

# GOOD NEWS AT GRACE

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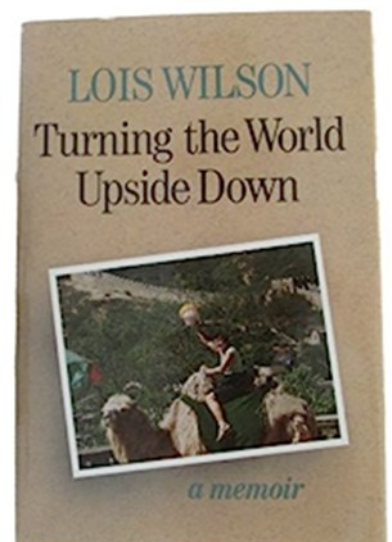
## A Memoir '*Turning the World Upside Down*' by Lois Wilson

Like me, you may remember that Rev. Lois Wilson was the first female Moderator of The United Church of Canada. I also remember that she was of short stature, but I didn't know anything about her other than those two things. Our church library, located in Knox Parlour contains her memoir written in 1989 and named *Turning the World Upside Down*, which you will learn that she did as she became a known church leader, in Canada as well as world-wide. I learned that she was a very committed and dynamic woman who wasn't afraid of a good challenge and some of her travel stories are hair-raising as you learn about the risks she took in some remote and not so remote places around the world as the president of the Canadian Council of Churches and then the World Council of Churches. Those experiences led to her involvement with Amnesty International and the Canadian Civil Liberties Association.

She grew up in a manse and knew that when the decision came to become a minister or get married, it was one or the other, but definitely NOT both. She made the decision to marry in 1950 and while helping her husband with all that the wife of a minister does as well as raising four children, she decided to become ordained too. I found her book very informative and interesting as I discovered someone whom I knew very little about, but who was very well respected internationally and had a great impact on the lives of many people who weren't able to advocate for themselves. I think that we in Canada do not understand exactly what she has accomplished and how much she shaped the life of The United Church in Canada and beyond. As I was finishing this memoir, I wished that there was another to tell me what happened next in her life, however, I did have one more book written by her which is also in our library. It is titled *Miriam, Mary & Me* and written in 1996. From the title you will know that each story is about women of the Bible, some names that we are familiar with and others that we are not. One story included is written by Jean Little, a children's story author and relates the Biblical story of Five Sisters and how they taught an important lesson to their elders. My thoughts as I read this book was that it would make a good Bible Study resource and lead to much thought, discussion and learning.

The books in the library cover many topics and I'm sure there is something there that would be of interest to you. Please take time to have a look at what is available, take a book, read it and tell others about it and maybe even do a book report for the newsletter just like I did.

Book Report by Anne Gregory



## Upcoming Services and Dates

SERVICES CAN BE VIEWED ONLINE AT GRACE YOUTUBE CHANNEL

[‘Grace United Tavistock’](#)

**July 30th:** 10:30 am Worship service in Zion Hall led by Rev. Mary Fletcher. Worship will not be recorded. All are welcome for a light snack, refreshments and social time in Zion Hall following.

Group Paper Fundscrip orders due. <https://www.fundscrip.com/>

**Aug. 6th:** Visiting Sunday. Grace will not have a worship service, we encourage you to visit another community of faith or watch a previously recorded service from our [YouTube Chanel](#).

**Aug. 12th:** 10:00 am Classic Car Show - Maples Parking Lot

**Aug. 13th:** 10:30 am Ecumenical Service in the Park.

**Aug. 20th:** 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: [GraceUC Calendar](#)

### Summer newsletters

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

Schedule is: July 28th newsletter  
Aug 4th newsletter  
Aug 11th newsletter  
Aug 18th and 25th NO newsletter  
Sept 1st Newsletter



**Rev Marg is away on holiday July 31 to Aug 7. While she is away please contact Rev Maggie Dieter for emergency pastoral care needs. 416.520.3280**

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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.
- ✝ pray for Larry Pletsch as he deals with health issues.



