

GOOD NEWS AT GRACE

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One of the best things I remember about the lazy, hazy days of childhood summer holidays, is relaxing in a hammock in the back yard and reading a good book. And you had to read quickly in those days as the book needed to be back to the Tavistock Public Library in two weeks or you *might* (rarely) get a five cent charge from the congenial head librarian Idella Schwartzentruber.

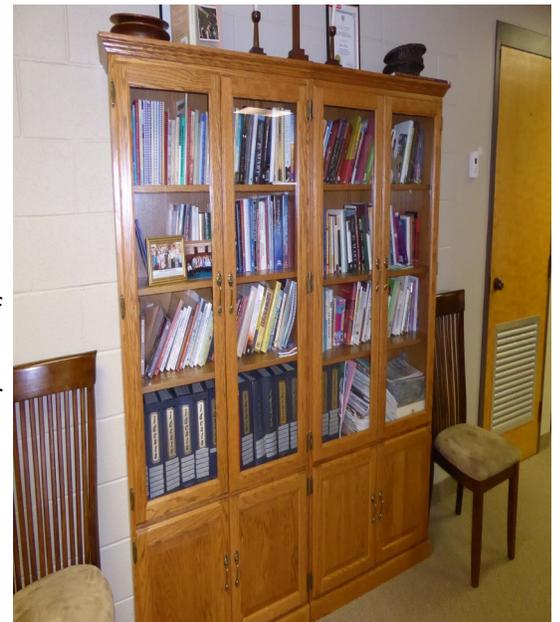
Did you know your church has a very well-stocked library? And there is no head librarian so you can keep the book as long as you need it.

In Knox Parlour there are two cupboards filled with books, and a children's library in the hall outside the office. Here is but a sampling of what they contain -

* Did you read Mitch Albom's book "Tuesdays with Morrie"? If you enjoyed this book, you will probably love Albom's "The Magic Strings of Frankie Presto", a story about the power of talent to change our lives.

* Chicken Soup for the Soul books always bring a smile and a laugh. Our library contains a number of them including "Messages from Heaven" and "Christian Family Soul".

* My favourite Christian author is Philip Yancey. He has the wonderful ability to ask the hard questions all of us ask about our faith and give a thoughtful, easy-to-understand, from-the-heart answer. Yancey was raised in the southern U.S., in a church with all sorts of rules as to proper conduct but a church which wouldn't let a Black person in the door. So he has had quite a journey. Some of his books you can find in our library are "Prayer - Does It Make Any Difference?", "How My Faith Survived The Church", "What's So Amazing About Grace?", "The Jesus I Never Knew".



* If you are in the mood for a spellbinding and heartbreaking story, try "Do The Birds Still Sing In Hell?" by Horace Greasley. It is the true and incredible story of Greasley, a PoW during the Second World War. As a 20-year-old in 1939, he triumphed over adversity and defied one of the most brutal regimes in history.

And the list goes on.....

And if you have youngsters in the family there are dozens of wonderful books in our children's library. Something for everyone.

Even though Grace has an official "pastoral care committee", we are all members of this group. Our Grace family has always done a good job of looking out for one another and helping when needed. In a time of being without a full-time minister, this becomes even more important.

Keep up the good work Grace! Let's continue to be God's hands in this community.

Bev Neeb, on behalf of the Pastoral Care and Outreach Committee

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)

July 17th: Come early to go over hymns with Marilyne

10:30 am Worship Service led by the Worship Team and Paul Bartlett in Zion Hall
With the informal format of worship in Zion Hall and scheduling around summer holidays, ushers and offering counters have not been assigned. Your assistance with the service as needed would be appreciated.

July 24th: Come early to go over hymns with Marilyne

10:30 am Worship Service led by Rev Mary Boland
Fundscrip orders are due

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.

Southwestern Public Health is holding a Covid Mass Immunization Clinic - Walk In Only - at the Tavistock Memorial Hall on Thursday, July 21, 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Contact us

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Office Hours

Katherine Brenneman Thurs. 9:30 – 2:30 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 the chair of Grace PCO, Bev Neeb 519 655-2695, 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.
- † pray for Susan Pellow who is recovering from successful knee replacement surgery.
- † pray for Susan Humphrey who is dealing with health challenges.

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.

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. graceunitedtavistock@gmail.com. Thank you to everyone who has shared news, stories, and pictures with me!

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



Thinking of Ukraine
Carol Young had handed out sunflower seeds at Easter, the flower of Ukraine. Marcia Bender shared a picture of those seeds now blooming in her flower bed.

Gifts with Vision at Work in Ukraine



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Photo: ACT/Hungarian Interchurch Aid



During peaceful times Kharkiv has a population of 1.5 million people—larger than Calgary and just a bit smaller than Montreal. But since the Russian invasion in February, half of those people have fled the city for safer places. Those who are still in Kharkiv are the people who can't leave: because they have nowhere to go, because they're unable to travel, or because they're taking care of others who must stay.

Grocery stores in Kharkiv are closed, public transit has stopped running, there is no electricity or running water, and many roads and buildings are unsafe. Although the

daily Russian air raids have ended there are still intermittent rocket attacks and people still spend time in shelters. Add to this the fact that most people who are still there live in poverty or are disabled, and it's clear that those who are left in Kharkiv are the ones least able to survive without help.

ACT Alliance member Hungarian Interchurch Aid has recently been able to bring relief shipments to volunteers in Kharkiv, like Sergei Babin. Babin and his team are providing those who are unable to leave the city with food and other items they need.

"We are grateful for any kind of help, as the people of Kharkiv have been suffering from this serious humanitarian crisis for many weeks now," he says.

Providing [emergency food and hygiene kits](#) (opens in a new tab) is one way your generous support of Mission & Service partners is helping support Ukrainian refugees.

Thank you for your compassion.

United Church of Canada 44th General Council

The Rev. Dr. Carmen Lansdowne, nominated by Pacific Mountain Regional Council, is The United Church of Canada's sole Moderator nominee. The election of Moderator will be held on the afternoon of July 23 in the GC44 Decision Sessions.



Carmen is a member of the Heiltsuk First Nation and a lifelong member of The United Church of Canada. She has worked in the church and beyond, representing the United Church at the World Council of Churches and as a member of the General Council Executive. She currently serves as the executive director of First United Church Community Ministry Society. First United has [released a statement](#) of congratulations and succession.

You can view her [full biography and statement of vision](#) for being Moderator.

Carmen recently sat down with Karen Medland and Andrew Richardson to record a podcast on *It's Your Call*. This conversation explores her call to ministry, how she has answered this call, and where this has led her. You can listen to the podcast on [Apple](#), [Google](#), or [Spotify](#).

To hear more of Carmen's thoughts and visions for the future, check out her [interview with Broadview Magazine](#).