

GOOD NEWS AT GRACE

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Blessing to you All!

In the liturgical calendar, we are currently in the Season of Creation. In the weeks ahead, we will be thinking about what we can learn from Divine Creation all around us. Our themes in the next three weeks will be Creation: Listen to Me, Love Me, and Be Grateful for Me.

Sometimes in our busy lives in the 21st century, we have moved away from the awareness of God's presence in all things around us. Perhaps Covid has slowed us down enough to change this perspective. In ancient Celtic theology there is saying: "Understand creation if you want to understand the Creator." Let us take time in this special season to see creation in a new light.

Today, I invite you into prayer. I share with you a prayer written by Rev. Jean Leckie and taken from *The Gathering*. I encourage you to read this prayer through three times, allowing it to settle in you heart and mind.

*We thank you, Creator God,
For the diversity, the complexity,
and the interconnectedness of the world in which we live.*

*We thank you for the mystery of it,
The beauty and the bounty.
In our quest to explore and understand it,
Keep us mindful of our place in your world,
as one of its creatures,
one with possibility and responsibility.*

Draw us closer to your mystery and your majesty.

Amen.

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

Sept. 26th: 8:30 - 10:00 am Outdoor Breakfast for youth Grade 5 and up - Ruby's

10:30 am Creation 1: Listen to Me, in Person Worship

Sept. 28th: Food for Friends Cooking and Drop off

Sept. 29th: 10:00 - 11:30 am Sit n' Knit, Stay n' Crochet (outside or in Zion Hall)

Sept. 30th: 7:00 - 8:00 pm Sing-a-long

Oct. 3rd: 10:30 am Creation 2: Love Me - World Wide Communion

DON'T FORGET TO WEAR ORANGE TO CHURCH ON SUNDAY 26TH

If you are coming to church on Sunday, be sure to wear your **ORANGE T-SHIRT** or just something **ORANGE** as we mark the day of Truth and Reconciliation. We wear orange as a

visual affirmation of our commitment to reconciliation and anti-racism, and the belief that every child matters. In the light of recent events, this is more important today than ever. This year, 2021, will be the first year that Sept 30th will be a statutory holiday to remember a Day of Reconciliation.

We will take a photo after church standing on the front steps with everyone who is wearing orange, and send it to United Church Broadview, and Tavistock Gazette.



If you are interested in finding out more about what the United Church is doing towards Truth and Reconciliation, consider joining me in this online

webinar on Sept 29th 5.30-7.00 [Indigenous Children Then, Now and Tomorrow](#)

Contact us

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Office Hours

Rev. Gail Tues to Thurs 10:00—3:00 pm

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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:

- ◇ Verna Herold and her family, as Verna is at Stratford Hospice
- ◇ Dianne Harris and family, as Dianne's mom struggles with ill health
- ◇ Logan Wilson and family as Logan recovers from surgery



Sing Songs of Praise!

We invite you to a sing-along on **Thursday Sept 30th 7-8pm**. Come and make a joyful noise to God!



No singing ability required, just a willingness to join in the fun, clap your hands, and quietly sing or hum with friends! You can just come and enjoy listening to the Gail, Blair and Bev lead if you prefer. And don't worry - participation in this sing along does not mean that you are

joining the Praise Team or Choir!

We will meet in Zion Hall, and masks will be required at all times.



SIT N'KNIT or STAY N' CROTCHET



If you like to knit or crotchet, come out and join us on **WEDNESDAY 29TH Sept 10.00-11.30am**. We plan to meet outside behind church, (if it's cold or raining we will move into Zion Hall - masks required). Don't worry if you are not a good knitter - this group will help you - just come and have some fun social time with this great group. We will usually be meeting the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month.

FUN WITH THE YOUTH!

We had youth out last Sunday to play games and create T-Shirt designs.



DON'T FORGET THE YOUTH

BREAKFAST: this SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26 8:30-10 am.

Kids and youth grade 5 and up meet at the Ruby's (2186 Road 29) for a breakfast cooked in the great outdoors! Please bring a lawn chair and a mask!

Paper and cleaning products collection for TAP



Your pastoral care and outreach committee would like to invite you to again take part in a collection of paper and cleaning products for the Tavistock Assistance Program. TAP is grateful for such items as toilet paper, paper towels, Kleenex, diapers, cleaning and dishwashing products. Please bring your contributions to church on Sundays. If you are unable to do this, drop off at Bev's home or give her a call at 519 655-2695 and she will be happy to pick up your items. The drive will end on Sunday, Oct. 24.



Thank you, Pastoral Care and Outreach Committee

Notice of Congregational Meeting

A congregational meeting will be held Sunday, October 31 following worship for the purpose of electing new representatives to serve on Session, Church Board, Trustees and Western Ontario Waterways Regional Council (WOW-RC) representatives. Nominations are now being accepted for Session (2), Board (2), and Trustees (1). We have two nominations for representatives for WOW-RC. Please prayerfully consider serving on Session, Board or Trustees.

