

GOOD NEWS AT GRACE

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Moderator Urges Action for Climate Justice

Unless you organize or participate in protests, lately it feels like Earth Days pass without a lot of reflection. Thirty years ago, we thought of Earth Day in specific terms: save a species by protecting its habitat; repair the hole in the ozone by limiting aerosols; save forests by recycling paper. Joining environmental actions was often complicated, but, at least on the surface, there were simple, concrete actions we thought might have an impact.

But the climate emergency is not just a big problem; it's the end of the world as we know it, as the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change indicated recently when it released its [AR6 Synthesis Report\(opens in a new tab\)](#). While policies and laws addressing mitigation have expanded since the previous report, it's likely that warming will exceed [1.5°C by 2030\(opens in a new tab\)](#) because of global greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions. It will be harder to keep it below 2°C.

So what?

The IPCC report notes it has "very high confidence" on four statements (this is the part where the world ends):

1. For every increment the temperature rises, the risks, destructive impacts and related losses from climate change escalate.
2. Climate change threatens human wellbeing and planetary health.
3. The window of opportunity to secure a livable and sustainable future for everyone is rapidly closing.
4. Deep, rapid and sustained mitigation and accelerated adaptation in this decade would reduce projected losses and damages for humans and ecosystems.

It's not just a complicated problem – it's a complex, urgent one.

With complex problems, laws and governing systems don't always work – they're too one-size-fits-all. That's not to say there shouldn't be laws – but adaptability and flexibility in our solutions is needed for a climate in crisis. When we perceive complex problems as a threat – real and imagined – our brains seem to lose the ability to think creatively.

But what if the end of the world as we know it means we step outside the constraints of the world as we *think* we know it?

What if we didn't have to choose between the economy and our environment?

What if we created carrots *and* sticks to motivate sectors, households and people to focused action, to move the needle on climate this decade?

What if we embrace the fact that there are no one-size-fits-all solutions, and we all did what we could, even if it felt small? Decarbonizing our businesses. Committing to public transit. A staycation rather than international travel. Or choosing to take an international trip, but powering every-day life using renewables.

Most of all, we need to talk about what we want to see from each other. Not confrontationally, where we beat each other over the head about our shortcomings – we need to inspire each other.

The truth is – the climate emergency is death by a thousand papercuts. Responding to it reminds me of something someone told my family more than 20 years ago after my older brother died: Nothing helps, and everything helps.

While the current economic situation and rising inflation causes us to think seriously about our household and government budgets, we also need to think about our climate budgets. We need to ➔

empower our politicians and civil servants to create a carbon budget for Canada so we can meet our international commitments.

In 2022, The United Church of Canada committed to reduce its carbon emissions by 80 per cent by 2030. Yes, that's the same year that the IPCC says that warming will exceed 1.5°C.

Seven years.

Close enough to see tangible reductions, but also to make a plan and to act. We're doing it by working with 260 congregations to make their buildings more energy-efficient; our goal is 500 communities by 2025. For the completed projects, savings in equivalent carbon are 628 metric tonnes of CO₂, or the annual energy use of 147 homes.

We also committed to stronger advocacy for bold climate action with provincial and national governments, and we're building on our 2015 divestment from fossil fuels by amplifying our investment and business actions.

Whether your motivation is social justice, faith, economic resiliency, or science – actions and choices now can make a difference for the future. Let's end the world as we know it, and allow a new world of creative, innovative and accountable breakthroughs to turn the thermometer down.

Are you in?

Upcoming Services and Dates:

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

April 23rd: 10:30 am Worship Service led by Josh Penfold. Sunday School.

All are welcome for light snack and refreshments in Zion Hall following worship.

April 26th: 12:00 pm Zoom Staff Meeting

April 27th: 7:00 pm Choir Practice

April 30th: 10:30 am Camping Sunday Worship Service led by Carol Young, Sunday school.

All are welcome for light snack and refreshments in Zion Hall following worship.

