

# GOOD NEWS AT GRACE

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The Mission Statement of Grace United Church was created through several community of faith meetings with lots of discussion about our vision of/for ourselves. It reads,

**“Grace United Church strives to welcome, inspire and support all in personal and spiritual growth as we walk with Jesus Christ on our faith journey.”**

To support that, our governance is the older model of separate Board and Session rather than the now more common Church Council model which many churches are using. The Board of Trustees also plays a very important role in the way we function. Several committees report either to the Board or Session at their regular meetings.

Our Constitution states that our Session shall consist of ten members; the Board shall consist of nine elected member and six assigned positions, which are the Minister, Clerk of Session, Secretary, Treasurer, Session representative and Ministry and Personnel representative. Any resident member on the Roll of Grace United Church may qualify to sit as a member of Board or Session. Members may be elected to two successive terms with one year off before again becoming eligible to serve on the Board. Two Session members shall be elected each year for a term of five years. Members may be elected to two successive terms with a year off before again becoming eligible to serve on the Session. Three Board members shall be elected each year for a term of three years. The Constitution says that the Board of Trustees shall be appointed as necessary by the community of faith; shall consist of 3 to 7 members; shall function in accordance with the United Church of Canada Manual; need not be Church Board members. Since the Constitution was updated, we have learned that our community of faith needs to confirm our Trustees each year.

As a community of faith of 300+ members, we are allowed to have up to 4 representatives to the Western Ontario Waterways Regional Council.

Nominations are now open for these positions.

This Sunday during the church service we will be confirming the names of those who agreed to serve again on Session, Trustees, and WOW Rep, and electing four new Board members. Thanks to all who made a commitment to Grace United Church. Your desire to be involved is gratefully acknowledged.

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](http://www.graceunitedtavistock.com)

**Nov 13th:** 10:30 am Worship Service with Congregational Meeting, led by Rev Young Seo.  
Sunday School: Grace Assistance Program Sunday (GAP).

A brief presentation and discussion of the Community of Faith Profile immediately follows. Light snack and refreshments in Zion Hall afterwards.

**Nov 14th:** 7:30 pm Christian Education Meeting - Knox Parlour

**Nov 15th:** 7:00 pm Worship Meeting

**Nov 16th:** 10:00 - 11:30 am Sit n' Knit Stay n' Crochet

1:30 - 3:00 pm Salvation Army Mobile Food Bank Truck - Grace Parking lot

7:00 pm Board Meeting

**Nov 17th:** 11:30 am Ministerial Meeting: Quehl's

7:00 pm Choir Practice

**Nov 18 - 19:** Western Ontario Waterways Regional Council Online Fall Gathering

**Nov 20th:** 10:30 am Intergenerational Children's Sunday Worship Service in Zion Hall led by Carol Young. Following the Sunday School will host Sunday Sundae.

**Nov 20 - Dec 11:** Project Good Tidings

**Nov. 24th:** 7:00 pm Choir Practice

**Nov. 26th:** Journey to the Stable at Grace UC

### Congregational Meeting this Sunday, November 13th:

During worship 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. We will also confirm our WOW Regional Rep. Please take the time to consider how you can serve our Community of Faith.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED for the Tavistock Fall Fair Food Booth 2023:** We have to let the Ag Society know our decision by December 15th. We are now running out of time to make a decision about whether to continue with the fall fair booth. It has previously made around \$2000. If we don't do this fundraiser we will have to look at raising this amount some other way.

**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 therefore 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 Claudette Wettlaufer in Stratford Hospital
- ✚ 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 as she struggles with health issues, and Brenda's sister Jackie, as she continues to deal with her cancer diagnosis
- ✚ pray for Brian Boland as he recovers at home from knee surgery
- ✚ pray for Shirley Binkle recovering from hip surgery
- ✚ pray for Rev Young and her family as her husband deals with health challenges.

## Community of Faith Profile Update This Sunday

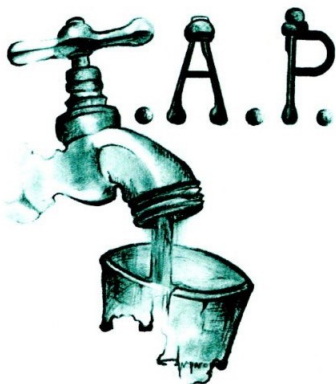
It is now time for you to review and give your input into updating our Grace Community of Faith profile (COF). The COF was emailed out last week. For those who do not have a computer or email some paper copies are available at the church. Please speak to Katherine in the office if you need a paper copy 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.

