

GOOD NEWS AT GRACE

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One of the ministries of Grace United Church is Sit n Knit, Stay n Crochet. This group continues to bring together crocheters and knitters of different skill levels and different experiences on every other Wednesday morning (with coffee/tea always served with a smile!). It continues to expand our outreach to people within our church family and to those beyond our walls. From this group, many afghans, sweaters, prayer shawls/blankets, wash cloths, pneumonia vests, Izzy dolls, hats, scarves are given to anyone in need in our community and world.

Without even knowing who would receive it, these tangible gifts of prayer are made specifically for the person who will receive it. Each of these gifts are made to bring warmth to someone who feels a chill. Each of these gifts are made to bring comfort to someone who feels alone. Each of these gifts are made to bring peace to someone in need of prayer. Each of these gifts are made to remind the recipient that they are part of the family of God.

If you have a desire to be part of these projects but cannot attend Wednesday mornings, we invite you to do projects at home on your own time. We are always looking for yarn for projects or donation of money to buy yarn--any help is much appreciated. The supplies are donated from the community or donated by those who crochet or knit. Patterns, yarn and help are always available. For more information, connect with Carol Young.

Each time we meet, we share a devotion that refers to knitting and crocheting and so we share this one with you.

NO MORE RUSHING: CRAFT AND BUILD PATIENCE

Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord, always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Ephesians 5:19b-20 (NIV)

Crafters see everything: how a whole afghan is made of many small stitches. How a large bedspread might take years to finish. Crafters know the healing power of patience. In our hurry-up world, we drive fast, eat quickly, and rush past ourselves. Handwork is the opposite. With crochet, I can only go one stitch at a time. This fact forces me to live at a more humane pace. Crochet slows me down to experience moment by moment. I strengthen my patience-muscle. I open my hand to giving thanks. Thankfulness eases my heart and softens it when I have hard feelings toward others. I start with where I'm sitting. I give thanks not just for the objects, but for the people who made the objects possible. Sitting in a plastic chair in a waiting room, I give thanks for chairs to sit in, construction workers who installed them, janitors who clean them, and a hospital board that approved their purchase. I see what it means to give thanks for everything. Not just for the whole afghan but for each stitch. Not just for humanity but for each person. In the end, we are each a stitch that becomes beautifully put together.

Pray with us:

Thank you for my hands, these tools and this yarn.

Thank you for the hands that picked the tea leaves so I could have tea while I crochet. Thank you for my hands.

May they ever serve you, my Lord.

May they every serve you. Amen

taken from Creative Women's Devotional: 28 Reflections for Christian Knitters and Crocheters by Genevieve A. Howard

Upcoming Services and Dates:

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

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 Class

Feb. 5th: 10:30 am Worship Service led by Rev. Mary Boland. Sunday School. Light snack and refreshments follows in Zion Hall.

Feb 7th: 1:30 pm UCW. Roll Call: Bring a Valentine

Feb 8th: 10:00 - 11:30 am Sit n' Knit Stay n' Crochet

Feb. 9th: 12:00 pm High Noon Lunch

7:00 pm Choir Practice

Feb. 11th: 1:30 pm Confirmation Class

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.

It's cold out there. And on February 25, our team *The Graceful Walkers* (Paul Bartlett, Mary Ann Krantz, Carol Shewfelt, Linda Stock, Tory Zehr) is going to do something about it.

Together with thousands of Canadians across the country, we're walking and fundraising to support and serve people and families experiencing homelessness, hurt, and hunger in our community. We are fundraising for Stratford - **Stratford Connection Centre, Stratford/Perth Shelter Link**. Please, give generously by clicking ["Donate Now"](#). Thanks!

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 recovers at home.
- ✝ 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 Dorothy Kennedy as she deals with some additional health challenges

From Ministry and Personnel

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 continue to ask for assistance with these tasks during our time of transition. We are still looking for someone to do general maintenance work.

UPDATE: We welcome Rev. Mary Boland to the position of Interim support minister. In this temporary role she will assist Rev. Young and the Community of Faith of Grace in matters that affect the administration and leadership of our church and the local community, including pastoral care. Rev. Mary attended the Ministerial meeting and made commitments on Grace's behalf for events that will take place beyond the current minister's contract.

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 Meeting Sunday, February 12th.

Join us for our Annual Meeting in Zion Hall following the worship service. The Sunday School will host a potluck lunch and the meeting will start after lunch. The annual reports will be sent by email the week before, paper copies are available to those who requested them. Please join us as we reflect on 2022 and present the 2023 budget for approval by our Community of Faith.

Donation Receipts for Income Tax Purposes: 2022 Receipts were emailed out on Thursday, please check to ensure you received it. Contact Katherine in the office if you do not see the email. Those who requested a paper copy or do not have email can pick theirs up on Sunday at church. Thank you.

