

GOOD NEWS AT GRACE

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" Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever."

Greetings in Christ!

Last Sunday we had Thanksgiving dinner at our home – and it was a festive event. My family and parents-in-law were around the table. But before we carved the turkey and enjoyed the delicious meal, we centred ourselves in prayer. Family members shared the things for which they are thankful. And it probably didn't surprise you that this often ends with many of us tearing up. Giving thanks touched everyone! Especially, my husband who is struggling with illness.

What you may not know is that giving thanks has physical benefits! But more than just feeling good, giving thanks has great spiritual benefit because it puts our attention back on God. It turns our hearts and minds away from our preoccupations, our own false sense of control, and recognizes the fact that everything we are and all we have come directly from God.

Psalms 136 begins with a phrase repeated in the Bible: *"Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good. His love endures forever."* The Psalm goes on to detail God's work in Israel's past, guiding and protecting God's people. Living in a constant state of thanksgiving is challenging but important for us as well. Turning our attention to praise fights off our tendency to worry.

What are you burdened by today? When you turn your attention to God, and give Him the praise He deserves, you will become more aware of His presence and start to discover peace that only God can bring. Praise invites God to be present in the now of our lives, whether joyous or difficult. It makes room to recognize God's grace.

Let us find out what's our grateful moment and say how we are grateful today. May our Thanksgiving continue long after the last morsel of turkey is gone. May thankfulness and praise become a natural overflow of our grateful heart.

This season of Thanksgiving, and you're more than likely already thinking about others. Maybe for some that means lending a helping hand, or for others who are difficult from suffering, especially from hunger, it could mean sharing your grateful heart. Whatever the case, we are blessed by Jesus Christ, our Savior.

God bless you.

Rev. Young Seo



Upcoming Services and Dates:

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

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

1:30 pm Salvation Army Mobile Food Bank Truck - back parking lot

7:00 pm Board Meeting

Oct 23rd: 8:30 am Breakfast Club for Teens

10:30 am Anniversary Sunday Worship Service led by Andrew Middleton, Sunday School. Refreshments, light snack and social time follows in Zion Hall - All are welcome

Oct 27th: 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.



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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Office Hours

Rev Young Tues. and Thurs. 9:30-2:30 pm (it may change the office hour and day, please contact her before visit)
Katherine Brenneman Thurs. 9:30 – 2:30 pm

World Food Sunday, October 16th

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<https://united-church.ca/stories/teetering-brink-global-hunger-crisis>



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Who was Jesus referring to when he advised his followers to pray: “Give *us* this day our daily bread?” Who is the “us”?

“When we say the prayer, we often think ‘us’ refers to ourselves; after all, we are the ones praying. But I think Jesus, who had a broad view of neighbour and family, meant all of humanity,” explains Sarah Charters, Director of the United Church’s Philanthropy Unit, adding, “so I take it to mean ‘Give every one of us our daily bread.’” God has already come through on that petition. There is enough food on the planet to feed everyone. The problem is that some have too much and others not enough.

It’s never been more urgent that we share. Food security has always been an issue, but the pandemic as well as wheat shortages resulting from the war in Ukraine have catapulted us to the brink of a massive hunger crisis. Right now, more than 50 million people are facing starvation—almost double the number in 2019. One person is dying of hunger every 4 seconds.

In this critical time, your meaningful gifts through Mission & Service are put to work right away helping people meet immediate needs by providing emergency food hampers in times of crisis, stocking shelves at food banks, and serving good, healthy meals through various outreach agencies.

Your gifts also provide longer-term support and systemic change by teaching agricultural techniques, seeding community garden initiatives, and helping neighbourhoods set up systems to cope with the impact of conflict and climate change on their food systems.

As we teeter on the brink of a global hunger crisis, your generosity has never been more needed. Please choose to do something meaningful this World Food Day, and [make a gift through Mission & Service](#) (opens in a new tab) to help those who are most vulnerable.

Together as a United Church we can help build the world Jesus envisioned when he taught us to pray—a world where every one of us has our [daily bread](#).

Your gift will **transform and save lives, inspire meaning and purpose, and build a better world.**

Thank you for your generosity! Check out the [ways you can direct your gift](#) to make the impact you want.

- Your gifts help people in need by supporting homeless shelters, food banks, soup kitchens, and refugee programs.
- Your support means that people who are sick or at the end of life are cared for by providing addiction, mental health, and counselling services and hospice care.
- In the most dire circumstances, your gifts provide access to life-saving clean water, food, and medical care.
- Your generosity makes vital economic development, skills training, peace-making, advocacy, and disaster relief possible.

There are many ways to give:

Donate online: following the link <https://united-church.ca/donate>

Donate by phone using your Visa or MasterCard:

Local: 416-231-5931 ext. 2738 Toll-free: 1-800-268-3781 ext. 2738

Donate by cheque or money order, or send Visa or MasterCard information with gift amount to:

Philanthropy Unit

The United Church of Canada

3250 Bloor St. West, Suite 200 Toronto, ON M8X 2Y4

Do you have a prayer request?

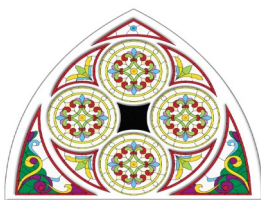
"In all things let your requests be known to God in prayer." (Philippians 4:6)

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 Dorothy Lowe as she recovers from hip surgery.
- ✚ pray for the family of Audrey Tucker as they mourn her passing.
- ✚ pray for Judy Green and her family as they mourn the passing of Judy's mother Elaine Zehr
- ✚ pray for Beatrice Finck who is at the hospital with health challenges.
- ✚ pray for Rev Young and her family as her husband deals with health challenges.

