

GOOD NEWS AT GRACE

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Blessings All.

As we begin a month to celebrate black history, I share with you this Psalm written by Akinyi Owegi-Ndhlovu for the United Church of Canada. In February, as we try to highlight some of the accomplishments of black men and women through our worship services, I invite you keep an open mind, and to challenge yourself to learn something new. Peace, Rev. Gail.

*From everlasting to everlasting
World without end, You Are!
Wrought in my mother's womb
And even before then You knew I would be.
Who I would become—or not...
Where I would dwell—or not...
What skin tone I would have
Especially after the sun had touched me;
All these, you, Creator God, had known.*

*The language that I would speak
Or how many I would speak, hear, and understand
How I would know to call you
And know that you are still the One
How I would pray, praise, or lament
And hope and trust that you would still hear.*

*My mother continent is Africa: vast lands and lakes and rivers created by you.
You were there before many a navigator, an explorer, often a stranger
Created invisible lines, invisible boundaries, unnecessary divisions.*

*Before I knew to call you God or Dieu,
Languages from across many seas,
I learned to call you in the languages
Of my kin and others, closer, nearer, and dear to me,
Present or gone before me.*

*In the continent of my origin, my birth, my roots.
Nyasaye (Luo). Mungu (Kiswahili). Mulungu (Ngoni)
Ngai (Kikuyu). Enkai (Maasai). Chukwu (Igbo)
Unkulunkulu (Zulu). Lesa (Bemba). Mwari (Shona)*

*You who sees all, hears all, knows all
You who are many in One,*

*Present everywhere all at once;
You in whose image I am made,
You whose nature is Love, Unity, Harmony, Sameness,
It matters not in what land I currently dwell.
To you I pray.*

*Breathe your nature in me
Breathe courage and wisdom in me
Breathe healing over wounds that may still be open
Breathe over scars that may still be tender
Breathe to soothe the hurt that may still linger
Breathe, so that unforgiveness may not inhabit or overwhelm me.*

*Breathe that I may fully live to
Love and be loved
Understand and be understood
Accept and be accepted
Value and be valued
Listen—and be listened to.*

*That I may not be singled out
Because of mere suspicion or stereotype
That I may not be considered as not belonging
Because a person, a people, a system
Just cannot believe or accept that I do*

*That I may be viewed neither as a token nor an object of pity
But truly and sincerely be recognized as a worthy and deserving human
In the here and now and beyond now
Amen*

—Akinyi Owegi-Ndhlovu

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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

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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 St. Marys Memorial Hospital (St. Marys)

Upcoming Services and Dates:

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

www.graceunitedtavistock.com

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

Feb. 2nd: 10:00 - 11:30 am Sit n' Knit Stay n' Crochet - Zoom

Feb. 6th: 10:30 am Online Worship Service 'Who is Jesus? Part Four: The Way'
11:30 am Zoom Coffee and Connect

Feb. 8th: 7:00 pm Worship Team meeting - Zoom

Feb. 9th: 6:30 pm Care and Communication Team meeting - Zoom

Feb. 13th: 10:30 am 'Let's be the Church' AGM and Zoom Worship

Feb. 15th: 7:00 pm Board meeting - Zoom

Feb. 16th: 10:00 - 11:30 am Sit n' Knit Stay n' Crochet - Zoom

Coffee and Conversation

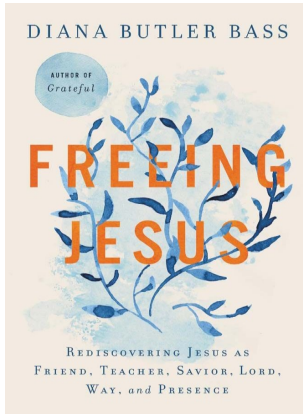
We will host Zoom coffee and conversations on Sundays at 11.30-12.15.

Pour your drink of choice and join us on line. To connect, click on the zoom link below. If you have trouble connecting, contact Rev. Gail 519 703 1954

Link: [Sunday's Coffee and Conversation](#)

Meeting ID: 819 1026 7279. Passcode: 126440





Who is Jesus to you?

This week are continuing our 5- week sermon series using the book from Diana Butler Bass as we think about Jesus as Saviour. Some question for you to ponder as you reflect this week are:

1. As we think about Jesus the Saviour - what would you like Jesus to save you from? Loneliness, worry, grieve offer up a prayer to Jesus about this.
2. How would you tell your faith story to someone else, explaining what Jesus means to you?



“Coldest Night of the Year” Initiative. On Saturday February 26 in 149 communities across Canada, teams of volunteers will be participating in 2 or 5 kilometer fund-raising walks in support of those local charities that provide care and services to people experiencing homelessness, hurt and hunger. By walking in the cold, the participants will experience for just a short time what the homeless feel through the entire long winter.

“The Graceful Walkers” will be participating in this initiative on February 26th. If you’d like to join us please give Paul Bartlett a call at 519-655-3334 or email at pbartlett@golden.net. And if you think this is a good idea but your knees won’t allow you to do it, you could support us financially for any amount you like. To make a donation towards our team effort, or to join the team, just click on this link: [Support Graceful Walkers](#). To date we have raise \$540 of our \$700 goal—thank you for your support! Let’s get off that comfy couch and get walking!

Annual General Meeting

Come and join us as we celebrate the life and work of Grace over the past year, and as we look towards our future together in faith, and approve our 2022 budget. The AGM will be held on zoom on Sunday February 13th, at 10.30am. There will be no service that day, but worship will be included as part of the meeting. We hope to see as many of you out as possible. Bring your own coffee - join in the celebration!

Annual reports will be sent out by email. If you would like a paper copy please let Katherine know. 519 655 2151 graceunitedtavistock@gmail.com

Below is the link for the Zoom on Sunday, February 13th, 10:30 am

Join Zoom Meeting

[Worship and Annual meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 833 7148 7494

Passcode: 790769

2021 donation receipts for income tax purposes are ready. Those who requested it had them emailed, please let me know if you did not receive it or have any problems. The paper copies are available at the church for pick up, please call to arrange a time.

Contact Katherine in the office at 519 655 2151 or graceunitedtavistock@gmail.com

Thank you for supporting Grace United Church.



Camp Bimini is now accepting online staff applications for our 2022 summer program for the following positions: Counselor-in-training (age 15), Counselor (age 16+), Program Staff (age 16+).

Applications will be accepted until Monday, February 21, 2022. Visit <http://campbimini.ca/staff/join-our-team/> for more details and to apply.

February Birthdays and Anniversaries

Happy Birthday to:

Courtney Hauck - Feb. 2nd

Brianna Giroux - Feb. 3rd

Joanne Lupton - Feb. 4th

Jack Wettlaufer - Feb. 6th

Ella Wilson - Feb. 11th

Paul Bartlett - Feb. 11th

Brent Sebben - Feb. 14th

Marshall McKay - Feb. 18th

Cohen Hoskin - Feb. 20th

Christy Harris - Feb. 24th

Erin Brenneman - Feb. 24th

Sophie West - Feb. 27th



Happy Anniversary to James and Lindsay Parr
- Feb. 21