

# GOOD NEWS AT GRACE

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Dear Grace Church Family!

Every New Year we hope for good things to come. I pray that all may have a peaceful, joyous, and healthy new year.

A good resolution for the New Year might be to be ever more devout and faithful to the Lord, and to lead others back to Christ. Our prayers, example, and love can help to make this world a better place, and hopefully bring great hope into people's lives.

I sat behind my desk in my study, wrestling with my thoughts ...

What topic should I write this newsletter on for the new year in 2023? After wrestling for days, like a flash of lightning, the word endurance popped into my mind. **Endurance!** It is the power to withstand pain or hardships; the ability or strength to continue despite fatigue, stress, or other adverse conditions. Let's face it—All of us have experienced the uphill battles of life; and, some of you are dealing with them right now.

Some of you are dealing with deep loneliness; some of you are dealing with aging; some of you are dealing with mental anguish because of the uncertainty of the future; some of you, in your latter years, are still dealing with the residue from your childhood and teenage years; and, still there are others who are concerned for the wellbeing of your children and grandchildren.

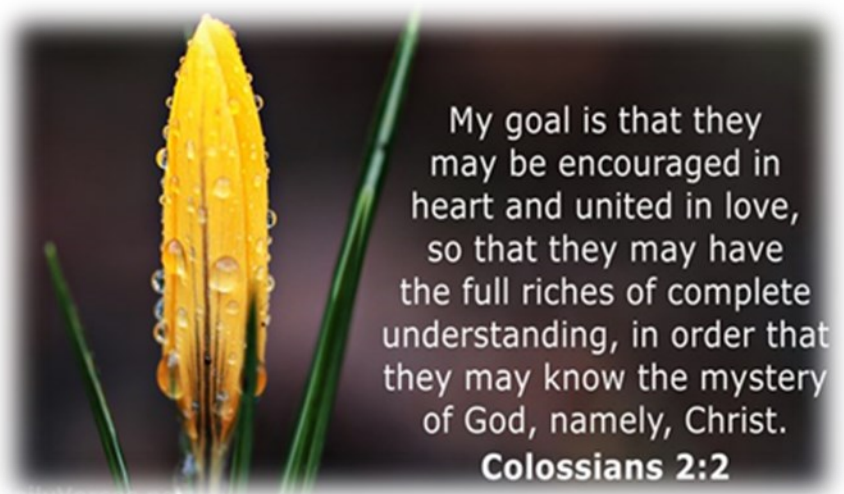
Let me simply encourage you with these words:

*And let us not be weary in well doing, for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not. (Galatians 6:9)*

Let me encourage you to keep doing; keep moving forward; keep pressing toward the mark of the high calling. It is only when we endure to the end that we can see that it was the footprints of the Holy Spirit leading us along those stony paths. And it is only when we endure to the end of the race that we are able to taste the sweet fruit of victory that we all long for.

Wishing all of you a New Year 2023 filled with an abundance of God's blessings and grace.

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

Jan. 8th: 10:30 am Worship Service led by Rev. Young Seo.  
Sunday School. Light snack and refreshments follows  
in Zion Hall.

Committee Financial Books due for review

Jan. 10th: 4:00 pm Pastoral Care and Outreach Committee  
7:00 pm Session Meeting

Jan. 11th: 10:00 - 11:30 am Sit n' Knit, Stay n' Crochet  
11:30 am Ministerial Meeting - Quehl's

Jan. 12th: 7:00 pm Choir Practice

Jan. 14th: 1:30 pm Confirmation Class

Jan. 15th: 10:30 am Worship Service led by Rev Marg Smith. Sunday School. Light snack  
and refreshments follows in Zion Hall.

Broadview Subscriptions due. (\$25 payable to Grace United Church)

Jan. 17th: 7:00 pm Worship Team Meeting

Jan. 18th: 7:00 pm Board Meeting

Jan. 19th: 7:00 pm Choir Practice



**Committee Books for review:** Please have your financial books to Deb by Sunday, Jan 8th. They can be left in the office. Thank you.

**WANTED AND NEEDED for the annual slide show** at the church's annual meeting: ***Photos to remember Grace UC's story for 2022.*** Photos of UCW events, youth events, baptisms, weddings, SS events, worship and any events that will help us to remember who we are and where we are going. We'll include baptisms and weddings and a time to remember those who passed away in 2022 too. Please submit photos to Carol Young before January 15, 2023 digitally or by handing in actual photos (which will be returned). [tavigraceyouth@gmail.com](mailto:tavigraceyouth@gmail.com)

**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 \*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 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 Gerber as he struggles with health issues.
- † pray for the family of Glen Fryfogel as they mourn his passing on December 31st.
- † pray for Doug Shirray as he struggles with health issues at Stratford Hospital.

We are hoping to have a short (four to six-week) Bible study in the new year. During past studies we have always learned so much from Scripture and each other. If you are interested in joining, please speak with Bev 519 655-2695.



**Message from M&P:** Keith Weitzel who has served for many years has announced his wish to retire the end of January 2023. The custodial team work in co-operation with the Property Committee to ensure the day to day cleanliness and maintenance of the Church property. As well as this the duties include setting up and taking down of chairs and tables for special events and rentals during the week and on weekends. Snow removal and salting is contracted out. For a complete job description contact Chris Wiffen, chair of M&P. The committee hope that someone from our Grace family will step forward but if no one does then we will have to advertise the position. Chris Wiffen, M & P Chair

**Annual reports due Sunday, January 22nd.** Please have your committee reports to Katherine by email at [graceunitedtavistock@gmail.com](mailto:graceunitedtavistock@gmail.com). The annual meeting will be Sunday, February 12th and we hope to have the annual report out by February 3rd.

**Receipts for donations:** My plan is to email the tax receipts to everyone I have an email address for—this will save time and paper. If you DO NOT wish to have your receipt emailed please contact me in the office right away. Paper receipts will go out to those without an email address. Thanks Katherine

**The 2023 offering envelopes have arrived.** Please pick yours up today. Also please look for your family and neighbors to help deliver, it would be appreciated.

# January Birthdays

Happy Birthday to:

Keith Weitzel—Jan 5

Hadley Fuhr—Jan 7

Carol Shewfelt—Jan 8

Quinton Parr—Jan 8

Ruby Locke—Jan 15

Brad Reibling—Jan 16

Brody Charlton—Jan 17

Connor Bayer—Jan 17

Spencer Bayer—Jan 18

Beckett Francois—Jan 21

Dylan Miller—Jan 21

Blake Miller—Jan 21

Emily Lupton—Jan 21

Trevor Sauder—Jan 22

Marcia DeGouw—Jan 23

Amanda Miller—Jan 23

Jed Herlick—Jan 23

Carter McKay—Jan 24

Ashley Giroux—Jan 25

Addison McCann—Jan 28

Jane McKay—Jan 31

Kathryn Petrie—Jan 31