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 Board. The Board is looking for 4 new members. Session does not need to elect any 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.

The Tavistock Agriculture Society has offered Grace the opportunity to host an alternative Food Booth at the 2023 Tavistock Fall Fair. This would be a much smaller version of the booth with offerings of ice cream and refreshments like coffee, pop, water. We are looking for volunteers to help with this fundraising opportunity.

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.

We have also had interest from the UCW who offered to bake cookies and muffins to go with the coffee. They have also volunteered to fill a time slot.

This is great start to committing to this Grace fundraiser, however we need some more interest from other groups. We have to let the Ag Society know our decision by December. Please talk to Katherine if you are interested.



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.



Sunday October 16 11:30 am meeting for lunch after Sunday School/Worship and then off to [Snyder Family Farm](#) near Bright. Cost \$25 per person given to Carol. Please let Carol know by Friday October 14, 6 pm so she can buy tickets ahead of time (required) and arrange drivers. This is for ages grade 5-12. Back to Grace UC by 3:30/4 pm



Sunday, October 23, 8:30 am Breakfast Club for grades 9-12 at the church--come and enjoy a great breakfast--and make the church smell incredible! Please let Carol know by Friday October 21 if attending so we can best prepare!



Giving Hope Today The Salvation Army Mobile Food Bank Truck will be in Tavistock (back parking lot of Grace United Church) from 1:30-3pm this Wednesday October 19th. 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.

The Tavistock and District Historical Society
Presents

Mark Loudon

Professor of German Linguistics at the University of Wisconsin-Madison and author of the book "Pennsylvania Dutch: The Story of an American Language"

"What did the Founding Families Speak? Tracing the Roots of Tavistock Deutsch"

Saturday October 22, 2022 at 1:30 pm

In Zion Hall, Grace United Church, 116 Woodstock St South, Tavistock

A TDHS Speaker Series presentation



Camp Bimini Online Auction: WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 12 6 PM to WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 19, 6 pm. Items include clothing, furniture (some made from Bimini wood), maple syrup, coolers, gift certificates, local scenic flight and more. [Check it out and bid often!](#) Proceeds for Camp Bimini.

Camp Bimini Christmas Mini Photo Sessions: SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 9 AM - 4 PM & SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 9 AM to 4 PM. Sessions by Intuition Photography by Leanne . 50% of the proceeds go to Camp Bimini. [More details and schedule your 20 minute time slot today!](#)

A Tribute to my Husband Pete, A Farmer and to all 'Farmers'

By Bev Vandervliet, fall 2022

He was a steward of the land
Planting and harvesting was the plan
Working the soil, with tractor and plow
Encouraging each seed and wondering "how"

The barns were full of healthy stock
Farrowing, feeding each day by the clock
A second job, to make ends meet
Supporting a family, a daily feat

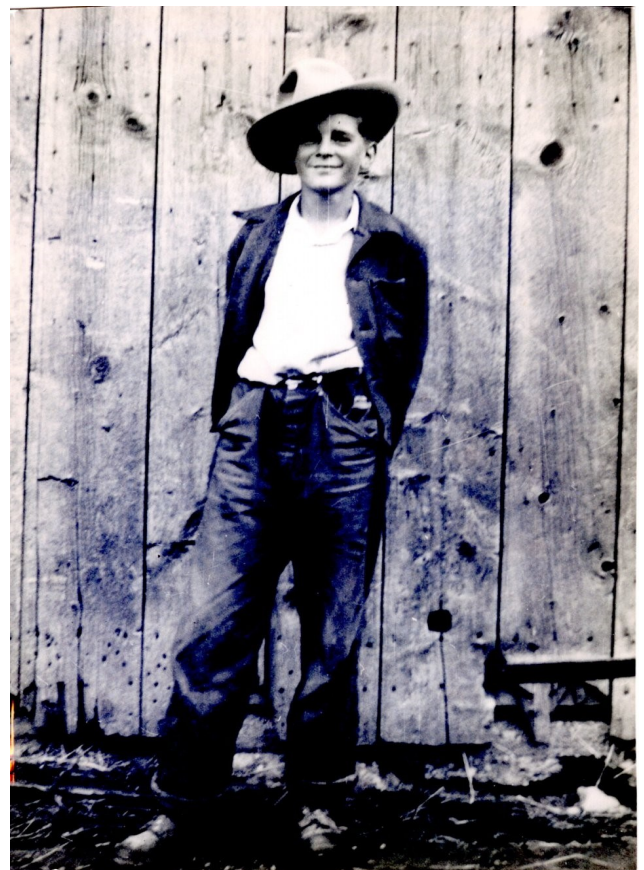
Where will the energy come today
Enough rain and sun each day we pray
Price and weather we have no control
All the worry and stress are taking its toll

My husband the farmer wanting to feed
A hungry world, distracted by greed
A government, that often turns it's back
Funds and support we often lack

Most people in cities don't understand
The needs and frustrations of those on the land
Our numbers are few and get less every day
Uncertain futures keep young ones at bay

A strong back, working hands are a must
Our labour of love the land we must trust
I look back on the years we farmed with pride
Hard work, safety and care were our guide

This year as we harvest the bounty at last
Knowing winter's dark shadow is already cast
We know a farmer is having a rest
Knowing in their heart they have done their best.



Peter Vandervliet

Around 12 years at J. Moore Farm
