

GOOD NEWS AT GRACE

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The Totem Pole at St. John's Anglican Church in Old Massett (by Paul Bartlett)

June is National Indigenous History month. Earlier this month, Joan and I experienced the very rich history and culture of the Haida First Nations people when we visited Haida Gwaii (as the Queen Charlotte Islands in BC are now called). Although very evident today, the Haida culture had at one time almost vanished.

Robert Davidson, a native of Old Massett, was attending school in Vancouver in 1965. It was there, far away from home, in a museum, that he discovered the greatness of his native Haida heritage. There were beautiful bowls, ladles, boxes, masks and paddles as well as totem poles—all carved from wood—that impressed him so much that he decided to become an artist. As a first step, at age nineteen, he apprenticed with the well-known carver Bill Reid.



Back home in Old Massett, Davidson felt a deep sorrow for his elders. He felt his people were out of touch with their once rich and flourishing artistic culture. The Haida culture had been systematically obliterated by church and state. Their totem poles had been deemed sinful pagan idols and were taken down and transported to museums around the world. Davidson “felt driven” to carve a totem pole for his elders to awaken some pride.

In 1969 at age twenty-two, Davidson finished his carving of a 40 ft traditional Haida pole. A large crowd witnessed the raising of the pole and celebrated with a potlatch feast. As it was being raised, spontaneous singing and dancing of long dormant songs occurred. Davidson's pole was the first totem pole to be raised in the Queen Charlotte Islands in over 100 years and it marked a turning point in pride on the islands. This pole sparked a rebuilding of Haida culture and nationhood that continues today.

The pole is meant to illustrate the Bear Mother story of Haida lore. On the pole are three bear crests integrated with several small humans and Frog, and is topped by three high-hatted “watchmen”. This story explains why, whenever a bear is killed for its meat and hide, a special song of mourning is always sung. It encourages respect for the natural world and an understanding that we share this planet with other species who have rights.

Davidson's totem pole was raised on the site of the Anglican Church in Old Massett and I have been trying to find out why, of all the places in the village it could have been located, it was put in front of the church.



Robertson himself has said, "This totem pole was actually a catalyst, to make a statement, 'Hey! We're alive and we want to be part of this world!'"

I hope the pole was placed in front of the church to show that we and our indigenous friends share the same values. A plaque in a nearby forest reads, "I am nature and a lesson of the Haida culture. Look after each other and be generous. Never take more than you need. Enjoy, share and respect the lands and waters that sustain you. Everything I have has a purpose. Look after me and I in turn will always look after you."

Upcoming Services and Dates:

SERVICES CAN BE VIEWED ON GRACE YOUTUBE CHANNEL, WHICH CAN BE ACCESSED THROUGH OUR WEBSITE: www.graceunitedtavistock.com (Summer Services will not be recorded)

June 26th: 10:00 am Paper Fundscrip orders due

Come early to go over hymns with Marilyne

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

Camp Bimini Wish list items due - see last page for items

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

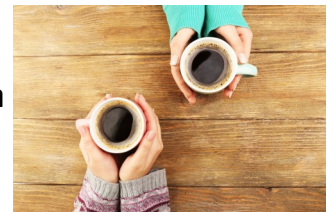
June 29th: 2:00 - 3:30 pm Food for Friends Community Pick Up

July 3rd: Come early to go over hymns with Marilyne

10:30 am Worship Service led by Rev. Marg Smith in Zion Hall

Emergency Pastoral Care. 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!!!



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.**

Contact us

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Office Hours

Katherine Brenneman Thurs. 9:30 – 2:30 pm

Care and Communication Team

Jean Lowe 519 655 3205 Joanne Bean 519 276 1733

Elizabeth Halliday 519 655 2246 Mary Ann Krantz 519 272 4072

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 the chair of Grace PCO, Bev Neeb, or the office (graceunitedtavistock@gmail.com - emails checked regularly or 519 655 2151 - phone messages checked on Thursdays) and we will begin praying for you.

✝ pray for Ron Rudy currently in hospital in Woodstock as he recovers from a broken hip.



Prayer Shawls are available throughout the summer months for anyone. If you require one for someone who is going through challenges of any size, please connect with Joan Bartlett at 519-655-3334 or 1948paul.bartlett@gmail.com.

Music Ministry: 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.



