

GOOD NEWS AT GRACE

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Fourth Sunday in Lent

Taking a Risk

Then Joshua son of Nun sent two men secretly from Shittim as spies, saying, "Go, view the land, especially Jericho." So they went and entered the house of a prostitute whose name was Rahab and spent the night there . . . As soon as we heard it, our hearts melted, and there was no courage left in any of us because of you. The Lord your God is indeed God in heaven above and on earth below.

Joshua 2:1, 11



Prepare

I love how often in the First Testament God uses people other than the children of Israel to teach profound truths and to help enact the will of God. It is amazing to me in these ancient stories how the faith of some influences others to be courageous. Rahab, an inhabitant of the soon-to-be conquered Jericho, risks her life and those of her family in order to hide Joshua's spies. She has heard the stories of what the Israelite God has done in other lands, and at first is terrified, but then realizes that their God is powerful and to be exalted. Because of her courage, Joshua's men have renewed hope that they will prevail in the quest God has sent them on. She takes a huge risk to save their lives. They take a huge risk in trusting her to save them! Sometimes we despair in our own tradition that we are not doing enough. Sometimes we witness so much brokenness in the world that we lose hope. But there are always people who are taking risks and exercising courage—so that there will always be life, love, joy and hope. So many people of all kinds of faith traditions (and from outside them) take huge risks to ensure that there will be another tomorrow, and that there will be abundant life for us all. Through the courageous actions of countless people all around the world, and throughout time, the hope of God for all creation is enacted and expanded. We are not always asked to take life-changing risks as we walk the path of Jesus. But each time we step out to live by the rule of love, to celebrate diversity, to choose justice, to care for one another, it takes courage. Courage to step outside what is popular and the norm. Each time we exercise that courage—no matter how large or small—we produce more hope and inspire others to hope as well.

Ponder

What can we learn from the courage of others who are working for peace, justice, and wholeness in the world? How do others outside of your faith (or any faith) live courageously? How is God working in and through all kinds of people to bring more love, hope, justice, and peace to the world?

Prayer

God, sometimes I turn away when you call me to courageous action. Sometimes I close the door when I am prompted to take a risk in order for your justice to be enacted. Sometimes I turn away from opportunities to be your love-lived in the world. Forgive me when this side of my humanity comes out on top. Inspire me to care for your people, your creation, your world, as you do. Strengthen my resolve, and the hearts of all who

call you Friend . . . so that we together might live in and inspire hope in our world. Thank you for always inviting me to try again and for your faithfulness. Amen.

Practice

Compare stories of courage from other traditions (taking particular care to look outside of the Turtle Island context—to other parts of the world and other faith traditions). Look for stories not about ‘heroes’ but about how other cultures understand the concept of courage.

Jen Boyes-Garbin

Upcoming Services and Dates:

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

Mar. 17th: 6:00 pm Games Night and Pulled Pork dinner

Mar. 19th: 10:30 am Fourth Sunday in Lent Worship Service led by Josh Penfold, blessing of knitted and crocheted items. Sunday School. Light snack and refreshments in Zion Hall

12:00 - 2:30 pm Grade 3 to 8 Creative Day

Mar. 21st: 7:00 pm WOW Regional Rep meeting by Zoom

Mar. 22nd: 10:00 - 11:30 am Sit n’ Knit, Stay n’Crochet

Mar. 23rd: 12:10 pm Lenten Service and Lunch: “Giving Up Our Lives”

7:00 pm Choir Practice

Mar 26th: 10:30 am Fifth Sunday in Lent Worship service led by Theresa Coulthard. Sunday School. Light snack and refreshments in Zion Hall.

Mar. 28th: 7:00 pm Worship Team Meeting

Mar. 30th: 12:10 pm Lenten Service and Lunch ‘Giving Up Popularity’

7:00 pm Choir Practice



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 who has moved into her room at People Care.
- ✝ pray for Brenda Mohr as she struggles with health issues, her sister Jackie (cancer diagnosis) and her brother Pat (recovering from 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 Brian Gerber as he struggles with health issues.
- ✝ pray for Bev Neeb as she mourns the passing of her aunt Geoline Merklinger.

