

GOOD NEWS AT GRACE

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Greetings Friends,

This Fall you can brew yourself a cup of tea or pour a glass of your favourite drink and snuggle in with a good book. Oh, and you can discuss the book with at least two friends—The Right Rev. Dr. Carmen Lansdowne, Moderator of The United Church of Canada, and her guest—in one of Canada's biggest book clubs.

Learn more about [the featured books](#) below and register for the book club on [CHURCHx](#).

Starting Sept. 21, 2023, and ending in June 2025, these (mostly) monthly book club sessions will feature fiction, non-fiction and poetry written by (mostly) Canadian authors.

Join the Mod's Book Squad

Through a lens of flourishing, the books explore:

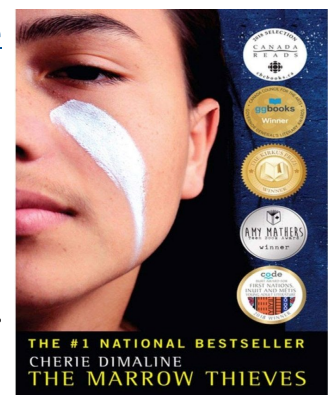
- Dreaming, utopias and dystopias
- The environment and resource extraction
- Urban/rural difference of experience
- Reconciliation
- Poverty
- The theology of The United Church of Canada



Upcoming Featured Books

- Sept. 21, 2023—The Marrow Thieves by Cheri Dimaline (Guest: [The Rev. Dr. John Thatamanil](#), Union Theological Seminary)
- Oct. 19, 2023—Doughnut Economics: How to Think like a 21st Century Economist by Kate Raworth (Guest: [John C. Havens](#), Sustainability Practice Lead, IEEE Standards Association)
- Nov. 30, 2023—The Wall Between: What Jews and Palestinians Don't Want to Know About Each Other by Raja G. Khouri & Jeffrey J. Wilkinson (Guest: [Raja Khouri](#))

The Mod's Book Squad are available on the [UCRD website](#).



Upcoming Services and Dates

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

Aug 16th: 1:30 - 3:00 pm Salvation Army Stratford-St. Marys Region Mobile Food Bank - front parking lot. Call 519 271 2950 or see their [Facebook](#).

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.

Aug. 27th: 10:30 am Worship Service in Zion Hall led by Teresa Coulthard. Worship will not be recorded. All are welcome for a light snack, refreshments and social time in Zion Hall following.

2:00 pm Grace United Church Grave Decoration and Memorial Service led by Rev. Mary Boland.

Sept. 3rd: 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.

Sept. 5th: 1:30 pm UCW. Roll Call: Name your favourite hymn.

Sept 6th: 11:00 am Zoom Staff Meeting

Sept 8th - 10th: GUC Fall Fair food booth

Sept. 10th: 10:30 am Worship service in Zion Hall led by Rev. Marg Smith.

Sept 17th: 10:30 am Worship Service held at Camp Bimini. Sunday School resumes.

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: Aug 11th newsletter
Aug 18th and 25th NO newsletter
Sept 1st Newsletter

I will be away from Aug 14—25th. I will not be checking email messages during this time and will respond when I return Aug 28th. Rev. Marg will be in the office on Thursdays to receive phone calls and check the answering machine, thanks for understanding, Katherine

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 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.

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.



Free Will Offering **Annual** Community Lunch

**Sausage on a bun
Sauerkraut + Fried Onions
Potato Salad
Coffee / Water**

**Sunday, August 13th
Immediately following the
Ecumenical Service in the Park
Queen's Park**

**KRUG'S MEATS
QUEHL'S RESTAURANT
SAM'S INDEPENDENT GROCER**

Thank you!

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.



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

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



The Salvation Army Stratford—St. Marys Regional Community Ministries.

We will be on location in Tavistock Wed Aug. 16th from 1:30-3pm. Please stop by if you are looking to access our services or make a donation. Food hampers can be booked in advance by calling 519-271-2950



Mini Monthly Financial Report

Year to Date

JAN 1 - JUL 31

	2022	2023
Anniversary	0	0
Core Receipts	49,075	59,519
Other Donations		662
UCW Donation	1,000	1,500
Fundraising	4,469	5,018
Manse Rental	5,250	6,650
Funeral Donations	200	4,870
Misc. Receipts	1,369	5,290
Total Receipts	61,363	83,509
 Expenses	 93,228	 93,518
 Surplus/Deficit	 -31,865	 -10,009

Thank you to everyone for their generosity and support of Grace United Church. We would like to remind you of the ways you can support Grace financially:

- Plate placed at the entrance on Sunday morning, using your offering envelopes or a pew envelope.
- Etransfer to gracetavistockdonation@rogers.com (Security answer is Grace1980). Also include any special notes in the message.
- By mail to Grace United Church, PO Box 189 Tavistock ON N0B 2R0
- We also offer Pre-Authorized Remittance. [PAR forms are available here.](#)



Tavistock Fall Fair Soup Cook Off

Would your group be interested in entering a soup ?

