

GOOD NEWS AT GRACE

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Moderator's Message for National Indigenous Peoples Day 2023 Transcript of videotaped message

Greetings. I am the Right Rev. Dr. Carmen Lansdowne, Moderator of The United Church of Canada. June 21 is National Indigenous Peoples' Day, a day to recognize the unique heritage and diverse cultures of Indigenous Peoples across the country, from coast to coast to coast.

While on Truth and Reconciliation Day in September we recognize and commemorate the challenges and realities of our colonized and colonizing history in Canada, National Indigenous Peoples Day is a time of celebration to recognize and lift up the resilience of Indigenous people and communities, and to celebrate what we have to share with the rest of the country.

This year, I was invited to attend the National "Indspire" Awards, where I learned about so many inspiring Indigenous leaders who work and lead in many different sectors across the country.

There are a number of things you can do to celebrate or recognize this day:

- Attend a local celebration or cultural event; plan to attend with family, friends, or colleagues.
- Spend the day exploring the Indigenous heritage of the place where you work or live.
- Learn to introduce yourself in the Indigenous language or languages from where you live or work.
- Add to the Indigenous economy—support Indigenous businesses by shopping or dining in Indigenous-owned stores and restaurants (actually, this one you should do year-round).
- Support Indigenous programs through our Gifts with Vision partnerships. You can learn more at giftswithvision.ca.
- Listen to Indigenous music.
- Visit an art gallery or museum with a show curated by Indigenous Peoples.
- Read a book—fiction, nonfiction, or poetry—by an Indigenous author.
- Watch a movie or TV show featuring Indigenous direction, screenwriting, and acting.

Take time to share with others what National Indigenous Peoples Day is and how they can join you in the celebration. I know that many communities of faith have Reconciliation Matters committees, which is a great place to build community and discuss the ways in which you engaged with Indigenous culture this National Indigenous Peoples Day.

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[Download](#) and watch the Moderator's message.



Upcoming Services and Dates

SERVICES CAN BE VIEWED ONLINE AT GRACE YOUTUBE CHANNEL

'Grace United Tavistock'

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

All are welcome for light snack, refreshments and social time in Zion Hall following.

June 19th: 7:00 pm Pastoral Care and Outreach committee meeting at the home of Bev Neeb

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

1:30 - 3:00 pm Salvation Army Mobile Food Truck - front parking lot

7:00 pm Board Meeting

June 25th: 10:30 am Worship service led by the worship committee. Meditation Darryl "Chip" Bender. All are welcome for light snack, refreshments and social time in Zion Hall following.



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

Did you find Jesus on Sunday?



Jesus on June 11!
Sitting in the basket
ball net in Zion Hall



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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, 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.

Congrats to Zoey Shantz!



She finished 6th in the entire province in the Open Intellectual 100m. Zoey is a grade 9 student at Woodstock Collegiate Institute.



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. June 21st, 1:30 - 3:00 pm. **Please contact their office for further information. 519-271-2950** or check their [Facebook page](#)

June 11th Promotion Sunday



Thank you to Jen Reibling for all the years of service as our Sunday School Co-Ordinator.



The Grads and Scholarship recipients received their afghans.



Thank you and special recognition of our 2023 Sunday School Teachers.

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.



Nations coming together, standing in solidarity, creating a better tomorrow.

SUNRISE OPENING CEREMONY & BREAKFAST IN THE PARK

BREAKFAST
UNTIL 11AM





Please bring your hand drums

6:00 AM - JULY 1ST
NORM S HILL PARK, 251 JACOB STREET, NEW HAMBURG
ALONG THE RIVERSIDE

Crow Shield Lodge will be leading the sunrise ceremony on July 1st starting at 6am at Norm S Hill Park, 251 Jacob Street New Hamburg. Forward together looks like walking side by side, celebrating our shared responsibility to community, family, and friendship. Following the opening sunrise ceremony, join us for breakfast in the park to continue celebrating friendship and community building. Wilmot Ecumenical Working Group volunteers will also be onsite selling calendars throughout the day. All proceeds from the sales of these 2024 calendars support Crow Sheild and their land-based healing services for all nations.

WOW Liaison Training 101

Tuesday, June 20, 2023 from 7:00 to 9:00 pm

with Micol Cottrell, Minister, Pastoral Relations

We are each given particular gifts of the Spirit.

A community of faith, like any community, experiences change.

When a minister comes into a community of faith

a covenant is made; a promise to walk together as God's people,

and grow closer to God. God's covenant with us never changes,

but our covenants with one another do change.

- adapted from A Song of Faith, 2006 and the Book of Worship, United Church of Christ © 1986

Liaison Training 101 is a great refresher for liaisons who have done this work before and a great way for those interested in serving as a liaison to become equipped for this work. This training is your chance to review the duties of a liaison in supporting communities of faith with pastoral relations matters, including:

- searching for a new minister,
- creating a position description,
- changes to the terms of a pastoral relationship,
- celebrating with the community of faith and more.

When you register, you will receive the Zoom link and materials in preparation for the training to make the most of our time together. If you have questions about the content, please email Micol Cottrell, Minister, Pastoral Relations, at MCottrell@united-church.ca, or better yet, write down your questions and bring them with you!

[Click Here to Register](#)

We are indebted to our Pastoral Relations Liaisons. Liaisons do not need to attend every meeting of the Search Team. They remain a **vital resource** to communities of faith as they move through the process of getting a position authorized, posted and filled. **We are most grateful for every Liaison and for their commitment to healthy pastoral relationships with the regional council** ❤️.

Thank you for your interest, I look forward to our Liaison Training,

Micol Cottrell

Minister, Pastoral Relations,

Western Ontario Waterways Regional Council