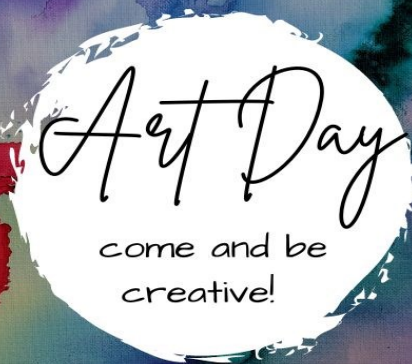
Lenten Service and Lunch Thurs. Mar. 16th "Giving Up Our Lives"
at 12:10 pm.

Meditation and music in the sanctuary, Soup and Sandwiches in Zion Hall
Suggested contribution for lunch \$5-\$10

Sunday, March 19, 2023 12 - 2:30 pm

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**FOR KIDS
GRADES
3-8**



**\$5 PER
PERSON
(BUT DON'T LET
COST BE A
BARRIER--WE
CAN HELP)**

START WITH A CREATIVE MAKE-YOUR-
OWN PIZZA LUNCH AND THEN CRAFT
WITH US!

PLEASE LET US KNOW YOU ARE COMING BY
FRIDAY, MARCH 17
TAVIGRACEYOUTH@GMAIL.COM

Time to Start Spring Cleaning

Why not save any items you no longer need and donate them to our church yard sale? We are looking for donations of: dishes, books, jewelry, games, toys, knick-knacks, silverware, craft supplies, lamps, materials, china, decorations, almost everything – except clothing and upholstered furniture.

We plan to host the yard sale and BBQ Sat. June 3rd.
Items will be received the week before.

Look for sign up for volunteers some time in April.



Looking for volunteers to assist with worship at the People Care and Maples Nursing homes on Sunday, April 16th for approx. 2 hours (2:30 pm People Care, 3:15 pm Maples). Please speak with Rev. Mary Boland if you are able to help out.



Saint Patrick (born Maewyn Succat) was born in 387 AD in Britain and was kidnapped at the age of 16 by pirates and sold into slavery. During his six year captivity, he found strength in his religious faith. He dreamed of having seen God. Legend says, he was then dictated by God to escape with a getaway ship. Finally he did escape and went back to Britain and then to onto France. There he joined a monastery and studied under St. Germain, the bishop of Auxerre. He spent approximately 12 years in training. When he became a bishop, he dreamed that the Irish were calling him to Ireland to spread the Christian word there. He used the shamrock, which resembles a three leafed clover, as a metaphor to explain the concept of the Trinity--three strong leaves being together to form one leaf. According to Irish legend, St. Patrick drove all the snakes out of Ireland--that they all went into the sea and drowned. The snake was a revered pagan symbol, and perhaps this was a figurative tale alluding to the fact that he drove paganism out of Ireland. St. Patrick died on March 17, 462 AD



"I will give thanks to you, Lord, with all my heart; I will tell of all your wonderful deeds." (Psalm 9:1)

Dear Grace family,

My heart is so filled with gratitude to all of you. I am thankful for your welcome and for giving me an opportunity to serve as your supply minister for six months. I witness to and remember the extraordinary giftedness of your community of faith: in resources, talents, lay leadership, community influence and many God-given gifts.

Thank you for all that you do. I am blessed to be walking with you during this transition time. I will always cherish you and your prayers for my family and my time as a minister at Grace. I pray may God in Christ continue to lead and guide you in the power of the Spirit. Good bless you!



Rev. Young Seo



Thank you for your time with us Rev. Young



We welcomed James, Elisha, Orianna and Coleridge Graine family into our church last Sunday and celebrated their youngest son Coleridge's baptism.

