

GOOD NEWS AT GRACE

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Greetings from the Board of Grace United Church.

Our Mission Statement: *"Grace United Church strives to welcome, inspire, and support all in personal and spiritual growth as we walk with Jesus Christ our faith journeys"*

The role of the Board is to administer the business matters of the church. Our first meeting of the year 2023 was held Jan. 18th in Zion Hall at 7:00 PM. We thanked our retiring members: Anne Gregory, Susan Humphrey, John Markle and Connor Shantz. They have served our church very faithfully over the last years of change and turmoil during Covid and changing personnel.

The current Board consists of the following:

Chairperson: Joan Bartlett; Secretary: Katherine Brenneman; Treasurer: Deb Stevely.

Other Board Members are: Dale Brenneman, Brian Cook, Randy Harris, Laverne McBurney, Bev Neeb, Chris Patrick, Doug Shirray, Tricia Wettlaufer, and Tory Zehr. We always need a minister at our meetings in order for it to be an official meeting. Rev Young Seo is providing leadership and advice at our meetings.

The Board confirmed the appointment of Rev Mary Boland to the position as Interim Support Minister to provide assistance when needed by our Supply Minister Rev Young Seo.

The annual meeting on Feb 12, 2023 will be our first real pot luck event in a few years. The Sunday school has graciously volunteered to help by providing set up and clean up afterwards. This doesn't mean we're off the hook for providing food. We have fabulous cooks in the congregation and I personally am looking forward to enjoying a great variety of food! Lunch will follow the worship service and the Annual meeting directly afterwards. Anne Gregory as Past Chairperson will Chair this meeting. She has provided wonderful leadership over the last few years and needs to be recognized for her knowledgeable leadership. I'm sure she would appreciate a little pat on the back or a word of thanks.

We have a very busy schedule coming up, Katherine will be listing the events such as the High Noon Luncheon scheduled Feb. 9th, the Lenten Lunches beginning Feb. 23rd as well as regular Board, Session, and committee meetings.

Our staff members have gone above and beyond in keeping us on track and many members of the congregation have stepped up to help where needed. We are always looking for ushers, offering counters, and elevator operators. I personally enjoy the goodies offered by the coffee hour volunteers. And Marilyne would be thrilled to have the choir loft full of enthusiastic singers.

Now that we can meet in person there seems to be a renewed enjoyment of our church family. We are always ready and eager to welcome new people to our doors and I hope they will be made welcome! Let's have a good year!

Upcoming Services and Dates:

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

Feb. 12th: 10:30 am Worship service led by Rev. Young Seo.
Sunday School. Potluck lunch following in Zion Hall. Annual meeting starts after lunch.

Feb. 14th: 7:00 pm Bible Study at Grace. All Welcome

Feb. 15th: 10:30 am Board meeting

Feb. 16th: 7:00 pm Choir Practice

Feb. 19th: 10:30 am Worship Service led by Daria Salemka. Sunday School. Refreshments and light snack following in Zion Hall.

Feb. 21st: 7:00 pm Bible Study

Feb. 22nd: 10:00 - 11:30 am Sit n' Knit, Stay n' Crochet
11:30 am Tavistock Ministerial Meeting - Quehl's Restaurant

Feb. 23rd: 12:10 pm Lenten Service and Lunch, '*Giving Up Control*'
7:00 pm Choir Practice

Feb. 25th: 5:00 pm Graceful Walkers - Coldest Night of the Year Walk at Upper Queens' Park Stratford



Upper Room Renewal: It is \$14 to renew your Upper Room Subscription. Please make cheques payable to Keith Weitzel and leave an envelope on the offering plate marked 'Upper Room'.



Annual Meeting Sunday, February 12th.

Join us for our Annual Meeting in Zion Hall following the worship service. We will enjoy a potluck lunch and then the meeting will start after lunch. The Sunday School will set out the food and do the clean up afterwards. The annual reports will be sent by email when it is ready, 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.

