

GOOD NEWS AT GRACE

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September brings a variety of emotions within us. Excitement, adventure, nervousness, anxiety, happiness, feelings of new beginning. Those are some that come to my mind.

I'm writing on behalf of the Care and Communication Team. We would like to remind all of our church family, especially those beginning something new; school, university, jobs, becoming "empty nesters" that you are cared for and loved by God. Some days will be a little more challenging than others and we hope you remember you are not alone and remember the promise Jesus made that He will always walk beside you.

One of my favourite scripture passages is Psalm 46, especially verse 10.

"Be Still and know that I am God"

To be still is to trust....to surrender...to let go....to have faith and peace.

Elizabeth Halliday on behalf of the Care and Communication Team.



Upcoming Services and Dates:

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

Sept 4th: Come early to go over hymns with Marilyne.

10:30 am Worship Service in Zion Hall led by the Worship Team. *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 6th: 1:30 pm UCW. Compassion month.

Roll Call - What is your favourite thing about autumn?

Sept 11th: 10:30 am Worship service in Zion Hall led by Linda Humphrey.

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 this month. 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: PLEASE SEND IN YOUR DATES FOR THE SEPTEMBER CALENDAR. graceunitedtavistock@gmail.com



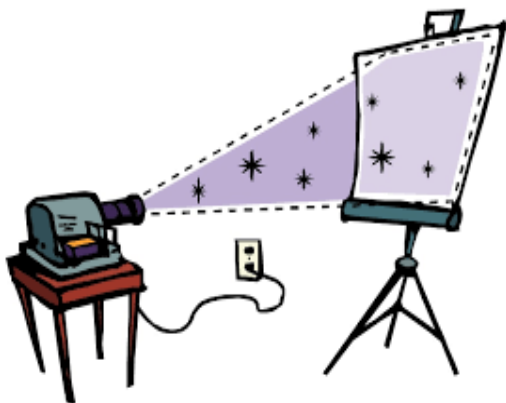
Did you know we have a calendar on our website? You can easily check online to see what is happening in our Community of Faith. It's interactive—just click on any event to get more details. Go to Grace's website:

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

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.

AV Team Members Needed! Starting September 25th we will start to worship in the sanctuary again—this means we will be recording the services and making them available online. We have a very dedicated AV crew who does an excellent job of making our services available online. However they could always use more help. If this is something you think you could help with please reach out to Katherine in the office or talk to any AV member on Sunday morning. Our AV team is willing to offer training on how to run the power point or record the service on the camera. This is an exciting opportunity to enhance our worship services with technology and provide ministry for those unable to attend in person.



1st Used Book Sale at the Tavistock Fall Fair

Sept 9—11, come to the arena during the fair

Donations accepted:

before Sept 7th at Tavistock Library and South Easthope Mutual Insurance
or Sept 7th and 8th at the Arena from 6:00—8:00 pm

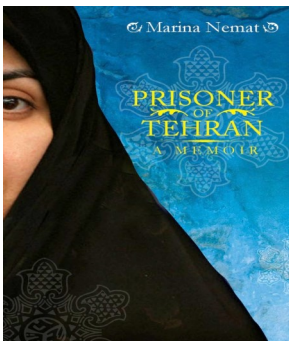
[Link to Used Book Sale Poster](#)

Prisoner of Tehran

Date: Saturday, September 10, 7:30 pm

Prisoner of Tehran: Mount Forest dance theatre performance
“inspires one to take a stance against social injustice”

Mount Forest United Church is honoured to be partnering with [Motus O](#), an international performing troupe that has recently made their home near Mount Forest, to bring this production to the area. Based on the memoir by [Marina Nemat](#): Marina was arrested at the age of sixteen, after the Islamic Revolution in Iran, for protesting government policies and spent more than two years in Evin Prison. Isolated, tortured and under a constant threat of execution, Nemat was eventually released and immigrated to Canada. [Read the entire media release.](#)



Tickets can be purchased at the door or can be reserved by calling 519-323-2105. Contact [Janice Benson](#) at Mount Forest United Church.

* The performance is recommended for audience members aged 14+

Thank You

Many thanks to Keith Weitzel for making the small stand that can be added to the podium to raise its height, making it easier for speakers to read their lines. It is a beautiful piece of craftsmanship!



Choir Resumes again on Thursday, September 22nd at 7:00 pm.
New members are welcome to join us. Please talk to Marilyne on Sunday if you are interested.

