

GOOD NEWS AT GRACE

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Members and Friends of Grace United Church,

"Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God".

(Hebrews 13:16)

Happy 53rd Anniversary! God provides an abundance of resources for our ministry and mission here at Grace United Church in Tavistock. God has built our church to magnify God's glory and we are the fruit of God's labor. Our congregation is rich in faith, service, love, talent, life experience, care for one another, and financial capabilities. We have been challenged to be creative in keeping our faith and our community vital and well connected in 2022. Because of our faithfulness, as we move in the direction of a full reopening, we continue to be a strong, loving, and active church.

We are asking each of you to please reflect on what this spiritual community means for you and your ability, whatever it may be, to make a commitment of financial support. We are very grateful for all contributions, but we ask that you consider increasing your pledge.

We invite you to join us over the coming weeks as we hear how we are called in our worship and learning as Christians. We will share stories about why we give; how our generosity makes a difference here at Grace; how we affect the community around us; and how, through the Mission & Service Fund of the United Church, we respond to this call nationally and globally – all components of how we sing thanksgiving to help heal God's World!

Please prayerfully consider how you would like to respond to this call. We hope this will be an opportunity to reflect on the blessings in your life and how you can live out your faith in response. In addition to financial resources, we depend on the contributions of time and talent from many dedicated volunteers and lay leader. New volunteers are always welcome and if you would like to contribute in this way, please approach the minister, staff or members of your church board.

Please consider making a special Anniversary offering as part of donations for 2022. Anniversary Envelopes will be available at church this Sunday. We can also receive your Anniversary offering by mail to PO Box 189 Tavistock N0B 2R0 or by e-transfer to gracetavistockdonation@rogers.com (security answer is Grace1980, include in the message *Anniversary Offering*).

Your commitment is a way of expressing your faith and joyfully acting upon it. May we all know the deep blessings of our God, who knows of our faith, hope and patience, and strengthens all our efforts with grace and peace.

You may contact the office for a personal offering statement to date.

Yours in Christ, 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 23rd: 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

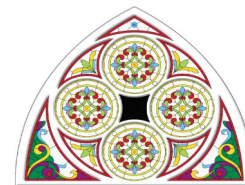
Oct 27th: 7:00 pm Choir Practice

Oct 30th: Paper Fundscrip Group Orders Due
10:30 am Worship Service led by Rev Young Seo and Sunday School
Refreshments, light snack and social time follows in Zion Hall - All are welcome

Nov 1st: 1:30 pm UCW. Roll call - Bring a picture of a veteran.

Nov 2nd: 10:00 - 11:30 am Sit n' Knit Stay n' Crochet

Nov 3rd: 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.

We give thanks for the offering received by plate on Sunday morning, through e-transfer, and Pre Authorized Remittance. At this time we will continue to place the offering plates at the entrances to the sanctuary and not pass the plate during the service. Please make your donation by envelope when you enter or leave worship. During the service the offertory will be a symbol of our thanks for all these gifts received.



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.

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!](#)

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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

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 Claudette Wettlaufer and family as they mourn the passing of Jack Wettlaufer
- ✝ pray for Joanne Weil and family as they mourn the passing of Peter Weil
- ✝ pray for Sherman Kropf as he continues to deal with health challenges
- ✝ pray for Beatrice Finck who is at the hospital with health challenges
- ✝ pray for Dorothy Lowe as she recovers from hip surgery
- ✝ pray for Barb Matthies as she recovers in hospital from injuries from a fall
- ✝ pray for Brenda Mohr and her sister Jackie, as she continues to deal with her cancer diagnosis
- ✝ 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. 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 a great start to committing to this Grace fundraiser, however we need some more interest from other groups. We are looking for volunteers to help organize this fundraising opportunity—the past organizing committee has lots of notes to help with ordering beverages and supplies. We have had offers to help serve.

We have to let the Ag Society know our decision by December. Please talk to Katherine if you are interested.

