

GOOD NEWS AT GRACE

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Get ready for Christ(mas)! Advent—a holy, four-week countdown to Jesus' birthday!

We invite you to use this Advent Baking Prayer while making your favourite Christmas baking recipes. Grace is hosting a Bake Sale Auction on Sunday, December 11th after the service. You may want to use this prayer while baking your goodies for the sale - we look forward to sharing our treats together.



Adventunwrapped



Recipe Prayer (Baking Edition)

Use this prayer card with your favourite recipe while baking this holiday.

Give Thanks

Gather and prepare your ingredients.

Thank you for these ingredients (*name each ingredient*) and for every being, every place, and every thing that has brought them here. Thank you, Creator of all things.

Bless and Break

Create your batter.

In the breaking, cracking, sifting, mixing, and kneading, we prepare each ingredient to work together to become something new. We give thanks for what the ingredients were, and ask your blessing on what new thing they will become. May it bring joy.

Watch and Wait

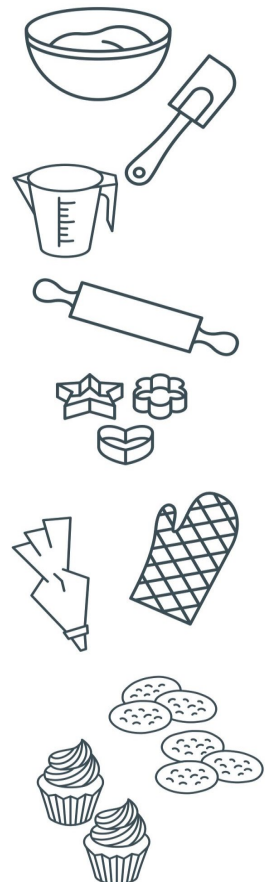
Prepare and bake your recipe.

After moulding, shaping, and preparing, we wait with hope, joy, and anticipation. Help us to be patient, giving our creations the time and space needed to be transformed. And help us to stay alert, trusting our instincts and senses.

Share

Decorate, package, and share your creations.

We marvel, celebrate, and give thanks for how ordinary ingredients from your Creation have lovingly been transformed into something extraordinary. We give thanks for the tradition and privilege of blessing, breaking, and sharing your gifts with your people. May the sharing of these treats be a blessing. Amen.



Upcoming Services and Dates:

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

Nov 20 - Dec 11: Project Good Tidings

Dec 4th: Fundscrip orders due

10:30 am Advent 2 Worship Service led by Rev Marion Jackson Tyler, Sunday School.

Light snack and refreshments follows in Zion Hall. Nativity Sets on display during Advent.

Dec. 6th: 12:00 pm UCW Christmas Luncheon. Roll Call: bring a personal care item for Optimism Place

Dec. 8th: 12:00 pm High Noon Lunch - Christmas Celebration. Entertainment: Ropp Brothers

7:00 pm Choir Practice

Dec. 11th: 10:30 am Advent 3 Worship Service led by Rev Young Seo, Sunday School. Bake Sale Auction and light snack and refreshments follows in Zion Hall. Nativity Sets on display during Advent.

12:30 - 1:30 pm Confirmation Lunch Gathering - Knox Parlour

Dec. 14th: 10:00 - 11:30 am Sit n' Knit Stay n' Crochet

Dec 15th: 11:30 am Tavistock Ministerial Meeting - Quehl's Restaurant

7:00 pm Choir Practice



GAP: This Sunday the Sunday School will be delivering the Christmas gifts they made for GAP. If you are able to help make deliveries please come downstairs after the service and pick up a gift from the table. Thank you.

Tavistock Fall Fair Booth 2023 Update: We now have a volunteer co-ordinator! We appreciate all the people who have said they would volunteer to help. Some time in the spring we will begin to organize the details.

Memorial plaque orders: we are planning to place an order for memorial plaques. Cost for the plaque is \$250. Please contact Tory Zehr at tgzehr@live.ca and 519-608-2505 if you are interested in placing an order.

