

# GOOD NEWS AT GRACE

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One of the ministries of Grace United Church is Sit n Knit, Stay n Crochet. This group continues to bring together crocheters and knitters of different skill levels and different experiences on every other Wednesday morning (with coffee/tea always served with a smile!). It continues to expand our outreach to people within our church family and to those beyond our walls. From this group afghans, sweaters, prayer shawls/blankets, wash cloths, pneumonia vests, Izzy dolls, hats, scarves are given to anyone in need in our community and world.

Without even knowing who would receive it, these tangible gifts of prayer are made specifically for the person who will receive it. Each of these gifts is made to bring warmth to someone who feels a chill. Each of these gifts is made to bring comfort to someone who feels alone. Each of these gifts is made to bring peace to someone in need of prayer. Each of these gifts is made to remind the recipient that they are part of the family of God.

If you have a desire to be part of these projects but cannot attend Wednesday mornings, we invite you to do projects at home on your own time. We are always looking for yarn for projects or donation of money to buy yarn--any help is much appreciated. The supplies are donated from the community or donated by those who crochet or knit. Patterns, yarn and help is always available.

Each time we meet, we share a devotion that refers to knitting and crocheting and so we share this one with you.

## THE KITCHENER STITCH

*If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land. 2 Chronicles 7:14*

The Kitchener stitch is used when you want the seam or join of your project to be invisible. It's most often used for grafting the toes of a sock together. A nifty technique but it's tricky. There may be only a dozen stitches to finish a sock, but it takes all my concentration to get it right.

Often my knitting has vast rows of nothing exciting going on. So I let my mind wander. I make to-do lists in my head. I plan the errands of my day. I think of friends and family far away. I watch TV. I do a lot more than attend to the knitting in my hands. But it all comes to a full stop when I do the Kitchener stitch.

I am sure to lose my place and miss a stitch if I let my mind wander. To complete the task, I have to be in the moment. I can't veg-out and wander off mentally. But it's easy to get distracted. It happens to me all the time. Attending a business meeting. Driving to work. Drifting off during a sermon. Chatting on a long phone conversation. I don't mean to but I disconnect. Losing my focus during prayer makes me feel guilty. I should be in the moment then. I am in the very presence of God. I am having an intimate conversation. There is no honour in wondering, what's for dinner? This all used to bother me very much until I realized I could talk with God in prayer more often.

I cling to the power of short prayer. A little prayer often goes a long way for keeping me connected to God. This is why I keep my prayers short and often. I do have a quiet time, but it's only the quick beginning to my day. Rather, I pray in short bursts throughout the day. I concentrate for the time it takes to praise, to plead, or to thank. Then I move on. Like working in the Kitchener stitch, my prayers are short and concentrated.

*Dear God, even in the rush of my day today, keep me connected to You in prayer. Amen.*

taken from [Knit, Purl, Pray: 52 Devotions for the Creative Soul](#) by Lisa Bogart

## Upcoming Services and Dates:

SERVICES CAN BE VIEWED ON GRACE YOUTUBE CHANNEL, WHICH CAN BE ACCESSED THROUGH OUR WEBSITE: [www.graceunitedtavistock.com](http://www.graceunitedtavistock.com)

**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

**Nov 6th:** 10:30 am Remembrance Sunday Worship Service, Sunday School. Refreshments, a light snack, and social time follows in Zion Hall - all are welcome

**Nov 10th:** 12:00 pm High Noon Lunch

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.**

The Wettlaufer family has shared with our church community the YouTube link for the [Celebration of Life of Jack Wettlaufer](#).



**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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### 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 Nancy Kropf and family as they mourn the passing of Sherman Kropf
- ✝ pray for Claudette Wettlaufer who continues to deal with health challenges
- ✝ pray for Beatrice Finck as she recuperates at home
- ✝ pray for Barb Matthies who is in hospital recovering from injuries from a fall
- ✝ pray for Brenda Mohr and her sister Jackie, as she continues to deal with her cancer diagnosis
- ✝ pray for Brian Boland as he prepares for knee surgery next week
- ✝ 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, therefore we will confirm our current trustees. Please take the time to consider how you can serve our Community of Faith.



### **Community of Faith Profile**

It is now time for you to review and give your input into updating our Grace Community of Faith profile (COF). It is attached to the email for this newsletter. For those who do not have a computer or email some paper copies are available at the church. Please speak to Katherine in the office if you need a paper copy and didn't get one.

Some obvious changes have been made in red and some items that need thought and discussion are in green. That does not mean though, that everything else has to stay the same. We would like you to spend some time in serious thought and be prepared to stay for not longer than half an hour after the service on Sunday November 13<sup>th</sup>, so we can begin this step in the process of hiring a new full time minister. Remember everyone's thoughts and comments are important to get this document correct.

Anne Gregory, Board Chair

Chris Wiffen, M&P Chair

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 15th. Please talk to Katherine if you are interested.

# Mini Monthly Financial Report

Month of

**Jan - Oct 18**

	2021	2022
Anniversary	100	0
Core Receipts	86,519	69,500
Other Donations	1,634	2,500 UCW
Bequest	10,000	0
Misc. Receipts		
Fundraising	1,040	4,469
HST Rebate	1,628	1,682
Manse Rental	8,750	8,750
CEBA	20,000	
Misc.	5,959	1,184
	37,377	16,085
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>135,630</b>	<b>88,085</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	<b>135,206</b>	<b>105,908</b>
<b>Surplus/Deficit</b>	<b>424</b>	<b>-17,823</b>

Please consider making a special Anniversary offering as part of donations for 2022. Donations can still be made by Anniversary Envelopes available at church on 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](mailto:gracetavistockdonation@rogers.com) (security answer is Grace1980, include in the message *Anniversary Offering*).



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.



Buy Gift Cards to  
Support Our Group

Start Now

Do you buy groceries, gas, household items, shop at department or renovation stores, do you eat in restaurants, go to the movies or need gifts for holidays, birthdays & special events? FundScrip is a fundraising program that lets our group raise much needed funds simply by purchasing gift cards to the stores you are already shopping at. You purchase a \$100 grocery card and you will receive a \$100 gift card and a percentage of your purchase will be donated to our fundraising campaign.

Our Fundraising Group and Invitation Code:

Fundraising for:

How do I order ?

Order due:

Pick up cards:

Cheques payable to:

### Some Current Promotions:



Was at 5%  
now at 7%



Was at 3%  
now at 4%



### Christmas Orders Next Month:

Now is the time to start to plan your Christmas gift cards. There are lots of gift cards on promotion for November and December. You can see them [here](#).

We will place our group paper Christmas order on Sunday, November 27th.



# November Birthdays and Anniversaries

Happy Birthday to

Karen Brenneman - Nov 1

Shawn McKay - Nov 1

Kelli Zehr - Nov 2

Zoey Shantz - Nov 5

Annalise Glaab - Nov 5

Marg Pletsch - Nov 5

Karen Mogk - Nov 7

Mason Charlton - Nov 9

Jaime Zehr - Nov 9

Rebecca McKay - Nov 11

Beth Kaufman - Nov 12

Hayden Ankenmann - Nov 12

Peter Francis - Nov 13

Dale Ruby - Nov 14

Suanne Wettlaufer - Nov 16

Masen Ankenmann - Nov 26

Deb Stevely Ball - Nov 26

Tricia Wettlaufer - Nov 30

Gail Woolcott - Nov 30

Happy anniversary to

Mark and Holly McKay - Nov 14

Peter and Avis Francis - Nov 18

Graham and Rosemary McKay - Nov 28

Gary and Brenda Mohr - Nov 29