Tavistock Agricultural Society

Tavistock, Ontario

To: **Community Groups, Businesses or Individuals**

From: **The Saturday Afternoon Committee**

Date: **June 2023**

Re: **“Lovin’ Spoonfuls” Saturday, September 9, 2023**

“Lovin’ Spoonfuls” - Soup Competition supports the Tavistock Fall Fair 2023 agricultural promotion. We would like to invite you to participate to serve your soup of choice.

We are looking for volunteer businesses, groups, or individuals to make homemade soup (and crackers, if you wish) and serve it to fair – goers, who purchase tickets for the samples. The soup will be donated and the Committee will provide the containers, utensils and napkins. Pop, water and cookies will be available for sale in the kitchen of the Tavistock Memorial Hall. There will be prizes awarded for the best soup based on the People’s Choice.

We are hoping you agree to participate as a “Lovin’ Spoonful” soup maker at this fun event.

Please complete this form and submit it to: Julie Kimpel

176 Hope Street East

Tavistock, Ontario NOB 2R0

Application Deadline is August 15, 2023. SPACE IS LIMITED.

Further details will be provided to you following your registration, or you can call

Julie Kimpel @ 519-590-1617



Name: _____

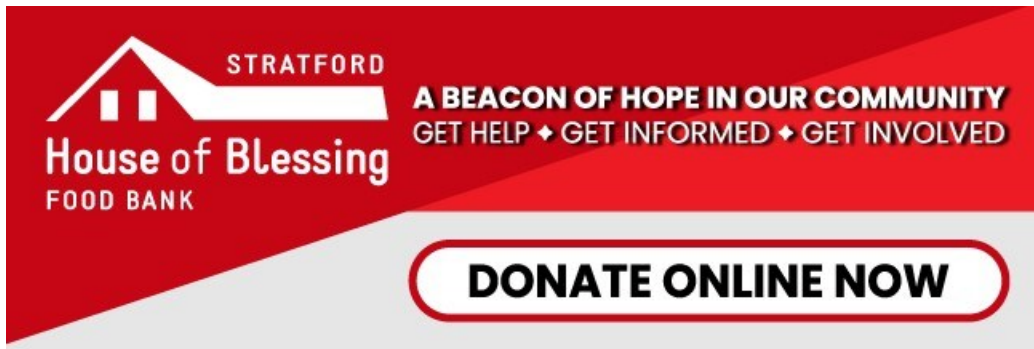
(Individual, group, organization, etc.)

Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Email Address: _____





Hi Everyone,

I hope this message finds you and your congregation in good health and high spirits. As we enter August, I want to not only provide you with an updated list of our food bank's most needed items but also highlight the fact that the demand for our services continues to increase.

Two years ago (2021), we served 1000+ individuals in a single month for the first time in our organization's history; last year (2022), we served 1000+ individuals in a single month five times over the course of the year (January – December); and this year, as of August 1, we have already matched last year's five times, with five months to go. Because of the increased demand, our food bank shelves are in need of replenishment and your contributions are invaluable.

Our most needed items this month are as follows:

- Crackers
- Personal Hygiene Products (shampoo, conditioner, soap, deodorant)
- Cereal
- Peanut Butter
- Kids' Snacks (nut free granola bars, fruit cups, fruit leather, etc.)
- Canned Fruits and Vegetables

Moreover, with the back-to-school season fast approaching, we are also seeking donations for our Off to School Smiling program, which provides backpacks filled with school supplies to children in need. This program is important because it not only provides the tools for children to succeed academically, but it also helps foster dignity and a sense of belonging in our community. At this moment, our most needed items for this program are pencil cases and backpacks – especially for high school students. Off to School Smiling donations can be dropped off at Stratford House of Blessing as well as the food court in Stratford Mall from now until September 2nd.

We know that this has been a challenging year for everyone and we deeply appreciate the support that we have received from the churches in our community thus far. If you are able to highlight this month's needs to your congregation, we would be immensely grateful. Please do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions or concerns. Have a blessed day!

Sincerely,

Kelsey Lauersen

519-273-3433 x 202

House of Blessing Resource Co-ordinator

<https://www.shob.org/>