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 *it is recommended to call ahead

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

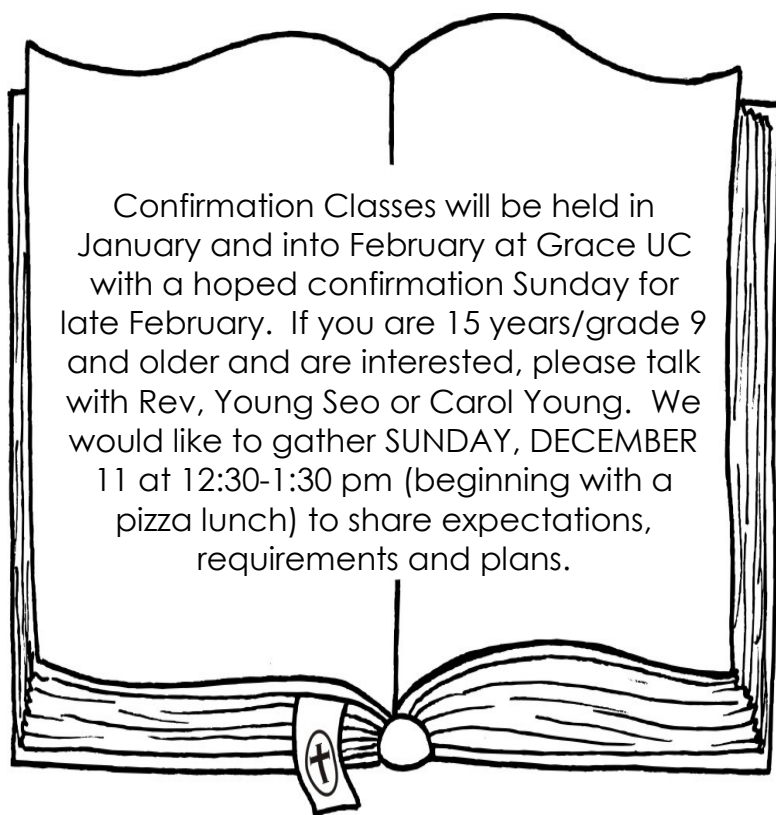
Grace has a group of wonderful and dedicated people that form a prayer chain. If you, or anyone you know is in need of prayer, please reach out to the chair of Grace PCO, Bev Neeb 519 655-2695, or Rev Young at 519 671 6910 and we will begin praying for you.



✝ pray for Claudette Wettlaufer at home recuperating.

✝ 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



Confirmation Classes will be held in January and into February at Grace UC with a hoped confirmation Sunday for late February. If you are 15 years/grade 9 and older and are interested, please talk with Rev, Young Seo or Carol Young. We would like to gather SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11 at 12:30-1:30 pm (beginning with a pizza lunch) to share expectations, requirements and plans.



High Noon Lunch Returns

Join us for a Christmas Celebration

Thursday, December 8th

At Noon

Zion Hall, Grace United Church

116 Woodstock St S Tavistock

Entertainment - Ropp Brothers

Come for food, fellowship and music



Have a nativity set? Or two? or more? We'd love to see them!



On Sundays throughout Advent, we will be displaying Nativity sets in Zion Hall for all to see during refreshments after the worship service. A sign-up sheet will be available in Zion Hall for you to sign up to bring your set(s). We'd love if 2-3 people signed up each week. Please have the sets set up prior to 10:30 on your Sunday and you can get your set back as that refreshment time ends that day! Come and see them during snack and refreshments.

Chris Wiffen and I were very happy that so many who were at the meeting after church took the opportunity to speak about the profile. There was a good, lively and respectful discussion and some points were clarified, added or removed until consensus was reached. At the Official Board meeting Wednesday, November 16, the board voted to confirm the edited document as our current Community of Faith Profile. Pages 7,8 and 9 that were not included at that meeting and which created some confusion are part of the Minister's Job Description and that had been approved by the Board on the October 19th meeting. We would like to thank all those who put time, thought and effort into this part of the process of finding a new full-time minister at Grace.

We now have a search committee of 6 volunteers and they are: Elysia Cook, Elizabeth Halliday, Chris Patrick, Jayden Ruby, Wayne Shewfelt, Kelli Zehr.

