

GOOD NEWS AT GRACE

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Good day to each of you:

The last few months without a minister have been challenging to say the least, but we have had many folk step up and volunteer to do help with tasks. My challenge now to you is to figure out how many points you would have if you awarded yourself 2 for each of those folk you have personally thanked for the work they have done. The Worship Committee of Jen Reibling, Wanda Brown, Karen Brenneman, Dale Ruby, Shirley Wilhelm and Dianne Herold have done a wonderful job of having meaningful worship each Sunday for us and after Carol Young left a busy and stressful but successful summer at Bimini she also helped with worship. The Ministry and Personnel Committee of Chris Wiffen, Tory Zehr, Carol Shewfelt, Joan Bartlett and Suanne Wettlaufer have worked almost non-stop for the last several months. Keith Weitzel of course is always going above and beyond to provide us a welcoming place to gather. We could not have carried on without Katherine Brenneman as she provided information and organization to everyone as necessary and created the weekly newsletter and appropriate graphics for Sunday worship. The AV Committee continued to work faithfully during the summer Sundays and we need to thank Jayden and Dale Ruby, Matthew and Dale Brenneman, Bill Brown, Kelli Zehr, Eugene Bender and John Markle. Marilyne Nystrom showcased her awesome musical skills, highlighting several genres. A light lunch was enjoyed after each service for those who attended and was provided by several volunteers. Do not forget about Dale Ruby and Dale Brenneman who served with me to find a supply minister. Perhaps you have thanked someone that I've missed and that is wonderful. Good for you and give yourself extra points! You will notice that I have included our paid staff as well as volunteers because both are so necessary to our success. How many points have you accumulated so far? You can get more! Think about each person who created an interesting article for the front page of the newsletter - what a wide variety of topics were covered! How many actions have you taken as a result of them? Now add 3 points for each.

- found the library(s) and borrowed a book(s)
- bring clean, dry milk bags to church to make sleeping mats
- read Broadview magazine OR put your name on the list to read Grace's copy OR decided to order your own
- spent quiet time rejoicing, remembering, meditating or just plain enjoying nature
- thought about and plan to join a committee or group this fall like the UCW for example
- looked up a podcast on a subject of interest to you
- found more information and tried to understand the Middle East situation
- made that strawberry-rhubarb crisp recipe
- enjoyed a vacation time away from the normal routine

This fall you will have the opportunity to become involved with Grace even more as we move forward in our search for a new, permanent minister. The Grace Profile must be updated to reflect our situation now and there will be meetings held which will require your thoughts and input. We will also be asking for volunteers to go on a search committee to find our next minister.

Positions on Grace Official Board and Session will also need to be filled. Give yourself 5 points if you are willing to help on the search committee, Board or Session. What is your total?

I hope that you enjoyed thinking about your past, present and future involvement with Grace by doing this quiz. We are a busy and active community of faith and need your help and encouragement to keep it that way.

Anne Gregory, chair of the Board

Upcoming Services and Dates:

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

Oct 9th: 10:30 am Thanksgiving Worship Service led by the Worship Committee

Sunday School

Refreshments, light snack and social time follows in Zion Hall

- All are welcome

Oct 12th: 4:00 pm Pastoral Care and Outreach Committee

7:00 pm Session Meeting

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

Oct 13th: 7:00 pm Choir Practice

Oct 15th: 9:00 - 4:00 pm Camp Bimini Women's Retreat at Camp Bimini

Oct 16th: 10:30 am Worship Service led by Rev Young Seo, Sunday School

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

11:45 am Youth Grade 5-12 Lunch and Snyder Family Farm

Oct 19th: 10:00 - 11:30 am Sit n' Knit Stay n' Crochet

Oct 20th: 7:00 pm 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.

Contact us

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E-transfer donation email gracetavistockdonation@rogers.com

Office Hours (office hours may change, please call ahead)

Rev Young Tues. and Thurs. 10:00 - 2:00 pm

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

Do you have a prayer request?

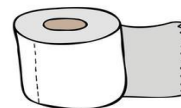
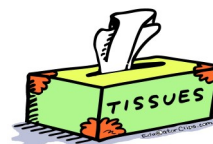
"In all things let your requests be known to God in prayer." (Philippians 4:6)

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 519 671 6910 and we will begin praying for you.

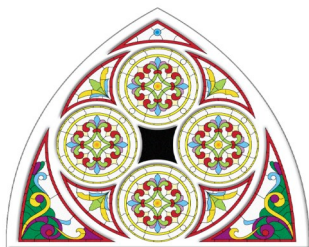


- ✦ pray for Sherman Kropf as he continues to deal with health challenges.
- ✦ pray for Jack and Claudette Wettlaufer who are experiencing health challenges.
- ✦ pray for Brenda Mohr and her sister Jackie as Jackie deals with a cancer diagnosis.
- ✦ pray for Susan Humphrey as she deals with health issues.

LAST SUNDAY TO BRING IN YOUR COLLECTION ITEMS. Grace is collecting items for the Tavistock Assistance Program (TAP) as part of our Thanksgiving offering. Boxes are at both our church entrances to accept your donations. 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.



