

GOOD NEWS AT GRACE

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*"Open to me the gates of righteousness,
that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Living God."
- Psalm 118:19*

Starting on Monday after Palm Sunday, I will be sharing with you a daily reflection for Holy Week. Our theme is *"And Yet."* Elie Weisel, who survived the horror of the Holocaust death camps and wrote several books, including *Night*. Her words have wisdom for this time of upheaval as we linger through the effects of a pandemic, of war in the Ukraine, of violence and racism, and other signs of upheaval.

"And yet. These are my two favourite words, applicable to every situation, be it happy or bleak. The sun is rising? And yet it will set. A night of anguish? And yet it too, will pass. The important thing is to shun resignation, to refuse to wallow in sterile fatalism."

Our reflections and prayers in Holy Week invite us into a new consciousness of Love. Daily scripture supports us, dares us, emboldens us. Our prayers steady us for action.

I hope that you will join me each day as we reflect on scripture and join together in prayer. Let us enter into Holy Week together, aware of the trials and difficulties, *'And yet'*, give thanks.

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

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

April 14th: 7:00 - 9:00 pm Choir Practice - Sanctuary

April 15th: 10.30 am Good Friday Service – Where you there?

April 17th: 8:00 am Easter Sunrise - led by Youth

10:30 am Easter Communion Service – Alive for Evermore!
Sunday School - Zion Hall

April 20th: 10:00 - 11:30 am Sit n' Knit, Stay n' Crochet

7:00 pm Board Meeting - Zion Hall

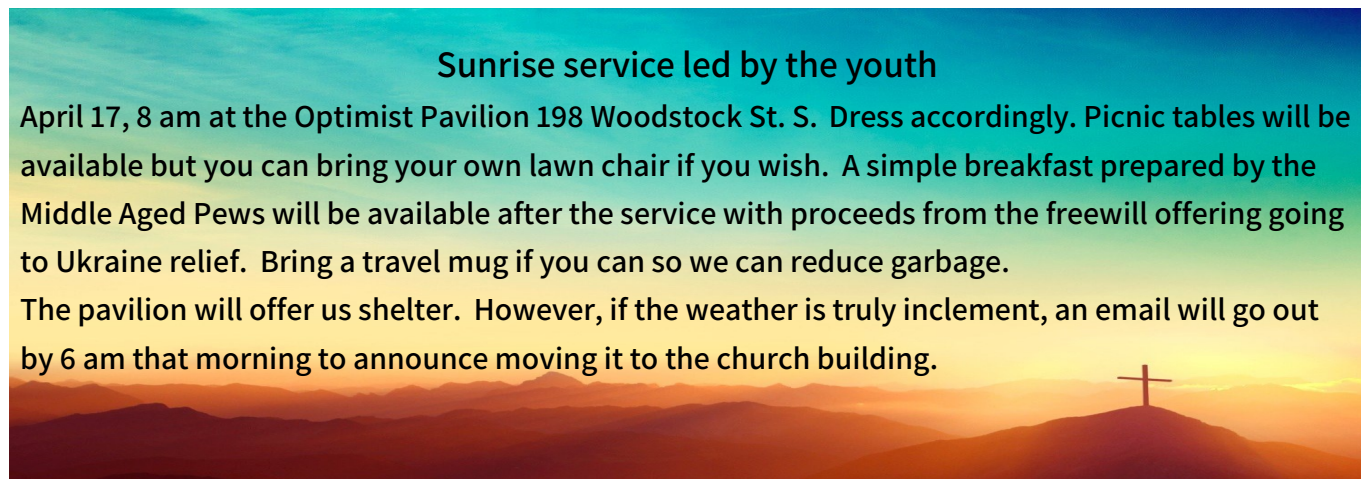
April 21st: 7:00 - 9:00 pm Choir Practice



Sunrise service led by the youth

April 17, 8 am at the Optimist Pavilion 198 Woodstock St. S. Dress accordingly. Picnic tables will be available but you can bring your own lawn chair if you wish. A simple breakfast prepared by the Middle Aged Pews will be available after the service with proceeds from the freewill offering going to Ukraine relief. Bring a travel mug if you can so we can reduce garbage.

The pavilion will offer us shelter. However, if the weather is truly inclement, an email will go out by 6 am that morning to announce moving it to the church building.



Mid Week Community Worship Services

Tues April 26th - 9.30 am at Maples (with piano)

Tues April 26th - 2pm at the Renaissance (to be confirmed)

Wed April 27th - 10am at People Care (with piano)



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

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Jean Lowe 519 655 3205

Marcia Bender 519 655 2047

Marianne Ruby 519 274 1422

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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 Gladys Stock and her family at the passing of Gladys's sister Muriel Riehl.

We are excited to announce that we are ready to welcome back families to Sunday School

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!



