

# GOOD NEWS AT GRACE

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## A United Church Response to the Housing Crisis

In the last few months we have become painfully aware that there is a housing crisis in most of Canada. And it's not just affecting the poor. Even middle class young people struggle to find an affordable place to live. This concern has prompted many United Churches to re-imagine what they can do with their own property.

Churches have always been used as gathering spaces for enrichment, community and transformation. Now some are looking at using their property for housing as well.

Two years ago, the United Church formed the United Property Resource Corporation (UPRC) to help ensure that its church properties are able to continue to serve the common good. This year the UPRC joined with architects, community leaders, culture visionaries and investors to form Kindred Works which will help individual churches in their desire to reduce the housing crisis in their local community. Currently, Kindred Works has eight projects in active pre-development to build 600 homes and will expand to 1,500 homes by the end of year.

The overall goal of Kindred Works is to build housing for 34000 people on church properties over the next 15 years. All of the units will be rental which thus provides a source of income for the involved church. One third of these housing units will be available at below market prices. The units are designed to produce 80% less carbon and use 65% less energy than today's industry standards and will be built by local labour and businesses. One third of the units will be universally accessible.



The General Secretary of the United Church Michael Blair reminds us that, in our New Creed, we are invited to continually rearticulate our faith with new words and new concepts. Kindred Work is the United Church's re-articulation of its faith with regards to property. A church could be used not only as a gathering space but also as a place for low-cost housing.

Submitted by Paul Bartlett

## 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)

**May 22nd:** 10:30 am Worship Service 'Casting our Nets' - led by the Worship Team  
Sunday School - Zion Hall

**May 24th:** 8:00 am Cooking Food for Friends

**May 25th:** 2:00 - 4:00 pm Food for Friends Community Pick up

**May 26th:** 7:00 pm Choir Practice

**May 29th:** 10:30 am Worship Service 'Passing the Torch'

Sunday School - Zion Hall

Fundscrip orders due

11:30 am AV Team Meeting

3:00 - 4:30 pm Kiley Joe Mason Concert of Hymns and Gospels  
(refreshments following)

**May 31st:** 2:00 pm Care and Communication Team Meeting

**June 1st:** 10:00 - 11:30 am Sit N' Knit Stay N' Crochet

2:00 pm Worship at People Care

7:00 - 8:00 pm Yard Sale Item Donation Drop off

**June 2nd:** 10:00 am - 8:00 pm Yard Sale Item Donation Drop off

11:30 am Ministerial Meeting

7:00 pm Choir Practice

**June 3rd:** 10:00 am - 8:00 pm Yard Sale Item Donation Drop off

**June 4th:** 8:00 am - 12:00 pm Annual Yard Sale



*Rev Gail is away on holiday May 19—25th. Thank you to the worship team for leading worship this Sunday, May 22. If you require Pastoral Care please contact the Care and Communication Team.*

**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. As we move forward with COVID safety protocols the board is RECOMMENDING THAT MASK BE WORN when inside the building BUT ARE NO LONGER REQUIRED.

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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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## 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 Sherman Kropf as he struggles with health issues
- ◇ Pray for Ken Rieck and family as they mourn the passing of Pat.



JOHNSON, Priscilla (Pat) May. Priscilla (Pat) Johnson, 90 of Tavistock passed away peacefully at The Maples Nursing Home Tavistock on Thursday, May 19, 2022. She was born in Kentville, Kings Co., Nova Scotia. Pat is survived by her third husband, Ken Rieck of The Maples Retirement Home, Tavistock. Step-children Bryon Rieck (Mary-Lou), Cheryl Harrison (Barry), Brenda Holst (Bruce), Pamela Young (Larry); Step-Grandchildren and Step-Great-Grandchildren, Nieces and Nephews. Pat loved gardening, summers at the trailer in Lakeside, music, dancing, knitting, cooking. She was also an active member of the UCW, her faith gave her strength. Visitation info: visitation and funeral will be held at Grace United Church in Tavistock, Monday, May 23/2022. Private Family visitation will start at about 1:15 pm. Public visitation will be at 2:00 pm. Service will begin at 3:00pm, reception to follow. There will be a driveaway with the casket in the hearse, it will go past The Maples Nursing Home & Retirement Home. Interment will take place at a later date at the Harrington Church, Harrington. Memorial Donations: Grace United Church and Stratford General Hospital. Full details available on the JA Rutherford Funeral Home website <https://www.jarfh.com>

