

GOOD NEWS AT GRACE

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Prayer for Peace in the Middle East

Steadfast God,

As we witness to the horrors and heartbreak in Israel and Palestine, we seek your comfort and strength, your shelter and hope, your peace and your blessings.

Bless all those who continually attempt to live your teachings of compassion and reconciliation through humanitarian aid and advocacy for those most affected by the atrocities of war.

These actions are green leaves on a weakening tree, clear signs of hope, even as fear, death, and grief overwhelm.

Bless all those who mourn, whose heartbreak and sorrow are too deep for words.

In their despair may your unshakeable roots protect and hold them in love. And provide us all with the strength to yearn "more than those who watch for morning" for a time when peace prevails globally and in the Middle East.

Bless all who prayerfully seek a peace that leads toward abundant life for all people.

Help those of us more removed from the direct conflict to care for and support those of us who are most affected in the Middle East and in our local communities. May we honestly wrestle with our complex emotions, biases, and limited information so that we can work with others toward peace-building that is guided by justice, compassion, and mercy.

Together, may we anticipate a time when Israel and Palestine will be a symbol of justice, peace, and liberation for all.

Like an olive tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream,
may our commitment toward a just peace in Israel and Palestine never falter,

may our hope not be uprooted,

may our actions bear good fruit,

may our love be steadfast.

Until freedom and justice for all comes,
may it be so.

Amen.



Upcoming Services and Dates

Oct. 29th: 10:30 am Worship guest speaker Andrew Middleton. Sunday School. Service will be recorded for online worship. All are invited for light snack, refreshments and social time in Zion Hall following worship.

No Christmas Musical Rehearsal today — see you next week.

1:00 - 3:30 pm Movie Afternoon

Nov. 1st: 7:00 pm Worship Committee

Nov 2nd: 10:30 am Pastoral Care and Outreach Committee

7:00 pm Choir Practice

Nov. 5th: 10:30 am Remembrance Sunday Service led by Rev. Marg Smith with Tavistock Legion Madre Mary Boland. Guest speaker Tade Ankenmann. Sunday School. Service will be recorded for online worship. All are invited for light snack, refreshments and social time in Zion Hall following worship.

11:35 am Christmas Musical Rehearsal

Nov. 7th: 1:30 pm UCW. Roll Call: Name one of Jesus' miracles.

Nov. 8th: 9:00 am Ministerial Meeting - Quehl's Restaurant

10:00 - 11:30 am Sit n' Knit, Stay n' Crochet

Nov. 9th: 12:00 pm High Noon Lunch

7:00 pm Choir Practice

Nov. 12th: 10:30 am Worship service led by Rev. Marg Smith. Congregational meeting follows.



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



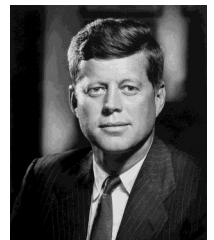
Link to the calendar: [GraceUC Calendar](#)

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



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

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



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Office Hours (please call ahead for an appointment)

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

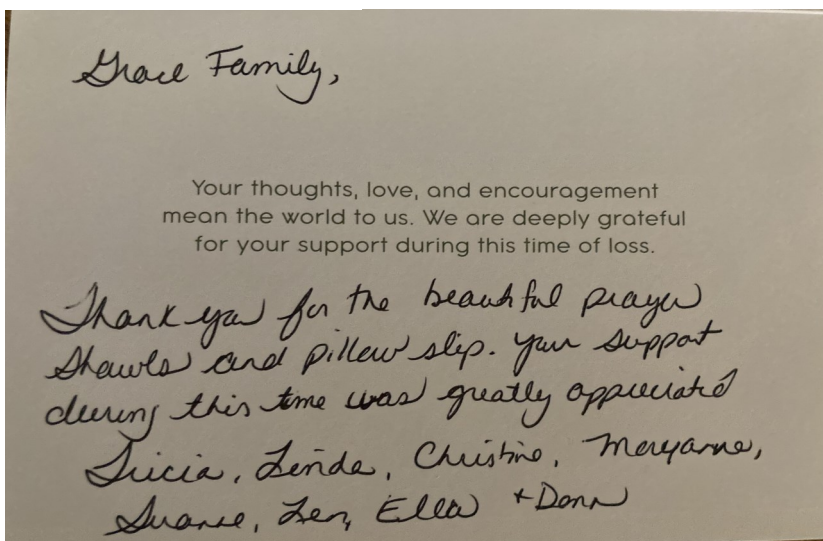
Katherine Brennehan, Thursdays 9:30 - 2:00 pm

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 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.