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 A TDHS Speaker Series presentation



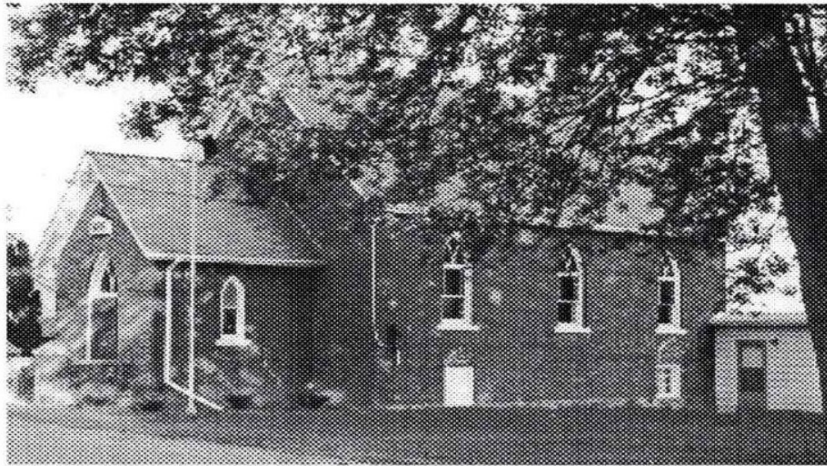
LOCATION CHANGE TO TAVISTOCK MENNONITE CHURCH

131 Wettlaufer Street

In honour of our Anniversary Sunday service please enjoy this look back at the history of Grace United Church bulletin insert published in 2000.

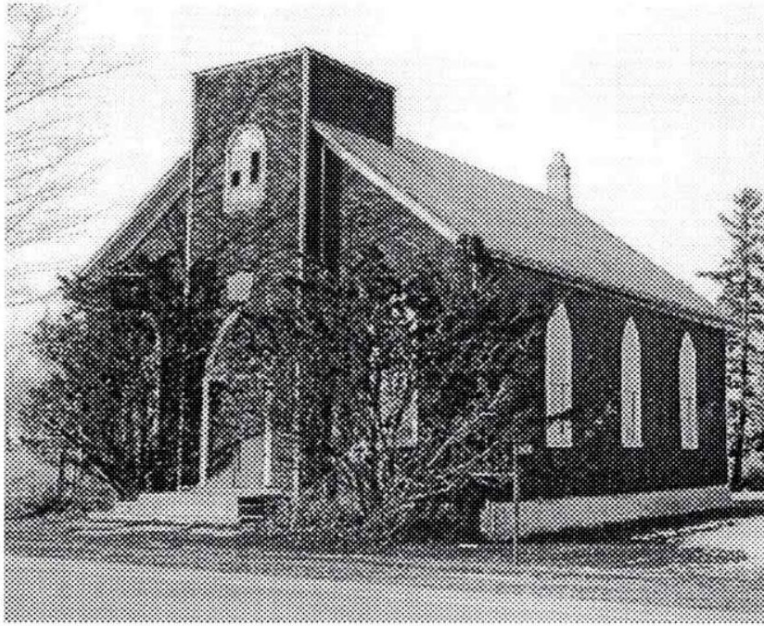
A History of Grace United Church, Tavistock

- 1840: Preachers on horseback from the German Evangelical Association in Waterloo County reach the Tavistock area. A church is established near Tavistock at Balaclava (the Ratz Church). Members of this congregation later establish congregations in East Zorra, Lingelbach, Sebringville, South Easthope, and Tavistock.
- 1848: Henry Eckstein builds a hotel at the five corners.
- 1857: The coming of the railroad brings industry and a rise in the population.
- 1860: The Presbyterians erect a log structure on lot 30, 10th line of East Zorra for a place to worship. In 1874 they move to a different location on the 10th line. This church is called Burns Church. The congregation becomes part of a two-point charge with Brooksdale until 1920 when Burns and Knox Presbyterian Church in Tavistock form a charge.
- 1862: The Methodist minister Rev. Elsworth holds camp meetings on a hill north of the Trout Creek in Harmony. In 1864 a small frame church is built on Lot 1, Concession 7 of Downie Township on land donated by a Mr. Dunsmore.

