

GOOD NEWS AT GRACE

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Canadian Veterans reflect on Remembrance Day



Transcript of Canadian Veterans reflection on Remembrance Day:

Remembrance Day, we're a generation that, you know, we have the most recent conflict that we are Veterans, that part of the current generation right now. I can't imagine what it was like to be in the other generations.

It took me a couple of years to actually go and do a Veteran's day ceremony again because I had, I had my own issues of, it's tough to be injured.

It's very close to when my accident happened as well. It was November 21, so ten days after Remembrance Day, so that time of the year I get to the point where I am reminded of my injuries because of the anniversary of it but it's just a reflection of where I've been and where I am now and I remember people I have served with and people who are here, people who are gone.

On November 11th I think, of course, of all the losses. All these people that sacrificed their lives for their country. Again, I think about all the injured and everybody that served their country and it is a special day. It's always a bit of a difficult day because I get a bit emotional thinking about all these people.

The first thing I do is I remember the fallen. I've lost a number of friends and colleagues over the years, some to accidents, some from natural causes and I remember their service and what they brought to the table and how they made the world a better place.

You know, a lot of people around here look at me when I say "Yeah, I'm a Veteran." "You're not a Veteran." "No, I am a Veteran. I served."

Who is going to take over, you know, flying the flag of Veterans? It's me. It's my generation. It's our turn to step up and have that sense of pride now that, you know, I'm a Veteran.

Veterans' week is a chance for all of us to remember those who have served Canada in uniform for more than a century.

It's a time to reflect on what it takes to leave your family and community behind in times of war or peace. To step in harm's way in service of others.

This year as we mark 75 years since the end of the Second World War, we're reminded of the more than a million Canadians and Newfoundlanders who helped secure that hard won peace.

Theirs is a legacy of ordinary folk who stepped forward to do their part in the face of enormous challenge, and I hope we can all remember it at a time like this.

So this Veterans' Week, take a minute to remember and to say thank you to our fallen, our Veterans, and all of those who wear the uniform today.

Lest we forget.

Upcoming Services and Dates



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

12:00 pm Zoom Staff Meeting

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. Sunday School. Congregational meeting follows. There will be a light snack, refreshments and social time after the meeting in Zion Hall.

11:35 am Christmas Musical Rehearsal

Nov. 16th: 7:00 pm Choir Practice

Nov 19th: 10:30 am Children's Sunday Intergenerational Service led by Carol Young - in Zion Hall.

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



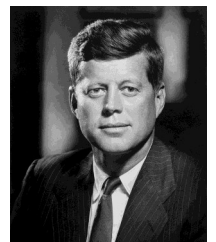
Link to the calendar: [GraceUC Calendar](#)

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.



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

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.



FündScrip

Time to start thinking about your Christmas orders. 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.

Updated Order Schedule

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

A Prayer for People of Courage

We offer to you, O God, our prayers for those who seek justice and resist evil. We pray for those who need your presence and strength to stand firm; for those who oppose the use of violence in any form in faithful response to the Prince of Peace. We pray for those who are prepared to be firm to protect those in danger. We pray for those who walk with others who need strength. We pray for those who protest, those who organize letter campaigns, those who give sacrificially on behalf of others.

We pray for those who speak the unpopular truth; who protect the unpopular victims; who choose the unpopular path of peace.

We pray for those who do not let their desire for peace hinder the requirements of justice, and for those who do not let their zeal for justice override the call for peace.

—from "On This Day of Remembrance," prayers for Remembrance Sunday by the Rev. Dr. Neil Parker, military chaplain at the 4th Canadian Division Training Centre in Meaford, ON



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.**

Canadian Government Matching Donations for Gaza and West Bank

Donate

As a member of the Canadian Foodgrains Bank, the United Church is participating in the Humanitarian Coalition appeal to provide tangible support to people in the Middle East. Gifts raised through the generosity of Canadians for the United Church appeal between October 7 and November 12, 2023, will be matched by the Government of Canada. [Double the impact of your gift—give today.](#)

Advocate

Also, your advocacy can make a difference! Write to Foreign Affairs Minister, The Hon. Mélanie Joly, and your local MP and call on the Canadian government to respond to the escalating violence in Palestine and Israel by calling for an immediate ceasefire and ensuring humanitarian assistance. Use our online letter-writing template to send your email directly to your government officials. [Please send your email today!](#)

The United Church has also been part of two press conferences in Ottawa advocating for peace this past week with a pan-Canadian coalition (watch the recording [Pan-Canadian Coalition Calls for Ceasefire in Gaza](#)) and a multifaith coalition including Muslim and Jewish organizations.

Pray

Your prayers matter! Please continue to pray for peace with justice for the people of Palestine and Israel. You can find a [Prayer for Peace in the Middle East](#) on our website. Additional prayers can be found [on our site](#) and on the [Canadian Council of Churches](#) website.

