

# GOOD NEWS AT GRACE

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## Message from Chairperson Anne Gregory

### Summer 2021

I imagine that most of you, like me, are enjoying special time with grandchildren, great grandchildren, children, other family members and friends this summer now that we are able to safely be out and about. It certainly feels wonderful to socialize with them and make special memories. Don and I have been able to welcome both younger grandchildren to our apartment already and they are becoming comfortable in the new space. I also was able to enjoy a few days away with a friend and experience a new area with her. She has recently moved to Georgetown and lives in the area that was formerly The Dominion Seed House property, which I'm sure is a familiar name to most of you. There are signs provided which give the information of the area and it is quite interesting.

William and Alexandrina (Harding) Bradley purchased 80 hectares of land on the southwest limits of the village of Georgetown which they named Cedar Vale Farm. Their son Bradley started several companies and his electric small appliance business sold only by mail order. In order to keep his staff busy all year, he added a mail order seed business. Dominion Seed House was established in 1928 on Guelph St which was part of the farm. The work force was about 20 full time, but during the busy season he employed upwards of 120 people. It became the largest mail order supplier of seeds and plants in Canada for both commercial and home gardeners. Bradley introduced Canadians to a vast and reliable variety of quality seeds, bulbs and plants from around the world which he searched out personally. An average of 3000 orders arrived each day during busy season and all were filled manually. The business was large enough to have its own postal station and had customers in every province in Canada. It had a good relationship with CNR and regularly a railroad car was left on the siding beside Burn's Transport (now Olon Industries) on Friday waiting for the DSH order to be shipped.

In 1993 Marg Harding sold DSH to Perron in Quebec and then in 1995 the Canadian Federation of University Women were allowed to rescue acres of peonies, iris and daylilies which they sold. The property was sold in 1997 and a public process began to create a master plan for 54 acres which resulted in The CFUW being successful in getting 8 acres for public use. In 1999 the building was removed and townhouses were being constructed by 2001, some of which back on parkland, including the one my friend lives in. A portion of the foundation was repaired, which is believed to be the original barn and a beautiful garden established around and inside it. One corner features a pond with goldfish living and hiding among the water plants. The whole area is very colourful right now with daylilies, Rose of Sharon and coneflowers blooming and beside the meandering walking path in the greater park area the trees have plaques in front of them which name each tree. We noticed that there are no hostas anywhere in the area and decided that they must be a new addition to our gardens. It would be worth a daytrip to the area for a visit, especially if you remember the name or made purchases from DSH. It is just off highway 7 and easy to find.

Another park area that we walked is around the building and property that housed the Georgetown Boys. The historic plaque there tells a story that celebrates the generosity and humanitarian nature of Canadians. The Armenian

Genocide (1915-1923) left an overwhelming number of Armenians in dire conditions and relief efforts emerged around the world to provide aid to the refugees. In 1916 the Armenian Relief Association of Canada was begun and it, as well as later the United Church of Canada petitioned the government of Canada to allow orphaned Armenian children to enter Canada. Between 1923 and 1930, 110 boys came to live in Georgetown at what was called Cedar Vale Farm or the Armenian Boys' Farm. The boys faced cultural shock but were encouraged and through work and education became members of society here in Canada.

I have been doing some reading this summer too and am enjoying the most recent edition of Broadview, which like Paul Bartlett, I really enjoy. Each issue covers a wide range of topics and I find it interesting reading the letters to the editor to see the reaction to previous articles. If you don't already receive it, think seriously about getting a subscription this fall when the time comes to renew again or borrow a copy from someone after they are finished reading theirs. Unfortunately you can't have mine as I already pass it on to someone who also enjoys reading it. May you enjoy the rest of the summer until we are able to meet again in person at Grace United.

Anne

## **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)

**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



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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:

- ◇ Beth and Mike Kaufman and family as they mourn the passing of Beth's dad Bob Elliott.
- ◇ The family of Oletta Faulhafer who passed away peacefully on Wednesday
- ◇ Verna Herold and her family, as Verna is at Stratford Hospice
- ◇ Dianne Harris and family, as Dianne's mom struggles with ill health



### **Please support the upcoming Grace United services:**

**Sunday 15th August** - Join the Worship Team and **guest speaker Paul Bartlett** as they lead worship behind church at 10:30am - please bring your own chair and practice safe physical distance. The service will be recorded and posted later.

**Sunday 29th August** - Join us at Camp Bimini to celebrate "*Blessed With Abundance*" - led by Rev. Gail and the Praise Band - bring your own chair and a picnic. We will also be taking up a collection to support Camp Bimini, so we invite you to bring loose change, or mark your envelope 'For Camp Bimini.'



### **Rev. Gail vacation and study leave**

Rev. Gail will be away on study leave from Aug 3<sup>rd</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> 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 27<sup>th</sup>.

For emergency pastoral care, please contact Rev. Jenn Hind email: [pastorjenn11@gmail.com](mailto: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



Thank you so much to our Grace United family for all the love and support as we baptized Dorothy and as our family became official members. We are excited to watch our girls grow in their faith at Grace.

Ashlie + Jesse  
Weicker

## A Celebration of Love - The Happy Couples



Mallory Mohr and Carl Horst  
Saturday, July 31st

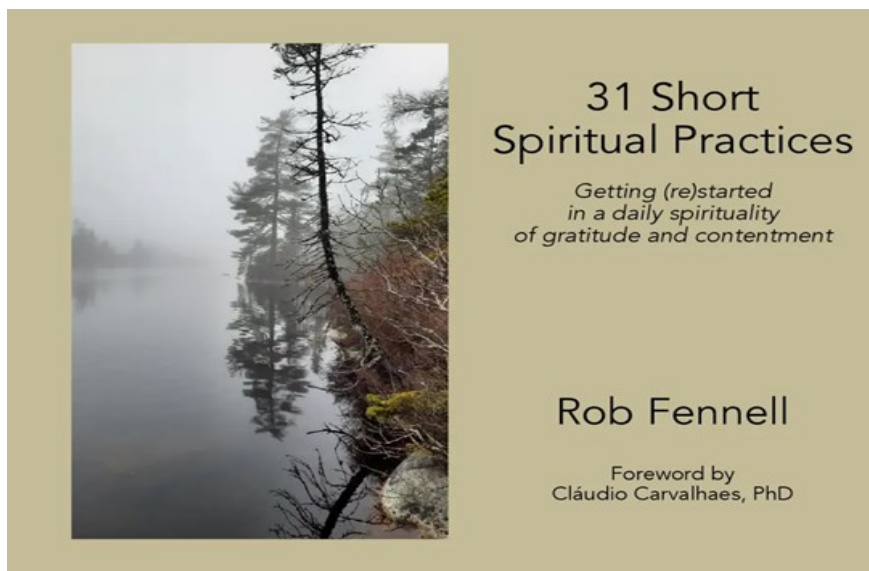


Karen Stein and Todd Shore  
Saturday, August 7th

### **New Inspirational Messages-**

For the month of August and September we will be exploring spiritual practices to encourage gratitude and contentment. Two to three times a week I will be inviting you to pause for 5 minutes during your day, and different times and in different spaces. I hope that you will join me to take time with God each day.

Peace, Rev. Gail



### **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.



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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!

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 27th (submissions due Aug. 24)**

**Sept 10th (submissions due Sept 7)**