

GOOD NEWS AT GRACE

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Let's Go for a Walk on the "Coldest Night of the Year" on February 25!

by Paul Bartlett

From the Gospel of Matthew:

³⁷ "Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink?' ³⁸ When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you?' ³⁹ When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?'

⁴⁰ "The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'

What better way to show our Christian love than to try to help combat homelessness?

Last year, Grace United Church put a team together to participate in the "Coldest Night of the Year" fund-raising event in Stratford. We called ourselves the "Graceful Walkers" and we had a fun time. We have committed to putting a team together again this year and, thanks mainly to Mary Ann Krantz, we have already pledged over \$800!



Stratford is just one of 149 communities across Canada taking part in this event. We are raising funds in support of local charities that provide care and services to people experiencing homelessness, hurt and hunger. By walking in the cold, the participants will experience for just a short time what the homeless feel through the entire long winter.

In Stratford the money raised is going to ShelterLink which is an organization whose mission is to assist homeless youth and those at risk of becoming homeless.

ShelterLink is located in the former nurses residence attached to the Stratford General Hospital where they have 15 beds on the third floor. They take in homeless youth between the ages of 16 and 24, give them warm bed, and help them learn basic life skills and access to the community resources they need. With today's economic conditions, ShelterLink's need is greater than ever.

I am inviting you to become a Graceful Walker with us on Saturday, February 25. Or, if you think this is a good idea but your knees won't allow you to do it, you could help us with a donation (\$20 or more gets you a tax receipt). Please call me at 519-655-3334 for more information or register directly at <https://cnoy.org/home> under the "Stratford" site.

Let's get off our comfy couches and get walking!

Upcoming Services and Dates:

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

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

Jan. 29th: 10:30 am Worship Service led by the Confirmands. Sunday School. Light snack and refreshments follows in Zion Hall.

Fundscrip Orders Due <https://www.fundscrip.com/support-a-group/QM53WE>

Feb. 2nd: 7:00 pm Choir Practice

Feb. 4th: 1:30 pm Confirmation



High Noon lunch will be held at Grace United Church on Thursday, Feb. 9 at Noon. Our guest speaker will be Barb Hacking, known as the butterfly lady. She is an expert on the Monarch Butterfly and through a visual presentation, will talk about her love of this butterfly and her journeys to their winter home in Mexico.

Because of Lenten services and lunches, there won't be a High Noon lunch in March.

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.



Ivy Francis 100th Birthday Open House

RESCHEDULED: Sunday, January 22 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

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 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 recuperates at home.
- ✝ pray for Rev Young and family as her husband Jason Richards struggles with health issues.
- ✝ pray for Judy Green who is at home recovering from knee surgery

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 is posted in the office. 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.

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