

GOOD NEWS AT GRACE

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..a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance

Ecclesiastes 3:4

Blessings to you ALL!

This will be my last newsletter article that I will be writing to you, and it is hard to know what to say. I can not believe how close I have become to many of you in such a short while. Maybe it is because we weathered Covid together, or maybe it is because you truly are such good people! Saying goodbye to many of you in the last couple of weeks has been difficult – it truly has been a time of weeping, laughter, mourning and celebrating.

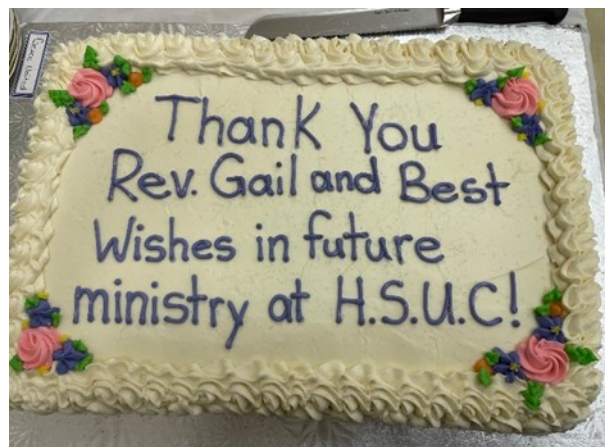
Thank you for the wonderful send off that you gave me last Sunday. I really appreciate the gift certificate from the Board, which I put together with other donations to go towards the purchase of a lovely Japanese Maple. It has been planted in my new water feature in my back yard – so as I sit there relaxing to the sound of the babbling water, I can always think of the friends that I made at Grace United.

I also want to thank you for the lovely cake that was donated by Brenda Mohr. Not only was it delicious, but it was lovely to know that you support me as I move onto ministry at Huron Shores United.

As I said on Sunday, we must remember that all of us are always in ministry for Christ – whether we are in Tavistock or Grand Bend - we are united as one body. And so, I will continue to hold you in prayer, my brothers and sisters in Christ. I know that God has a plan for you as you seek a new minister, and I encourage you to continue to listen to the Spirit.

In peace and love. Rev. Gail

(p.s. feel free to look me up if you are in Stratford!)



Upcoming Services and Dates:

**ALL SERVICES CAN BE VIEWED ON GRACE YOUTUBE CHANNEL, WHICH CAN BE
ACCESSED THROUGH OUR WEBSITE: www.graceunitedtavistock.com**

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

June 19th: 10:30 am Worship service led by the Youth in Zion Hall

Wonderful Words of Life: Hymns that give us meaning in our youth

June 23rd: 7:00 om Choir Practice



Emergency Pastoral Care. While Rev. Gail is on study leave (9th- 24th June), the Rev. Maggie Dieter, Minister at Zion United in New Hamburg, will be covering emergency pastoral care. If you need her, she can be reached at: 416.520.3280.

Members of the Care & Communication are also always available for support.

Summer Worship Services: Beginning next Sunday, June 19 worship will take place in Zion Hall for the summer. Due to poor audio quality the AV Team has decided not to record the service, there fore we will not offer online services. We encourage and welcome you to come out to Zion Hall and enjoy our informal summer services in person.

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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.



AN UPDATE FROM JORDAN BARTLETT, 2021 GRACE UC SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT

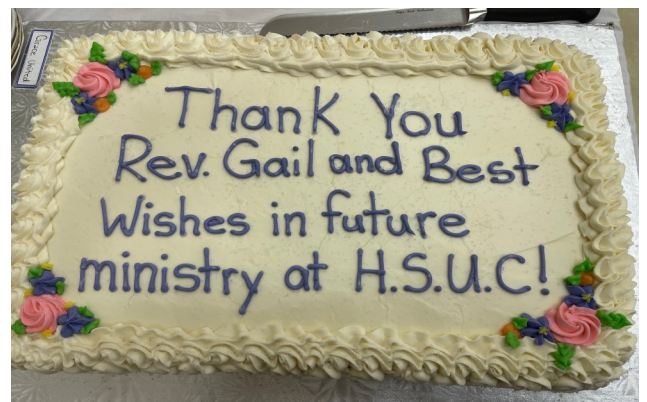
Hello again, I am writing another update in regards to how my school year has gone. When I last wrote an update, it was prior to my first clinical placement, and now I have just finished the semester and loved how the placement went. I was placed at Windsor regional hospital on the medical surgical floor and loved the experience. I helped the nurses with their patients, practiced the skills that I was taught in the lab as well as watched some advanced procedures that eventually I will be able to have a role in. It was such a good opportunity to see how this floor ran and gave me the chance to see how my future nursing career may look like. After finishing my first year of nursing, I have to say that I am so grateful for being apart of the nursing community and getting the privilege to help others, I truly find it so fulfilling. Moving forward, this summer I am working as a PSW at the Maples Home for Seniors to continue to practice in my chosen field, as well as working as a lifeguard to enjoy the summer in the sun. It is nice to have a break from studying but I am looking forward to continuing my studies next fall as a second year nursing student. Thank you for all the support that the church community has given me through my studies. Jordan



UCW celebrated Marj Wisby's 90th birthday on Tuesday – the birthday girl was dressed in a tiara and sash! Happy Birthday Marjorie!

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.

Thank you, Good Bye, and Best Wishes to Rev Gail





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)



A big thank you to everyone who helped at the Yard Sale last Saturday – the sorters, pricers, sellers, kitchen crew, and truck drivers. And a very special thank you to Sue Pellow for all the organizing.

We raised a grand total of \$ 1,115.00 which will go towards the life and mission of Grace United.

Updates from the office for the summer:

We will continue to publish summer Good News at Grace newsletters and have made arrangements for volunteers to write our front pages. Thank you to everyone who is filling in for the summer:

June 17: Trustees, June 24: Social Justice Team (Paul Bartlett), July 1: Grace Board, July 8: Session, July 15: Pastoral Care and Outreach, July 22: Social Justice Team (Paul Bartlett), July 29: No Newsletter (Katherine vacation), Aug 5: Christian Education, Aug 12: Worship Team, Aug 19: No newsletter (Katherine vacation), Aug 26: UCW, Sept 2: Care and Communication Team.

Please continue to send me your photos and announcements through out the summer—I would love to share them in the Good News at Grace. graceunitedtavistock@gmail.com

Also a reminder to send your dates for the calendar so it can be kept up to date. You can check out the calendar on our website [click here](#)

Mini Monthly Financial Update

Month of

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	2021	2022
Anniversary	0	0
Core Receipts	11,851	8,143
Other Donations	0	1,000
Misc. Receipts		
Fundraising	0	1,950
HST Rebate	0	0
Manse Rental	875	875
Misc.	261	55
Total Receipts	12,987	12,023
Expenses	13,680	16,428
Surplus/Deficit	-693	-4,405

Etransfer donations can be sent to gracetavistockdonation@rogers.com security question is 'When was the new addition built' the answer should be Grace1980. Please give any special donation instruction in the message. Thank you for your support.

Remember, friends, you are the church.



Pentecost was Sunday, June 5. In his [last Pentecost video message](#) as Moderator, the Right Rev. Dr. Richard Bott reminds us that The United Church of Canada is part of the 2000-year community of Christ's disciples—a worldwide communion that is not bound by geography, space, or time. We are people who change the world—[with deep spirituality, with bold discipleship, with daring justice.](#)

<https://united-church.ca/news/moderators-pentecost-message-2022>