

GOOD NEWS AT GRACE

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A Sacred Place

Ah to be alive

on a mid September morn
fording a stream
barefoot, pants rolled up
holding boots, pack on,
sunshine, ice in the shallows,
northern rockies.

Rustle and shimmer of icy creek waters
stones turn underfoot, small hard on toes
cold nose dripping
singing inside
creek music, heart music,
smell of sun on gravel.

I pledge allegiance.

I pledge allegiance to the soil
of Turtle Island
one eco system
in diversity
under the sun—
With joyful interpenetration for all.

Gary Snyder.



Upcoming Services and Dates

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

Sept. 10th: 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 11th: 7:00 pm Session Meeting

Sept 13th: 10:00 - 11:30 am Sit n' Knit Stay n' Crochet

7:00 pm Worship Committee Meeting

Sept 17th: 10:30 am Worship Service held at Camp Bimini led by Rev Marg Smith. Sunday School resumes. Please bring a lawn chair. Sunday School BBQ at Camp Bimini to follow by donation with proceeds to Grace SS.

Sept 20th: 9:00 am Ministerial Meeting at Quehl's Restaurant

Sept 21st: 7:00 pm Choir Practice

Sept 24th: 10:30 am Worship Service led by Rev Kathy Douglas (moves back upstairs to the sanctuary). Sunday School. Wear an orange shirt to support National Day of Truth and Reconciliation.



All dates and events can be found on our website calendar as well.



Link to the calendar: [GraceUC Calendar](#)



Do you have an idea for a front page ? We would love to hear from you, please submit articles to Katherine at graceunitedchurch@gmail.com. Thanks in advance for your submissions!

Did you know...

**"Minutes for Mission"
is now called
"Mission and Service Stories"**

Fall Fair Food Booth

Sept 8th to 10th

Tavistock Arena

Coffee, Pop, Water,

Baked Goodies,

Ice Cream Bars



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.
- ✝ pray for Ron Rudy as he deals with health issues.

Sit n Knit, Stay n Crochet is beginning WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 10-11:30 am in Knox Parlour and will be meeting every other Wednesday. Knitters and crocheters of all ages, stage and abilities welcomed! We can even teach or help! For more information, ask Carol Young tavigraceyouth@gmail.com or 519-301-1356.

A note from the Search Committee

Many of you are wondering about where we are at in our search for a permanent minister. We want to share that the process has been very slow without much success yet. By the time our position was approved by the United Church of Canada, and we had our training it was the end of March. At that time, we sent out more than 10 letters inviting potential candidates to apply to our position. Not much resulted from that, but we are continuing to monitor ChurchHub for new listings. We had several Ministers apply from other countries. To date, we have done 2 interviews by zoom because of distance. We have done 2 in person interviews, but they moved into negotiations with other congregations. We will continue our work and hope and pray that the right person to lead our congregation will become available.

Kelli Zehr, Chris Patrick-Wettlaufer, Wayne Shewfelt, Jayden Ruby, Elizabeth Halliday

Choir Practice begins again on Thursday, September 21st at 7pm.

New Members are welcome. Please speak with Marilyne if you are interested in sharing your musical talents in worship.



SOLD OUT. Bus trip on Sat. Sept 30th Blue Jays vs. Tampa Bay. Thanks to everyone who purchased a ticket!

Bus leaves Grace parking lot at 12:00 pm. Game time 3:07 pm.

Mini Monthly Financial Report

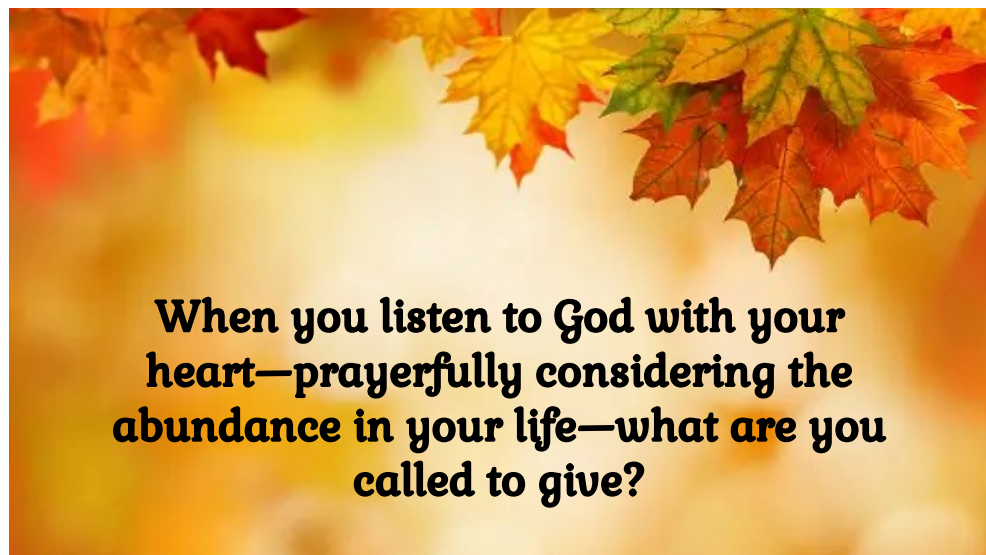
Year to Date

JAN 1 - Aug 31

	2022	2023
Anniversary	0	0
Core Receipts	57,301	66,591
Other Donations		662
UCW Donation	1,000	1,500
Fundraising	4,469	5,018
Manse Rental	7,000	7,600
Funeral Donations	200	4,870
Misc. Receipts	2,366	5,335
Total Receipts	72,336	91,576
Expenses	97,684	102,280
Surplus/Deficit	-25,348	-10,704

We are grateful for your generous support for the ministry and mission of Grace United Church. Please consider how you can help us meet our budget needs.

- 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.](#)



**Community Breakfast Workshop
Better Understanding Mental Health Issues
For Children and Young Adults and their Impact on Families**

Hosted by The East Zorra Mennonite Church, Health Ministry Team
In Partnership with
Interfaith Counselling Centre (ICC) New Hamburg, ON

**Saturday Morning, September 16, 2023
In Quehl's Banquet Hall**

**8:30 a.m. Continental Breakfast
Presentation 9:00 a.m.**

**Community Agency Displays and
Networking available following presentation
(Event will finish by 11:00 a.m.)**

Guest Speaker: Cathi Watson RSW, MDiv
Counsellor with ICC

Come join us for breakfast and learn more about the mental health challenges facing children and young adults and what supports are available in our community.

Cathi Watson, a therapeutic counsellor at Interfaith Counselling Centre, will provide information and facilitate conversation about signs and symptoms of some mental health issues which affect children, adolescents, and young adults; who can diagnose these illnesses; and where to go for help. Additionally, we will talk about the impact of mental health illness on parents, siblings, and the extended family and the importance of families also getting support."



**To Register for this Free Event please call or Email Heidi Wagler,
Faith Community Nurse at
519-274-4822 or heidi@ezmennonite.ca**

If you would like to donate towards this worthy cause to jointly help cover expenses and in support of T.A.P (Tavistock Assistance Program) you can E- transfer treasurer@ezmennonite.ca. Cash or Cheque accepted made payable to East Zorra Mennonite Church (Subject: Community Breakfast Workshop)

MOST NEEDED ITEMS



Canned Meat



Crackers



Peanut Butter



Large Canned Soups



Cereal



Sweet & Savoury Snacks

**You can drop off donations at Stratford House of Blessing Food Bank
at 423 Erie Street on Monday – Friday from 8:30AM – 4:30PM**