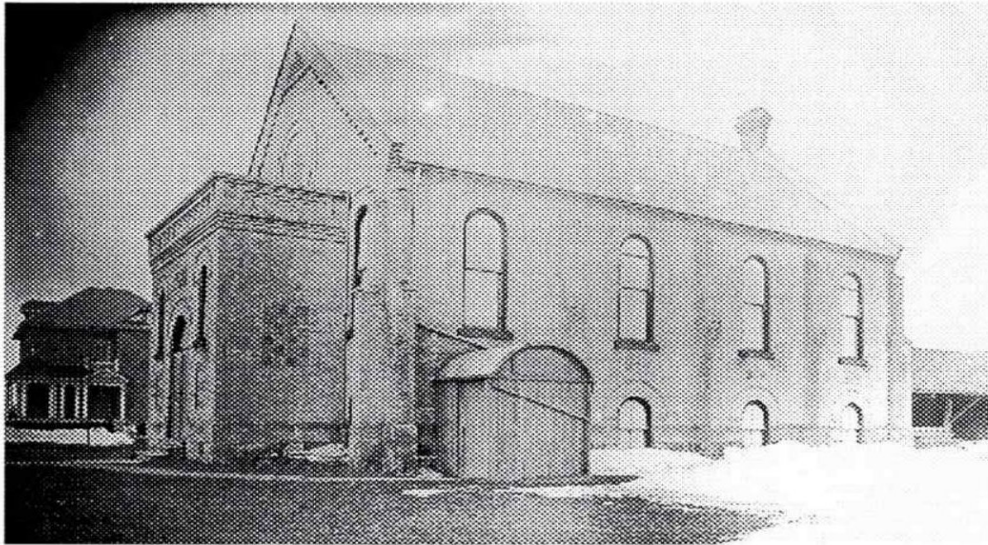


The red brick church in Harmony is built in 1874.

- 1865: A "class" of thirty members of Evangelicals meets in Tavistock. William Morlock is the class leader. The first trustees are elected in 1869. In 1870, the first church building, a frame structure, is erected. The Stratford Weekly Beacon reports, "The new and handsome church recently erected in this village by the Wesley Evangelical Denomination was opened on Sunday last." (On the current site of Grace United Church.)



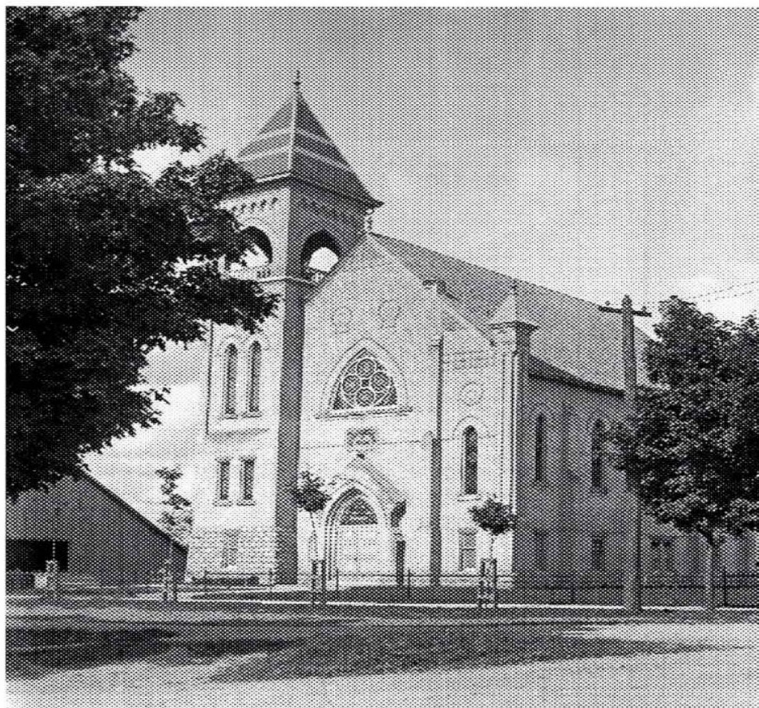
- 1865: A wonderful revival is held near Lingelbach by the "German Methodists" (Evangelicals). As a result, two classes are formed, one in North Easthope and one in South Easthope.
- 1874: The South Easthope church (Evangelical) is built (replaces the Ratz Church). The Church is first known as Salem Methodist Church (later EUB). South Easthope and Tavistock form the Tavistock Mission in 1870. In 1909, SEH is taken from Tavistock and added to Lingelbach to form a circuit. South Easthope and Lingelbach were one charge until 1938 when South Easthope and Zion in Tavistock were made a charge.
- 1878: A student missionary, Mr. Fleming, is sent into the Tavistock area by the Presbyterian Church to minister to the Scottish settlers. Services were held in the hall over the sheds of Loth's Hotel (NW corner of Woodstock St. N. and Hope St. W.). There were about twelve adherents. 1882: Tavistock first listed with the Presbyterian Church. John Stewart was the minister and attended to both the North Easthope church (north of Shakespeare) and Tavistock. The Presbyterian Congregation in Tavistock rented from the Baptist Church (the Board of Trade Building) for afternoon services until their own church was built (in 1892).
- 1886: Harmony becomes part of a three-point Methodist circuit with Harrington and Maplewood.