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:

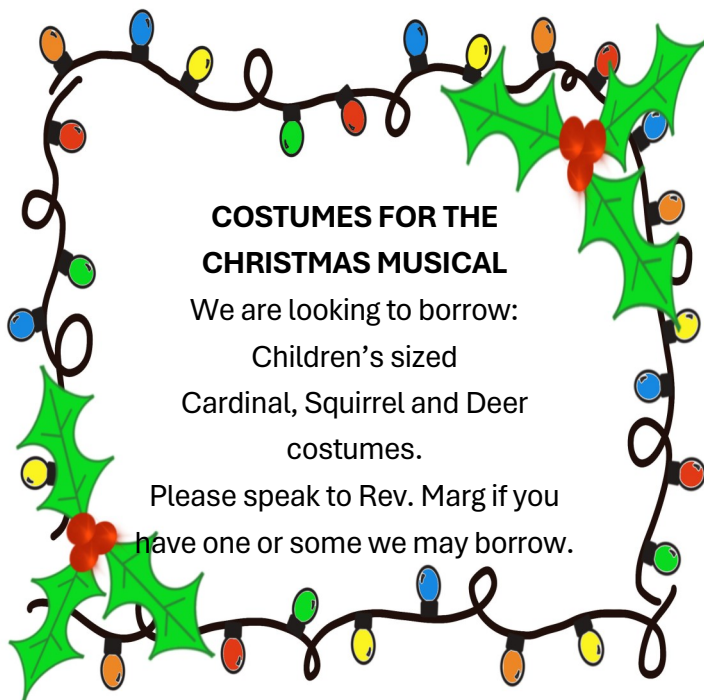
The United Church of Canada
Philanthropy Unit - Emergency Response
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Please be sure to note "Emergency Response—Middle East" on the face of your cheque.

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

"Children are too young to protect themselves from war. Their trauma is not an individual issue; it is society's job to keep them safe. When children suffer, we have failed as a society. We cannot save one child by killing another."

Bushra Seddique



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.

We are looking for Christmas card covers for our GAP
Christmas project. If you have any we could use please speak
to Dianne Harris or call at 519 301 5709. This is a big project
and we will need lots of card covers.



Thank You

Grace United Church has received with
thanks a generous bequest from the
Estate of Pat Johnson. We are grateful to
Pat for remembering her church with this
donation. Thank you.



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

More from the service on October 29th by Andrew Middleton:

I have started a small project at the school featured in the powerpoint (attached to the newsletter email). The goal is to provide sanitary products to the girls and then renovate the washrooms and classrooms. I hope to secure a rotary project to complete the renovations but I am asking the congregations where I preach if they might consider donations towards the sanitary products and possible textbooks. Anything we can do to accomplish the [UN's Sustainable Development Goal of Gender equality](#) I believe is a good thing.

Below is an explanation of how doing this helps adolescent girls

Mission

Adolescent girls face a range of challenges that may compromise their chances of completing school or their sexual and reproductive health. These challenges can be even further complicated by girls' feelings of shame about their bodies, in particular about menstruation, or their lack of sanitary products to help them manage menstruation.

As girls enter puberty their experience of sexual and gender based violence, school dropout, and early marriage starts to increase [1]. According to several qualitative studies in Africa, these vulnerabilities are exacerbated by girls' lack of knowledge of their bodies and rights, and their inability to safely and comfortably manage their menstruation.

Andrew Middleton

Unfortunately due to an email communication error the Kenya power point slides were not made available during the service this past Sunday. They are attached to the newsletter email. Please take the time to check out the slides and pictures provided by Andrew.



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 and Christmas Lights — With special guest Robert Markus

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2023 - 7:30 pm

Avondale United Church - 194 Avondale Ave

\$15 Adults \$5 Youth (17 and under). Tickets available from:

- Choir Members & Avondale Church office
- Tickers to be picked up at the door and YouTube links can be purchased by etransfer to singforthejoyofit@gmail.com



Dear Friends of Broadview

We've had hard news. In a nutshell, as a result of recent cutbacks at the United Church's General Council office (cuts that affect *Broadview* and a number of other organizations), our funding has been significantly reduced. Just three years ago we received an annual grant of over \$100,000; then it was reduced to \$81,760. Now the grant has been cut in half.

As a reader, I know you care about progressive Christian media. Are you aware that *Broadview* is the only progressive Christian media organization left in Canada?

Right now, our collective voice is needed now more than ever.

Damaging voices that couch hate in Christian rhetoric are growing increasingly loud, organized and well-funded.

In a sea of angry voices, we must continue to publish stories that build learning and understanding and inspire action for the common good. We must continue to report on stories of faith within and beyond the church. We must gain a stronger foothold in the public square.

Will you help?

You may not be aware that the price of your magazine subscription covers about a third of the cost of producing it; the actual cost of your subscription is a little over \$85 per year. We try to keep the subscription cost down because we want to touch as many lives as possible through our stories. That's why we ask subscribers who can afford it to make a donation. In fact if our current supporters continued to give and every subscriber made a small gift of just \$9.12 we would be sustainable.

A donation of \$25 or more given by November 20th will be matched by a generous donor—up to \$40,000. Your gift is tax—deductible.

Yes! I will support progressive Christian media

Whether you choose to direct your gift specifically to cover church news, to the magazine as a whole or both, every gift will make a huge difference in this challenging time.

By supporting *Broadview*, you help counter Christian stereotypes and narrow world views that harm all of us.

We might have suffered cutbacks, but we must ensure our voice doesn't.

Your subscription and donations make all the difference.

Please know how deeply grateful and honoured I am when you choose to make a gift to *Broadview*. It's not overstating to say we wouldn't be here without you.

Thank you again for doing what you can to help.

Jocelyn Bell

With gratitude, Jocelyn Bell, Editor/Publisher

PS: A funding cut puts our collective voice at risk. You can help AND double your impact during this critical time. [Please make a gift today.](#)

