

GOOD NEWS AT GRACE

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Grace Family Blue Jays Excursion 2023

Saturday September 30th - 3rd National Day for Truth and Reconciliation - dawned bright and clear for our bus trip to Toronto to cheer on the Blue Jays to a playoff berth. Most of the group were from Grace but we also welcomed a few from Zion United in New Hamburg, one from Avondale in Stratford and various friends. Tom, our Badder Coach driver, arrived right on schedule and we were off at noon!

The traffic was horrible and I think every one of us was thrilled and relieved to not be driving!! Two hours later we pulled into a postage stamp sized parking lot filled with huge buses just inches apart and piled off to head for the entrance gate. I heaved a huge sigh of relief when the last person made it through the gate with our mandatory virtual tickets!!

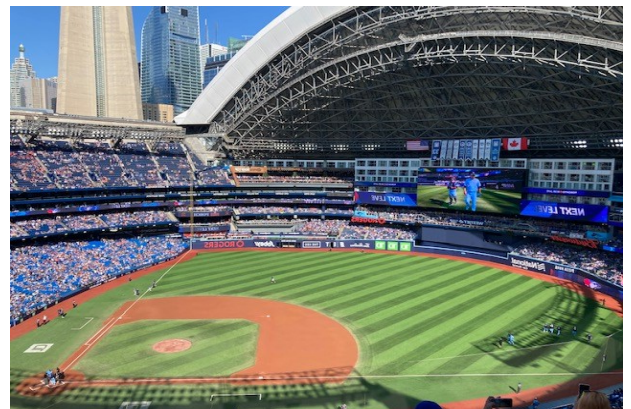
The pictures tell the game story! It was exciting with lots of action right down to the loss in the 10th inning. Oh well - Seattle helped us out later Saturday night. (By the time you read this, we'll know how the Jays fared in the playoffs!)

We had a happy, uneventful and comfortable drive home- back to Grace around 8 pm. Thanks so much to everyone who came along and helped to create a memorable family event.

Rev Marg



Saturday September 30 - National Day for Truth and Reconciliation



The view from our seats!



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Row 15



Row 14



Row 13



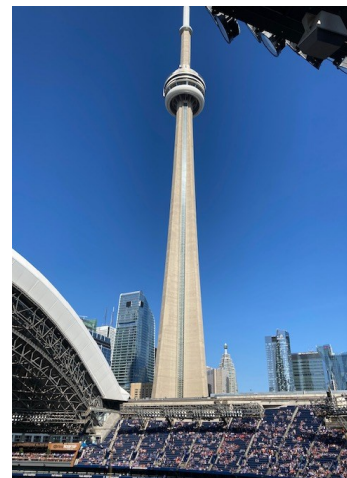
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Rev Marg



Not a cloud in sight

Blue Jays Trip Financial Report

Income - 56 paid \$65 per person	\$3640.00
Expenses - 56 tickets to Blue Jays @ \$27/each	
Bus parking \$50	
Taxes of \$179.70 included	\$1562.00
Badder Coach \$1700 plus HST \$221	\$1921.00
Tip paid to driver Tom	\$60.00
Total Expenses	\$3543.00
Donation to M&S Fund	\$97.00
Balance	\$0.00

Upcoming Services and Dates

Oct. 8th: 10:30 am Thanksgiving Service led by Rev Marg Smith. Sunday School. Service will be recorded for online worship. All are invited for light snack, refreshments and social time in Zion Hall following worship.

Oct. 11th: 9:00 am Ministerial Meeting at Quehl's Restaurant
10:00 - 11:30 am Sit n Knit, Stay n Crochet
12:00 pm Zoom Staff Meeting

Oct. 12th: 12:00 pm High Noon Lunch
7:00 pm Choir Practice

Oct. 15th: 10:30 am Blessing of the Animals Worship Service led by Rev Marg Smith. More details to follow next week. Sunday School. Service will be recorded for online worship. All are invited for light snack, refreshments and social time in Zion Hall following worship.

Oct 18th: 1:30 - 3:00 pm Salvation Army Mobile Food Bank - front parking lot. Please call 519-271-2950 for an appointment.
7:00 pm Board meeting

Oct 19th: 7:00 pm Choir Practice

Oct. 22nd: 10:30 am Anniversary Worship Service led by Rev. Marg Smith

Oct. 29th: 10:30 am Reformation Sunday Worship guest speaker Andrew Middleton



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



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

Services will be recorded and can be found on our You Tube Channel usually later Sunday.



