

GOOD NEWS AT GRACE

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Blessings to you all.



I am sure many of you have heard the story about 82-year-old Wally Funk. On July 20th she became the oldest person ever to fly in space on the suborbital flight of New Shepard, a private rocket financed by billionaire Jeff Bezos. While I struggle with the exclusive cost of this venture, and I think about all the ways the money could have been better spent – I am still captivated by the story.

Wally trained as an astronaut and attempted to join NASA during an era when the agency drew all its astronauts from the American military corps, which excluded women until the 1970s. Despite her test scores always being higher than her male counterparts, she was excluded simply because of her gender. NASA didn't select women until 1978 and by then Wally Funk was considered 'too old.' Instead, Wally went on to become a pilot and aviation trainer. She became the first female Federal Aviation Administration inspector, the first female National Transportation Safety Board air safety investigator, and now with 19,600 pilot hours under her belt, there is poetic justice that she has become the oldest person in space.

It is a story of perseverance, trust, and faith. Wally is an active member of White Church United Methodist Church in Southlake Texas, and according to her pastor, she always lives her life full of positivity, going out of her way to encourage others. "She truly believed that if God wanted it, then one day she would be in space" said Rev. John McKellar.

I think this amazing story teaches us to never give up. From my own experience I agree with Wally Funk that even when one the door seems to shut in our face, God always seems to open another for us.

"Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance."

(James 1:2-3)

Peace, Rev. Gail.



Upcoming Services and Dates:

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

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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. 18th: Food for Friends Ministry Cooking in the Kitchen

Aug. 22nd: Join with East Zorra Mennonite Church

Aug. 25th: Food For Friends Community Pick Up

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

Sept. 5th: Summer Stories (recorded)

Sept. 7th: 7:00 pm Session Meeting

Sept. 8th: 7:00 pm Care and Communication Team Meeting

Sept 9th: 6:00 pm Worship Team Meeting

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

Sept. 15th: 7:00 pm Board meeting

Sept. 19th: 10:30 am 'Welcome Back to the Sanctuary' in person worship

Rev. Gail vacation and study leave

Rev. Gail will be away on study leave from Aug 3rd – 8th and will be studying spiritual practices using two resources: '31 Short Spiritual Practices' by Rob Fennell, and 'Holy Listening with Breath, Body and the Spirit' by Whitney Simpson. She looks forward to sharing ideas with you through Inspirational Messages. This will be followed by vacation leave until Aug 27th.

For emergency pastoral care, please contact Rev. Jenn Hind email: pastorjenn11@gmail.com; cell: 519-635-2184. You can also reach out to any member of our Care and Communication team. Jean Lowe 519-655-3205, Paul Bartlett 519-655-3334, Marcia Bender 519-655-2047, Gloria Reibling 519-655-3255, Marianne Ruby 519-274-1422, Elizabeth Halliday 519-655-2246

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Office Hours

Rev. Gail Tues to Thurs 10:00–3:00 pm

Katherine 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:

- ◇ Margaret Koch and her extended family as they mourn the passing of Don
- ◇ Verna Herold and her family, as Verna is at Stratford Hospice
- ◇ Oletta Faulhafer currently at Stratford Hospital

A Celebration of Life for DON KOCH. Grace members are welcome to join the Koch family to celebrate the life of Don Koch. It will be held at Grace United on Tues. Aug. 3rd at 10am. Visitation will be Mon. Aug. 2 from 7:00-9:00 pm at Francis Funeral Home (no registration required). Masks must be worn, and physically distancing is required. Please continue to keep Margaret and the family in your prayers.

Update on fundraising for new Audio Visual Equipment technology

We are happy to report that our application to the United Church Improvement Fund was successful, and we will be receiving \$5000 towards our new improvements to the sanctuary.

Grace UCW has also donated \$500 towards our new equipment.

In addition, we have received \$5510 from various donors – thank you to everyone for your generosity.

Grace has also recently received a \$10,000 bequest and will use a portion to help cover the new AV technology.

The Building and Property have been busy working, and we hope to have it all installed for our first Sunday back on Sept 19th.



CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Mallory Mohr and Carl Horst on their wedding on Saturday, July 31st.

Karen Stein and Todd Shore on their wedding Saturday, August 7th.

We wish you God's blessing on your life together!



Ministry of sewing. Sue Martsch, from Ayr, sews beautiful 100% cotton caps for ladies with hair loss due to chemotherapy. These are available to anyone who needs them. If you know anyone who might appreciate one of these, or if you would like the pattern and instructions to sew them, please contact Grace Office.

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:

Aug 13th (submissions due Aug. 10)

Aug 27th (submissions due Aug. 24)

Sept 10th (submissions due Sept 7)

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

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!

A Great Evening of Fun and Fantastic Music!



A great night was had by all last Friday with the Grass Tax concert. 52 people gathered on the grass behind the church for this wonderful evening of music. The weather was perfect, and the music was truly to tapping that just made everyone smile! Thank you to everyone who made this happen. Not only did we all have fun, but we also raised \$660 for Grace United.



August Birthdays and Anniversaries

Happy Birthday to:

Norma Kaufman - Aug. 1

Taylor McKay - Aug. 2

Adam Weicker - Aug. 6

Jenn Stevely - Aug. 11

Monica Shantz - Aug. 14

Kristi McKay - Aug. 14

Matthew Brenneman - Aug. 15

Shyanne Herlick - Aug. 16

Ryan Scheerer - Aug. 18

Verna Herold - Aug. 19

Blake Sebben - Aug. 20

Rev. Gail - Aug. 21

Jean Lowe - Aug. 21

Lori Schmidt - Aug. 25

Ava Glaab - Aug. 25

Kirsten Smythe - Aug. 27

Julia Petrie - Aug 28



Happy Anniversary to:

Trevor and Kelli Riehl - Aug 8

Jesse and Ashlie Weicker - Aug 10

Don and Anne Gregory - Aug 17

Dean and Pat Shantz - Aug 23

Michael and Kirsten Stock - Aug 25