Congratulations to Ashlie and Jesse Weicker on the birth of their third daughter Lacey Belle Weicker on July 17th in Stratford, weighing 8lbs 4oz and 52 cm long . She is enjoying all the love and snuggles from her family and big sisters Virginia and Dorothy.



**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

cell 289 926 0707 margsmith@rogers.com

Approx. View from seats





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

Thanks to each person who has volunteered to help in any way with the food booth at the Tavistock fair. We still need folk to help move things from the church to the arena and back again, as well as some more bakers and help at the booth on both Saturday and Sunday. You will be updated again closer to the fair dates, Your committee, Anne Gregory, Mary Boland and Marianne Ruby

## Summer Worship Notes



Our worship services have now moved to Zion Hall 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.

Message from M&P,

Thank you to our dedicated staff at Grace who are all an integral part of our Community of Faith. The M&P committee conduct staff reviews yearly to review job descriptions and have an open conversation with them. Every year there are minor tweaks to every job description to make use of the most updated resources available to each of them. Please remember to thank the staff for a job well done.

If you or your committee has a scheduled event or a meeting, please note it on the calendar in the front hall. Communication is key to ensuring that the church is cleaned and that there are no double bookings. As a reminder the custodian is no longer responsible for setup of tables and chairs for committee meetings or events.

Thank you to any volunteers who have stepped in to make repairs for the Property Committee. If anyone sees something that needs to be repaired contact the property committee or a board member and they will do their best to look after.

Submitted by members of the M&P Committee

Chris Wiffen, Carol Shewfelt, Suanne Wettlaufer, Tory Zehr and our newest member Monica Shantz



**Sunday August 13, 2023 – 10:30 AM**  
**Ecumenical Worship Service in the Park**

**hosted by the Tavistock Ministerial at Queens Park Pavilion in Tavistock**

Bring your own chair. An offering time during our worship will give opportunity to support individual congregations and the ministry of Tavistock Assistance Program (TAP). Offering envelopes will be provided for TAP donations. Following the service everyone is invited to stay for the annual BBQ fundraiser hosted by the TAP board members and volunteers. We hope you can come to worship, eat and fellowship together.



**Grace Cemetery Decoration Service**  
**Sunday, August 27th at 2:00 pm**  
**led by Rev Mary Boland**  
**music led by Marilyne Nystrom**

Join us for our service in the sanctuary honouring and remembering those who have passed since our last service in 2019. Flowers may be placed grave side before the service.

The reality is that you will grieve forever. You will not 'get over' the loss of a loved one; you'll learn to live with it. You will heal and you will rebuild yourself around the loss you have suffered. You will be whole again but you will never be the same. Nor should you be the same nor would you want to be.

Elizabeth Kubler-Ross and David Kessler, on Grief and Grieving.

# August Birthdays and Anniversaries

Happy birthday to:

Norma Kaufman - Aug 1

Taylor McKay - Aug 2

Adam Weicker - Aug 6

Jenn Stevely - Aug 11

Monica Shantz - Aug 14

Kristi McKay - Aug 14

Matthew Brennehan - Aug 15

Shyanne Herlick - Aug 16

Ryan Scheerer - Aug 18

Blake Sebben - Aug 20

Jean Lowe - Aug 21

Ava Glaab - Aug 25

Lori Schmidt - Aug 25

Kirsten Smythe - Aug 27

Julia Petrie - Aug 28



Happy Anniversary to:

Karen Stein and Todd Shore - Aug 7

Trevor and Kelly Riehl - Aug 8

Jesse and Ashlie Weicker - Aug 10

Don and Anne Gregory - Aug 17

Dean and Pat Shantz - Aug 23

Michael and Kirsten Stock - Aug 25



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Group paper fundscrip orders are due this Sunday, July 30th. Paper order forms are [available here](#) or go to [www.fundscrip.com](http://www.fundscrip.com). Short form paper order forms are available in Zion Hall.