- 1892: The Presbyterians open their new church on the corner of Oxford and William Streets. Rev. Pyke is the pastor.
- 1892: A Union Service is held in the Tavistock "German Methodist" Church (i.e. the Evangelical church) with Messrs Otto, Pyke, and Krupp participating.
- 1904: The Tavistock Evangelical Association congregation build a new brick church.
- 1911: Zorra Evangelical added to the Tavistock circuit.
- 1919: Burns and Tavistock Presbyterian churches are on the same charge again.
- 1922: The East Zorra Evangelicals amalgamate with the Tavistock congregation.
- January 1925: Knox Presbyterian holds vote regarding union. 101 members voted, 75 for and 26 against. 32 members abstained. Knox becomes Knox United Church. Burns votes to remain with the Presbyterian Church as does North Easthope but some members join the new United Church. 1925 The former Presbyterians in Tavistock and the former Methodists in Harmony join to form a two-point charge in the new United Church of Canada. The charge is part of Perth Presbytery, London Conference.
- 1946 The Evangelical United Brethren Church is formed by a union of the Evangelical Association and the United Brethren in Christ (an American denomination).
- 1953 Zion EUB and Knox United hold union services in the summer.
- 1960 Knox appoints a committee to try to bring the two congregations of Knox and Zion closer together.

1967: The Canadian Conference of the Evangelical United Brethren passes a motion to join with the United Church of Canada, effective January 1, 1968. Harry and Marie Roppel represent Zion Church at the union service held in Kitchener. Zion Church in Tavistock becomes Zion United Church with the result that Tavistock for a short time has two United Churches (Zion and Knox). Presbytery aligns Lingelbach with the Tavistock Churches.

September 1, 1969: Grace United Church, Tavistock, is formed by the union of four churches: Zion United in Tavistock (formerly EUB), Knox United in Tavistock (formerly Presbyterian), South Easthope United (formerly EUB), and Harmony United (formerly Methodist). Rev. James Warden (who had been the minister of Knox United) served from 1 Sept 1969 until 29 Nov 1970. Subsequent ministers include: Rev. John Tweedie (Nov. 1970 to 1977); Rev. Dan Yourkevich (July 1978 to 1982); Rev. Norman Morton (1983 to 1986); Rev. Paul Field (1987 to 1994); Rev. Robert Biggar (July 1994 to June 1999); and Rev. Marion Jackson Tyler (Interim: July 99 to Sept 2000, permanent: beginning Oct 1, 2000).



Addendum

March 1970: Lingelbach United Church and Grace United Church become the 2 point Tavistock Pastoral Charge

October 24, 2010: Lingelbach United Church holds their final worship service

Ministers:

Rev. Marion Jackson Tyler (Oct 2000 - June 26, 2011)

Rev Mary Boland (March 1, 2012 - Feb 28, 2021)

Rev Gail Fricker (March 1, 2021 - June 2022)

Rev Young Seo (Sept 2022 -

