

GOOD NEWS AT GRACE

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Welcome Rev Marg Smith

Grace Church welcomes Rev. Marg Smith to lead our Community of Faith from May 1, 2023 to November 1, 2023. Shirley Wilhelm introduced her to us on Sunday May 7 with some interesting facts such as Marg and her three children attended Lisbon United Church. Shirley found a program from 1985 of North East Hope hymn program put on by those churches. The Smith Family and the Herold sisters were singers on that occasion. Rev. Marg retired from full time ministry in 2015 from Keswick-Ravenshoe Pastoral Charge. It was a 2 point charge.

Rev. Marg told us that she loves being a minister and she will continue as long as someone asks her. Born on a farm north east of Listowel attended Wallace United, raised her family of three on a farm and attended Lisbon United Church.

Over these years she worked as a supply teacher and in this capacity taught at Waterloo Oxford and found a connection to our administrator as she had taught her parents. She worked for Conestoga College on many of their campuses. When her youngest son began his university education she thought this was a good time for her to further her education and studied theology at the University of Toronto and received her Master of Divinity. In 1997 she was ordained as a minister in the Hamilton conference and was settled at Parkview United in Stratford.

In her capacity as our part time supply minister in a 25 hour work week the duties include preaching and worship and will work with the Worship committee and Music Director; administration working with Katherine and in the office on Thursdays from 9:30 am to 3:30 pm; pastoral care working with the Pastoral Care and Outreach Committee. Rev. Marg must attend Board, Session and Worship committee meetings but is not obligated to attend other committee meetings. In this respect she would like to receive reports to keep her informed of the happenings in our church. Rev. Marg is planning on taking part in Ministerial meetings as part of the community.

Rev. Marg will be leading services on Sundays except for the last Sunday of the month.

Grace church is very fortunate to have a dedicated and hardworking Worship committee who have done such an excellent job especially over the last year and continue to do so. Show them your appreciation by saying "thank you".

As needed Rev. Mary Boland will continue to provide support to Rev. Marg and the Community of Faith.

Our future looks promising and our journey with Rev Marg leading us will be inspirational.

Rev. Marg's philosophy regarding her ministry work can be summed up in the chorus of a hymn we sang last Sunday.

"Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night. I will go Lord, where you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart."

Rev Marg Smith, Rev Mary Boland, Chris Wiffen

Upcoming Services and Dates

SERVICES CAN BE VIEWED ONLINE AT GRACE YOUTUBE CHANNEL

'Grace United Tavistock'

May 14th: Christian Family Sunday Worship Service led by Rev Marg Smith. Sunday School. All are welcome for light snack and refreshments following the service.

May 17th: 10:00 - 12:30 pm Sit n'Knit Stay n'Crochet - at Camp Bimini
1:30 - 3:00 pm Salvation Army Mobile Food Truck
- front parking lot

7:00 pm Board Meeting

May 18th: 7:00 pm Choir Practice

May 21st: Worship Service led by Rev. Marg Smith. We will be celebrating Asian History Month with special guest speaker Janet Bradley Worthington. Sunday School.

All are welcome for light snack and refreshments following the service.

May 25th: 7:00 pm Choir Practice



Rev Marg's First Sunday at Grace



Our Newsletter Front Pages



If you have an idea for a front page article for the Good News at Grace we would like to hear from you. Please talk to Katherine in the office at 519 655 2151 or send an email with your news article or devotion to graceunitedtavistock@gmail.com. We want to hear about anything of interest to you and what is happening in our Grace Community of Faith. All articles must be received by Thursday morning.

Emergency pastoral care: Please contact Rev Marg Smith at 289 926 0707 if you are in need of emergency pastoral care.

Contact us

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Office Hours (please call ahead for an appointment)

Rev. Marg Smith, Thursdays 9:30 - 3:30 pm

Katherine Brenneman, Thursdays 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 Marg Smith 289 926 0707 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 John Markle as he has hip surgery this week.

Help Needed. Grace is in need of a volunteer or a few to look after lawn mowing duties this summer. A lawn mower has graciously been donated to the church and will be available to use. This is a perfect opportunity for youth for high school volunteer hours ! If we can get a few volunteers a weekly schedule can be worked out. Please be in contact with the property committee.



Yard Sale and BBQ Sat. June 3rd



We are looking for yard sale and BBQ helpers, to help with receiving, sorting and pricing. The sign up sheets are on the table by the office. Thank you in advance!

Also a reminder to save your items. 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. Look for drop off details the week ahead.



Mother's Day is May 14. At this time of year, we take a moment to reflect on the person or people who helped nurture us and guide us to be who we are today. You can amplify the love you have received by giving to Mission & Service, inspiring and transforming lives by building a better world. If you are looking for a way to honour or thank a special person for Mother's Day, please consider a [gift to Mission & Service](#).



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united-church.ca/donation

Lunch for Lincoln

What a great Sunday! Thanks to all who provided food for the lunch or baking for the auction or ate at the lunch or bought at the bake auction or set up or cleaned up or helped in whatever way on May 7! Thanks also to Gary West for a very enjoyable and humorous auction! Over \$3300 was raised for the Lincoln Richards' Education Fund. (This total does not include any money sent directly to Rev Young or any envelopes given with her name written on the outside). What a wonderful blessing this Grace family is!



Sit n' Knit Stay n' Crochet

In late March, Sit n Knit, Stay n crochet packed up 6 boxes of crocheted and knitted items to go to Zambia as part of a shipment from AACTS Mission Shipping. This group of volunteers will distribute items to the people with whom they work. Don McKay (brother to Jane McKay and Bruce McKay). These boxes included:

18 shawls/lap blankets

31 wash clothes.

33 pneumonia vests

4 scarves,

4 headbands,

1 hat and 225 Izzy Dolls!!

Thanks to all for your donations of money and yarn for our knitters and crocheters! Our collective work reaches far and near!

WED. MAY 17th will be at Camp Bimini, 10:00 - 12:30 pm. Lunch included. If you need a ride please let us know.



The Salvation Army Stratford-St. Marys Regional Community Ministries are relaunching their Mobile Foodbank! Locations include Fullarton, Tavistock and Thorndale. They will be at Grace UC parking lot Wed. May 17th, 1:30 - 3:00 pm. Please contact their office for further information. 519-271-2950

PARKVIEW UNITED CHURCH
470 Ontario Street
Stratford, ON

Ham & Strawberry Dinner

Monday, June 26, 2023



Tickets - \$25

Eat-in and take-out available!

4:30 p.m. ~ 7:00 p.m.

Tickets:

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Church Office - 519-271-1609



ReLeaf Stratford Native Tree and Shrub Sale May 13 from 9am – 2 pm
Avondale United Church parking lot (off Huntingdon Ave.)

Add to the beauty of your home and benefit our local ecosystem by providing food and habitat for pollinators and birds with the purchase of a native tree or shrub. Sixteen species from two of the largest wholesale suppliers of native plants will be available. For information on species and prices visit <https://releafstratford.ca/projects/> All sales are cash or e-transfer. This sale is part of the Stratford and Area Master Gardeners ReLeaf Stratford project.