

GOOD NEWS AT GRACE

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Children's Sunday - November 19th

United Nations Universal Children's Day was established in 1954 and is celebrated on November 20th each year to promote international togetherness, awareness among children worldwide, and improving children's welfare. November 20th is an important date as it is the date in 1959 when the UN General Assembly adopted the Declaration of the Rights of the Child. It is also the date in 1989 when the UN General assembly adopted the Convention on the Rights of the Child.

Children's Sunday, an opportunity to lift up the needs and celebrate the gifts of young people in their own communities and around the world, is celebrated annually across the church on the Sunday closest to November 20.

This year, Grace UC will celebrate Children's Sunday on November 19. We will worship in Zion Hall around tables with conversations, activities and more. We will listen, sing, pray and celebrate the children around us and perhaps we'll even remember that we are all children of God.



What are you doing to celebrate children and the gifts of children or to lift up the needs of children? We are reminded in Matthew 5:14-16

14 "You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. 15 Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. 16 In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven." (New International Version)

I invite you to light a candle this week as we celebrate the gifts of children and celebrate that we are all children of God and the needs of children in Tavistock and around the world. Reflect on and pray for these things. If you need a candle, a basket will be available at worship on November 19 with candles that some of our children at Grace made. Bring those reflections and thoughts with you to worship.



Oh! And it's Sundae Sunday! Come and enjoy ice cream sundaes provided by the Sunday School.

Some videos for you to watch this week,

[Be a Light by Thomas Rhett featuring Reba McEntire, Hillary Scott, Chris Tomlin, Keith Urban](#)

[Go Light Your World by Chris Rice](#)

Carol Young

Upcoming Services and Dates

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. 25th: 3:00 pm Funeral Service

Nov. 26th: 10:30 am Worship Service led by Rev. Mary Boland. Sunday School. All are welcome to stay for a light snack, refreshments and social time following in Zion Hall following the service.

1:00 pm Movie Afternoon

Nov. 29th: 7:00 pm Board Meeting

Nov. 30th: 7:00 pm Choir Practice

Dec. 3rd: Advent 1 Worship Service with Communion

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](#)

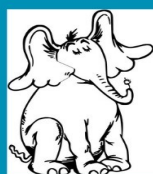


Emergency Pastoral Care:

Rev Marg is on study week
Nov 20 - 26. Please
contact Rev Maggie Dieter
for emergency pastoral
care needs 416.520.3280



CHILDREN'S SUNDAY!



A PERSON'S a PERSON
no matter how SMALL
- Dr. Seuss

Sunday, November 19, 2023
@ 10:30 am
in Zion Hall
Grace United Church
116 Woodstock St S, Tavistock

Come and celebrate the gifts of
children. celebrate being a child and
lift up the needs of children

We'll have a Dr Seuss
inspired worship service
and then ice cream
sundaes!!



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.

- ✝ keep Tricia Wettlaufer and her family in your prayers as they mourn the passing of her mother Dorothy Kennedy.
- ✝ 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.
- ✝ pray for Mary Mitchell, a friend of Rev Marg's, as she deals with health issues.



Movie Afternoon--Movies to take us into Advent and Christmas

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26--pizza lunch offered at 12:30 pm, movies begin at 1 pm. Please let Carol know prior if coming for lunch so we can order the pizza!

2 movies offered!

In Knox Parlour--**THE NATIVITY STORY (2006, rated PG)** In Nazareth, teenager Mary is betrothed to the local carpenter, Joseph. Mary is visited by an angel and told that she will fulfill a prophecy and as a virgin give birth to God's son, the savior of the world. Mary's pregnancy brings her the scorn of the community and Joseph struggles to believe her seemingly outlandish story. Meanwhile, a census forces every man and his family to return to his place of birth. Joseph and Mary set out on a long and arduous journey to Bethlehem. This story is based on the Biblical account of the birth of Jesus Christ.








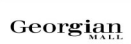


Upstairs in the youth room--**THE STAR (2017, rated G)** In Sony Pictures Animation's THE STAR, a small but brave donkey named Bo yearns for a life beyond his daily grind at the village mill. One day he finds the courage to break free, and finally goes on the adventure of his dreams. On his journey, he teams up with Ruth, a lovable sheep who has lost her flock and Dave, a dove with lofty aspirations. Along with three wisecracking camels and some eccentric stable animals, Bo and his new friends follow the Star and become accidental heroes in the greatest story ever told - the first Christmas














FündScrip Our first Christmas order is due this Sunday, Nov. 19th. Paper order forms can be [downloaded here](#). Invitation Code: **QM53WE**. Please note we need to place orders that are big enough to cover the cost of shipping.

