

GOOD NEWS AT GRACE

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CAMPFIRE

I love a campfire with whatever may happen around it: songs, food, laughter, tears, friendships. The energy is so contagious and so real. It is a time that invites us to be present in that moment. I love that time and I love what a campfire symbolizes.

In his book *Everyday Parables*, James Taylor writes this about a Campfire:

The flicker of a flame in a campfire is hypnotic. The light itself dances, playing with your imagination. Around a campfire, there's no need for conversation—so conversation often flows more freely.

You can sit for hours, watching the coals glow and crackle. But if you pull one of those embers out of the fire, it soon grows cold and black.

That's probably why we need to gather in communities. Each of us can glow individually. But without the reinforcement of others glowing around us, we too can grow cold.

Any kind of people who share similar goals and ideals will serve as community. But the gathering of those who think of themselves as the people of God, the congregation or parish, has some special qualities.

For as long as humans have existed, fire has been a symbol for God. God spoke to Moses out of a burning bush, to the followers of Jesus in tongues of flame.

The warmth reaches out like a hug. And like a warning. For fire can burn, as well as warm; it can destroy, as well as give life. Fire, in that sense is a good symbol of God's spirit—for God's spirit can give new life, but it can also destroy the old life.



Fire is indeed a good symbol of community and the importance of gathering in community, in-person. For 29 months, we have been challenged to gather in-person. We may have developed new and, often, much easier habits of doing things online. As we get closer to the end of the pandemic, we are needing to get the coals and embers together so that the fire that burns within the Grace family is reinforced and strengthened. The Sunday School, choir, usher list and reader list among other groups need support. It is time come together again. See you soon!

Carol Young

Youth Coordinator

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 there fore we recommend masks but they not required, distancing can still happen if you wish, and hand sanitizer is at each entrance.

Upcoming Services and Dates:

SERVICES CAN BE VIEWED ON GRACE YOUTUBE CHANNEL, WHICH CAN BE
ACCESSED THROUGH OUR WEBSITE: www.graceunitedtavistock.com

Sept 18th: 10:30 am Worship Service upstairs in the Sanctuary - led by Carol Young
Sunday School resumes, BBQ Lunch follows (Gluten free and dairy free options
available)

Sept 20th: 7:00 pm Worship Team Meeting

Sept 21st: 10:00 - 11:30 am Sit n, Knit, Stay n' Crochet
1:30 - 3:00 pm Salvation Army Mobile Food Bank Truck - Back Parking Lot
7:00 pm Board Meeting

Sept 22nd: 7:00 pm Choir Practice

Sept 25th: 10:30 am Worship Service and Sunday School
Light refreshments and social time follows in Zion Hall - All are welcome

Sept 29th: 7:00 pm Choir Practice

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.



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.

Contact us

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Office Hours

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

Care and Communication Team

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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 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.
- ✦ pray for Jack and Claudette Wettlaufer who are experiencing health challenges.
- ✦ pray for Brenda Mohr and her sister Jackie as Jackie deals with a cancer diagnosis.



Sit n Knit, Stay n Crochet is beginning WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 10–11:30 am in Knox Parlour and will be meeting every other Wednesday. Knitters and crocheters of all ages, stage and abilities welcomed! We can even teach or help! For more information, ask Carol Young tavigraceyouth@gmail.com or 519–301–1356.

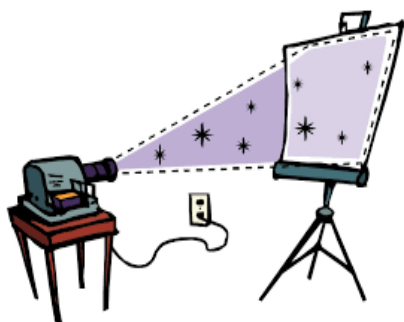


Fundscrip volunteer co-ordinator needed: Thank you to Connor Shantz who has been looking after the Fundscrip fundraising campaign. He won't be able to co-ordinate orders starting this month. Is there a volunteer who would be willing to take this on? It is an easy fundraiser to run and Connor can help 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.

AV Team Members Needed!

Starting this Sunday September 18th 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.

GRACE SUNDAY SCHOOL IS BACK!

**BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 18,
10:30 AM**

- Caring Teachers
- Fun Lessons

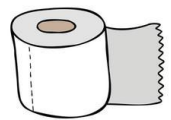
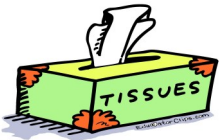
Join us for our BBQ lunch
September 18 at 11:30 am! All are
welcomed! Freewill donation
lunch--proceeds to Grace SS

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Again this year Grace will be collecting items for the Tavistock Assistance Program (TAP) as part of our Thanksgiving offering. Boxes will be placed at both our church entrances to accept your donations up to Oct. 9. This is a paper and cleaning product collection so things like three-hole lined paper for students, paper towels, toilet paper, tissues, diapers, cleaning products and detergents. No food items. TAP is excited about receiving our donations and grateful for our efforts.



We continue to look for people to provide a snack and drink after church. Everyone loves this opportunity to socialize. Please have a look at the schedule in Zion Hall and sign up as you are able.



Camp Bimini On-line Auction Coming This Fall!

To donate an item for the auction, email treasurer@campbimini.ca to arrange pick up by October 1



Examples of items donated last year!



Women's Retreat Day

**Saturday,
October 15th,
2022**

9 am to 4 pm

Camp Bimini



For women of all stages and ages, this day is a day to celebrate and build Body, Mind and Spirit in women.

This is a good day for friends to come together or come on your own and meet new friends. Cost \$55 (includes lunch, snacks and workshops). Registration is limited in 2022!

Camp Bimini 3180 Perth Road 113, RR 1, St. Pauls ON N0K 1V0



For more details including how to register:
<http://campbimini.ca/event/celebrate-mind-body-spirit/>
or call 519-271-4129
or email campbimini@cyg.net.



On September 30, people all across Canada will wear orange shirts to remember and honour Indigenous children who were taken from their communities and families to residential institutions.

This year, Indigenous communities across the country continue to share the truth they have always known: that many of the children who never returned home remain on the grounds of those institutions in unmarked burial sites. These communities are now seeking to honour the missing children.

On Orange Shirt Day we also observe the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. For non-Indigenous Christians in particular, this is a time to reflect on their role in colonialism and the ongoing responsibility to make reparations.

