

# GOOD NEWS AT GRACE

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On Wednesday, as I made some pastoral visits, I drove through some very thick patches of fog. At times I truly could not see the car on the other side of the road that came towards me. It was scary. I had to trust that both drivers would keep on our side of the road, and that we would avoid collision. After a while of driving through some dense fog – things began to open up. There was even a glimmer of sunlight in places. When I stopped, one person remarked to me, “Gosh, what a different day it is now.”

This made me reflect.

Do we sometimes start our days in a bit of a dense fog?

Do we trust that things will get better?

When we are surrounded by so much immediate media reports, instant images right in our living rooms, stories of desperate tragedies - it feels as if we are engulfed in fog. We might begin to wonder if the fog will ever lift – will we ever see brighter days?

And yet – we still journey forward. Just like I had to drive on through the fog hoping that I will not get hit by the oncoming car – we too have to travel on, trusting that God will take care of us. Trusting that we will see the glimmer of sunlight ahead of us.

The world is in a journey right now. It is a foggy journey.

As people of faith, we are in a journey of Lent too – and it also can be a time when we revisit feelings of traveling through foggy days and emotions. We know that as we get closer to the Cross, there times of trial, betrayal, violence, grief – and more – there are very foggy days! But we also know, that the light and hope of resurrection is just around the corner.

Sunday is the first day of Spring, and my prayer for all people is this:

*Loving God, path maker, lead your people through the fog. Help us to see your glimmering light of hope, and give us courage to trust that you will lead us to brighter days. We pray in the name of the one who conquered death, 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](http://www.graceunitedtavistock.com)

**Mar. 20th:** 10:30 am Worship Service:  
Lent 3: Moving Forward - Ready to Grow ?

**Mar. 21st:** 7:00 pm Lent Bible Study - Zoom

**Mar. 22nd:** 2:00 pm Lent Bible Study - Knox Parlour

7:00 pm Pastoral Care and Outreach Meeting - Knox Parlour

**Mar 23rd - 27th:** Rev. Gail on Study Leave

**Mar 24th:** 7:00 - 8:30pm Choir Practice

**March 27<sup>th</sup>:** 10:30 am Worship Service: Lent 4 – Moving Forward: Following the Spirit  
(Guest speakers from Crosswalk)

**Mar. 28th:** 7:00 pm Lent Bible Study - Zoom

**Mar. 29th:** 2:00 pm Lent Bible Study - Knox Parlour

7:00 pm M & P Workshop - Zoom

**Mar 30th - Apr 1st:** Rev. Gail on Study Leave

**Mar 31st:** Ag Society Crochet Squares Project due <http://tavistockfallfair.com/exhibits/>

7:00 - 8:30pm Choir Practice



## Lent and Easter Services

April 3<sup>rd</sup>: 10:30 am Worship Service Lent 5 – Moving Forward: Making a choice

April 10<sup>th</sup>: 10:30 am Palm Sunday Worship Service - Moving Forward: Joining the Parade

April 15<sup>th</sup>: 10.30am Good Friday Service – Where you there?

April 17<sup>th</sup>: 8:00 am Easter Sunrise - led by Youth

10:30 am Easter Communion Service – Alive for Evermore!



### Contact us

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Rev. Gail Tues to Thurs 10:00–3:00 pm

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# United Church of Canada Ukraine Appeal



The invasion of Ukraine is costing precious lives and creating a humanitarian crisis as people flee to safety. Over a million people, displaced from their homes, are seeking refuge in neighbouring countries. Many have lost friends, loved ones, and property; struggle to meet their basic needs; and face an uncertain future. United Church Mission & Service partners are responding to the rapidly unfolding crisis—[visit our website](#) to find out how you can show your support and make a gift. Or see information below to support Mission and Service.

United Church Mission & Service partners are responding to the rapidly unfolding crisis. You can help. Right now, **people urgently need shelter, clean water, food, and medical attention.** Please show your support by making a gift today.

## **Donate Now**

**Online** via our [secure donation page](#).

**Phone** 416-231-5931 or toll-free 1-800-268-3781 ext. 2738 and use your Visa or MasterCard.

**Send a cheque or money order to:**

The United Church of Canada

Philanthropy Unit - Emergency Response

3250 Bloor Street West, Suite 200

Toronto, ON M8X 2Y4

Please be sure to note "Emergency Response—Ukraine" on the face of your cheque.



**If you wish to make a donation to help Ukraine  
you can also do so by:**

1. On line through the Red Cross -

[Donate to the Ukraine Humanitarian Crisis Appeal](#)

## 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 as she continues to recuperate at St. Marys Memorial Hospital
- ◇ Pray for Ivy Francis who is in transitional care at Crescent Care Woodstock
- ◇ Pray for Gail Woolcott who is at home with the shingles

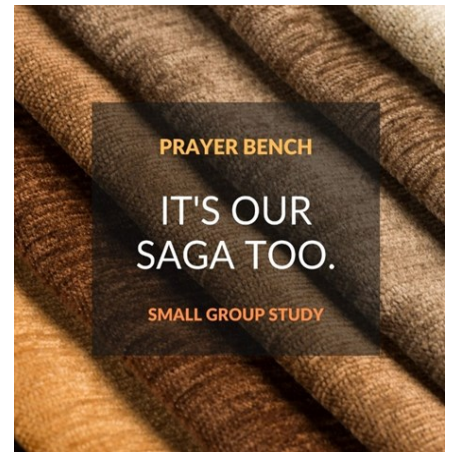
## Join me to Journey in Lent - Study Group has started

This five-week Lent Small Group Study weaves the saga of Joseph with the journey of Jesus to the cross. Using readings from Genesis and Luke, it invites us to reflect on the related life themes of violence, grief, challenges, and forgiveness.