Sunday School Co—Ordinator

Jen Reibling has decided to retire as our Sunday School Co-Ordinator. Thank you Jen for your many years as Sunday School Co-ordinator. We are currently looking for someone to take on this role. Please speak to Jen for more information.



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

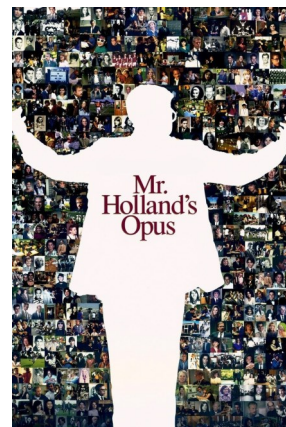
Knox Parlour

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!



Northern Love: Collection Items due this Sunday, October 29th



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.

We continue to collect items for this project and ask they be brought to the church by October 29th.

Items 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.

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!

Submitted by Mary Boland – mcboland53@gmail.com



**Lawn Signs for sale.
\$30.00. Fundraiser for the
Poppy Fund for RCL
Tavistock Branch #518.
Call Susan Pellow at 519
655 2600. Thanks.**

FundScrip

Update: please see the new order schedule. Please take this into consideration for any Christmas gift planning. More info in next week's newsletter.

Order deadline	Order placed by	Expected receipt	Status
Nov. 5/23	Nov. 9/23	7-10 days	CANCELLED
Nov. 19/23	Nov. 23/23	7-10 days	
Dec. 3/23 **last order before Christmas	Dec. 7/23	7-10 days	
Jan. 7/24	Jan. 11/24	7-10 days	CANCELLED

High Noon Lunch

Zion Hall Grace United Church

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

Stay for entertainment, speakers, music or activities

Have Lunch with a neighbour!

**Nov 9th: Games afternoon.
Games available and bring
your favourites.**

Support the People Impacted by the Conflict in Palestine and Israel

You can support the people impacted by the conflict in Palestine and Israel through your [donations and advocacy](#).

Mission and Service partners are currently responding to those who are impacted by the conflict in the West Bank and East Jerusalem. Partners are prepared to expand their activity into Gaza when a humanitarian corridor is opened, allowing for safe access to provide relief. Currently, there is an urgent need for food as well as non-food items such as medicines, psychosocial support, and shelter.

We are working with Mission and Service partners ACT Alliance, [Department of Service to Palestinian Refugees](#) (DSPR), and the Humanitarian Coalition (as a member of the Canadian Foodgrains Bank) to provide tangible support for the people of the Middle East.

Your help is urgently needed.

You can also write a letter calling for a ceasefire, the opening of a humanitarian aid corridor, and protection of civilians and email it directly to Foreign Affairs Minister The Hon. Mélanie Joly and your local MP using our letter-writing template.

[The United Church of Canada has signed on to a number of statements](#) from our partners and other organizations calling for a ceasefire to the conflict.

[Find out more](#) about how you can act today, and pray for peace with justice for the people of Palestine and Israel.

How to Donate:

Online via our [secure donation page](#).

Phone toll-free 1-800-465-3771 and use your Visa or MasterCard.

Send a cheque or money order to:

The United Church of Canada
Philanthropy Unit - Emergency Response
3250 Bloor Street West, Suite 200
Toronto, ON M8X 2Y4

Please be sure to note "Emergency Response—Middle East" on the face of your cheque.

*** Donating directly to the United Church of Canada and marking it "Emergency Response—Middle East" guarantees the quickest response for your donation.



Department of Service to Palestinian Refugees
office in Gaza. Credit: Al Jedeh /DSPR

Welcome to Gifts with Vision for 2023–2024!

[Gifts with Vision](#) are an opportunity for you to make a difference in someone's life—during Advent and Christmas, or at any time of year—by giving gifts from the comfort of home, with no packaging or wrapping needed.

This year's new gifts include [solar power](#) for the United Theological College in Zimbabwe, [backpacks full of school supplies](#) for children who live under the poverty line, a [biofuel pilot project](#) run by women in the Democratic Republic of Congo, and making the United Church camp experience possible for children in underserved communities in the Maritimes—along with many others. You'll also recognize lots of returning gifts, like [Operation Backpack](#), [Return of the Buffalo](#), and [A Kindergarten in a Refugee Camp](#).

See all the Gifts available and find out more by visiting the [Gifts with Vision website](#).

There are some paper catalogues by the church office.



These blankets are heading to Parkview UC on Sunday for the five children being baptized there. Huge thanks to the Sit 'n' Knit Stay 'n' Crochet group for the many loving hours it took to create these beautiful gifts.