Calendar for the Website



We have added a page for the calendar to our website. Please visit the [Calendar](#) tab to keep up to date on the services and activities at Grace. You can also go to the home page

<https://www.graceunitedtavistock.com/>

to see the information about the current service.

Please send any dates you have to add to the calendar to Katherine by email graceunitedtavistock@gmail.com

New Rental Agreement

At the recent board meeting, it was agreed that we revise the rental agreement to reflect more current prices. I want to assure you that we unanimously agreed that:

**there will be no charge for use of the sanctuary
for any religious event.**

This means that there will be no charge for weddings or funerals for both members and non-members alike. A full copy of the rental agreement can be found on the next page.

Yours faithfully - Anne Gregory (Chair of the Board of Grace United)

Rental Contract for Grace United Church

Grace United Church
P. O. Box 189
Tavistock, Ontario N0B 2R0

Rev. Gail Fricker
Church Office -519-655-2151
Email: graceunitedtavistock@gmail.com

Name of Organization/Individual _____
Address _____
Name of Contact Person _____ Position _____
Telephone (Business) _____ (Home) _____ (Cell) _____
Email Address _____ Expected Attendance _____
Date(s) Facility Required _____ Time(s) Facility Required _____

Please check the appropriate boxes

	Non-Charitable Organizations		Charities/ Family Gatherings
	Under 40 people.	Over 40 people	(no capacity difference)
Zion Hall.			
Full day	\$150 _____	\$200 _____	\$100 _____
Half day	\$100 _____	\$150 _____	\$50 _____
Kitchen	\$40 _____	\$60 _____	\$40 _____
Knox Parlour	\$50 _____	N/A	\$25 _____
Sanctuary	\$250 _____	\$250 _____	\$250 _____
*Custodial Fees	\$50 _____	\$75 _____	\$30 _____

All payment of fees will be made in advance of use by mail to Grace United Church, PO Box 189 Tavistock, ON N0B 2R0
by or email
gracetavistockdonation@rogers.com
Total Fees: _____
Received _____

* Custodial Fees MUST apply to all bookings and are paid by separate cheque made payable to Keith Weitzel.
An additional \$25 custodial fee will apply if extra cleaning is required.

Fees for regular usage of any room are negotiable.

All A/V equipment in Sanctuary and Zion Hall is available for an additional fee of \$25 payable by cash.

NOTE: There will be no fee for use of the sanctuary for religious services such as weddings and funerals

The organization/individual must carry its own liability insurance for \$2,000,000.

The Certificate of Insurance will name Grace United Church as being covered on the day of the event.

Event Insurance available through PAL Ins. Brokers Canada Ltd. online or 1-800-265-8098 ext. 224

Proof of insurance must be given to the church office. Date Received _____

***Please note that members of Grace United, or events sponsored by Grace United, are considered part of the work of the church and therefore no additional liability is required.*

Building Access: _____ Door opened for organization by Custodian
_____ Key made available to Organization Leader _____

Approval Signatures:

I agree to be responsible for the conduct of those using the facilities, and for any damage beyond normal wear and tear that may occur as a result of this activity. I further agree that the church property will be used in accordance with the rental policy, which I have read and agree to comply with all requirements. I also agree to hold harmless Grace United Church from any action or claim being brought against it as a result of the use of the church facilities and property. Any damage to building or furnishings should be reported immediately to the church office or the caretaker, Keith Weitzel, 519-655-2735.

Date _____ Signature of Renter _____

We approve the use of the above room(s) - _____ Signature of Chair of the Board/ Administrator/Designate

Date _____

Terms and Conditions:

The user agrees to the following:

- Read and be familiar with the Fire Code procedures found at entrance to church, and inform yourself and your group with the exits
- Grace United Church facilities shall not be used for any purposes that are incompatible with its charitable objectives, statement of faith, and policies.
- Grace United Church facilities shall not be used for events raising funds for outside organizations
- Alcohol is prohibited anywhere on the property.
- Smoking is prohibited in the building and within 50 feet of all entrances and windows.
- Maximum capacity of Zion Hall is 200 persons.
- Do not use open flame candles

Responsibilities for all Organizations/Individuals:

- Setting up of table and chairs as necessary
- Custodian will clear away tables and chairs
- Washing the dishes used, putting them away in their proper location
- Using the recommended 3-sink method for washing the dishes
- Leaving the kitchen clean and tidy; surfaces washed
- Securing the garbage in containers provided
- Locking church upon leaving

Guidelines for the Use of the Kitchen

- If you are using church dishes and supplies, they can be found in the dish caddy in the hallway. In keeping with our attempt to be as “green” as possible, we discourage the use of disposable products.
- Please bring your own tea towels and tablecloths. Alternatively, church tea towels must be laundered and returned.
- Before leaving, check refrigerators for any left-over food items and take them with you. Also be sure to clean up any spills on the stove tops and counters.
- Please report any broken dishes to the Church Office.

Thanks and enjoy yourselves!

Administrative Use Only

- ☐ Copy to contact person
- ☐ Notify Custodian
- ☐ Notify re: snow removal (if applicable)

Notes: