

GOOD NEWS AT GRACE

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Blessings to you All,

This week the United Nations Climate Control Conference meets in Glasgow , UK. Where once the focus was just on reducing emissions, we now know that this is not enough. If we are serious about adapting to the impacts of climate change, we must change the way we look after our land and seas and how we grow our food. And how do we , as people of faith respond to the impact of climate change?

Theologian Cameron Trimble, reminds us in her blog that Saint Thomas Aquinas taught that **'a mistake about understanding creation results in a mistake about understanding God.'** She quotes Matthew Fox 's book, ["The Tao Of Thomas Aquinas,"](#) stating that , "according to Aquinas, all the mistakes we make about nature steer us away from our understanding of divinity."

There is no doubt that we have made many mistakes about creation: believing that nature is available for our endless consumption; that short-term profit outweighs planetary survival; access to resources should be owned by a few rather than available to all; and in the end, technology will save us. This is not how God intended us to stewards of creation. When we make a mistake about creation, we do make mistakes about God.

But, Trimble suggests that the opposite can also be true: **When we gain greater insight into creation, we come to better understand God.**

The leaders in UN Conference are trying to teach us about the delicate balance of life on this planet; to listen to animals and sense the healing energy of the water and trees. They are showing us the deadly results of plastic in our oceans and carbon in our air. They are calling us to repentance so that all that is good in the world might be saved. All of life is working for our thriving and wholeness. Therefore, so too should we. Our work is to preserve things "in the good."

Commenting on the Creation Story from the first few pages of the Bible, Aquinas writes: *"In the book of Genesis it says, 'God saw all things that God had made, and they were very good, each one of them having been previously said to be good. For each living thing in its nature is good, but all things together are very good, by reason of the order of the universe, which is the ultimate and noblest perfection in things.'"*

In other words, humans are good, but the whole of creation is VERY good.

It's all ONE. One interdependent Story of Radical Love. What part will you play in this story?

Peace, Rev. Gail

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<https://ukcop26.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/COP26-Explained.pdf>

Upcoming Services and Dates:

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

www.graceunitedtavistock.com

Nov. 7th: 10:30 am Worship Service - Remembrance Sunday

Nov. 9th: Rev. Gail Study Leave

Nov. 10th: 7:00 pm Session Meeting

Nov. 11th: 7:00 pm Re-opening Committee meeting - Zoom

Nov. 12th - Nov. 13th: Fall Western Ontario Waterways Regional Council Meeting - online

Nov. 14th: 10:30 am Worship Service 'The Power to Dream'

11:45 pm AV Meeting - Sanctuary

Nov. 16th: Rev. Gail Study Leave

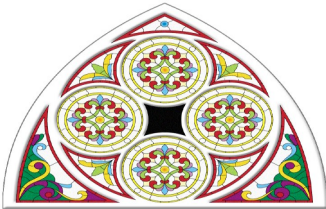
Nov. 17th: 10:00 am - 11:30 am Sit n' Knit, Stay n' Crochet

7:00 pm Board Meeting

Nov. 18th: 7:00 - 8:00 pm Sing Along - Zion Hall



Reminder that clocks 'Fall Back' Sat. Nov. 6, 2:00 am
As you are blessed with an extra hour, it is a great chance to spend some time with God.



A reminder if you are planning to make an Anniversary Offering and have yet to do so, please submit it in the coming weeks. To date we have received \$3,320 in donations for Anniversary offering. We have budgeted for \$8,000. Thank you to all who have made a donation!

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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.



- ◇ Please pray for Marg Koch and family, as Marg was admitted to Woodstock Hospital
- ◇ Prayers for Mike Kaufman as he undergoes surgery on Friday 5th and will be in University Hospital London for 3-5 days

Rev. Gail on Study Leave

Rev. Gail will be away on study leave Nov. 9 and Nov. 16. She will be completing the last portion for the Certification in the Conflict Management Program offered through Conrad Grebel. Congratulations on working towards completing this certification.

YOUTH SUNDAY POSTPONED

After careful consideration of everyone's safety, we have decided to postpone the Youth led Sunday on Nov 21st. Instead, we are planning for the youth to lead an exciting outdoor event: **"Journey To The Stable"**. This will be on the afternoon/evening of Sunday 19th December - stay tuned for more details, and save the date!



Thank you to everyone who supported our Great Pie and Bake Auction last Sunday. To those who supported by baking or buying, you made it a successful fundraiser. Together we raised \$975.75 for Grace United Church.