Link to [Grace United Tavistock You Tube](#)

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Office Hours (please call ahead for an appointment)

Rev. Marg Smith, Thursdays 9:30 - 3:30 pm

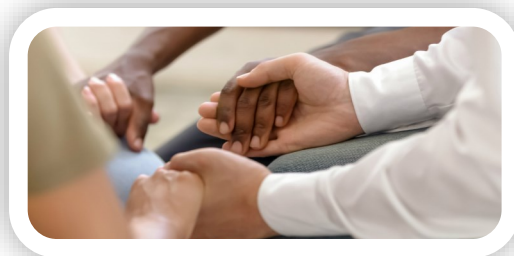
Katherine Brenneman, Thursdays 9:30 - 2:00 pm

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 the family of Jean Houghton as they mourn her passing.
- ✝ pray for Brenda Mohr as she copes with health issues.
- ✝ pray for Keith Weitzel as he deals with health issues.
- ✝ pray for Marg Pletsch as she deals with health issues.
- ✝ pray for Ron Rudy as he deals with health issues.
- ✝ pray for Ken Brenneman as he deals with health issues.
- ✝ pray for Shelley Walker as she deals with health issues.
- ✝ pray for Larry Odette, father of Ken Odette, who is dealing with health issues.
- ✝ Laverne McBurney is improving and has asked to be taken off our prayer list



This Sunday is the last day for our collection for the Tavistock Assistance Program. TAP would be grateful for any of the following items - toilet paper, paper towels, tea, coffee, gift cards for local businesses. Collection boxes can be found at both entrances to our church. THANK YOU!

If you wish to contribute gift cards, be assured the baskets will be checked on a regular basis and cards safely tucked away until Thanksgiving Sunday.

Congregational Meeting November 12th. On Sunday, November 12th there will be a congregational meeting following worship for the purpose of electing new board, session and trustees. **Inspiration and paraphrasing from JFK: "Ask not what your church can do for you but what you can do for your church".**



**CAMP BIMINI
ON-LINE AUCTION
COMING THIS FALL**



**NOW COLLECTING
DONATIONS**

- WOODWORKING, GIFT CERTIFICATES, GIFTWARE, ETC.
- ITEMS FOR ADULTS AND YOUTH
- EMAIL TREASURER@CAMPBIMINI.CA

High Noon Lunch

Zion Hall Grace United Church

Have Lunch with a neighbour!

Socialize over a nutritious home-style lunch
from 12:00 noon - 1:00 pm.

Stay for entertainment, speakers,
music or activities

**Oct 12, 2023: Music with Dwight
Steinman and Jim Bender**

Northern Love: A new project supported by Sit-n-Knit, Stay-n-Crochet



Northern Love run by Callie Haverkamp ships donated second-hand items to people in need in northern communities, often Nunavut and 10 other locations as well. All items are free to those in need. The cost to the recipients is the cost of shipping (\$28 - \$38), although some packages are sent free of charge to those who cannot afford to pay. Within her first year Callie had shipped out almost 300 boxes! In many cases these items are just not available to purchase near their homes.

How can the Grace community can help:

1. by donating second-hand items. I will coordinate this project (Carol Young when I am away from Oct. 19 until Nov. 2) and we welcome donations, which we will accumulate and then invite Callie to pick them up. We have chosen a deadline of November 15th to accept items. Callie has sent a list of items which are needed: clothing from infant sizes to adult (no rips or stains please), Bras are very popular, scrubs, Kitchen items, blankets, kid's toys (please nothing huge – they have to fit into a shipping box), kid's books, footwear (no sandals), yarn, fabric, sewing items, craft supplies, fur (coats, hats, mitts, etc. – even if these items have rips or are not in good condition, individuals in the north will repurpose them), baby items (bottles, diapers, etc.), hygiene products, make-up, tooth paste, tooth brushes, soap, etc.
2. Canada Post account holders can print off free shipping labels on Tuesdays during the month of October – labels that can be passed on to Callie to be used as needed in the months ahead. Email Mary or Carol if you need more information about how to do this. (Each label has a value of \$28-\$38).

When cleaning out your closets and cupboards this fall, please keep this project in mind. Together we can make a difference to folks in need within our own country. Thank you!

