

# GOOD NEWS AT GRACE

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Blessings!

Today we continue with our series of inspirational messages that will focus on Homes, as we take time to stroll our neighbourhoods, back yards, parks, or just sit and look out a window. This resource is adapted from, and used with permission from, The Prayer Bench (<https://prayerbench.ca/>). **Our Habitat for Today :**

**A Cardinal nest**

**Reflection: Songs of Belonging**

My bedroom in Stratford is in the attic – which means that it feels like we are closer to the surrounding tree tops. Each morning I am awoken to the sound of the cardinal calling. You could call it the Cardinal Duet. The male, with his beautiful red plumage – calls out to the female in his repeated pattern, and she then responds with her two-tone trill. It makes for a lively chorus every sunrise and dusk. It makes me reflect on how often do we sing out loud?

[Female Cardinal in song](#)   [Male Cardinal bird song](#)

Peace to your house Cardinal. May God cause all to be well with you.

**Focus for Your Stroll - Join in the song**

Read the words of Scripture below before you go out Strolling. As you Stroll ponder what it means to you to 'join in the song' . Maybe you feel like you could hum, whistle, clap, click, tap or sing your own belonging song as you walk.

Tell the heavens and the earth  
to start singing!  
Tell the mountains  
and every tree in the forest  
to join in the song!  
The Lord has rescued his people;  
now they will worship him.  
Israel, I am your Lord.  
I am your source of life,  
and I have rescued you.  
I created everything  
from the sky above  
to the earth below.

Isaiah 44:23-24 (Contemporary English Version)

Happy singing – 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:

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

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

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

**June 22nd:** 8:30 - 12:30 pm Cooking for 'Food for Friends'

**June 23rd:** 10:00-12:00 am Sit n' Knit, Stay n' Crochet, last meet before Summer break - outside meet to bless the shawls

2:00-4:00 pm Food for Friends Community pick up

**June 24th:** 7:00 pm Care and Communication Team meeting in person

**June 27th:** In person worship behind the church: Holy Humour Sunday

**July 4th:** Telling the Story of ....? (recorded)

**July 11th:** In person worship behind the church: Water, Water, Water - Baptism and New Membership

**July 18th:** In person outside worship behind the church

**July 25th:** Indigenous Sunday (recorded)



## 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! This will be our last meet before we break for the summer.

[Join zoom link](#) Meeting ID: 883 7925 1633 Passcode: 579495

If you are having trouble connecting or staying connected, please connect with Carol Young 519 301 1356.



### 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:

- ◇ Judy Green as her family mourns the loss of her brother Bob Zehr.
- ◇ Burns Holden as he struggles with health issues.

## **IN-PERSON WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY!**

Next Sunday – June 27<sup>th</sup>, we will be having a LIVE outdoor worship behind the church, beside the parking lot. It is exciting to be able to gather, but we must follow the restrictions to stay safe:

- Please bring your own chair and place it by the flags as indicated by the ushers.
- You must stay in your own bubble. (There is no restriction on numbers able to attend, but there is a restriction in distance between groups.)
- We advise you to wear a mask if you are comfortable.
- Singing will be permitted in masks.
- There will be no passing of the peace.
- The offering plate will not be passed around – we invite you to place your offering in the plate at the front when you arrive.
- There will be no social time after worship.
- The washrooms are only available for emergency use.

**In the event of rain – the live worship will be cancelled, and it will be recorded instead and posted to the website in the afternoon. You will be sent an email early in the morning if this should happen.**

We know that not everyone will be comfortable attending, so we WILL be recording this worship service and posting it on our website by 5pm on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup>.

Rev. Gail is looking forward to meeting more of you in person!

## **HOLY HUMOUR SUNDAY!**

We will be having Holy Humour Sunday on June 27<sup>th</sup> (next Sunday). Let us have some fun!

**Wear a funny hat!**

**Wear a funny nose!**

**Dress up in something funny!**

**Come with a funny joke to share!**



**Does God have a sense of humour – YOU BET!**

## Care and Communication Team

If you, or anyone you know, has a pastoral need, would like someone to visit, or would like to chat on the phone, please reach out to any member of our Care and Communication team:

Rev. Gail – 519 703 1954

Jean Lowe – 519 655 3205

Paul Bartlett – 519 655 3334

Marcia Bender – 519 655 2047

Gloria Reibling – 519 655 3255

Marianne Ruby – 519 655 3053

Elizabeth Halliday - 519 655 2246



### Financial Up Date

Month of	MAY	
	2020	2021
Core Receipts	7,970	11,851
Misc. Receipts *	3,315	1,136
Total Receipts	11,285	12,987
Expenses	8,528	13,680
Surplus/Deficit	2,757	-693