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

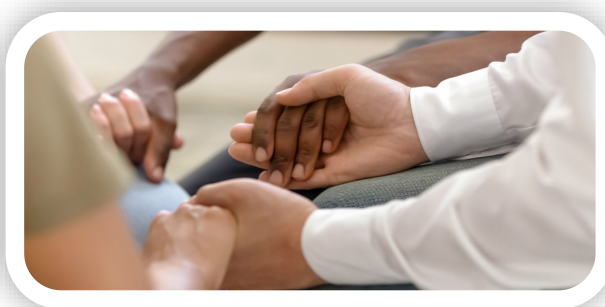
Rev Young Tues. and Thurs. 9:30-2:30 pm (it may change the office hour and day, please contact before visit)

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, her sister Jackie (cancer diagnosis) and her brother Pat (recovering from surgery)
- ✝ pray for Lorne Finck, mourning the loss of his brother Roy
- ✝ pray for Susan Pellow, recovering at home from knee surgery
- ✝ pray for Keith Weitzel as he deals with health issues.
- ✝ pray for Ken Brenneman as he deals with health issues.
- ✝ pray for Rev Young and family as her husband Jason Richards struggles with health issues.
- ✝ pray for Tricia Wettlaufer as she prepares for surgery next week.
- ✝ pray for Brian Gerber as he struggles with health issues.



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, Wayne Shewfelt) 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"](#). Thank you to our generous supporters we have raised \$2860 to date.

**Save the Date: Friday, March 17 Pulled Pork and Games Night at 5:30 pm
in Zion Hall**



Dear friends at Grace United Church - Tavistock Assistance Program would like to thank you and your youth for your generous donations throughout the past year but especially at Christmas time! You blessed many individuals in need with your kind, generous and thoughtful gifts of food, clothing, paper products, gift cards and monetary donations! You are a blessing to our community and our neighbours in need! You really do make a difference in people's lives and TAP thanks you for bringing comfort and warmth to many. Together we can build strong and healthy communities!!

Sincerely, Linda Holst, Program Director

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United Church of Canada, Prayers for Turkey and Syria

On Monday, February 6, a massive magnitude 7.8 earthquake hit southern Turkey and neighbouring Syria. The United Church of Canada is deeply concerned for all those affected, particularly the thousands who have lost their homes and their lives.

The United Church is in contact with [partners in the region](#) to learn more about the impact and understand how best to offer our support. Please include the people of Turkey, Syria, and other countries affected in your prayers, and consider making a donation to the [emergency relief fund](#). *We are accepting donations to help people impacted by the earthquake in Turkey and Northern Syria. Further details will be available once partners have finished assessing how they can best respond.*

*God,
In the face of destruction
that tears down homes and threatens life,
we pray that your deep abiding love
be felt by:
those who are grieving,
those who fear for themselves and their communities,
those who are struggling; and,
those who are offering aid.
May they continue to be strengthened by your Spirit.
May we extend our hearts in prayer.
Amen*



GOPA-DERD team continues to intensify efforts in the areas most affected by the earthquake.

Credit: GOPA-DERD in Aleppo, Latakia, Hama (Syria)

Message from M&P

First we would like to thank Randy Harris, Dale Ruby, Mary Ann Krantz, Carol Young and Katherine Brenneman for stepping in and doing what needs to be done to keep Grace church a welcoming place.

Notice: To all committees that meet in Zion Hall or Knox Parlour that tables and chairs will no longer be set up for you. At the conclusion of your event chairs need to be stacked but tables do not need to be taken down. This is a new era for Grace and we are confident that this will become a new habit.

There has been a suggestion from the Board and Rev Young that the Sunday morning duties be done on a volunteer basis similar to ushering. Randy Harris and Dale Ruby have been filling the gap and doing an excellent job. The duties aren't huge and are posted in the bulletin board. Anyone interested in sharing this important service to our church can contact Chris Wiffen at chriswif@execulink.com. The training will not be a huge process. For example for ringing the bells major requirement that you can count to 51. Thank you for taking the time to consider this.

High Noon Lunch. Thurs. Feb. 9th



Everyone enjoyed the fellowship