Your continued support is appreciated,
Anne Gregory, chair of the Board

Bake Sale, Sunday December 11 during coffee hour

Auctioneer: Gary West

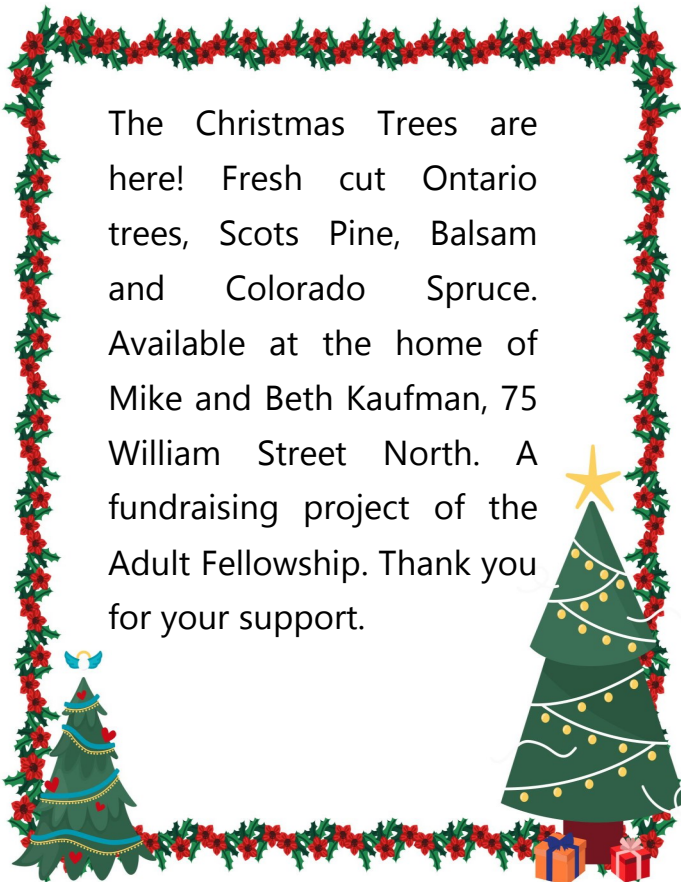
Muffins, cookies , candy , pies squares.....what ever you wish to make.

Please bring any donations to the church on Sunday morning prior to the service, prepackaged and ready to sell!

Contact Bev Neeb or Tory Zehr for inquiries



The Christmas Trees are here! Fresh cut Ontario trees, Scots Pine, Balsam and Colorado Spruce. Available at the home of Mike and Beth Kaufman, 75 William Street North. A fundraising project of the Adult Fellowship. Thank you for your support.



Christmas Services

Dec 18th: 10:30 am

Lessons and Carols

Worship service

Dec 24th: 7:00 pm

Christmas Eve Service

10:00 pm Candlelight

Communion Service

Dec 25th No Service



Journey to the Stable

WHAT A NIGHT! WE WERE INVITED TO JOURNEY TO THE STABLE ALONGSIDE A SHEPHERD THROUGH BEGGARS, A MARKETPLACE, AN INN, WOMEN AT A WELL AND WOMEN SORTING GRAIN. IT WAS A GREAT NIGHT AND WE OWE SINCERE THANK YOU TO:

- THOSE WHO HELPED RETELL THE STORY OF THE SHEPHERD'S JOURNEY—THE ACTORS (KELLI ZEHR, MARY BOLAND, HAILEY LUPTON, SIMON RUBY, AVA COOK, JORJA SHANTZ, KAYLA SHANTZ, RORY MCBRIDE, DECLAN MCBRIDE, FIONN MCBRIDE, HAYLEY AYOTTE, AUSTIN LUPTON, BRIAN COOK, JACOB COOK, MARIANNE RUBY, ALYSSA LUPTON, EMILY LUPTON, JAYDEN RUBY, ELLIE SHANTZ, JENN STEVELY, DIANNE HARRIS, TEAGAN GLAAB, ANNALISE GLAAB, AVA GLAAB, MALLORY HORST, CARL HORST)
- THOSE WHO HELPED WITH PROPS, ANIMALS, COSTUMES, SET-UP, TAKE-DOWN (ESPECIALLY DALE BRENNEMAN, KELLI ZEHR, BRIAN COOK, JEN REIBLING, DALE RUBY, YOUNG SEO, DAVID WAGLER, RUSSELL BRENNEMAN, KRISTENE ANKENMANN)
- THOSE WHO HELPED WITH SUPPER AND THE TREATS AND GOODIES AND BEVERAGES (ESPECIALLY ELIZABETH HALLIDAY, TORY ZEHR, BEV NEEB, ELYSIA COOK, CHRIS WIFFEN, CAROL MORDUE, GLORIA REIBLING, JEN REIBLING, JODY LUPTON),
- THOSE WHO CAME TO EXPERIENCE THAT NIGHT SO LONG AGO THAT CHANGED THE WORLD (THE SO MANY OF YOU!).