2021 marks the 100th anniversary of the Remembrance Poppy in Canada

Madame Anna Guérin, later christened "The Poppy Lady from France", inspired by John McCrae's "In Flanders Fields", had an idea: to adopt the distribution of the Poppy on Armistice Day as a way to raise money for Veterans' needs and to remember those who had given their lives during the First World War.

In July of 1921 the Great War Veterans Association (which in 1925 would unify with other Veteran groups to form the Canadian Legion) adopted the Poppy as the flower of Remembrance.

Since then, the Legion and its members have upheld this tradition of Remembrance.

[Youtube 'The Story and 100th Anniversary of the Poppy of Remembrance'](#)





Sing Songs of Praise!

As we move into worshipping together, we hope to have the Praise Team open worship once a month. After the success of the last Sing Along we invite you to come to our second sing-along on **Thursday Nov. 18, 7-8pm in Zion Hall.**

We will look at some new Advent music. Come and make a joyful noise to God!

No singing ability required, just a willingness to join in the fun, clap your hands, and sing with friends!

And don't worry - participation in this sing along does not mean that you are joining the Praise Team or Choir!

Masks and proof of COVID vaccination will be required.

CAMP BIMINI

Drive-Thru Dinner

Sunday November 14, 2021
at St. Marys United Church Parking Lot
4:45pm- 6:00pm

Loin of Pork Chasseur (Tomato sauce with olives and mushrooms)
Rotini Arrabiata (Tossed in garlic, parmesan, and olive oil)
also available with no Parmesan
Seasonable Vegetables

Brownies
(Feel free to add your own ice cream, no extra charge)

Adults \$20
Children 12 years and under \$10

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND
TO ORDER TICKETS BY
NOVEMBER 7TH, VISIT
WWW.CAMPBIMINI.CA
OR CALL SUSAN AT 519-440-2908

Save The Date

Wed. Dec. 8th

**Celebrate
Christmas
through Stories
Song and Music**

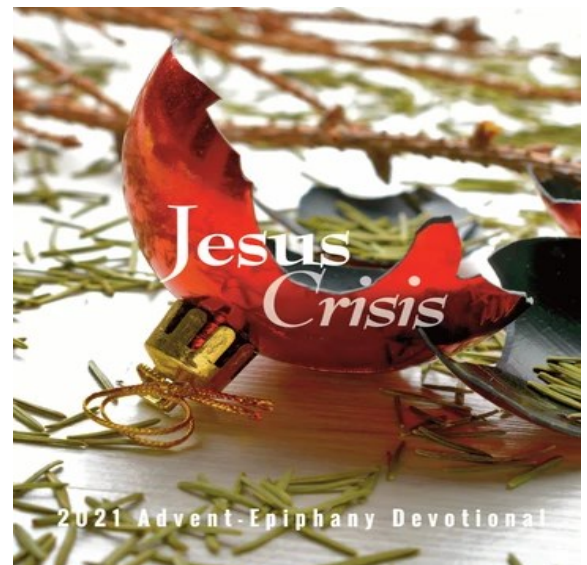
AN ADVENT DEVOTIONAL—Last Chance

Advent is almost here!

It has been a year of crisis, but let's journey together in hope!

This wonderful devotional has a short scripture, and a reflection for each day of Advent. You can take your time to read them at home, knowing that others are reading too. **The cost is just \$8 each.**

Please let Rev Gail know if you would like to order one by calling or emailing the office. The order will be placed on November 12th.



November

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Happy Birthday to:

Karen Brenneman - Nov 1

Shawn McKay - Nov 1

Kelli Zehr - Nov 2

Marg Pletsch - Nov. 5

Zoey Shantz - Nov 5

Annalise Glaab - Nov 5

Karen Mogk - Nov 7

Jaime Zehr - Nov 9

Mason Charlton - Nov 9

Rebecca McKay - Nov 11

Hayden Ankenmann - Nov 12

Beth Kaufman - Nov 12

Richard Cortes - Nov 13

Peter Francis - Nov 13

Dale Ruby - Nov 14

Burns Holden - Nov 15

Suanne Wettlaufer - Nov 16

Deb Stevely Ball - Nov 26

Masen Ankenmann - Nov 26

Tricia Wettlaufer - Nov 30

Gail Woolcott - Nov 30



Happy Anniversary to:

Mark and Holly McKay - Nov 14

Peter and Avis Francis - Nov 18

Blair Yeomans and Rev. Gail - Nov 27

Graham and Rosemary McKay - Nov 28

Gary and Brenda Mohr - Nov 29

