

GOOD NEWS AT GRACE

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Blessing to you all.

This Sunday (June 5th) we will celebrate Pentecost – the birthday of the church, which also happens to be my last Sunday with you.

There is such wonderful imagery in the story of Pentecost from Acts. It is a story that is full of hope. This Sunday will also be my last Sunday with you at Grace United, and I want to leave you with this message of hope!

On the day of Pentecost all the Lord's followers were together in one place. Suddenly there was a noise from heaven like the sound of a mighty wind! It filled the house where they were meeting. Then they saw what looked like fiery tongues moving in all directions, and a tongue came and settled on each person there.

(Acts 2:1-3)

Take some time over the weekend to read the story of Pentecost from Acts 2. If you can, print it out and use a warm coloured highlighter to highlight any words or sentences that convey hope. Or just pick out the words and write them down.



After you've finished reading and highlighting, read again the words or sentences you picked out.

Select a word, or phrase, or sentence, and write it on a piece of card recycled from a cereal box or other packaging. Decorate your card using warm coloured felt pens. Place the card somewhere you'll see and re-read over the following days and be reminded of hope for the future – for yourself, and for Grace United.

God of the mighty wind, and of the fiery tongues of fire, we come to you to pray.

God of the people of many cultures speaking many languages, hear our prayer.

Help us to live in hope even on days when hope is hard to find.

Help us to feel you walking beside us on this path of life.

Fill us with gladness and joy and show us the way to help others.

Let us experience your Spirit at work in us this Pentecost. Amen.

Blessings, 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

June 5th: 10:30 am Pentecost Sunday Worship Service with Communion
'The Spirit Blows!'

June 7th: 2:00 pm UCW - Roll Call: A Bible verse about nature or Jesus meeting outside
with a group or individual. Bring a lawn chair.

June 8th: 9:30 pm Worship at the Maples
7:00 pm Board Meeting

June 9th: 7:00 pm Choir Practice
Rev Gail on Study Leave

June 12th: 10:30 am Worship service led by Susan Humphrey
'Stepping Into Forgiveness, Love & Letting Go'

June 16th: 7:00 pm Choir Practice



Do you speak any other languages?

At Pentecost, the believers all began to speak in different languages - let's have some fun with this on Sunday. Come to church prepared to call out the first line of the Lord's prayer in a different language - we will all be calling out together, so you won't be centered out! Write it down to read out if you want.

And - don't forget to **WEAR RED** for Pentecost.

This Sunday, June 5, we will be saying good-bye to Rev. Gail during the church service and afterwards in Zion Hall during a social hour. Please stay and extend your wishes to her on her new venture at Huron Shores UC in Grand Bend.

Chris Wiffen, Chair of M&P Committee

Anne Gregory, Chair Grace Official Board



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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



We had a wonderful afternoon with Kiley Joe Masson and his son Grayson last Sunday.



Folks were clapping their hands and singing along to old gospel tunes, and I'm sure some were wanting to rock and roll like they did in their youth!

It was a great community building event with more than 50% of the audience coming from outside our community of faith. We also raised \$1350 for Grace United.

Thank you to all who helped make this a successful event: the cookie makers, the kitchen staff, lift operator, ticket taker, ticket sellers – and of course Keith!



Support those most affected by the growing crisis in Ukraine.

Donate Now



ACT Alliance member Hungarian Interchurch Aid is working at the Hungary/Ukraine border to provide relief to Ukrainian refugees.

Credit: Hungarian Interchurch Aid/ACT Alliance

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.

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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 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)



Sat. June 4th: Grace will be taking part in the **annual yard sale 8 am - 12:00 pm**. You still have time to drop off your yard sale items, **today, 10 am - 8 pm**.

Please no upholstered items or clothing items. All other items accepted.

Plan to stop by the church on Saturday and check out the items for sale in Zion Hall.

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 MASKS BE WORN when inside the building BUT ARE NO LONGER REQUIRED.

CAMP BIMINI OPEN HOUSE! Sunday, June 5, 2022. 2-4 pm. This is a great time to take a tour of the camp, meet some of the staff and ask all of your questions. It is a great opportunity for new campers to check out the camping site and for former campers to visit their favourite summer spot and see what's new!

Sunday school had its last Sunday on May 29 and we had a fun day—more than usual—filled with playing games and making and enjoying ice cream! Thanks to all our teachers and helpers this SS year who made this year in SS happen: Jen Reibling, Marianne Ruby, Cathy Glaab,



Dianne Harris, Monica Shantz, Ellie Shantz, Connor Shantz, Jayden Ruby, Simon Ruby and Joanne Bean. Thanks to the kids who came and made Sunday mornings very exciting for us all! See you in the fall!!

ICE CREAM IN A BAG!

Yields: 1 serving

Prep Time: 0 hours 5 mins

Total Time: 0 hours 15 mins

Ingredients

1 c. half-and-half
2 tbsp. granulated sugar
1/2 tsp. pure vanilla extract
3 c. ice
1/3 c. kosher salt
Toppings of your choice

Directions

1. In a small resealable plastic bag, combine half-and-half, sugar, and vanilla. Push out excess air and seal.
 2. Into a large resealable plastic bag, combine ice and salt. Place small bag inside the bigger bag and shake vigorously, 7 to 10 minutes, until ice cream has hardened. You may wish to place the smaller bag in the freezer for 15-30 minutes or more to harden a bit more.
- Remove from bag and enjoy with your favorite ice cream toppings.

June Birthdays and Anniversaries

Happy Birthday to:

Hunter Bayer—June 1

Randy Harris—June 2

Andrea Jutzi—June 3

Ruby Jackman—June 4

Casey Weitzel—June 5

Kamryn Lamond—June 6

Lydia Parr—June 7

Marjorie Wisby—June 8

Hayley Harris Ayotte—June 12

Logan Wilson—June 17

Jolene Herlick—June 23

Kayla Shantz—June 24

Susan Pellow—June 27

Happy Anniversary to:

Tim and Amanda Metski—June 2

Wayne and Carol Shewfelt—June 4

Bill and Elaine Green—June 4

Gerald and Judy Zehr—June 5

Paul and Joan Bartlett—June 5

Brian and Elysia Cook—June 7

Ken and Karen Brenneman—June 10

Wayne and Linda Stock—June 13

Bill and Wanda Brown—June 18

Tiffany and Jamie Sangster—June 25

Shaun and Amanda Miller—June 26

John and Sheila Roppel—June 29

