

# GOOD NEWS AT GRACE

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*Tell your children about it in the years to come, and let your children tell their children.*

*Pass the story down from generation to generation. — Joel 1:3*

In the past few weeks, I have been teaching an online storytelling course at Five Oaks every Thursday evening. A small group of 8 participants have been exploring how to use folktales in ministry.

Then, last Saturday I was invited to the Tavistock Historical Society AGM to talk about 'Oral History Through Storytelling'. So, I guess that storytelling has been on mind a lot recently.

Imagine my joy then, when I read this reflection in Diana Butler Bass's blog 'A Grounded Lent' this week:

*What kind of stories did you hear from your parents, your grandparents, or an older friend and mentor? Were they stories of hope and grace, compassion and justice? Or were they negative stories? How do those stories still shape your identity? Do you embrace those stories with joy, or do you need to revise and rewrite the stories passed down to you? What kind of stories are you passing on to your own children, students, or your loved ones in a younger generation?*

As we draw closer and closer to Easter, we begin to tell the familiar stories that we have all heard before. Sometimes when you've heard a story before you can switch off – but other times, you can intentionally listen to something new in the story. You can step back and picture yourself of where you are in the story. In her book 'Grounded', Bass suggests that *"if we do not know where we came from or where we are in a story, it is difficult to imagine that we can grasp the meaning and purpose of our own lives."*

I encourage you this week to tell out loud the Easter story from Palm Sunday to Easter Sunday. Tell it to a friend, a child or grandchild, or even your cat. And as you tell the story, ask yourself how this story shapes you in your journey of faith.

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)

**Apr. 3rd:** 10:30 am Worship Service, Lent 5 – Moving Forward: Making a Choice  
Sunday School - Zion Hall

**Apr. 4th:** 2:00 pm UCW - Knox Parlour  
7:00 pm Lent Bible Study - Zoom

**Apr. 5th:** 2:00 pm Lent Bible Study - Knox Parlour

**Apr. 6th:** 10:00 - 11:30 am Sit n' Knit, Stay n' Crochet - Knox Parlour

**Apr. 7th:** 7:00 - 9:00 pm Choir Practice - Sanctuary

**April 10th:** 10:30 am Palm Sunday Worship Service - Moving Forward: Joining the Parade  
Sunday School - Zion Hall

**April 13th:** 5:45 - 6:45 pm Care and Communication Team - Knox Parlour

**Apr. 14th:** 7:00 - 9:00 pm Choir Practice



## Holy Week and Easter Services

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!



**We are excited to announce that we are ready to welcome back families to Sunday School starting SUNDAY, APRIL 3!**

Here are the ways we are planning to keep everyone safe to begin back:

- Some Sundays, we'll be using a two-room model in Zion Hall, according to age. Some Sundays, we'll be using a one-room model in Zion Hall.
- Families will go into worship and meet with Rev Gail at the front a few minutes into the service for time for children and then go to Zion Hall for Sunday School (similar to pre-COVID-19)
- Masks must be worn at all times by everyone inside the church building at this time.
- Offering to SS is encouraged to cover the costs of supplies and extra cleaning supplies. A basket at the door into Zion Hall will receive your offering! If you wish, please put your name or envelope number on it so you can receive income tax receipts for your gift and if you wish it to go to Sunday School, please indicate that.
- kids will be picked up at the door of Zion Hall.

If you are interested in helping with Sunday School, please let us know! There are lots of different roles that we need help with! SS will resume until May 29. If you have any questions regarding SS resuming, please do not hesitate to contact us!

### Contact us

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### Office Hours

Rev. Gail Tues to Thurs 10:00–3:00 pm

Katherine Brenneman Tues. and Thurs. 9:30 – 12:30 pm

### Care and Communication Team

Rev. Gail 519 703 1954

Jean Lowe 519 655 3205

Marcia Bender 519 655 2047

Marianne Ruby 519 274 1422

Elizabeth Halliday 519 655 2246

Mary Ann Krantz 519 272 4072

## 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 Sherman Kropf as he struggles with health issues
- ◇ Pray for Mary Holden and family as they mourn the passing of Burns

### A Thank You from Crosswalk

To the people of Grace:

It was such a great opportunity for CrossWalk to lead worship at Grace this past Sunday. We appreciate the warm welcome and the kind comments you shared with us as you were leaving the Sanctuary. We would also like to extend our heartfelt thanks to Katherine who worked through the slides and order of service for us, Keith who attended to our every need upon arrival, Bill and John who did their magic with the technology, and Marilyne for her beautiful music ministry. And last but not least, a thank you to Rev. Gail for and Grace's worship team for the invitation to make it happen. We give God all the glory!

We truly appreciate your financial gift for CrossWalk. It will be used as the Spirit leads us in God's work.

And finally, we extend an invitation for anyone to join us on Zoom any Wednesday night from 7 to 8 p.m.