FündScrip November & December 2023 Promotions
Valid from November 1 to December 29 - 9:30 AM ET

 8% Regular 6%	 8% Regular 6%
 8% Regular 5%	 11% Regular 7%
 10% Regular 7%	 10% Regular 5%
 7% Regular 5%	 5% Regular 3%

 Physical Gift Cards  Electronic Gift Cards

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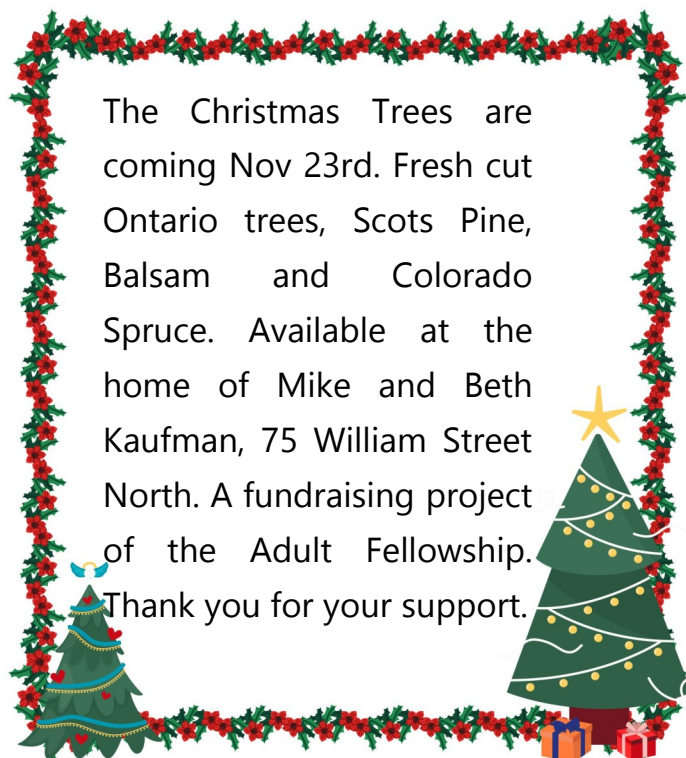
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 4.5% Regular 3.5%	  
 5% Regular 3%	 5% Regular 3%

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Tickets to attend the Dec 5th **Sing for the Joy Of It** concert in person are sold out, however if you would like to be added to a cancellation list or purchase a link to live stream the show, please contact Leslie Belland at singforthejoyofit@gmail.com or call 226 -921 - 0275.

Alternative Christmas Gifts and Giving Tuesday (Nov 28)

This season consider giving the "Gift of Camp" and making a donation to help cover expenses.

Check out the Camp Bimini website for more information!

www.campbimini.ca





Surviving the Holidays

Encouragement, support, and valuable tools to navigate the challenges of the season.

Join us for this 2-hour seminar

Location

Knox United Church
92 Northumberland St.
Ayr, ON, N0B 1E0

Postponed to
Sun Dec 10.
1:00 - 3:00 pm

Contact info

adming@knoxayr.ca
519-632-7461

griefshare.org/holidays

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

High Noon Lunch Thursday, November 9th



Many from the community enjoyed the hot homemade lunch served at Grace last Thursday. Afterwards several people stayed to play games.

Looking forward to the Dec 14th High Noon Lunch and Dr. Alicia Cundall, local physician and professional harpist will join us.





Camp Bimini Annual Member's Meeting

Monday
December 4, 2023

7:00pm

Avondale United
Church
194 Avondale Ave,
Stratford, ON

For the purpose of receiving annual report, financial statements, budget, and for election of board of directors and officers. For the annual report, please contact us at campbimini@cyg.net or 519-271-4129.

NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR PROGRAM TEAM FOR THE 2024 SEASON

VISIT [HTTP://CAMPBIMINI.CA/STAFF/JOIN-OUR-TEAM/](http://CAMPBIMINI.CA/STAFF/JOIN-OUR-TEAM/)

Application deadline is
**DECEMBER 10, 2023 at
5pm Eastern.**

Two persons to be hired

WWW.CAMPBIMINI.CA



live seasonal
music with

THE O'PEARS

December 8 2023
8 pm - 10 pm
Avondale United
Church

"...a Toronto based contemporary folk trio who weave stories that stir the spirit and capture the timeless character of folk music".

Tickets \$25

available through the church office 519-271-7946
at Treasures in uptown Stratford,
or online through Ticketscene



... but act quickly--the O'Pears' recent concert
in New Hamburg sold out!



Stratford Concert Choir
sharing great choral music

Sing-along MESSIAH

December 9, 2023, 7:30 pm
Avondale United Church
Stratford, Ontario

For tickets and information, please visit

stratfordconcertchoir.org

or Blowes Stationery, 34 Wellington Street