May 2nd: 1:30 - 3:30 pm UCW. Roll Call: Show and Tell, bring your winter project

7:00 pm Christian Education committee meeting

May 3rd: 10:00 - 11:30 am Sit n' Knit Stay n' Crochet

7:00 pm Session Meeting

May 4th: 7:00 pm Choir Practice



Emergency pastoral care: Please contact Rev Mary Boland at 519 655 2992 if you are in need of emergency pastoral care.

Contact us

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Office	519 655 2151	graceunitedtavistock@gmail.com
E-transfer donation email		gracetavistockdonation@rogers.com

Office Hours (please call ahead for an appointment)

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 Mary Boland 519 655 2992 and we will begin praying for you.

- ✝ pray for Brenda Mohr as she struggles with health issues, her sister Jackie (cancer diagnosis).
- ✝ pray for Keith Weitzel as he deals with health issues.
- ✝ pray for Ken Brenneman as he deals with health issues.
- ✝ pray for Brian Gerber as he struggles with health issues.
- ✝ pray for Rev Young, Lincoln and family as they mourn the passing of Rev. Jason Richards

The Grace United Church Scholarship, established in 2014, strives to create, encourage and nurture teen and young adult growth.



This is open to students enrolled or about to be enrolled at a post-secondary institution in Canada.

The scholarship will encourage teen and young adult participation, involvement, and perhaps leadership at Grace United Church, providing an opportunity for them to share their gifts with the Grace United Church family. This scholarship will also provide the opportunity for the Grace

United Church family to be a support to teens and young adults in their participation and involvement with the Grace United Church family and a support as they grow and learn. It will be a reminder that Grace United Church is a caring church family where they are welcomed and where they can feel they belong.

The Grace United Church Scholarship will be funded by the Grace United Church family.

*For full information and/or an application to apply, please contact the Youth Coordinator, Carol Young tavigraceyouth@gmail.com or the church office. **Application deadline is April 30, 2023.***

To give to the Scholarships, you can include in offering envelope or in another envelope marked "scholarship". Cheques made payable to Grace United Church.

Thank you to everyone who has provided after-church refreshments and light snacks. The treats and the time for chit-chat is so appreciated. The sign-up list for April through June is in Zion Hall and we ask you to participate as you are able.



Thank You!

It is National Volunteer week so it seems like a great time to recognize and thank our many volunteers. At Grace we have a large community of volunteers who all work together in support of the life and mission of Grace. We thank each and every one of you for all you do.



On Thursday, April 13th many enjoyed a delicious High Noon Lunch. Geoff Hayman, Fire Prevention Officer for East Zorra Tavistock was the guest speaker.



Special Upcoming Birthday: We wish Jean Houghton a happy 102nd birthday on Saturday, April 29.

Lunch for Lincoln - SUNDAY, MAY 7. Following worship, we will be having a ***soup/chili lunch and Bake auction!*** The cost of this lunch is by donation and the proceeds from this lunch and auction will be given to the ***Lincoln Richards' Education Fund!*** We will need help with food, set up, clean up and dishes! Please connect with Carol Young or Marianne Ruby to extend your help for the lunch. Bring your baked goods that day (no need to tell us ahead for the baked goods)!

Please keep Rev. Young, Lincoln, Bruce and Marg (Jason's parents), Jason's friends and family and the St. Marys UC family in your prayers in the days, weeks and months ahead. It will be a very tough road ahead for them all.

At the end of his obituary, we can read "*Jason also asked that you do something nice for someone unexpectedly and without explanation*"

Mini Monthly Financial Report

Month of

JAN 1 - MAR 31

	2022	2023
Anniversary	0	0
Core Receipts	19,286	26,395
Other Donations	0	608
UCW Donation	0	1,500
Fundraising	1,285	1,982
Manse Rental	2,625	2,850
Funeral Donations	0	2,715
Misc.	334	2,781
Total Receipts	23,530	38,831
Expenses	41,990	44,222
Surplus/Deficit	-18,461	-5,391

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.](#)

Thank you for your generosity

Link to: [Video Message from WOW](#)



CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS! Our WOW Recruitment Committee (formerly nominations) has prepared this short Recruitment Video in the hopes of increasing awareness and understanding of the need for Volunteers in the Western Ontario Waterways Regional Council. We'd love to be able to present a full slate of volunteers at our Regional Council Spring Meeting May 26-27. We need your help! We designed this video so that it could be easily shared in worship on one of the Sundays in April. If that isn't possible in your community of faith, we wonder

if you might share the link widely through your networks. If you have any questions please contact Jennifer Irving (President-Elect) at jennifer@ucstayner.ca We appreciate your continued support! Thank you!!!

