GOOD NEWS AT GRACE

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Welcome Rev Young Seo

The Search Committee is very pleased to announce that Western Ontario Waterways Regional Council has approved Rev Young Seo for a six month half-time minister position at Grace. We warmly welcome Rev. Seo as our new minister. She has shared with us a little bit about her life and ministry:



Warmest greetings in the precious name of our Lord Jesus Christ!

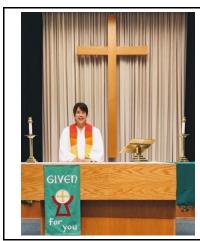
My name is Rev. Young Seo, and I live in St. Marys with my family where my partner Jason Richards is minister at St. Marys United Church. I have a 5-year -old son, Lincoln Richards.

I am an ordained minister from the Presbyterian Church in the Republic of Korea (PROK). For most of my life I have been in the church, as both my parents have been in ministry as pastors within Korean Presbyterian churches. I graduated from Hanshin Theological Seminary, in Seoul, South Korea with my M.Div. I also graduated from the Master of Theological Studies (MTS) Course at St. Andrew's College (Saskatoon) last year. I worked at Alma United church and the United church admitted me as an ordained minister this past year.

I wish for us to working together and grow our faith community of Grace United Church. I will pray the Holy Spirit abides in us and ask God's blessings for all of you. I will listen to your stories and see where it is that God is leading you individually, and as a community of faith.

There's a beautiful scripture I would like to share with you that no doubt you have read or sung at one point in your walk with the Lord. 2 Corinthians 5:17says, "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!"

I'm looking forward to celebrating with our bright future serving the Lord through our ministry in our church and community together!



Blessings, Rev. Young

Upcoming Services and Dates:

SERVICES CAN BE VIEWED ON GRACE YOUTUBE CHANNEL, WHICH CAN BE

ACCESSED THROUGH OUR WEBSITE: www.graceunitedtavistock.com

Sept 30th: Orange Shirt Day and National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

Oct 2nd: World Wide Communion Sunday Worship Service led by Rev. Young Seo

Sunday School

Refreshments, light snack and social time follows in Zion Hall - All are welcome

Oct 4th: 1:30 pm UCW. Roll Call: Bring a paper product for TAP

Oct 5th: 10:00 - 11:30 am Sit n' Knit, Stay n' Crochet

Oct 6th: 7:00 pm Choir Practice

Oct 9th: 10:30 am Thanksgiving Worship Service 'Hymns of Faith' led by the Worship

Committee

Sunday School

Refreshments, light snack and social time follows in Zion Hall - All are welcome

Oct 12th - 19th: Camp Bimini Online Auction Fundraiser

Oct 13th: Choir Practice

Emergency Pastoral Care. Rev. Young Seo is available for emergency pastoral care and can be reached at 519 671 6910.

Members of the Care & Communication team are also always available for support.





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.

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.

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

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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 Rev Young at 519671 6910 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.
- **†** Our thoughts and prayers go out to the Schmidt/Hamulecki families on the passing of Dianne in a tragic car accident near Norwich on Sept. 18. Dianne was the daughter of the late Maurice and Illa Schmidt and attended Zion EUB as a youngster and then Grace United.

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.

Letter to the Board:

To the members of Grace United Church Board,

The Tavistock Agricultural Society was pleased to present an almost traditional fall fair this year. The absence of the church booth was felt by a lot of our fair goers and vendors. We acknowledge that it is hard to find volunteers. The Ag Society would like to offer you an alternative. This would be a much smaller version of the booth with offerings of ice cream and refreshments like coffee, pop, water. The vendors expressed their concern with not being able to get coffee without leaving the arena. The Optimist club did provide hamburgers and were very busy. The Ag Society will hold your spot for a while but we will have to reach out to other organizations if this option won't work for you. Let us know your thoughts by December, 2022. Secretary Chris Wiffen Tavistock Agricultural Society

A suggestion was made that some church groups may consider taking this on as a fundraising project. Perhaps each group could take a morning, afternoon, or evening time slot. Let Katherine know if your group may be interested.