Each session will have a short audio recording, a scripture to reflect on, a time of discussion, and a group spiritual practice. The 5 week study will be offered both on in person on Tuesday afternoons 2-3.30 (March 8—April 5), and on zoom on Monday evenings 7-8.30 (March 7—April 4).

[Zoom Link](#)

Meeting ID: 867 8400 0470 Passcode: 289202



Rev. Gail will be off on study leave from March 22<sup>nd</sup> – April 1<sup>st</sup> (inclusive). She will be taking 2 online courses: Effective Leadership and Resilience (from Conrad Grebel) and Ministry of Supervision (Vancouver School of Theology). The Lent Bible study will still continue during this time.



### LENT 2022

Throughout Lent, we invite you to support Camp Bimini. Camp Bimini will be celebrating 75 years of ministry with youth and children this year. As a cabin sponsor, Grace UC has some responsibilities for the cabin—the cabin needs a fresh coat of paint outside and inside with a cost of approximately \$750. It's time to raise that money!

**SO WHAT TO DO??** Each Friday, there is a task for you. Write the amount for each Friday in the space provided and then add everything up. At the end of Lent (Easter), please forward your Lenten collection to Camp Bimini! You can mail a cheque (Payable to CAMP BIMINI with LENT COLLECTION –GRACE UC in the memo) OR Etransfer to [campbimini@cyg.net](mailto:campbimini@cyg.net) (with LENTEN COLLECTION–GRACE UC and your address in the messages section) or you can simply give your money to Carol Young. Receipts will be issued from Camp Bimini. You can choose to do this as a family or as individuals. Use your own judgment to determine amounts. You may choose to give a donation of your choice to the camp at this time as well.

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Each summer, Camp Bimini employs 50-60 teenagers and adults to be counsellors, program leaders, cooks and nurses and 35-40 teenagers to be counsellors-in-training. Their training teaches them skills to feel successful at camp and in life. *Give \$1 for our staff who are always putting the campers 1st!*



### Grace's "Creative in COVID" AUCTION

Thank you to all those that shared their gifts and talents for the Creative In Covid Grace Auction. It was wonderful to see all your creations! A big thank you to all who placed bids too. Your fundraising team is happy to report that we raised \$1276.00. Well done Grace!

# Mini Monthly Financial Report

Month of

**FEBRUARY**

	2021	2022
Anniversary	0	0
Core Receipts	9,113	6,457
Other Donations	0	0
Misc. Receipts		
Fundraising	0	0
Funeral Donations	960	0
Manse Rental	875	875
Misc.	45	175
	1,880	1,050
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>10,993</b>	<b>7,507</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	<b>13,392</b>	<b>15,051</b>
<b>Surplus/Deficit</b>	<b>-2,399</b>	<b>-7,544</b>

Thank you to our Community of Faith for their generosity of giving through PAR commitments, through etransfers, on the plate Sunday mornings, and through our time and talents.

**LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS:** We are searching for a couple of volunteers to help with our stewardship on Sunday mornings by counting the Sunday morning offering. Please contact Katherine in the office at 519 655 2151 or by email [graceunitedtavistock@gmail.com](mailto:graceunitedtavistock@gmail.com). This is a very important part of our Sunday morning stewardship ministry.

We would also like to remind you about other ways to ensure your givings to Grace:

- \* Pre Authorized Remittance (PAR) is an easy and convenient way to commit regular monthly giving's to Grace. The United Church of Canada administers the program and more information can be found on their brochure at this link: [PAR Brochure and Authorization Form](#) or find the brochure in the pew Sunday morning.
- \* Donations can also be received by etransfer. Etransfer should be sent to [gracetavistockdonation@rogers.com](mailto:gracetavistockdonation@rogers.com), Security question is 'When was the new addition built' the answer should be Grace1980. Please give any special donation instruction in the message.



## Let's Enter Together



As members of the board reviewed the accessibility policy we recognized that 'being accessible' means treating everyone with equality and dignity. In an effort to walk together we are asking that we all please use the parking lot entrance which we will call our 'welcome and inclusive entrance', to enter and exit the

building on Sundays. In this way we are joining together with those that may have accessibility needs. Thank you for your understanding.



We are planning to place an order for Memorial Plaques. Please be in contact with Tory Zehr 519 608 2505 if you would like to place an order in memory of your loved one. The cost for a Memorial plaque is \$250.



*Grace United Church Memorial Plaques  
on display in the 'Welcome and Inclusive Entrance'*