November Birthdays and Anniversaries

Happy Birthday to:

Karen Brenneman - Nov 1

Shawn McKay - Nov 1

Kelli Zehr - Nov 2

Zoey Shantz - Nov 5

Annalise Glaab - Nov 5

Marg Pletsch - Nov 5

Karen Mogk - Nov 7

Jaime Zehr - Nov 9

Mason Charlton - Nov 9

Rebecca McKay - Nov 11

Hayden Ankenmann - Nov 12

Beth Kaufman - Nov 12

Peter Francis - Nov 13

Dale Ruby - Nov 14

Suanne Wettlaufer - Nov 16

Deb Stevely Ball - Nov 26

Masen Ankenmann - Nov 26

Tricia Wettlaufer - Nov 30

Gail Woolcott - Nov 30



Happy Anniversary to:

Mark and Holly McKay - Nov 14

Peter and Avis Francis - Nov 18

Graham and Rosemary McKay - Nov 28

Gary and Brenda Mohr - Nov 29



Back for a Second Year Camp Bimini Christmas Mini Sessions

Intuition Photography By Leanne



Nov 4th & 5th

20 min sessions
Up to 10 Digital Images
\$120.00 (cash or
e-transfer made at
appointment).
Hot Chocolate &
Freshly made Cookies
to enjoy!!!

50% of the proceeds are being donated back
into the Camp Bimini Community.
intuitionphotographybyleannechristmasminis.as.me

COSTUMES FOR THE CHRISTMAS MUSICAL

We are looking to borrow:

Children's sized

Cardinal, Squirrel and Deer costumes.

Please speak to Rev. Marg if you have
one or some we may borrow.

MENTAL HEALTH BREAKFAST

WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 15, 2023

7:30am-10:00am

Breakfast served @ 8am

\$35 per ticket

inquire for subsidized tickets

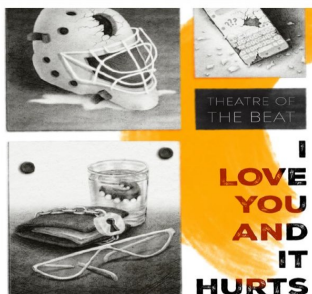
**Come join us for a delicious breakfast and intentional
conversation about mental health, relationships,
human resiliency & the strength of community**



Puddicombe House Restaurant

45 Peel St, New Hamburg, ON N3A 1E7

Guest Presenters **Theatre of the Beat** performing "I Love You and It Hurts"



About Theatre of the Beat

Using forum theatre, "I Love You and It Hurts" will offer an effective and unique way for community members to recognize subtle signs of abuse that might be occurring in their communities, and to find solutions to change unsafe and unhealthy behaviours. These two short plays reflect the lived experiences of healthy masculinity, and intimate partner violence in young relationships.

Buy your tickets TODAY



Interfaith Counselling Centre

519-662-3092



hosted by:



Link to Camp Bimini online auction

Auction opened Oct. 25 and
closes Nov. 5.

Help spread the word.

Thank you for supporting
Camp Bimini!



Water fall
live edge table



45 Minute Flight

**Over
100
items**



\$400 Gift Certificate

**Camp Bimini
Online
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Now Open**

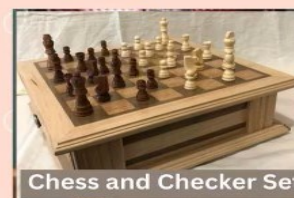


Rheo Thompson
Chocolate

<https://shackletons.hibid.com/catalog/489033/camp-bimini-online-auction>



18 Speed, 24" Bike



Chess and Checker Set

SING FOR THE JOY OF IT

County of Perth Community Choir

Dan Van Winden, Artistic Director

Karen Rempel, Accompanist

Guest Musicians Laurence Gauci and Chris Adair



*Cozy
Nights
&
Christmas Lights*



With Special Guest Robert Markus

Robert is an award winning Stratford based Actor and Singer. His 2023 Stratford Festival credits include the roles of Mark Cohen in *RENT* and Calvin O'Keefe in *A Wrinkle in Time*. Previously, he appeared as Riff Raff in *The Rocky Horror Show* and Tommy in Stratford's revival of *The Who's Tommy*, as well as roles in *Chicago*, *The Music Man* and *Fiddler on the Roof*. In 2021, he starred in *If I Only Had Christmas* for the Hallmark Channel in both the US and Canada. He is most recently known to audiences for performing the titular role in *Dear Evan Hansen* presented by Mirvish Productions.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2023 - 7:30pm
Avondale United Church - 194 Avondale Avenue
\$15 Adults | \$5 Youth (17 & Under)

Tickets available from:

- Choir members & Avondale United Church Office
- Tickets to be picked up at the door and YouTube links can be purchased by e-transfer to singforthejoyofit@gmail.com