

# GOOD NEWS AT GRACE

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## New Year: New Beginnings

*There is a time for everything .... a time to keep, and a time to throw away*

(Ecclesiastes 3:6)

Tonight is New Year's Eve, and perhaps like me you take this time to reflect on the year gone past, and maybe make some goals for the year ahead. It can be a meditative time of standing on the threshold. A time of deliberately letting go of things in the past that have in some way held onto us, and intentionally welcoming a future of possibilities.

What will you let go of, and what will you welcome?

Perhaps at times of pandemic, we need to let go of worry and anxiety, and rest in in God's loving care. Maybe try setting a goal of 5 minutes a day of spiritual practices.

Perhaps at times of climate crisis, we need to let go of blaming politicians and world leaders, and intentionally make a promise to do our part to heal our broken planet. Maybe try walking instead of driving when possible.

Perhaps as the world continues to be divided with increased inequities, we need to be less preoccupied with ourselves, and seek ways that we can intentionally reach out to suffering humanity. Maybe try increasing our offerings to our global partners through Mission and Service (M&S).

So this evening, as you join me in raising a glass of eggnog, I invite you take some time to reflect on what you might need to let go of from the past year (an old grudge, a certain attitude or behaviour, some strong emotion hindering your spiritual growth, and aspect of self that got of hand, etc.) – and look toward the new year by asking; "what is it I want to welcome?" ( a change in approach to self or others, some particular virtue of quality, greater involvement in changing systems of justice, etc.)

Happy New Year,

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](http://www.graceunitedtavistock.com)

**Jan. 2nd:** 10:30 am Online Worship Service: Light in Darkness  
11:30 am Zoom Coffee and Connect

**Jan. 5th:** 10:00 - 11:30 am Sit n' Knit Stay n' Crochet meet by Zoom

**Jan. 9th:** 10: 30 am Online Worship Service: Daily Baptism.  
11:30 am Zoom Coffee and Connect

**Committee financial books for Annual Report due.**

**Jan. 11th:** 7:00 pm Session Meeting - Zoom

**Jan. 12th:** 7:30 pm Worship team meeting - Zoom

**Jan. 16th:** 10:30 am Online Worship Service 'Who is Jesus? Part One: Friend'  
11:30 am Zoom Coffee and Connect

**Committee and staff reports for the Annual Report due**

**Jan. 23rd:** 10:30 am online Worship Service 'Who is Jesus? Part Two: Teacher'  
11:30 am Zoom Coffee and Connect

**Jan. 30th:** 10:30 am Online Worship Service 'Who is Jesus? Part Three: Saviour'  
11:30 am Zoom Coffee and Connect

## Coffee and Conversation



We will resume our Zoom coffee and conversations on Sundays at 11.30-12.15.

Pour your drink of choice and join us on line. To connect, click on the zoom link below. If you have trouble connecting, call Carol Young on 519 301 1356.

This week, bring your favourite or funniest Christmas gift to share with others. Hope to see many of you!

[Zoom link](#)

Meeting ID: 814 1415 4703

Passcode: 402875

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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

### Care and Communication Team

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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.



- ◇ Pray for Norma Kaufman in hospital due to a fall.
- ◇ Pray for Bill Ball recovering at home from surgery

## Broadview Magazine

SPIRITUALITY, JUSTICE AND ETHICAL LIVING

Broadview subscriptions are due Jan 7, 2022. The Annual Group subscription rate remains the same at \$25. Please email [debstevely@hotmail.com](mailto:debstevely@hotmail.com) or call the office 519-655-2151 or Deb 519-655-3219 to let us know if you wish to continue your subscription. Cheque/cash in an envelope, clearly marked with your name and for 'Broadview', can be left in the office.

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AUTHOR OF  
*Grateful*

**FREEDING  
JESUS**

REDISCOVERING JESUS AS  
FRIEND, TEACHER, SAVIOR, LORD,  
WAY, and PRESENCE

## Who is Jesus to you?

How would you answer that question if someone asked you? We may think it is a simple question to answer – but really – how would explain to someone who Jesus is?

