

GOOD NEWS AT GRACE

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Rev Young and I have begun to journey alongside four teens in their confirmation class. In this past weekend's class, we talk about Baptism and why do Confirmation. It was very fitting since our worship this past Sunday was the Baptism of Jesus.

Do you remember your baptism? For many of us, we were too young to remember. You will, most likely, remember being present for a baptism at some point in your life. Maybe even for the baptisms of those in our confirmation class now! Confirmation is the decision by that person to confirm those baptismal promises that parents made on behalf of their child. The congregation also pledges support during baptism. What have you done to support and nurture these people? What will you continue to do? I invite you to think about these things as our confirmation class continues this winter.

In our class this year are Ava Glaab, Hailey Lupton, Tyson Reibling and Simon Ruby. Their mentors play an

important role in supporting them through this and we thank them for their time, energy and efforts: Kristene Ankenmann, Alyssa Lupton, Gloria Reibling and Kelli Zehr, respectively. We presented Bibles to them at the beginning of their first class. In the photo with their Bibles are, left to right, Tyson Reibling, Simon Ruby, Ava Glaab, Hailey Lupton, Rev Young Seo.

The confirmation class will be leading worship on January 29 and

Confirmation Sunday will be February 26. Please come to show your support and keep these young people in your prayers as they further explore their faith. They are God's children and God loves them very much.

Carol Young, Youth Coordinator

AS SOON AS JESUS WAS BAPTIZED, HE WENT UP OUT OF THE WATER. AT THAT MOMENT HEAVEN WAS OPENED, AND HE SAW THE SPIRIT OF GOD DESCENDING LIKE A DOVE AND ALIGHTING ON HIM. AND A VOICE FROM HEAVEN SAID, 'THIS IS MY SON, WHOM I LOVE; WITH HIM I AM WELL PLEASED.'
(MATTHEW 3:16-17)



Upcoming Services and Dates:

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

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

Jan. 22nd: 10:30 am Worship Service led by Rev Young Seo. Sunday School. Light snack and refreshments follows in Zion Hall.

Committee reports for the annual report due.

Jan. 25th: 10:00 - 11:30 am Sit n' Knit, Stay n' Crochet

1:30 pm Staff Meeting

Jan. 26th: 7:00 pm Choir Practice

Jan. 28th: 1:30 - 3:30 pm Confirmation Class



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



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 Lorne Finck and family as they mourn the passing of Beatrice Finck on January 10th.
- ✝ pray for Doug Shirray as he recuperates at home.
- ✝ pray for Ken Brenneman as he struggles with health issues at Stratford Hospital.
- ✝ pray for Keith Weitzel as he is at Stratford General Hospital.
- ✝ pray for Rev Young and family as her husband Jason Richards struggles with health issues.
- ✝ pray for the Blum family as they mourn the passing of baby Madison Blum Kirby (December 24, 2022 - January 5, 2023)
- ✝ pray for Judy Green who is at home recovering from knee surgery

We are hoping to have a short (four to six-week) Bible study starting soon. 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.



Annual reports due Sunday, January 22nd. Please have your committee reports to Katherine by email at graceunitedtavistock@gmail.com. The annual meeting will be Sunday, February 12th and we hope to email out the annual report out by February 3rd. Please let Katherine know if you wish to receive a paper copy.

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.

Message to Community of Faith—Jan 13, 2023

Due to Keith Weitzel's health issues we have moved his retirement date from the end of January to now. Thank you Keith for the excellent job you have done and for being here recently when you probably should have been at home. At this time there is in place a temporary solution as the M&P committee move forward with the process. For the time being tables will be left set up in Zion Hall and Knox Parlour but in order to assist the custodians please stack chairs.

Sunday morning duties list will be posted in the office as soon as I get confirmation on what is involved. For example this includes opening of church, ringing bells, lighting candles and making sure all exits are locked after coffee time.

We are still looking for someone to do general maintenance work.

At Grace we have gone thru many transitions, these have strengthened our community of faith and we know we can work thru yet another.

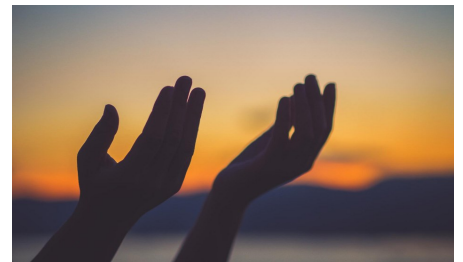
The M&P committee would like to thank you and ask for your continued support.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity: The traditional date for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is January 18–25. The octave (eight days) has been celebrated continuously since 1894, but was a dream of many Christian leaders since the early years of the 19th century.

Prayer

*We pray for those who live in the midst of injustice.
Encourage us to lift up their voices and strengthen their hope.
We pray for those who continue to perpetuate injustice.
May your kindness fill our hearts
and make us agents of freedom and peace.
We pray for every institution and person
who stands for justice.
Let us act justly according to your words.
Today we ask you:
O God, hear our prayer and grant us your justice.*

(from www.weekofprayer.ca)



The
Manual
2023



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From the United Church of Canada: The Manual 2023 Is Now Available Online

The Manual, 2023, is now available online at the top of the [Handbooks](#) page. It is effective January 1, 2023. This edition includes a new Intercultural and Intentionally Anti-Racist declaration and the Model Trust Deed as an appendix, as well as additional changes approved by the 43rd General Council and the General Council Executive in 2022.