All information can be found on our website: [Crosswalk Website](#)

Please keep CrossWalk in your prayers as we continue to be God's hands and feet in our community and beyond.

May God bless each of you at Grace United in Tavistock. Love in Christ, CrossWalk Team



## 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.

**APRIL**

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Crafts and creative times are always a favourite time at Camp Bimini! Our craft cabin has thousands of names painted in it from over the years. It also is home to glue sticks, buttons, paint, scissors and more. *Give 25 cents for every pair of scissors you can find in your home.*

### Join me to Journey in Lent - Last Week

In person on Tuesday afternoon 2-.3.30 and on zoom on Monday evening 7-.8.30 Here is the Link:

[Zoom Link](#) Meeting ID: 867 8400 0470 Passcode: 289202





The Grace United Church Scholarship, established in 2014, strives to create, encourage and nurture teen and young adult growth. This is open to students enrolled or about to be enrolled at a post-secondary institution in Canada. The scholarship will encourage teen and young adult participation, involvement, and perhaps leadership at Grace United Church, providing an opportunity for them to share their gifts with the Grace United Church family. This scholarship will also provide the opportunity for the Grace United Church family to be a support to teens and young adults in their participation and involvement with the Grace

United Church family and a support as they grow and learn. It will be a reminder that Grace United Church is a caring church family where they are welcomed and where they can feel they belong.

The Grace United Church Scholarship will be funded by the Grace United Church community of faith.

For full information and/or an application to apply, please contact the Youth Coordinator, Carol Young [tavigraceyouth@gmail.com](mailto:tavigraceyouth@gmail.com) or the church office. **Application deadline is April 30, 2022.**

To give to the Scholarships, you can include in offering envelope or in another envelope marked "scholarship". Cheques made payable to Grace United Church.

**In Wellness and Love:** As a community of faith, we are a family. Our concern for each other includes a desire to keep us all well and safe. For this reason, the Grace United Board have decided that we will continue to require all people to wear masks during worship and meetings at Grace. The only exception is for the worship leaders, or those singing into the microphones. We will assess this again in mid April. Thank you for your participation in keeping us all safe.



**Looking for a way to properly dispose of your used blue or white disposable face masks?** They look like cloth but they're mostly made up of plastic! So if you throw them in the garbage, they will biodegrade at a landfill site, but it will take over 400 years to do so.

Or your masks may become part of the 1.6 billion estimated to already be floating in our oceans.

So bring your used masks to church and we will see that they get to a drop-off point in Stratford where the Rotary Club of Stratford will get them to the recycling depot in Kitchener.

Let's do our part to help our badly-abused environment.



**United Church of Canada Ukraine Crisis:** The invasion of Ukraine is costing precious lives and creating a humanitarian crisis as people flee to safety. The United Nations reports that a growing number of 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. 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:

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Our hearts and prayers go out to the people of Ukraine these past weeks, as we watch with horror the pain and destruction that has been caused in their country.

We hold the leaders and people of Ukraine in our prayers and will continue to do so even after peace is found and the rebuilding begins. As President of Western Ontario Waterways Regional Council I reached out to our Ukrainian Church brothers and sisters in Christ, offering our prayers and support.

I will be taking part in a multi-faith prayer service on Monday, April 4 at 7:00 pm at St. Anthony Daniel Roman Catholic Church in Kitchener.

Everyone is welcome! Come out to the service and join us on Monday.

If you are not comfortable in a large group right now or live too far away to make it, please pray with us on Monday at 7:00 pm, wherever you are, for the people of Ukraine.

Blessings,

President, [Mark Laird](#)

Western Ontario Waterways Regional Council

# April Birthdays and Anniversaries

Happy Birthday to

Nathan Townsend - April 1

Jim Patterson - April 3

Brian Boland - April 3

Mitchell McKay - April 4

Mallory Mohr - April 4

Blake McCann - April 5

Kelsey Mogk - April 7

Ethan Miller - April 8

Jean Brown - April 8

Dwight Herlick - April 9

Austin Lupton - April 9

James Stevely - April 9

Dustin Sauder - April 10

Amber Jackman - April 11

Halle Townsend - April 11

Anne Gregory - April 12

Dylan West - April 16

Amber Riehl - April 17

Ava Cook - April 20

Pat Rieck - April 23

Grace Locke - April 24

Greg Ankenmann - April 24

Charlie Lupton - April 24

Olivia Townsend - April 25

Jean Houghton - April 29

Shirley Wilhelm - April 29

Connor Shantz - April 30



Happy anniversary to

Keith and Carol Weitzel - April 8

Bruce and Jane McKay - April 14

Jason and Kayla Shantz - April 24

Rodney and Monica Shantz - April 26

Charlie and Joanne Lupton - April 28



**The office is looking for a good used answering machine—our current one is getting tired. If you have an answering machine that you are no longer using and would like to donate to the office please contact Katherine 519 655 2151.**