**Ministry of Hospitality!** We had a wonderful time with hospitality after church on Sunday - thank you Brenda Mohr for the special cake to celebrate the dedication of our new sign donated by the Brown family. Sharing hospitality after church is a wonderful way to connect with each other as a community of faith. We can worship together online, but there is nothing like chatting face to face over refreshments. It would be wonderful if we could continue hospitality after church - please let the office know if you would be willing to host one Sunday (putting on the coffee and cleaning up.)





## Sign Dedication Sunday, May 15, 2022



## Gifts for Ukrainian Refugees

The devastating invasion of Ukraine has already caused over two million people to flee their homes for the safety of neighbouring countries. Many refugees have lost friends and loved ones and struggle to meet basic needs while facing an uncertain future. Mission & Service partner ACT Alliance is supporting the distribution of food baskets and hygiene packages to people whose lives have been turned upside down by the invasion.

- Your Gift of \$25 will provide one hygiene package
- Your Gift of \$38 will provide one food basket
- Your Gift of \$40 will provide one hygiene package++

Go to [Gifts with Vision](#) to find out more and to make a gift purchase today.

You can help. Right now, **people urgently need shelter, clean water, food and medical attention.** Please show your support by making a gift today.



**Walking is a great Spiritual Practice.** Starting this Tuesday, we are beginning a new series of Inspirational Messages. Three days a week (Tues- Thurs), you will receive a short reflection on the theme of weather, adapted from the online resource from [prayerbench.ca](http://prayerbench.ca) by Janice MacLean (and used with permission.) Janice writes: *"We can't avoid weather. It dictates our behaviours and what we can and can't do. It influences our moods. It disrupts our lives. It is part of every day."* As we note an aspect of weather each Stroll day, we will use it as a lens or a metaphor to reflect on our journey with the Divine. We hope our attention to the weather deepens our awareness of the Divine atmosphere all around and in all things. Please join us as we stroll, or sit and look out the window. This series will last until Rev Gail's last day with us. (June 24th)



**June 4<sup>th</sup>:** Grace will be taking part in the **annual yard sale Sat. June 4th, 8 am - 12:00 pm.** We will be accepting yard sale donations at the church:

- ⇒ **Wed. June 1, 7:00 - 8:00 pm,**
- ⇒ **Thurs. June 2, 10 am - 8 pm.**
- ⇒ **Fri. June 3, 10 am - 8 pm.**

Please no upholstered items or clothing items. All other items accepted. It's a good time to start spring cleaning and save your donations for the yard sale!



**Are you getting excited? Do You have your ticket yet? Have you heard .... Kiley Joe Masson is coming to town!** Yes, that's right. We will be hosting an entertaining concert at Grace on May 29th from 3-4 pm - followed by light refreshments. Check out the link to see how much fun this will be. Be sure to buy two tickets - one for yourself, and one to give to a friend. This is a great outreach and community building event! You won't want to miss it!

**Kiley Joe Masson brings down the house! Wendell Ferguson\***



# GREAT ENTERTAINMENT

## Kiley Joe Mason!

### A CONCERT OF GOSPEL AND HYMNS

at Grace United Church  
**SUNDAY MAY 29TH**  
**3.00-4.30PM**

TICKETS \$20

(INCLUDING REFRESHMENTS)

Order by phone: 519 655 2151

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With Special Guest  
GRAYSON