### Notes:

- Core Receipts are envelope donations, etransfer donations, and PAR donations.
- 2021 Core Receipts include donations for More Voices.
- 2021 Expenses:
  - \* Western Ontario Waterways Assessment Fees (referred to as Presbytery Fees in the past) are paid up to date.
  - \* Payroll has increased as staff is working more hours compared to this time last year, last year's decrease was due to the pandemic.
  - \* Housing Allowance mandated by the United Church of Canada has increased.
  - \* More Voices hymnals is included in the expenses.

### East Zorra Mennonite Virtual Vacation Bible School

#### 'Rainforest Explorers: Jesus Leads the Way'

As an alternative to regular VBS, activity boxes will be provided for each child who would like to join us!

The boxes will be ready for pickup at East Zorra Church on Monday July 5, Monday July 19 and Tuesday August 3 from 6:00-8:00 pm

Registration is now open! Please email us at [ezvbs2021@gmail.com](mailto:ezvbs2021@gmail.com) this week to order your kits. We would like to have orders by Sunday June 20<sup>th</sup>!

# GRASS TAX OUTDOOR CONCERT

**Friday, July 23rd, 7:00 - 8:30 pm**

(Rain Date July 30th)

Back Parking lot of Grace United Church

Tickets are \$20 in advance only—Limited Seating

Available by calling the church 519 655 2151

or email [graceunitedtavistock@gmail.com](mailto:graceunitedtavistock@gmail.com)

**Social distancing will be in effect, we must know how many people are in your party and you will be seated with your bubble.**

(email or call the church with your contact name  
and phone for your group and the number of people)

On Tuesday of this week Premier Ford announced that there would be provincial money available to look into the burial sites at residential schools in Ontario. We know that the horrific discovery in Kamloops was possibly just the tip of the iceberg. I invite you to read the message below and click the link to read the letter from the United Church Minister of Indigenous Ministries, and please reach out to me if you wish to talk. Peace, Rev. Gail

## Remembering the victims of Kamloops Residential School

*If you are feeling pain or distress because of your residential school experiences, please call the free 24-hour crisis line: 1-866-925-4419. You can also call the First Nations and Inuit Hope for Wellness Help Line at 1-855-242-3310. It's toll-free and open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.*

Earlier this month, the undocumented and unmarked graves of 215 children were discovered on the site of Kamloops Residential School. Like you, this news has filled us with feelings of sorrow, concern, and outrage.

Our connection to the United Church of Canada – which operated 15 Residential Schools – gives us the responsibility to move towards Truth and Reconciliation with our First Nations neighbours.

We ask that you take the time to read a message from The Rt. Rev. Dr. Richard Bott, Moderator and The Rev. Murray Pruden, Executive Minister of Indigenous Ministries and Justice at The United Church of Canada by clicking the link below.

[Response to Kamloops Residential School Graves Discovery](#)

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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 22 for next week's newsletter.



# GRACE UNITED CHURCH SERVES FOOD FOR FRIENDS



A CASSEROLE  
MINISTRY FOR  
THE  
COMMUNITY

**FREE**  
SINGLE/DOUBLE  
PORTIONS  
AVAILABLE EVERY  
4<sup>TH</sup> WEDNESDAY  
OF MONTH 2-  
4PM

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This project is made possible by a grant from United Church

*Sharing God's love through food and hospitality.*





## **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 e-transfer or you can send a cheque as well. Income tax receipts given....Thank you!

A large green circular graphic overlaid on a background image of a forest. The text inside the circle reads: **CAMP BIMINI** in bold, uppercase letters. Below it, **Bottle Drive** is written in a large, white, cursive font. Underneath that, **June 26 | 9 am - 12 pm** is in bold, uppercase letters. Then, **Four Drop Off Locations:** is in bold, uppercase letters, followed by a list of locations: **Mitchell-Main St. United Church**, **New Hamburg-Zion United Church**, and **St. Marys-St. Marys United Church**. Below the list, **Camp Bimini** is in bold, uppercase letters. At the bottom, it says: **Accepting empty beer bottles and cans, wine bottles, bladders and tetra packs, cooler and liquor bottles .** and **If you have questions, email [campbimini@cyg.net](mailto:campbimini@cyg.net)**.



# **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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**SPLISH! SPLASH! SPLISH!**