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Giving Thanks—and Working to Do Better

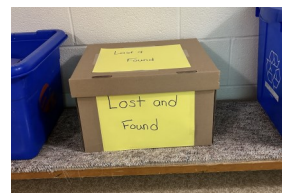


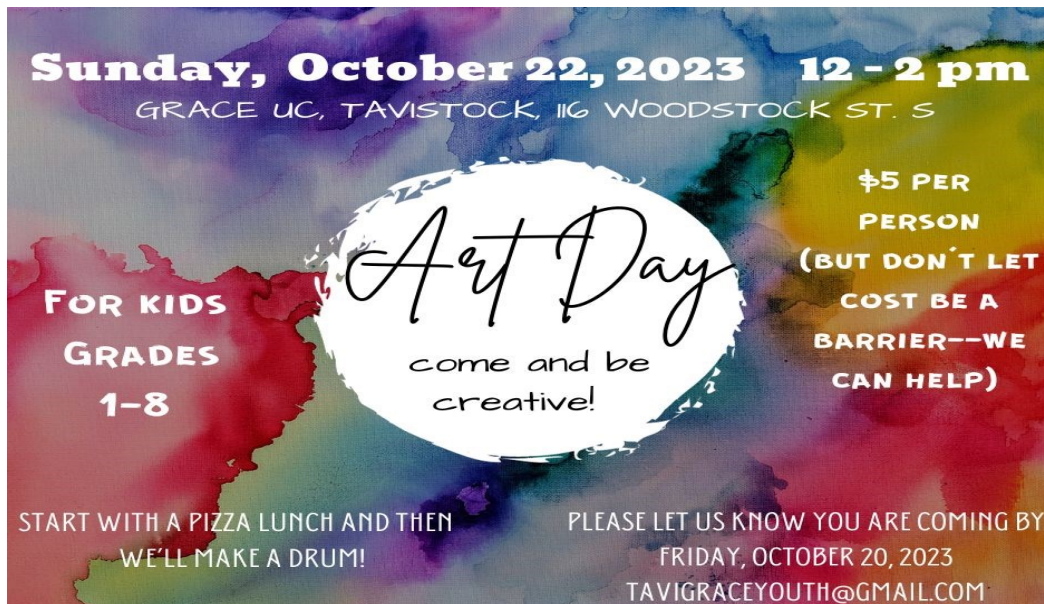
This Thanksgiving, [we give thanks for a church that is humble and willing to change](#). The United Church of Canada has committed to becoming an anti-racist church. [Your gifts](#) through Mission and Service and The United Church of Canada Foundation help us work towards this commitment.

As we give thanks, we must also reflect on what we can do better. Will you join us and [make a gift](#) today to contribute to dismantling racism in our church?

Link to: [YouTube Thanksgiving Appeal 2023](#)

NEW. Grace now has a lost and found. It is located on the coat rack outside the kitchen. We have tried to clean up a few stray items, please check it out if you have misplaced anything.





A Prayer of Thanksgiving

God, giver of all good,
 you continually pour your benefits upon us.
 Age after age the living wait upon you and find
 that your faithfulness has no end,
 that your care is unfailing.
 We praise you that the mystery of life
 is a mystery of infinite goodness.
 We praise you
 for the order and constancy of nature;
 for the beauty and bounty of the earth;
 for day and night, summer and winter,
 seedtime and harvest;
 for the varied gifts of loveliness which every season brings.
 We give you thanks
 for all the comfort and joy of life,
 for our homes, for our friends,
 and for all the love, sympathy, and goodwill of all people.
 Amen.

—from *Celebrate God's Presence: A Book of Services for The United Church of Canada* (UCPH, 2000)



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29 1:00-3:30 pm

Knox Parlour

Grace Movie Afternoon "MR HOLLAND'S OPUS" (RATED PG) 1996

Glenn Holland (Richard Dreyfus) is a musician and composer who takes a teaching job to pay the rent while, in his 'spare time', he can strive to achieve his true goal - compose one memorable piece of music to leave his mark on the world. Mr. Holland discovers 'Life is what happens to you while you're busy making other plans'. **Open to everyone!**

**A pizza lunch will be offered at 12:15 pm for those who wish to stay for the movie after worship. Please let Carol know if you are planning on staying for lunch!*

Snacks to be served during the movie!

