

GOOD NEWS AT GRACE

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As I write this message, I am in the middle of Holy Week. I find this a time of mixed emotions. I know that we take time to remember the betrayal, the pain, the death, and the grief in Jesus' road to the cross. And perhaps we also take time to reflect on our own journeys of pain, betrayal, grief, and loss – both in our personal lives and in the world right now.

These are very difficult times!

But we know that this story which we celebrate each year does not end in pain. Yes, like all grief and loss we must go through those dark days ... but we know that we can live in hope because on Sunday morning the tomb was found empty. We know that even in death there can be new beginnings.

I chose the picture above because for me it has an image of what could be an empty tomb – with the cross is in the distance.

Sometimes we tend to focus on the pain of the cross at Easter – but let me invite you instead to focus on the hope of the resurrection. Think of the cross not just as an instrument of pain, but as one of love – Jesus' love for a world in which peace, love and justice could reign.

As you move forward this week, through Friday and Saturday – think about what it means to be an Easter person? How will you live in way that is full of the Hope of Easter.

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 15th: 10.30am Good Friday Service – Were 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

April 24th: 10:30 am Worship Service '2nd Sunday of Easter - Unbelievable', Sunday School - Zion Hall

Fundscrip orders due

April 26th: 9.30 am Community Worship at The Maples

1:00 pm Care and Communication Team meeting - Knox Parlour

7:00 pm Worship Team Meeting - Knox Parlour

April 27th: 10:00 am Community Worship at People Care

2:00 pm Community Worship at The Renaissance

April 28th: 7:00 pm Choir Practice

April 30th: GUC Scholarship Applications Due



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.

Since the service is being held outside masks are not required but encouraged.



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Office Hours

Rev. Gail Tues to Thurs 10:00–3:00 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 as she continues to recuperate at St. Marys Memorial Hospital
- ◇ Pray for Sherman Kropf as he struggles with health issues

A Prayer for Good Friday

Christ, when we survey the wondrous cross,
strengthen us to face the very worst in our world:

hatred, greed,
lust for power,
fear that we are small/insignificant/ugly/unworthy,
violence, oppression.

Help us to bring your truth, grace, faith, hope, wisdom, and love—
the greatest of these being love.

For your love has the power to destroy all that has brought you
to this cross and us to your side. Amen.

(from Parables, Prayers, & Promises)

LENT 2022

Throughout Lent, we have invited 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.

SO WHAT TO DO?? This is the last Friday task for you. Write the amount for each Friday throughout Lent in the space provided and then add everything up. Please forward your Lenten collection to Camp Bimini by April 24th so we can tally the total collected! 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.

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Camp Bimini is celebrating 75 years in 2022! 75 years of providing a place where God’s creation comes together with respect for each other and the environment. It is our goal to give every child and youth a camping experience where they feel loved and valued for who they are. We strive to be welcoming and inclusive of each individual and provide a safe and nurturing place where campers may experience nature, grow spiritually and create lifelong friendships. *Give 75 cents to celebrate (or any multiple of 75!)*

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. **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.



Camp Bimini 2022 WISH LIST is now available on Camp Bimini's website! It has many items for programming and cleaning. Please consider how you can help out!! Grace has a collection box at the back of the sanctuary to receive your donations.

Camp Bimini
Clean-Up Day

April 23
9am - 12noon

Bring your cleaning
supplies, gloves
and rakes!

A photograph of white cherry blossoms on a branch, set against a clear blue sky.

Easter Resurrection Rolls

Ingredients

- 1 can Pillsbury Crescent Dough
- 8 large marshmallows
- ¼ cup butter, melted
- 1 Tbsp cinnamon & ¼ cup brown sugar mixed together in a bowl

Instructions

Preheat oven to 375°F. Spray a cookie sheet with cooking spray or line with parchment paper.

Unroll crescent dough and separate each triangle. *[This is like the cloth they wrapped Jesus in.]*

Brush each triangle with melted butter. *[This symbolizes the embalming oils.]*

Sprinkle each triangle then with the cinnamon/brown sugar mixture.

[This is like the spices used to prepare his body for burial.]

Place marshmallow *[representing Jesus]* in the top of the crescent roll and roll into a crescent roll shape, then secure the sides by tucking them under and pinching them closed. (Don't worry about how they look! They will be yummy!) *[This represents how they wrapped Jesus' body.]*

Place on prepared cookie sheet and repeat with remaining 7 rolls.

Bake in preheated oven *[symbolizing the tomb]* for 8-10 minutes or until golden brown on the outside.

Let cool for a few minutes and cut open. The marshmallow has disappeared! *[This signifies how Jesus has been resurrected.]*

Enjoy!



Food Security and Faith

Date: Thursday, April 21 at 7:00 pm

Join Paul Bartlett in this opportunity at a Round Table to hear from the Open Food Network and to share and discuss various food justice ministries within our Regional Council.

Learn more about community gardens, community kitchens, food banks, regenerative farming and so much more. Click here for the flyer and to register: [Download the flyer.](#)





TAVISTOCK MEMORIAL LEGION PRESENTS

Pulled Pork Luncheon

MENU: pulled pork on a bun, baked beans, coleslaw, potato salad, and dessert

May 7, 2022 from 11:30 am - 2:30 pm
a fundraising event for the Ukraine

Price: by donation

Dine inside (COVID permitting) or Takeout
for more information please contact
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In support of



Canadian
Red Cross

Ukraine Humanitarian Crisis
Appeal.

Your help is urgently
needed!

Look what Sunday School
Have Made!
A Tomb Craft