Congregational Meeting Sunday, November 13th:



During worship on November 13th Grace United Church will hold a Congregational Meeting for the purpose of electing new members to Session, and Board. The Board is looking for 4 new members, Session is looking for 2 new members. No new Trustees are needed to be elected this year, there fore we will confirm our current trustees. Please take the time to consider how you can serve our Community of Faith.

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.

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*Through Mission & Service we help transform lives, inspire
meaning and purpose, and build a better world.*



*en 2021 à Mission & Service
de l'Église Unie du Canada*

*Grâce à Mission & Service, nous aidons à transformer des vies, à
insuffler un sens et une raison d'être, à bâtir un monde meilleur.*

Richard Bott

The Right Rev. Dr. Richard Bott, Moderator • Le pasteur Richard Bott, modérateur

June/Juin 2022

God's Mission, Our Gifts • La mission de Dieu, pour nous, par nous

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Thank God for You: without you we wouldn't be able to transform so many lives

You have likely been there. A million and one things to do: errands, housekeeping, food prep, work, volunteering. Sometimes we can be so busy checking off our to-do list that we forget to pause and appreciate all that God has blessed us with in life.

Enter Thanksgiving. A time to stop and catalogue what we are grateful for.

You top our list.

This Thanksgiving, the Mission & Service team of the Philanthropy Unit is pausing to give thanks for you—our donors.

Without you, we wouldn't be able to help transform so many lives.

Thanks to your support, we were able to provide 9,996 full vaccinations to those who need them most around the world.

What's more, since the pandemic struck, your generosity has helped raise over \$525,000 in emergency gifts to help Mission & Service partners deliver personal protective equipment, distribute food, install sanitation stations, and support education programs to help prevent and control the spread of the disease.

As the war in Ukraine continues to devastate lives, your generous gifts of over \$1.3 million are helping to provide emergency shelter, clean water, food, and medical attention. The recently unveiled gift of food hampers and dignity kits for refugees in Ukraine featured in the [Gifts with Vision](#) catalogue is adding to this total (you'll see these new gifts starting Sept. 26!).

These are just some of the tangible changes you help make possible. Behind each one of them is a changed life.

In Paul's letter to the Romans, he begins with a statement of thanksgiving: "I thank my God through Jesus Christ for all of you, because your faith is proclaimed throughout the world."

Ultimately, Jesus charged us with helping build a better world. On behalf of those we serve, thank you for rising to the challenge.





Register online for Camp Bimini Women's Retreat

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.



Christian Resource Centre
 The United Church of Canada

Letter from Resource Centre

We received a letter from The Christian Resource Centre, 29 Ontario Rd, PO Box 760, Mitchell ON N0K 1N0, hppre@quadro.net (519)-348-9261 and we wish to remind you of this valuable resource which is available to both Grace UC and individuals. They are a ministry under the umbrella of The United Church of Canada and therefore could not apply separately for government money during the pandemic but did receive Mission and Service grants from Western Ontario Waterways and Antler River Watershed as well as from some individuals. They are grateful for this support and grants from Embracing the Spirit and Seeds for Hope which allowed them to set up hospitality and meeting spaces in their facilities. These provide spots to sit and have a cup of coffee while browsing or meet and visit or gather, relax, breath. They provide a place with many resources at their fingertips where you can turn when you are searching, wondering, lost or stuck and their goal is to find answers, even if they need to dig for the information. They ask for your prayers and financial support if you wish. You are invited to visit in person in Mitchell on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 10 am to 4 pm and Mondays by chance or appointment.

Website: www.wowresourcecentre.ca

Facebook page: Christian Resource Centre

Grace continues to collect used face masks and milk bags. The face masks are broken down and parts of them recycled into other useful products. This week Shona Ward picked up our collected milk bags - some 600 of them!!!! Congratulations Grace. She will take them to a site where they are processed into sleeping mats. Please imagine the grateful children who are now sleeping on a clean, soft mat and not on a dirt floor, all because of your efforts.



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](https://www.redcross.ca). Donations matched by the Canadian Government up to Oct 23.

A Prayer for Autumn Days

By Joyce Rupp

God of the seasons,
there is a time for everything:
there is a time for dying and a time for rising.
We need courage to enter into the transformation process.
God of autumn, the trees are saying goodbye to their green,
letting go of what has been.
We, too, have our moments of surrender,
with all their insecurity and risk,
help us to let go when we need to do so.
God of fallen leaves lying in colored patterns on the ground,
our lives have their own patterns.
As we see the patterns of our own growth,
may we learn from them.
God of misty days and harvest moon nights,
there is always the dimension of mystery
and wonder in our lives.
We always need to recognize your power-filled presence.
May we gain strength from this.
God of harvest wagons and fields of ripened grain,
many gifts of growth lie within the season of our surrender.
We must wait for harvest in faith and hope.
Grant us patience when we do not see the blessings.
God of geese going south
for another season, your wisdom enables us
to know what needs to be left behind
and what needs to be carried into the future.
We yearn for insight and vision.
God of flowers
touched with frost and windows wearing white designs,
may your love keep our hearts
from growing cold in the empty seasons.
God of life,
you believe in us, you enrich us,
you entrust us with the freedom to choose life.
For all this, we are grateful.
Amen.