\$178 WAS COLLECTED FOR THE YOUTH PROGRAM AT GRACE UC.
THANK YOU. THANK YOU. THANK YOU. WHAT A GREAT TEAM!



Project Good Tidings November 20 - December 11

'... For behold I bring you good tidings of great joy which shall be to all people.' Luke 2:10

It is time for us to gather up gifts to spread good tidings . We collect items in bushel baskets for organizations supported locally and by the United Church of Canada. Bushel baskets are throughout the church and marked for each group—there is one marked congregation for all.

Paper copies for more details are available at the church. Or go to our website for more details about what to collect: <https://www.graceunitedtavistock.com/photos-and-events.html>



Group Paper Fundscrip orders due this Sunday, December 4th.

Plan your Christmas gift cards now as this is our last order before Christmas!

You can go to the fundscrip website to see a complete list of participating retailers. <https://www.fundscrip.com/retailers>. **Current promotions on the website.**



Paper short order forms are in the pews. [Click here](#) for our long order form. Cheques payable to Grace United Church and paper orders can be left in the box in the office. Cards will be available for pick up Dec. 11th.

THE WANDERING WISEMEN
Join Balthazar, Melchior, and Gaspar - along with their faithful camel, Hezekiah--on a whimsical holiday quest to find the infant King. Daily posts-- Just search The Wandering Wisemen in Facebook
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December Birthdays and Anniversaries

Happy Birthday to:

Joanne Bean - Dec 2

Bentley Sebben - Dec 8

Amanda Cortes - Dec 9

Barb Matthies - Dec 11

Pat Shantz - Dec 11

Ivy Francis - Dec 12

Ben Reibling - Dec 12

Brandon Mogk - Dec 14

Bo Herlick - Dec 15

Bev Nee Neeb - Dec 15

Logan Herlick - Dec 16

Courtney McKay - Dec 17

Dale Smythe - Dec 18

Brianna Harris-Ayotte - Dec 19

Larissa Mogk - Dec 21

Mary Otto - Dec 22

Carol Weitzel - Dec 23

Lisa McKay - Dec 23

Mary Holden - Dec 24

Rory McBride - Dec 25

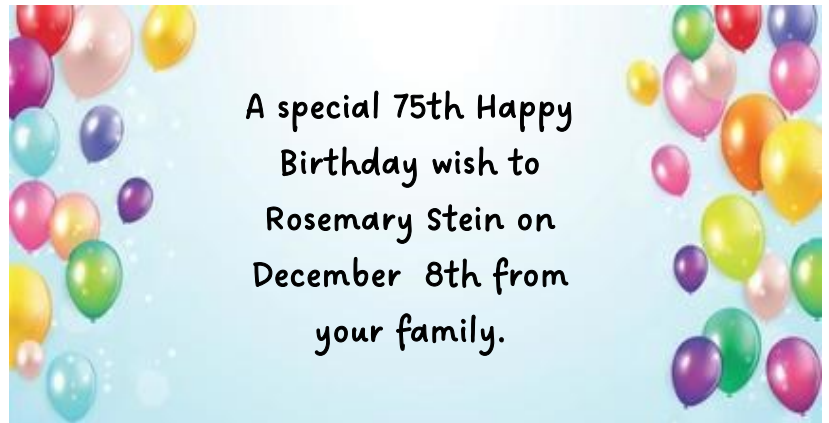
Mark McKay - Dec 28

Gary Zehr - Dec 30

Happy anniversary to:

Greg and Kristene Ankenmann - Dec 6

Bruce and Joanne Bean - Dec 10



Happy 100th Birthday
to Ivy Francis
December 12th



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