From Western Ontario Waterways Regional Council

A Request from your President

for the Human Resources Commission

Hello Western Ontario Waterways Regional Council,

This is just a little note with a request from your friendly neighbourhood President. As we are all aware a few years ago The United Church of Canada underwent some serious reorganizing, which created regional councils and we became WOWRC. Part of the reason for the reorganizing was to streamline the decision-making processes (not requiring the same decision to be approved by multiple bodies at multiple meetings), and to help lift the burden of needing so many volunteers, and using up so much time of the representatives of the Regional Councils.

The challenge (*and this is where the request comes in*) is that a regional council does have a minimum critical mass of volunteers that is needed in order to do the work of the regional council. Due to unforeseen circumstances, the Human Resources Commission has reached this minimum critical mass. The commission is currently running with only 4 members (3 clergy and 1 lay). The second unfortunate aspect is that those who had to withdraw from the HR commission were also serving as liaisons for congregations undergoing the search process for new ministers, so that role now too does not have the support that it needs.

I invite you to prayerfully consider where the Spirit is leading you in helping WOWRC fulfil its ministry to the communities of faith it serves.

If you are able, please fill out an [expression of interest](#). If you are not able to fill one out for yourself, then please tap someone on the shoulder who you feel has the gifts and skills to help out in either of the two roles that are urgently required or in another role for WOWRC. Remember as we heard at the fall meeting you don't have to be a regional representative to be a liaison or on a commission maybe there is someone in your community of faith that has the gifts and skills to contribute to the wider church in this way.

I thank you for your continued prayerful thought on this subject, and may the spirit lead us all to be the church the world needs in these coming years.



Mark Laird, President, Western Ontario Waterways Regional Council

Our hearts are broken by the horrific events that took place in Monterey Park, California. In this time of sadness, we offer this prayer:
*We pray with the people of Monterey Park and Alhambra, California, who are mourning after the mass shooting that took place during Lunar New Year festivities;
those who are afraid, broken-hearted, and crushed in spirit by racism, hate, and violence;
the people of Half Moon Bay and Tulare County, California, who are mourning recent mass killings in their small towns;
those who have been impacted forever because of a mass shooting;
and those whose pain and trauma reopens with each shooting reported,
knowing that you, in your passion, acknowledge the brokenness of our world,
assured that you weep with us.*
For the full prayer [visit the UCC website](#).



February Birthdays and Anniversaries

Happy Birthday to

Courtney Hauck - Feb 2

Brianna Giroux - Feb 3

Joanne Lupton - Feb 4

Paul Bartlett - Feb 11

Ella Wilson - Feb 11

Brent Sebben - Feb 14

Marshall McKay - Feb 18

Cohen Hoskin - Feb 20

Christy Harris Ayotte - Feb 24

Erin Brenneman - Feb 24

Sophie West - Feb 27



Happy anniversary to:

Jamie and Lindsay Parr - Feb 21



The Confirmands met for class this past January 7th.

Paper January Fundscrip orders are due this Sunday, January 27th. Short form paper order forms are in the pews or [long form paper order forms](#) can be downloaded.



January 2023 Promotions
Valid from December 31 2022 to January 31 2023 - 9:30 AM ET

Indigo

7%
Regular 5%

Chevron

2.5%
Regular 2%

Chocolats Favoris

9%
Regular 7%

Ultramar

2.5%
Regular 2%

Physical Gift Cards

Reloadable Gift Cards

Electronic Gift Cards



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Physical Card Order Form

Electronic gift cards and reloads are only available on the FundScrip Supporter Site

Retailers on Promotion	Denominations	Quantity	Sub-Total
Indigo (Can be used at: Chapters, Coles)	\$10	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
	\$25	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
	\$50	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
	\$100	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Chevron	\$25	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
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	\$100	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Chocolats Favoris	\$25	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
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Ultramar	\$10	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
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	\$250	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

Print Name:

Total:



Giving it Up

2023 Lenten Luncheons

Hosted by the Tavistock and Area Ministerial
at Grace United Church

(elevator and hearing assistance)

Each Thursday beginning at 12:10 p.m.

With meditation and music in the sanctuary

Followed by soup and sandwich lunch

Suggested contribution of \$5-\$10 for lunch

Giving it Up:

February 23rd

March 2nd

March 9th

March 16th

March 23rd

March 30th

Giving up Control

Giving Up Expectations

Giving Up Superiority

Giving Up Enemies

Giving Up Our Lives

Giving Up Popularity

There will be no Lenten Service and Luncheon during Holy Week this year.

Many of us give up certain things during Lent. Are there things we should give up for the rest of our lives? We invite you to come and worship and reflect with us, and then share in conversation with others over lunch.