

GOOD NEWS AT GRACE

Grace United Church • June 9, 2023

116 Woodstock St. S. PO Box 189 Tavistock ON N0B 2R0 • graceunitedtavistock@gmail.com • 519-655-2151



'GraceUnitedTavistock'



'Grace United Tavistock'



www.graceunitedtavistock.com

We pray for safety and for fire-quenching rain.



A water bomber plane flies through heavy smoke as an out-of-control wildfire in a suburban community outside of Halifax quickly spread, May 28, 2023
Credit: THE CANADIAN PRESS/Darren Calabrese

The United Church of Canada is deeply concerned about the wildfires raging across our nation. Currently, wildfires are now spreading through Nova Scotia, Quebec, and northern Ontario only weeks after serious wildfires in Alberta and British Columbia have subsided. It worsens every year. We are caretakers of this planet. Some of these fires were started by humans; it is imperative for us to look after the earth and our neighbours, since careless actions can have devastating impacts. We also strengthen our insistence that governments, industries, and natural resource extraction companies need to do more to combat the climate

crisis since the scale and intensity of the fires is worsened by this global crisis.

These fires threaten entire communities. We commend the efforts of firefighters and first responders in each of these locations, and are grateful for them, for the pilots, and for the emergency personnel who have come from far away to fight the fires and help with evacuations and medical care.

We recognize that while Indigenous communities have used controlled fires in cultural and land management for generations, they are at the mercy of these uncontrolled fires. Lack of funding and support, and limited resources, limit their ability to prepare and plan for emergencies such as these.

We commend the courage of parents, residents, volunteers, and municipal workers who do what it takes to protect their community: their neighbours, families, pets, and properties. On days when it seems like the world is burning up, when wildfires threaten to consume the land, the forests, and everything we own, we rely on the strength of our communities to see us through.

We acknowledge the anxiety. The fear. The uncertainty. The sense of loss. The grief that comes with loss; it is deep, pervasive, and unfathomable. We pray for families who are displaced by fire or threat of fire. We pray for peace of mind to return in its time. We pray for safety and for fire-quenching rain.

We pray that the destruction of these fires will bring, in time, new life—renewed life.

The United Church of Canada, Statement on Wildfires burning across Canada

Upcoming Services and Dates

SERVICES CAN BE VIEWED ONLINE AT GRACE YOUTUBE CHANNEL

'Grace United Tavistock'

June 11th: 10:30 am Intergenerational Service in Zion Hall led by Rev Marg Smith celebrating the year end of Sunday School before summer break.

(come dressed as a farmer or gardener)

June 14th: 10:00 - 11:30 am Sit n' Knit Stay n' Crochet

June 15th: 12:00 pm Zoom Staff Meeting

7:00 pm Choir Practice

June 18th: 10:30 am Father's Day and Indigenous Sunday Worship service led by Rev Marg Smith.

June 21st: 9:00 am Tavistock and Area Ministerial Meeting - Quehl's Restaurant

7:00 pm Board Meeting

June 22nd: 7:00 pm Choir Practice



All dates and events can be found on our website calendar as well. Link to the calendar:
[Grace UC Calendar](#)

Sit n' Knit Stay n' Crochet June 14th. At 10:30 am Guest Callie Haverkamp will join us to tell us about a project called North Love. Items that are collected and sent to Nunavut.



Did you find Jesus on Sunday? Since Easter Sunday, Jesus has been in hiding in the sanctuary, moving each Sunday to a new location. Have you seen him? Have you found Jesus? Watch the newsletter each week to find out where Jesus was hidden the previous Sunday!



Jesus on June 4!
Sitting on
microphone in the
balcony!

Contact us

Rev Marg Smith cell 289 926 0707 margsmith@rogers.com

Carol Young cell 519-301-1356 tavigraceyouth@gmail.com

Office 519 655 2151 graceunitedtavistock@gmail.com

E-transfer donation email gracetavistockdonation@rogers.com

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, and her sister Jaqueline who is now in hospice in London.

✝ pray for Keith Weitzel as he deals with health issues.

✝ pray for Brian Gerber as he struggles with health issues.

✝ pray for John Markle as he recovers from his hip surgery.

✝ pray for Marg Pletsch as she deals with health issues.

Yard Sale and BBQ Update

First of all – thank you, thank you, thank you to all of the volunteers this past week for the many hours you gave to make this event a wonderful success. There was a huge team of volunteers and that made all the work fun and enjoyable. We had a great crew and I can't thank you enough. Many hands make light work!

The barbecue raised about \$500.00 after expenses. Clarence Herlick's sausage was terrific as usual.

The ladies in the kitchen had \$120.00 in sales and many folks appreciated the coffee and yummy muffins.

And the yard sale itself realized just over \$2300.00.

Together the event raised just about \$2950.



Camp Bimini

5K Walk, Ride or Run

The Camp Bimini 5km Walk, Ride, Run is coming up on the weekend of June 24/25, 2023 and Carol Young is participating:

From Carol: I am walking 5 km for Camp Bimini on June 24 because this place and space is so important to so many, including myself. It's a place and space that helps people to realize their gifts and talents and to help each of us see it in each other. There are many projects that are happening at the camp to build it for our present and future generations. My family has been involved for three generations and building upon what has already been built is so important to me. Please give to keep this great place and space thriving for years to come! I am asking for and wanting your support! Please consider sponsoring me by clicking this link <https://raceroster.com/events/2023/74850/camp-bimini-5k-walk-ride-or-run/pledge/participant/19861514>

Fundraised to Date: \$1588 or 26.4% of my goal. Thank you to all the very generous supporters.

The 2022 Accountability Report Is Now Available Online!



Throughout 2022 we were amazed at the generosity shown by those of you who have supported the work of Mission and Service. Whether it was through regular donations, emergency appeals or other methods, your generosity raised \$24.5 million to help others.

As part of our commitment to you, we are sharing where those funds went, as well as stories of how your gifts were used. The 2022 Accountability Report will be mailed out in June but it is now **live online** for you to view.

Please take the time to read it and also to share the stories of those who have been impacted by the work you made possible.

Thank you for your continued support!



Tavistock Mennonite Church is looking to fill the position of Child, Youth and Family Coordinator. This will be a contract position with potential for permanency. The successful candidate will become a member of our Leadership Team alongside our Administrative-Treasurer Assistant and Pastor. 20-25 flexible hours per week. Contact Jayne Whetstone with questions or to see a job description at 519-475-6099. Interested individuals should email resume to [tjwhetstone 5@hotmail.com](mailto:tjwhetstone5@hotmail.com) no later than June 23rd.