

GOOD NEWS AT GRACE

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- 🍁 Ample Job Opportunities
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- 🍁 Multiculturalism
- 🍁 High Quality of Life
- 🍁 Thriving Economy
- 🍁 Various Immigration Programs
- 🍁 Canada Provides support for Settlement to Immigrants
- 🍁 Spectacular Sceneries, Climate, and Vacation Destinations



Creating God,
As we mark the anniversary of the Confederation of Canada,
we remember and give thanks
for the people who have been the stewards of this land
since time immemorial,
and commit ourselves to the work of justice, healing, and reconciliation.
Together we dream about the country that we hope to become,
a country where all are free to be their best selves.
Amen.

—a prayer for Canada Day

Upcoming Services and Dates

SERVICES CAN BE VIEWED ONLINE AT GRACE YOUTUBE CHANNEL

[‘Grace United Tavistock’](#)

July 2nd: 10:30 am Worship Service in Zion Hall led by Rev Marg Smith. **Wear red and white to church.** Worship will not be recorded. All are welcome for a light snack, refreshments and social time in Zion Hall following.

July 9th: 10:30 am Worship Service in Zion Hall led by Rev Marg Smith. Worship will not be recorded. All are welcome for a light snack, refreshments and social time in Zion Hall following.

July 16th: 10:30 am Worship Service in Zion Hall led by Rev Marg Smith. Worship will not be recorded. All are welcome for a light snack, refreshments and social time in Zion Hall following.

July 18th: 7:00 pm Worship Committee meeting

July 23rd: 10:30 am Worship Service in Zion Hall led by Rev Marg Smith. Worship will not be recorded. All are welcome for a 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](#)

Summer newsletters

During the summer months there will be a reduced number of newsletters sent out.

Schedule is (****was changed since last newsletter):

July 7th: NO newsletter

July 14th newsletter

July 21st NO newsletter

July 28th newsletter

Aug 4th newsletter

Aug 11th newsletter

Aug 18th and 25th NO newsletter

Sept 1st Newsletter

Please take this into consideration for any announcements you may have. We are also welcoming any front page ideas and submissions you have to share.

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 copes with health issues.
- ✝ pray for Keith Weitzel as he deals with health issues.
- ✝ pray for Brian Gerber as he struggles with health issues.
- ✝ pray for Marg Pletsch as she deals with health issues.
- ✝ pray for Laverne Mcburney as he deals with health issues.

Jesus On Vacation

For the past few months, we have been inviting you to find Jesus in the sanctuary. Jesus is taking a vacation this summer, and will return to the sanctuary in the fall. Watch throughout the summer or where Jesus goes. If you wish to take Jesus with you and submit pictures, please ask Carol Young. Or perhaps you find Jesus somewhere else please take pictures and tell us about it throughout the summer. Send your submissions to the office for Katherine to include in the newsletter.

First, Jesus needs to tend to his garden.



After he tended his garden he made a visit to Camp Bimini!

Grace UC Booth at the Tavistock Fall Fair Sept 8 - 10



There have been ongoing discussions about a booth at the fair this year and the decision has been made to have one but on a smaller scale than previous years. In order to make it work though, we need a firm commitment from some of you to help with specific duties. Setup will be as usual on Thursday evening which requires some items be moved from the church to the arena back door. Take down will be Sunday afternoon at three thirty and will require that the items be moved back to the church. We have decided to have coffee, cold pop, water, cookies, muffins and ice cream bars, which

will eliminate the difficult work of scooping cold, hard ice cream into cones. If you are interested in baking muffins or cookies, we need to know that and if you were someone who provided coffee other years and wish to do so again, kindly let us know. The length of working in the booth has been three hours and we will stay with that. This will require volunteers for Friday 4-7, 7-10; Saturday 10-1, 1-4, 4-7, 7-10; and Sunday 10-3:30, likely in two shifts. Students who wish to count helping out as volunteer hours for high school are encouraged to let us know. This note is a general information one and updates and further requests will be shared as the fair time gets closer. Please contact one of the following with your intent to help make this another successful fair booth for Grace.

Anne Gregory 519-274-5100.

Marianne Ruby 519-274-1422 Please call after 5 pm

Mary Boland 519-655-2992



The Camp Bimini 5km Walk, Ride, Run happened on June 24, 2023. It was a very humid and sweaty walk but we just finished before the rain hit!



I participated in the 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!

Thanks to all those who sponsored me and asked me how it went. I have raised \$4900, still a bit short of my goal of \$6000. You can still sponsor me if you have not yet! Charitable receipts are given. [Online you can click here](#)

If you'd rather not do an online donation, please let me know and we'll do it differently! You can e-transfer to campbimini@cyg.net with my name in the message or you can send a cheque to me.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to connect with me!

The final total raised is not available yet and will be announced in July.

Carol

Summer Worship Notes



Our worship services move to Zion hall for the summer beginning July 2nd till Sept 10th. We do not have any volunteers scheduled for ushering or counting the offering. If you are able to help out that would be appreciated.

The offering plate is not being passed during the offertory. Please leave your envelopes on the plate placed at the entrance.

Activity packs are available for the children for the summer services. Please help yourself to the packs on the table by the entrance.



MOST NEEDED ITEMS



CEREAL



KIDS SNACKS



SOUP



PEANUT BUTTER



CANNED VEGETABLES



BROWN BEANS

FOOD DONATIONS DELIVERY: We are located at: 423 Erie Street Stratford, Ontario beside the train tracks. Park your car at the top of the ramp by the red door between 9:00 am and Noon or 1:00 to 4:00 pm. A staff or volunteer will help you. You may need to let us know you are here at 519-273-3433 or come to the front door.

If you wish to make a financial donation by cheque please write 'Stratford House of Blessing' (the bank will no longer cash cheques that just say 'House of Blessing') and to include your phone numbers on the cheque, that would be very appreciated.

Thank you very much for your time and ongoing support for Stratford House of Blessing.

Please contact Kelsey Lauersen at resources@shob.org or 519-273-3433 ext 202.

You can drop off food donations at Stratford House of Blessing at 423 Erie Street on Monday - Friday from 8:30AM - 4:30PM

July Birthdays and Anniversaries

Happy Birthday to

Hailey Lupton - July 3

Mary Boland - July 5

Chase Brown - July 7

Tracy Hyder - July 7

Adam Stock - July 10

Ashlie Weicker - July 11

Ryan Weitzel - July 12

Neely Lange - July 13

Victoria Herlick - July 15

Brenda Mohr - July 16

Dorothy Kennedy - July 17

Marlene Wiffen - July 21

Dylan McCann - July 21

Ella McCann - July 22

Hayden McCann - July 27

Dianne Herold - July 28

Carol Young - July 29

Grayson Fuhr - July 31

Declan McBride - July 31



Happy Anniversary to

Len and Suanne Wettlaufer - July 2

Ryan and Marcia DeGouw - July 4

Shane and Amanda Francios - July 18

Ron and Donna Rudy - July 20

Mike and Beth Kaufman - July 26

Mallory and Carl Horst - July 31



Saturday Sept 30

Blue Jays vs. Tampa Bay Rays

Badder highway coach pickup at Grace at 12 noon

Cost is \$65.00

Please reserve your seat ASAP.

Contact Rev Marg at

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