

Grace United Church July 16, 2021

GOOD NEWS AT GRACE

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Blessings.

Today, Ontario is moving into stage three of reopening. It feels like we are almost back to some semblance of normal. I know that many of you are looking forward to being able to visit a restaurant again, some are excited about indoor swimming pools and gyms opening up, and I expect quite a few of you are waiting to hear if we can have the Tavistock Fair in September.

Personally, what I am most looking forward to is meeting you all at church, and being able to shake your hand, or even hug you! Last Sunday at the baptism, it was so wonderful to have about 20 people in church, and to hear children there again. It made me realize how lonely the last 15 months have been recording services into a camera!

I know, however, that with these lifted restrictions there also comes a bit of uneasiness and uncertainty. Not everyone will feel comfortable, and some worry about the new variant of the virus. Some might ask: What is safe? How will we navigate each step without throwing ourselves backwards instead of forwards?

In scripture we hear the following phrases:

Fear not. Do not be afraid. Be strong and courageous. You can trust me. Fear not.

In fact, there are 366 'fear not' verses in the Bible – one for every day of the year. But God is not discounting our fears and uncertainties, but rather God is assuring us that God will be with us through everything.

A friend of mine, Linda Davidson, shared this story with me that puts it into perspective:

"a young girl and an older gentleman flying on a rather turbulent flight. While the other passengers were gripping their armrests, the little girl kept playing and singing to her doll. When they landed, the gentleman commented on her lack of fear. Her response was simply, "My daddy is the pilot. He wouldn't let anything happen to me."

Let us all trust God to be our pilot, and may we always remember that we held in God's love, a love that can overcome all fear.

Peace, Rev. Gail.

Upcoming Services and Dates:

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

www.graceunitedtavistock.com



July 18th: 10:30 am in person outside worship behind the church "Packing for the Journey" - A fun Intergenerational Worship - **Bring your own picnic**

July 20th: 7:00 pm Care and Communication Team Meeting in Knox Parlour

July 21st: 9:00 - 12:00 pm Food for Friends Cooking in the Kitchen

7:00 pm Recording Worship in the Sanctuary

July 23rd: 7:00 - 8:30 pm Blue Grass Concert

July 25th: Indigenous Sunday (recorded)

July 28th: 2:00-4:00 pm Food for Friends Community Pick up

Aug. 1st: Telling the Story of Deborah (recorded)

Aug. 8th: Ecumenical Service (Pre recorded)

Aug. 15th: 10:30 am in person worship behind the church

Aug. 22nd: Join with East Zorra Mennonite Church

Aug. 29th: 10:30 am in person worship at Camp Bimini - Bring a Picnic

Sept. 5th: Summer Stories (recorded)

Sept. 12th: 10:30 am In person worship in Zion Hall - Intergenerational Worship

Bring your own picnic!

As we gather for outdoor in person worship on Sunday (18th) we invite you to bring your own picnic. Washroom will be open!

Stay after worship to socialize and share fellowship with our church family.



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Office Hours

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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:

- ◇ Burns Holden as he struggles with health issues.
- ◇ Verna Herold and her family as she was moved to Stratford Hospice.

Tavistock Men's Club Sauerkraut and BBQ Pork Chop Dinner

QUEEN'S PARK PAVILION TAVISTOCK

Decew Street, Entrance

Friday, August 13, 2021

Drive Thru Pick Up Times

▣4-5 pm ▣5-6pm ▣6-7 pm

Advance Tickets by July 30th, \$20 each

Tickets Available at the Men's Club Hall, 70 Woodstock St N

Every Wednesday 4-7pm and Saturdays 11-3 pm

or from Club Members or call 519 655 2286 or 519 655 2708

email tavistockmensclub@outlook.com

Good News at Grace Submissions We welcome your good news stories and pictures along with announcements. Please take note of the summer newsletter schedule and plan any announcements accordingly.

Summer newsletters will be sent out on the following dates:

July 30th (submissions due July 27)

Aug 13th (submissions due Aug. 10)

Aug 27th (submissions due Aug. 24)

Sept 10th (submissions due Sept 7)

††† Cemetery Decoration Service. There will not be a cemetery decoration service at Grace this year. But please plan for the service next year in 2022 near the end of August. Please spread the word.

We had fun with Water!



The Summer Camp last week was a big success. We had 12 children, mostly aged 7-8, attend.

We learned about water in the environment with the Creation story; discussed the ways that we use water at home, and in church;



thought about the inequality of water globally;
did some great science experiments with our science expert, John Markle;
and of course, played games, told stories and made crafts.



DON'T MISS THE BLUE GRASS CONCERT!

Next Friday (23rd July) we will be gathering outside to enjoy the sounds of Grass Tax - a fun Blue Grass band. Come and join in this fun fundraising evening. Seating is limited - just 16 tickets left! Call the office NOW to order your tickets at \$20 each!



LIVE OUTDOOR CONCERT at GRACE UNITED

FRIDAY JULY 23RD 7-8.30PM
(Rain date July 30th)

Tickets: \$20 – must pre-order

Tel: 519 655 2151

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Limited seating – book now!

Tickets available by calling the church 519 655 2151
or email graceunitedtavistock@gmail.com. Prepayment appreciated.

Physical 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)

Camp Bimini Drive-Thru BBQ

Sunday, July 25, 2021
at Camp Bimini
5:00-6:30pm

ADVANCED
TICKETS ONLY
Purchase by
JULY 18

BBQ Chicken
Swiss Style Pasta Salad
Coleslaw
Garlic Bread with Cheese

Cheesecake

For more information and
tickets visit campbimini.ca

Adults \$20
Kids 12 and
Under \$10

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), Jayden Ruby (jdruby66@gmail.com) and Carol Young (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!

Some more pictures from Fun with Water!



Huron Perth Public Health Volunteer Recruitment for Vaccination Clinics

Huron Perth Public Health and its partners are working hard to complete the vaccination campaign in our community. We would not be able to do this without the support of hundreds of volunteers who are dedicating their time and effort to making the vaccination clinics run smoothly. If you or someone you know is willing and able to give us 3-4 hours of their time, please check out this website and register for a date and time that is convenient for you.

<https://rotarystratford.com/event/vaccination-clinic-volunteers/>

Attached to this email you will find a description of the volunteer roles. Volunteers are required to be able to wear PPE, stand or walk for 3-4 hours at a time, and to live in Huron Perth. We will accept high-school students and they will earn community hours for their effort.

For any questions or more information please do not hesitate to contact Dr. Patricia Nascu, Volunteer Coordinator on behalf of Rotary Club of Stratford at patricia.nascu@rotarystratford.com