medical masks for children and adults<br/>*NEW ONLY*</li> <li>• Non-contact thermometers</li> </ul> |
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# **Fun With Water**

**Tuesday, July 6 - Thursday July 8**

**9:00 am - 12:30 pm**

**Outside In-Person**

## **SUMMER DAY CAMP**

**FREE EVENT** for ages 7-10

- **Science Experiments**
- **Storytelling**
- **Crafts**
- **Games and more!**

**Bring your own snacks.**

**Pre-register at Grace United Church**

**(Limited Capacity)**

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