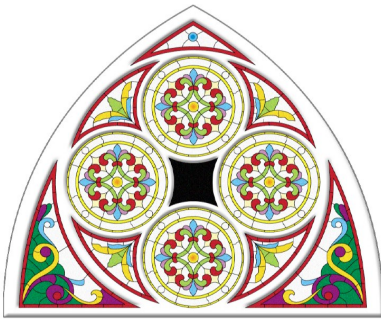
Anne Gregory, Board Chair

Chris Wiffen, M&P Chair



Dear Grace United Church members:  
On behalf of TAP and our local communities, we would like to thank you for blessing us with all the paper products and cleaning products. Your continued support of the vision and mission of TAP is greatly appreciated. Together we are building strong, healthy communities and we are so thankful!!  
Blessings, Anida Stolst  
Program Director

Please consider making a special Anniversary offering as part of donations for 2022. Take note that we have budgeted \$8500 in anniversary 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*).

To date November 6 we have received \$1656 in anniversary donations. Thank you for your generous support of our special Anniversary offering and we are grateful for the donations that we continue to receive.

**Message from M&P.** We welcome Rev Young Seo to the Grace Family. Rev Seo has accepted a part-time position which consists of up to 25 hours a week. Since this is a part time position we need to reassign some of the full time minister duties. Your committees may be approached to assist in some of the smaller tasks that require attention. We thank each and every one of you and your committees for your continued support and understanding during this transition.

The M&P would like to thank our staff for all they do from working with the youth, directing the music, preparing for services, cleaning the facilities, looking after the finances and aiding with the everyday operation of the church. Our staff are part-time and give all their heart and soul into their job. We ask that you please be mindful of their part-time working hours and be respectful of their personal time, they too deserve the right to disconnect from their job, to attend church and other social events the same as any other member and not feel obliged to answer workplace questions. Should you have any church business for Katherine or Deb, please consult with them Monday - Friday. You can email the staff at [graceunitedtavistock@gmail.com](mailto:graceunitedtavistock@gmail.com) with the staff person name in the subject line and they will gladly return your email or call. Thank you

### **Journey to the Stable - Saturday, November 26**

Wanted and needed: ACTORS (shepherds, angels, innkeeper, women, Mary, Joseph, merchants and more—those with lines and those without lines), ANIMALS (sheep, donkey, calves, and more!), Musicians, organizers, people to set up, people to take down for **Journey to the Stable**. Any age will be welcomed! We are looking for people to make plates of goodies for serving in Zion Hall following the Journey to the Stable outside.



Please talk with Carol Young if you are interested in being part of this time to share the great story of Christmas with our community on a special night.





## **Ivy Francis 100th Birthday Open House**

**Sunday, December 11 from 2-4 pm.**

**Millennium Trail Manor,**

**6861 Oakwood Dr, Niagara Falls ON L2G 0J3**

**All are welcome. RSVP to Cheryle Slattery 905 401 1510**

*If you wish to send a card they can be mailed to Ivy at Millennium Trail Manor. There will be a video of messages at the open house, if you wish to send an electronic happy birthday, email it to Cheryle at [cheryleslattery@gmail.com](mailto:cheryleslattery@gmail.com) (please turn your phone camera sideways for a better video)*



The United Church of Canada has developed "Gifts with Vision" in response to requests to be able to give Christmas gifts to relatives and friends that are in support of the Church's Mission and Service partners. To see all the gifts that you can give and how to give, check out the website [giftswithvision.ca](http://giftswithvision.ca). The catalogue is available for download, [Gifts with Vision Catalogue](#) or there are a few paper catalogues available to borrow from the church office. Thank you for your generosity and supporting Gifts with Vision.



**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 November 16.

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.



# Journey to the Stable

A RETELLING OF THE JOURNEY OF THE SHEPHERDS

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2022  
5:30, 6, 6:30 & 7 PM

GRACE UNITED CHURCH, TAVISTOCK

LIVE ANIMALS AND ACTORS TO RETELL THE STORY

GOODIES AVAILABLE INSIDE AFTER YOUR JOURNEY

DONATIONS GATHERED THIS NIGHT WILL BE GIVEN TO  
GRACE UNITED CHURCH YOUTH PROGRAM

**UPDATE**

COME ON OUT AND  
BRING YOUR RAKE

**CAMP  
CLEAN UP DAY**

**NOVEMBER 12, 2022**

9AM - 12 NOON  
CAMP BIMINI