Much work has been done by many folk as we move forward without Rev. Gail and we would like to thank everyone who has participated in that process. The summer services have been arranged by the **Worship Committee** and emergency pastoral care for June and July will be done by Rev. Maggie Dieter, who has also been named by Western Ontario Waterways as our pastoral charge supervisor while we are without a minister. Our Ministry and Personnel Committee created a position description for a supply minister which was approved by the Official Board. In order to have access to a larger pool of Ministry Personnel from which to choose, the decision was made to ask for half time supply from the lists of Ordained, Diaconal and Licensed Lay Worship Leaders. These folk are generally retired or wish only part-time work. We realize that this choice may require our community of faith to be responsible for some tasks that previously were done by our minister. The contract for a supply minister is six months, renewable two more times, so could last as long as a year and a half. During the time we have a supply minister, we will be busy discerning who we are as a community of faith and what we require in a full time minister. We anticipate honest and thoughtful discussion from all members of Grace as documents are updated to reflect who we are as we move forward. WOW Regional Council has received the requested documents of job position description and financial viability information and will appoint a liaison to work with a committee of Dale Brenneman, Dale Ruby and myself to help fill the supply position. You will be kept up-to-date as we move along through this process.

Anne Gregory, Board Chair

Christ Wiffen M&P Chair




Congratulations to Dr. Megan Shewfelt!: On June 4th Megan Shewfelt received a Doctor of Medicine degree from Saba University School of Medicine. Megan is beginning her Family Medicine residency at the Niagara campus of McMaster University Medical School. We wish you all the best in your future endeavors.

FundScrip^{MC}

June 2022 Promotions
Valid from June 1st to June 30th 2022 - 9:30 AM ET

Physical Gift Cards

HelloFresh



9%
Regular 7%

Chefs Plate



9%
Regular 7%

Oliver & Bonacini Restaurants



7%
Regular 5%

Ultramar



2.5%
Regular 2%

Physical Gift Cards

Electronic Gift Cards

Fundscrip: Paper fundscrip orders are due this Sunday June 26th before the service. Paper forms are available in Zion Hall or [click here](#). Please make cheques payable to Grace United Church.

You can visit our website to learn more about our [Fundscrip Fundraising Campaign](#).

From the Office:

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.

Please continue to send me your photos and announcements throughout the summer—I would love to share them in the Good News at Grace.
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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

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.

June 2022

Dear Tavistock neighbour,

We are getting in touch today about our redevelopment of peopleCare Tavistock. As you may know, peopleCare will soon build a beautiful new 128-bed long-term care home to provide more local seniors with the care and services they need, in the community they love and call home.

With approval from the Township and County for the necessary changes to the zoning bylaws and official plan, peopleCare is moving ahead to build the new home on the land right next door to the current peopleCare Tavistock on William Street.

We aim to get shovels in the ground in late summer of this year and will continue to keep you informed along the way. We also invite you to visit our new [peopleCare Tavistock redevelopment](#) page on [peoplecare.ca](#) for ongoing progress updates.

peopleCare Tavistock has been an important part of the community since opening its doors in 1968. As a Canadian, family-owned leading operator of exceptional senior living developments, peopleCare has been fully committed to redeveloping this older "C" Home. We were thrilled to receive the additional long-term care beds and necessary approvals to move ahead with this exciting project.

Sincerely,



Deb Wettlaufer

Executive Director, peopleCare Tavistock

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[Link for peopleCare Tavistock redevelopment](#)

2022 GRACE UNITED CHURCH SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

MATTHEW BRENNEMAN: Matthew will be beginning his first year at Niagara College in Game Development. From his application, "I've been going to Grace for as long as I can remember and it has been a great environment to grow up in. My involvement at our Church has been an important part of my childhood so far. I'll miss this Church when I'm away at school, but it's reassuring to know it will be there for me when I come back."

OWEN SHANTZ: Owen will be beginning his first year at Wilfrid Laurier University, Brantford Campus in Child and Family Studies. From his application, "I want to thank the church for being the most welcoming family I could ask for and giving me opportunities that makes me a better person to myself and better in the community. I hope to stay with Grace United for the rest of my life and help in any way I can."

We continue to hold Matthew, Owen and all students in our prayers as they grow and be the hands and feet of Christ.

CONGRATULATIONS MATTHEW AND OWEN!--BEST OF LUCK IN YOUR NEXT ADVENTURE!

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!