We promised to rejoice in every member's gift, pledge our love and support, and with God's help continue living out the ministry and mission of this congregation and of Christ's Church at Grace.

Clap your hands, all you peoples; shout to God with loud songs of joy. (Psalm 47:1)

Mini Monthly Financial Report

Month of

JAN 1 - MAR 15

	2022	2023
Anniversary	0	0
Core Receipts	12,794	19,994
Other Donations	0	608
UCW Donation	0	1,500
Fundraising	0	207
Manse Rental	1,750	2,850
Misc.	300	2,766
Total Receipts	14,844	27,925
Expenses	28,519	30,410
Surplus/Deficit	-13,675	-2,485

*Thank you for your generous support
of Grace United Church*

A reminder that donations to Grace United Church can be received by:

- Plate placed at the entrance on Sunday morning, using your offering envelopes or a pew envelope.
- Etransfer to gracetavistockdonation@rogers.com (Security answer is Grace1980). Also include any special notes in the message.
- By mail to Grace United Church, PO Box 189 Tavistock ON N0B 2R0
- We also offer Pre-Authorized Remittance. [PAR forms are available here.](#)



Manitou Intentional Learning Community
Presents

LISTENING FOR THE SPIRIT

Reflections on Lent and Easter scripture
from an Indigenous perspective

29	March 2023	6:30 pm Online event
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TO REGISTER, VISIT
[HTTPS://WWW.MANITOULEARNINGCOMMUNITY.COM/](https://www.manitoulearningcommunity.com/)
REGISTRATION FEE BY DONATION

The Manitou Intentional Learning Community is excited to present on March 29, 6:30 pm ***Listening for the Spirit: Reflections on Lent and Easter scripture from an Indigenous Perspective*** presented by ***The Rt. Rev. Dr. Carmen Lansdowne, Moderator of The United Church of Canada***. To register, please visit [Manitou Intentional Learning Community](https://www.manitoulearningcommunity.com/) for this online event. Please email [Melody Duncanson-Hales](mailto:Melody.Duncanson-Hales@manitoulearningcommunity.com) if you have any questions.

United Church of Canada 2022 Mission & Service Results: Thank You!



It is with immense gratitude that we thank everyone who contributed to Mission & Service and the work of the church in 2022. Mission & Service givings totalled \$21.1 million, planned gifts totalled \$1.8 million, and over \$1.5 million was contributed for the people of Ukraine. That is a total of \$24.5M and the demonstration of amazing generosity. Read more about the [2022 Mission & Service results](#).

Together through Mission & Service we have supported life-changing work that affects people in Canada and across the globe. Stories of the impact of your gifts can be found on our [website](#) and on [YouTube](#). You can also get an update from one of our partners [assisting Ukrainian refugees](#).

Our shared care, concern, prayers, generosity, and action in relation to the work we do together—our United Church Mission & Service—is a powerful expression of our faith. Thank you so much for your gifts.



The Tavistock and District Historical Society

Annual Meeting will be held

Saturday, March 25, 2023 at 1:30 pm

At the Tavistock Mennonite Church, 131 Wettlaufer St, Tavistock

**Special Presentation: Wie Geht's? In the Deutsch Language,
Local Residents Tell of their Life Experiences**

With Rev. Fred Lichti, Moderator

The Wie Geht's Tavistock video recordings feature Wilmot-Tavistock residents who speak Deutsch, a German dialect which was brought from Europe by the settlers and spoken locally here for generations. **30 people** from East Zorra-Tavistock, New Hamburg, Wilmot and Wellesley will be featured on March 25 in "Wie Geht's Clips", a story telling event in Deutsch (also called Pennsylvania German/Dutch) WITH ENGLISH SUBTITLES. You'll hear stories about barn raising, butchering, school days, weddings, life-changing accidents, making maple syrup, changes in farming, why Deutsch is being lost and much more.

All are welcome. Donations gratefully accepted.

