GOOD NEWS AT GRACE

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UCW Purpose: To unite the women of the congregation for the total mission of the church and to provide a medium through which we may express our loyalty and devotion to Jesus Christ in Christian witness, study, fellowship and service.

The United Church Women nationally was formed in 1962 which makes this year of 2022 our 60th anniversary. Grace UCW was formed in 1969 when the four churches of South Easthope and Tavistock Evangelical United Brethren joined with Harmony and Knox United churches to form Grace United Church. Recently members from the former Lingelbach UCW and Hickson UCW have joined us at Grace. At the beginning we were called the Missionary Society Ladies or the Ladies Aid, but now we're UCW. The ladies of the UCW have never been afraid to tackle a new project or fundraiser and have consistently over the years donated \$2,000 to \$3,000 a year to Grace United's operational budget. The ladies have been responsible for outfitting the church kitchen, purchasing equipment and supplies. Work in the kitchen has always been the thing we do best and the group has catered to many functions over the years including weddings, funeral luncheons, anniversary celebrations, Lenten service lunches, South Easthope Insurance annual meeting, and other suppers.

In times past, teas, bake sales, bazaars and making pies were yearly occurrences as the UCW sought to raise money.

The UCW has been involved since the delivery of Meals On Wheels began in Tavistock, the program now being run by the VON from Woodstock. Each February, June and October our ladies still deliver meals twice a

One of our members, Mary Ann Klein, has been delivering and coordinating the program since the beginning, 60 years ago! Why would we let her retire in September? She has done a super job. Also thanks to the husbands and others who did and still do help us out. Thankfully we were able to deliver during the pandemic.

As part of the UCW's ongoing work, we yearly support Camp Bimini, Medical Electives, Canadian Foodgrains Bank and sponsor a child through Compassion Canada. We also contribute to the church's Scholarship Fund. And how about all those cookies to Camp Bimini during summer camping season? We have donated funds to our teenagers and adults who have gone on mission projects in Canada and elsewhere. We also support the Mission and Service Fund of the United Church with approximately \$1,000 yearly.

Each year UCW members take a June day trip. This year we went to Grand Bend to see Fiddler On the Loose. It was excellent.

Whatever we are up to, UCW members have fun together as they seek to do God's work and serve the needs of this congregation. We would love to have more church women join us.

Respectively submitted by Marjorie Wisby on behalf of the UCW



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)

Aug 28th: Come early to go over hymns with Marilyne

10:00 am Fundscrip orders due.

10:30 am Service in Zion Hall led by Rev. Young Seo. Join us for the message 'God is with us'. 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.

Sept 4th: 10:30 am Worship Service in Zion Hall led by the Worship Team

Sept 6th: 1:30 pm UCW. Compassion month.

Roll Call - What is your favourite thing about autumn?

Emergency Pastoral Care. Rev. Marg Smith is covering emergency pastoral care she can

be reached at 289 929 0707.

Members of the Care & Communication team 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.

Fundscrip volunteer co-ordinator needed: Thank you to Connor Shantz who has been looking after the Fundscrip fundraising campaign. He won't be able to co-ordinate orders starting in the fall. Is there a volunteer who would be willing to take this on? It is an easy fundraiser to run and Connor can help you with instruction on what to do. Please either talk to Connor or contact Katherine in the office. This is a valuable fundraiser for Grace and we wish to continue to offer it.

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

Update to Grace Community of Faith, August 2022

Good day to each of you,

The last two years have been complex, stressful and frustrating as you know. The work of running Grace United Church has carried on throughout that time with a small group working very hard to stay abreast of all the changes. It has been wonderful to finally be able to worship together again in Zion Hall this summer and share light refreshments afterwards as friendships are made, renewed and strengthened.

We are in the midst of change and require your help as we move forward. As you were informed previously a group of three is searching for a half time supply minister while we transition to another change. That work is frustrating as many ministers and lay people have either just accepted other positions or don't want half-time work, but they must be contacted to find out that information. Hours have been spent on the phone making calls.

The church profile and the full-time minister job description that were created a few years ago need to be updated and will be presented to the entire community of faith. It is very important that when you are informed of meetings to discuss these documents, you attend and take part in the discussion as this will determine the choice of our next minister. These documents need to reflect your wishes and desires and the only way to do that is with your participation in the process.

The finances of Grace are of concern to our finance committee and board. We have not received the same support as before the pandemic and ask that you consider that aspect of your membership at Grace. Expenses continue, even if the facility is not being used. Do you want to provide the support to employ a full-time minister or do you wish only half-time? If you read Broadview you will know that church will look different moving forward and that creative ways of being will evolve, so your participation is necessary as each situation is different and the members are the ones to make those decisions. Your participation is critical. Right now I'm thinking of the lack of folk stepping up to provide a presence at the Tavistock Fall Fair with our annual food booth.

