GOOD NEWS AT GRACE

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Compassion into Action

There is one thing that will never fail us: compassion.

Acts of compassion, both big and small, give rise to peace. We can't wave a magic wand and bring about world peace, but with every act of compassion we harness the power of love, the same love Jesus lived and died for and that he promised would move mountains.

At a time when it feels like there's a new crisis confronting us each and every day, it's reassuring to know that <u>Mission and Service</u> partners provide real-time relief around the world on a daily basis.

That's why your generosity matters so much.

The food security initiatives, refugee support work, educational programs, and emergency and advocacy efforts your gifts through Mission and Service support aren't just about food, safety, education, and human rights. They are ultimately about compassion, peace, and hope. And in a world where division tears the fabric that binds us together, that's everything.

Jesus put compassion into action every day he lived. He brought hope into every room he walked into. He was literally the calm in the storm. He stretched out his arms in the ultimate sacrifice of love, and the world was never the same.

Every act of compassion contributes to a more peaceful world. Thank you for your generosity through Mission and Service. Your gifts truly do help move mountains.



Emergency Pastoral Care:

Rev Marg is on vacation Nov 13—19. Please contact Rev Maggie Dieter for emergency pastoral care needs 416.520.3280

Upcoming Services and Dates

Nov. 12th: 10:30 am Worship service led by Rev. Marg Smith. The service is a special "Spontaneous Hymnfest". Sunday School. Congregational meeting follows. There will be a light snack, refreshments and social time after the meeting in Zion Hall.



11:45 am Christmas Musical Rehearsal

Nov 15th: 1:30 - 3:00 pm Salvation Army Mobile Food Bank - front parking lot

Nov. 16th: 7:00 pm Choir Practice

Nov 19th: 10:30 am Children's Sunday Intergenerational Service led by Carol Young - in Zion Hall. The service will not be recorded. All are welcome to stay following the service for Sundae Sunday served by the Sunday School.

Fundscrip Orders Due

Nov 19th - Dec 10th: Project Good Tidings

Nov 22nd: 10:00 - 11:30 am Sit n' Knit, Stay n' Crochet

Nov. 23rd: 7:00 pm Choir Practice

Nov. 26th: 10:30 am Worship Service led by Rev. Mary Boland.

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.



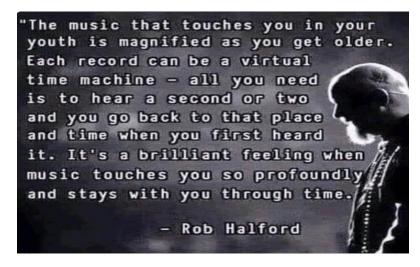
Link to Grace United Tavistock You Tube

Congregational Meeting November 12th. This Sunday 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 vour church can do for you but what you can do for your church".



Spontaneous Hymnfest - Sunday Nov 12th 10:30 am. Come out and sing your favourites!!

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 - 2:00 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.



Beautiful display of 10,000 crochet poppies tied on the William Hutt Bridge, Stratford, Ontario. **LEST WE FORGET**



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.



The Salvation Army Stratford-St. Marys Regional Community **Ministries.** On location at Grace United Church Thursday, Nov 15 from 1:30-3pm. Please call our office if you are interested in receiving a hamper to ensure we have enough to accommodate household needs. 519-271-2950





Time to start thinking about your Christmas orders. Paper order forms can be downloaded here. Invitation Code: QM53WE. Our next group order is Nov. 19th.

Please note we need to place orders that are big enough to cover the cost of shipping.



Sergio's Slow Roast Pork Loin Dinner with all the Trimmings Fundraiser

Thursday, November 23rd

5:00 - 6:30 pm

\$25

Eat in or take out

St. Marys United Church

Proceeds go towards Young and Lincoln Richards



We are looking for Christmas card front covers for our GAP Christmas project. If you have any we could use please speak to Dianne Harris or call at 519 655 3792. This is a big project and we will need lots.

We are also looking for volunteers to help get the covers ready by cutting out a circle on each card.

Thank you for your help.





griefshare.org/holidays

Mini Financial Report

Year to Date

JAN 1 - Oct 31

	2022	2023	
Anniversary	4,114	3,076	
Core Receipts	74,273	85,187	
Bequest	0	81,121	
Other Donations	0	662	
UCW Donation	2,500	2,500	
Fundraising	4,469	5,876	
Manse Rental	9,625	10,450	
Funeral Donations	250	4,945	
Misc. Receipts	2,526	5,590	
Total Receipts	97,757	199,407	
Expenses	114,353	201,423	includes \$75,000 to invest in GIC
Surplus/Deficit	-16,596	-2,016	

We are grateful for your generous support for the ministry of Grace United Church. There are many options to support Grace, listed below:

- 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 NOB 2R0
- We also offer Pre-Authorized Remittance. PAR forms are available here.





Grace has a new Instagram account. You can request to follow us by <u>clicking the link here</u>.

Hebron UCW's 12th Annual



"Christmas Cookie Walk"

Saturday, December 2, 2023 9:00 a.m.

Hebron United Church

676241 16th Line - at the

Corner of County Rd. 8 and 16th Line

Come early! Select from dozens of delightful and delicious cookies, ready to make your Christmas entertaining a little easier!

Please bring your own containers!

(We will have some boxes available)

Cost: \$10.00 per dozen