Starting on Jan 16<sup>th</sup>, we will begin a 5-week sermon series using the book from Diana Butler Bass, and rooted in scripture, to explore Jesus as Friend, as Teacher, as Saviour, as Way and as Presence. There will be reflective questions in the newsletter each week to expand the thinking in the sermon, and to invite you into discussion.

Let's explore Who Is Jesus together!

## From the Office:

- We are working on getting the annual report ready for our annual meeting on February 13th. A reminder that the committee financial books are due January 9th and committee/staff reports are due January 16th.
- Also now is a good time to let us know of any address or telephone number updates. Please let Katherine know at [graceunitedtavistock@gmail.com](mailto:graceunitedtavistock@gmail.com) or 519 655 2151. This helps to keep the membership contacts as up to date as possible.
- A reminder that the 2022 offering envelopes are here. You can call Katherine in the office to arrange a time to pick them up from church. Also if you are able please help deliver to your family and neighbours.
- 2022 offering/counting schedule: Thank you to those volunteers who continue to help with the important part of Sunday morning ministry. The schedule will be issued as usual, however volunteers are still needed! Please contact Katherine if you are able to help. Volunteers will be contacted when in person worship resumes.



## Sit N Knit / Stay N Crochet resumes!

In order to keep us all safe, we will gather online on **Wed 5<sup>th</sup> at 10-11.30**. Bring your own coffee! If you don't knit or crochet, but just want to join us for a chat – you are very welcome too!

To connect, click on this zoom link: [Click here for zoom link](#)

Meeting ID: 838 2869 7203. Passcode: 579104.

If you have trouble connecting, please call Carol Young on her cell: 519 301 1356

# January Birthdays and Anniversaries

Happy Birthday to:

Keith Weitzel - Jan 5

Hadley Fuhr - Jan 7

Quintin Par - Jan 8

Carol Shewfelt - Jan 8

Audrey Tucker - Jan 9

Ruby Locke - Jan 15

Jacob Cook - Jan 16

Brad Reibling - Jan 16

Connor Bayer - Jan 17

Brody Charlton - Jan 17

Spencer Bayer - Jan 18

Beckett Francois - Jan 21

Dylan Miller - Jan 21

Ethan Miller - Jan 21

Trevor Sauder - Jan 22

Jed Herlick - Jan 23

Marcia DeGouw Jan 23

Amanda Miller Jan 23

Carter McKay - Jan 24

Ashley Giroux - Jan 25

Addison McCann - Jan 28

Kathryn Petrie - Jan 31

Jane McKay - Jan 31



Happy Anniversary to Burns and Mary Holden Jan. 27



## Epiphany Cake by Claudette Derdaele

Epiphany is celebrated on January 6th this year. Whenever you mark it, why not make an Epiphany cake in honour of this week's Feast Day? The tradition places a little toy baby Jesus inside the cake and whoever gets that piece is 'king' for the day. Have a paper crown for that person to wear for the day. Have fun with it.

### Ingredients

#### Cake:

3/4 c butter softened

1 3/4 c sugar

3 whole eggs

2 1/2 c cake flour

2 1/2 tsp baking powder

1/2 tsp salt

1 tsp vanilla

1 1/4 c whole milk

Trinkets or charms: baby, crown, jewel, button, heart, dime, etc.

#### Icing:

2 sticks of butter softened

4 c powdered sugar

3/4 c cocoa powder

1/4 tsp salt

1/3 c heavy cream

### Directions

**Cake:** Preheat oven to 375 F. Grease 9 x 13 baking pan. In a mixer with a whisk attachment, beat butter till soft and fluffy. Add sugar in batches. Mix until combined and fluffy, about 2 min. Add eggs one at a time, beating for 20 seconds after each addition. Add vanilla.

In a separate bowl, stir together flour, baking powder and salt. Alternate adding the flour mixture with the milk with the mixer on medium-low until all the ingredients are combined.

Remove from mixer and incorporate trinkets. Pour into 9 x 13 pan and bake for 22-25 minutes until toothpick comes out clean. Allow to cool before icing.

**Icing:** In a mixer fitted the paddle, whip the butter till soft and smooth. Stir together the powdered sugar, cocoa and salt. Add gradually to the mixer. Drizzle in cream and whip on high until smooth. Ice the cooled cake.