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 (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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Lots of trees cover our property—Cherry, maple, hemlock, spruce, pine, oak, birch, beech and more. Think of the oxygen they give and the shade they give. What a great gift! Give 25 cents for every tree on your property (to a max of \$2.50).

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, the church office, or visit our website [GraceUnitedChurchScholarship](https://www.graceunitedchurchscholarship.com). **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.



Grace continues to collect disposable face masks: a collection basket is located in the entryway at the Welcome and Accessible Entrance. The Rotary Club of Stratford will see that they get to the recycling depot in Kitchener.



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.



Camp Bimini
Clean-Up Day

April 23
9am-12noon

Bring your cleaning
supplies, gloves
and rakes!



Ukraine Appeal Update

The extreme violence in Ukraine continues to be beyond words, as is the case for so many around the world who confront armed conflict in their communities.

Thanks to your generosity, the United Church community has raised \$402,000 for humanitarian relief so far. Of that, \$240,000 has been sent



via the ACT Alliance. Spanning 127 countries, the Action by Churches Together (ACT) Alliance is the world's largest network of Protestant and Orthodox churches and agencies, including the United Church. What are these funds supporting? [Click here for details.](#)

Your generosity through Mission & Service has long supported ACT's humanitarian relief and advocacy efforts. Plans are being finalized for disbursement of \$162,000 and funds that continue to come in. Please consider making a [donation](#) today. It's never too late to be generous.

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.

Bids for Beds Auction SGH Volunteers

The Stratford General Hospital Volunteers have committed to raising \$150,000 towards the purchase of new hospital beds. Our goal through this auction is to raise a minimum of \$10,000, which represents the base price of one new hospital bed. We would require a minimum of \$18,000 for a bariatric bed. Intensive Care (ICU) and other types of beds, are significantly more than that.

While we have many interesting and varying items for you to bid on, you also have the option to press the green "DONATE" button located at the top right hand corner of each screen within the auction site. Tax receipts will be issued for all cash donations.

<https://www.32auctions.com/vsgh2022>

BIDS FOR BEDS

Online Fundraising Auction



Volunteers
of
STRATFORD GENERAL HOSPITAL

Funds raised will be used to purchase new hospital beds!

**Auction starts April 4 at 9 a.m.
and closes April 10 at 9 p.m.**



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Project Good Tidings Thank You!



March 15, 2022

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Dear Grace United Church,

On behalf of the youth, staff, and Board of Directors at Stratford/Perth Shelterlink, I would like to extend our gratitude for your incredible generosity of the meals, giftcards, hygiene products, and stockings.

We are extremely fortunate to have community members like you who see opportunities to help advance our youth. In these difficult times, donations such as yours help us to provide aid in a variety of ways such as basic needs, transportation, enhanced programming, mental health and wellness supports or food assistance. It is truly wonderful to have people like you help fill these gaps for our youth.

At Stratford/Perth Shelterlink, we are committed to helping all youth to be empowered and supported. Please know that your donation contributes directly to our youth's individual needs and helps us help them to live responsibly, to build critical skills and live a life free from violence. Thank you so much for your caring and support!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joanna Parker".

Joanna Parker
Executive Director



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CAMP BIMINI WISH LIST 2022

Camp Bimini thanks everyone who has donated wish list items to Bimini in the past or who is donating wish list items for the upcoming season. Please pass these items onto your Camp Bimini representative or drop them off at Bimini (contact us before to be sure someone is there, campbimini@cyg.net or 519-271-4129). You may also contact us to arrange for someone to pick them up.

SPORTS & GAMES

- Soccer balls
- Pool noodles
- Hula hoops
- Basketballs
- Playground balls
- Large pylons
- Skipping ropes

FIRST AID

- Good bandaids—all sizes
- Hot/cold compresses
- Sunscreen—especially spray sunscreen
- After-bite
- **contact the camp for complete list of needs**

KITCHEN

- Paper towels
- Brooms
- Dustpans
- SOS pads and scrubbies
- Bleach

FURNISHINGS

- Fans (portable—12-20")

MISCELLANEOUS

- Rope—all sizes and lengths
- Batteries—"9 volt" and "AAA" especially
- Canadian Tire Money
- Kindling
- Large tarps

ARTS & CRAFTS

- Scissors
- Magnetic strips
- Markers
- Glue guns & glue sticks
- Tape: all kinds (especially coloured duct tape and packing tape)
- Paint brushes
- Bristol board
- Fabric ribbon
- Flat thumb tacks
- Googly eyes
- Paint: acrylic, fabric, tempera
- Embroidery floss
- Popsicle, craft sticks
- Sponges
- Safety pins
- Plastic totes (all sizes)
- Aluminum plates (all sizes)
- New white or dark cotton t-shirts
- Baby food jars

OFFICE

- Scotch Tape
- Masking tape
- White copy paper

A box to receive Bimini wish list items is located at the back of the sanctuary.