Western Ontario Waterways Regional Council Website: <https://wowrucc.ca/>

WOW Spring Regional Council Meeting: <https://wowrucc.ca/events/regional-c...>

Fill out Expression of Interest form: <https://wowrucc.ca/expression-of-int...>



CAMP BIMINI WISH LIST 2023

Camp Bimini thanks everyone who has donated wish list items to Bimini in the past or who is donating wish list items for the upcoming season. Please pass these items onto your Camp Bimini representative or drop them off at Bimini (contact us before to be sure someone is there, campbimini@cyg.net or 519-271-4129). You may also contact us to arrange for someone to pick them up.

SPORTS & GAMES

- Soccer balls
- Hula hoops
- Basketballs
- Playground balls
- Large pylons
- Skipping ropes

KITCHEN

- Paper towels
- Brooms
- Dustpans
- SOS pads and scrubbies
- Bleach

MISCELLANEOUS

- Rope—all sizes and lengths
- Batteries—"9 volt" and "AAA" especially
- Canadian Tire Money
- Kindling
- Large tarps

OFFICE

- Scotch Tape
- Masking tape
- White copy paper

FIRST AID

- Good bandaids—all sizes
- Hot/cold compresses
- Sunscreen—especially spray sunscreen
- After-bite
- **contact the camp for complete list of needs**

FURNISHINGS

- Fans (portable—12-20")

ARTS & CRAFTS

- Scissors
- Magnetic strips
- Markers
- Glue guns & glue sticks
- Tape: all kinds (especially coloured duct tape and clear packing tape)
- Paint brushes
- Bristol board
- Fabric ribbon
- Flat thumb tacks
- Googly eyes
- Paint: acrylic, fabric, tempera
- Embroidery floss
- Sponges
- Safety pins
- Plastic totes (all sizes)
- Aluminum plates (all sizes)
- New white or dark cotton t-shirts
- Baby food jars

At Grace we are celebrating Camping Sunday on April 30th. This will be a time to highlight the United Church's camping ministry. Many camps rely on donations and we are asking for your support for Camp Bimini. Below is the donation form to use to make donations directly to Camp Bimini on Camping Sunday.



CAMP BIMINI

FINANCIAL DONATION

Complete in full and return to:

CAMP BIMINI
3180 PERTH ROAD 113
RR 1
ST PAULS ON N0K 1V0

Cheques payable to CAMP BIMINI

The use, retention and disclosure of personal information collected from this form is done in compliance with privacy legislation including, but not limited to, the Personal Information Protection and Electronic Documents Act (2000, c.5)

YES, I want to help Camp Bimini financially!

NAME	
STREET OR RR	
BOX #	
911 # & ROAD NAME	
CITY/TOWN	PROVINCE
POSTAL CODE	PHONE
EMAIL	
DO YOU WISH TO RECEIVE OUR NEWSLETTER , PUBLISHED 3-4 TIMES PER YEAR?	
<input type="checkbox"/> YES PLEASE <input type="checkbox"/> NO THANKS	

I would like to give

- ☐ \$50
☐ \$100
☐ \$250
☐ \$500
☐ other \$ _____

to support **General & Capital Projects**

CAMP BIMINI MISSION STATEMENT

We believe that Camp Bimini is a place where God's creation comes together with respect for each other and the environment. It is our goal to give every child and youth a camping experience where they feel loved and valued for who they are. We strive to be welcoming and inclusive of each individual and provide a safe and nurturing place where campers may experience nature, grow spiritually and create lifelong friendships.

Thank you for your support in providing a positive camping experience at Camp Bimini.