October Birthdays and Anniversaries

Happy birthday to Jennifer Flach-Oct 1 Tyson Reibling-Oct 4 Ron Wiffen-Oct 4 Holly McKay-Oct 4 Brooklynn Sebben-Oct 5 Holden Harris-Ayotte—Oct 6 Matthew Lupton—Oct 6 Michael Stock-Oct 6 Brian Cook-Oct 9 Linda Stock-Oct 10 Ashton Wettlaufer-Oct 11 Dorothy Martin-Oct 11 Michael Lupton—Oct 14 Matthew Wiffen-Oct 18 Dianne Harris-Oct 21 McKenna Weitzel-Oct 21 Matthew Bartlett-Oct 22 Karen Klein-Locke-Oct 22 Teagan Glaab-Oct 25 Dorothy Weicker-Oct 26 Nic Cortes-Oct 27 Gladys Stock-Oct 29 Sharon Oliphant-Oct 30 Jordan Bartlett-Oct 31



Happy Anniversary to

Doug and Dianne Wiffen—Oct 4

Ryan and Nicole Weitzel—Oct 5

Dale and Marianne Ruby—Oct 26



Happy 100th birthday to Verna Weitzel on October 15th.



And A Child Will Lead Us

(a prayer for Orange Shirt Day/National Day for Truth and Reconciliation)

Powerful Christ,

we are grateful that you came to us as a child,

who grew out of a community that nurtured, supported, and taught you the way of your ancestors.

You have asked us to do the same:

to treat every child as we would treat you,

to love every person as you have loved us.

We are grateful that

your power is rooted in love, not force;

your strength is displayed through community, not might.

You have taught us to work toward a better world where all of creation thrives, and where every child matters.

On this Orange Shirt Day,

we remember Phyllis Webstad as a child,

and the stolen childhood of all the children forcibly raised by church-run institutions, known as residential schools.

We lament how these institutions

stole from children the opportunity to grow in a safe and loving environment,

stole from Elders the opportunity to share their teachings and wisdom with younger generations; and

stole from communities the opportunity to live intergenerationally.

We mourn the children who never made it home,

the communities that were destroyed,

the broken hearts,

the stories never shared, and

the shattered relationships.

We ask that you provide

comfort to all who are seeking healing and who daily wrestle with the ongoing harmful legacy of

these colonial institutions,

strength to all who name how colonial powers have harmed us as peoples and as a nation;

often at great personal cost, and

courage to all who are working toward reconciliation.

Christ Child.

As you grew, you reminded us to always welcome and care for children.

We remember your children today.

We lament and acknowledge the sinful ways that colonial powers tried to eradicate Indigenous cultures within Canada,

breaking Indigenous families,

removing children from their homes while destroying communities.

And we pray for healing,

so that we who live together in this country

can also work together to build a better future

where all children are cherished, beloved, and given what they need to thrive.

So that we may treat all children as we would treat you, our Beloved.

May it be so.

Amen.





or email campbimini@cyg.net.



Register online for Camp Bimini Women's Retreat

Donate to the Hurricane Fiona in Canada Appeal: The Canadian Red Cross is working to get help to people in and around affected areas as quickly as possible and provide humanitarian assistance for new needs as they arise. Money raised will enable the Red Cross to carry out relief, recovery, resiliency and risk reduction activities in and beyond the region at the individual and community levels. Donations online at **Canadian Red Cross**. Donations matched by the Canadian Government.



The Salvation Army Mobile Food Bank Truck will be in Tavistock (back parking lot of Grace United Church) from 1:30-3pm every 3rd Wednesday of the month from now until December. People can drop by for food or call our Stratford office (519-271-2950) to book an appointment. Community members are more than welcome to drop off non perishable food donations during this time as well.