Later this autumn we will be looking for new members for the Session and Board. Please think about this carefully and be prepared to answer that you are willing to work at helping Grace move forward by becoming a member of either committee. It is not hard work and the learning and experience you gain is amazing. There are other committees and activities too, which will require additional members, so consider your strengths and interests and volunteer; don't wait to be asked. You will be amazed by the positive experience, enjoyment and friendships that you gain. Let's all work to keep Grace an amazing place to worship, work, make friends, have fun and grow in our faith.

Sincerely,
Anne Gregory, Board Chair
Chris Wiffen, Ministry and Personnel Committee Chair

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 Susan Humphrey who is dealing with health challenges. She is thankful for the emails and cards that have been a huge source of comfort over the last 4 months.
- † pray for Sherman Kropf as he continues to deal 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.



Good News at Grace: Thank you to all the volunteers who have been sending in front page articles and stories.

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

Did you know we have a calendar on our website? You can easily check online to see what is happening in our Community of Faith. It's interactive—just click on any event to get more details. Go to Grace's website:

https://www.graceunitedtavistock.com/calendar.html

As events and meetings start to gear up again for September please send your dates into the office so they can be added to the calendar. graceunitedtavistock@gmail.com



Camp Bimini 75th Anniversary Open House

Sunday, August 28th 3:00 - 7:00 pm

4-5 pm hear memories and stories from campers, staff and board members throughout the years

6 pm bring a lawn chair for campfire and vespers BBQ is a goodwill donation to support Camp Bimini improvements for future generations.

September Birthdays and Anniversaries

Happy birthday to: Jesse Weicker - Sept 1 Jacob Mohr - Sept 1 Ellie Shantz - Sept 2 Olivia McKay - Sept 7 Claudette Wettlaufer—Sept 8 Greg Shewfelt - Sept 8 Justin Wettlaufer - Sept 10 Andrea Green - Sept 11 Tade Ankenmann - Sept 11 Chris Green - Sept 12 Shirley Binkle - Sept 13 Rowan McKay - Sept 13 Tovah Bean - Sept 14 Matthew Shantz - Sept 16 Melissa Kaufman - Sept 18 Bill Ball - Sept 21 Amanda Wilson - Sept 23 Wesley Weitzel - Sept 27 Joanne Cortes - Sept 27 Jorja Shantz - Sept 28 Elizabeth Gillespie - Sept 30

Happy anniversary to:

Mark and Laurie Bartlett - Sept 13

Ron and Jennifer Flach - Sept 13

Andrea and Peter Jutzi - Sept 20

Randy and Dianne Harris - Sept 21

Ron and Linda Ashcroft - Sept 23

Kari and Sean Gow - Sept 24

Allen and Lori Schmidt - Sept 24

Jack and Claudette Wettlaufer - Sept 25

Lorne and Beatrice Finck - Sept 30



Group Paper Fundscrip orders are due this Sunday, Aug 28th. Paper order forms are available in Zion Hall or download the **long form here**.



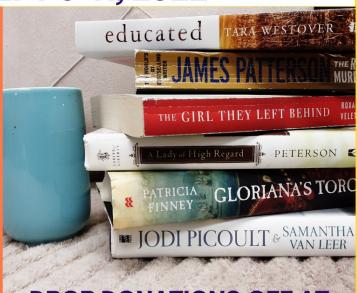
Retailers on Promotion	Denominations	Quantity	Sub-Total
BarBurrito	\$25		
Metro (Quebec) (Can be used at: Super C, Brunet)	\$25		
	\$50		
	\$100		
	\$250		
PetSmart	\$10		
	\$25		
	\$50		
	\$100		
	\$250		
SONXPLUS	\$25		
	\$50		
	\$100		



1st USED BOOK SALE at the TAVISTOCK FALL FAIR SEPT 9-11, 2022

Come to the Used Book Sale in the Arena during the Fair

Donate your books, or buy gently used books to stock your book shelf or do BOTH. Proceeds to the FAIR



DROP DONATIONS OFF AT:

Wanted items in good condition:

- Hard and soft cover books for adults, youth and children
- Talking Books
- Sheet Music

NOT WANTED items:

- Encyclopedias, periodicals
- Textbooks
- Magazines
- Out-of-date travel, business, computer, tax guides

BEFORE SEP 7 AT

Tavistock Library and
South Easthope Mutual
Insurance
OR at the Arena
Wed Sept 7 or Thurs Sept 8
from 6 pm to 8 pm

Want to volunteer?
Contact Julie @
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or phone 519-590-1617

For further details, visit us at tavistockfallfair.com