

GOOD NEWS AT GRACE

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"In the bulb there is a flower

In the seed an apple tree

In cocoons a hidden promise

Butterflies will soon be free."

This is the opening line of one of my favorites hymns "In the Bulb There is a Flower" Since spring is my favourite season this hymn has always spoken to me about the beauty of the spring season and Gods promise to reveal to us the beauty we have not yet experienced but will be discovering. Being brought up and having lived on a farm all my life I have always had a first-hand account of things growing and being born anew in the spring.

The past few weeks I have spent time back in our woods cutting up dead ash trees that have fallen on our field. I have witnessed first-hand how amongst all the dead trees there is new growth



and new trees that are growing and turning green amongst the old browned off and dead trees hiding them in the lush new growth. I have witnessed the arrival of the swallows, killdeer, robins, canaries, wild turkeys and mallard ducks as they have all returned and nested on our farm – and yes the skunks, groundhogs, weasels, muskrats, racoons and coyotes are all once again very visible.



One cannot help but marvel at what God has given us and reveals to us in the changing seasons. A good lesson for us, that when things seem dark and desolate - better times are coming that only God can see and they will be revealed to us in all their beauty and glory.

Bill Brown (as a Representative of the Trustees)

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 19th: 10:30 am Worship service led by Carol Young and the Youth in Zion Hal - *Wonderful Words of Life: Hymns that give us meaning in our youth.* Come hear about "When Peace Like A River", "I Danced in the Morning" and more and how their words and stories impacts our lives.

June 20th: 1:30 pm UCW Executive meeting - Zion Hall

7:00 pm Pastoral Care and Outreach Committee - at Bev Neeb's

June 26th: 10:30 am Worship Service in Zion Hall - Led by Rev. Marilyn Burnard

June 28th: 8:00 am Cooking 'Food for Friends'

June 29th: 2:00 - 3:30 pm Food for Friends Community Pick Up



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.

We are looking for folks to volunteer to provide a very light after-church snack throughout the summer. If you would like to help out, sign up on the sheet in Zion Hall, or call Bev at 519 655-2695. Thank you!!!



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Office Hours

Rev. Gail Tues to Thurs 10:00—3:00 pm
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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 Ron Rudy as he is currently in St Marys Memorial Hospital, St Marys, recovering from a broken hip.



Choir Update:

Choir will be taking a break now for the summer and resume again in September.

Marilyne will be at church early on Sundays to go over hymns if anyone would like to help with the worship, and she would be delighted to have practices if people would like to bless the congregation with any musical offerings; solos, duets, trios, other instruments or even the kazoo!! You can contact Marilyne by email marilynenystrom@gmail.com or phone 604 845 3334 if you have any questions or would be interested in offering your musical talents.



Summer Worship Services: Beginning this Sunday the 19th 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, therefore 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.

We will be using power point during worship and will need one AV volunteer to run the computer. A reminder to the AV team to check the schedule and make arrangements to switch if it does not suit. Thanks to our AV team for your hard work to enrich our worship services.

Starting next week there are no ushers or offering counters scheduled for the summer. If you are here on Sunday and would like to volunteer for one of those tasks, that would be appreciated.

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.



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)



There was no Cemetery Decoration Service last year at Grace due to COVID restrictions. In order to keep to the same schedule as previous years there will not be a service this year. The next GUC Cemetery Decoration service will be held Sunday, August 27, 2023.

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 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](#)

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, tempura
- 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

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A box to receive Bimini wish list items is located in Zion Hall.

Please have your items to Grace by Sunday, June 26. Thank you for your donations!