

GOOD NEWS AT GRACE

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Wishing You a Blessed Christmas

And he shall be called Emmanuel—God with us.
Wishing you peace and joy this Christmas.

Upcoming Services and Dates

Dec. 24th: 10:30 am Advent 4 Lessons and Carols Christmas Service led by Rev. Marg. All are welcome to stay for a light snack, refreshments, and social time in Zion Hall.

7:00 pm Christmas Eve Communion and Candlelight service led by Rev Marg.

Dec. 31st: 10:30 am Worship Service led by the worship committee. All are welcome to stay for a light snack, refreshments, and social time in Zion Hall.

Jan. 2nd: 1:30 pm UCW. Roll Call: name a good book for winter reading.

Jan. 7th: 10:30 am Worship service led by Teresa Coulthard. Sunday School. All are welcome to stay for a light snack, refreshments, and social time in Zion Hall.

Jan. 11th: 12:00 pm High Noon Lunch. OPP: Fraud Schemes Targeting Seniors

Jan. 14th: 10:30 am Worship Service led by Teresa Coulthard



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

Message from M&P:

It is with great pleasure we announce officially that the Search committee of Dale Brenneman, Anne Gregory and Dale Ruby have completed their work with Churchhub and that Rev Margaret Smith has agreed to be our supply minister until May 1, 2024. Rev Marg will be off for the month of January but will be our pastoral charge supervisor. We think we speak for the members of our Community of Faith when we say she has been a welcome addition to our staff.

The search committee for a full time minister is working very hard to find for us a full time minister but the search is very difficult.

We would like to thank all of our staff Rev Marg, Carol, Katherine, Mary Ann, Deb, Marilynne and Connor for your hard work. Also a huge thank you to all of our volunteers.

Submitted by members of the M&P Committee

Chris Wiffen, Carol Shewfelt, Suanne Wettlaufer, Tory Zehr and Monica Shantz

Rev Marg won't be with us for the month of Jan but will continue to act as our Pastoral Charge supervisor. Kathleen Welch from Hebron United Church will cover emergency pastoral care for Jan until Rev Marg is back in Feb. Please contact Kathleen at (519) 535 9220.



Advent and Christmas at Grace:

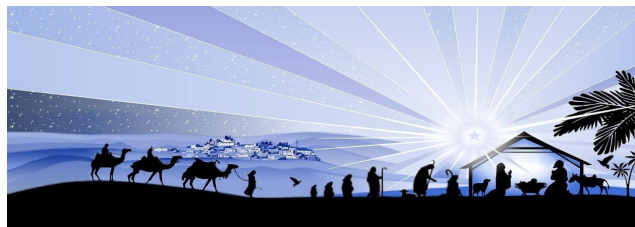
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7:00 pm Christmas Eve Communion and Candlelight Service

Dec. 31st: 10:30 am First Sunday after Christmas Worship Service



Christmas Office hours: The office will be closed Dec. 25th to Jan. 3rd. There will be no newsletter Dec 29th and Jan 5th. All offerings must be received by Dec. 31st in order to receive a 2023 donation receipt.



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 Mary Mitchell, a friend of Rev Marg's, as she deals with health issues.
- ✝ pray for Doug Shirray as he recovers from surgery.
- ✝ pray for Betty Lou Deckert as she deals with health issues.



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LOOKING AHEAD: We have scheduled our annual meeting for Sun. Feb. 11th. In order to have the annual report and financial statements ready ahead of time we are asking committees and staff to submit their **reports and books by Wed. Jan. 10th**. Thank you.

At this time the membership list will be reprinted — if you have any address or phone number changes please submit them to Katherine at graceunitedtavistock@gmail.com

WANTED AND NEEDED for the annual slide show at the church's annual meeting: ***Photos to remember Grace UC's story for 2023.*** Photos of UCW events, youth events, baptisms, weddings, SS events, worship and any events that will help us to remember who we are and where we are going. We'll include baptisms and weddings and a time to remember those who passed away in 2023 too. Please submit photos to Carol Young before January 14, 2024 digitally or by handing in actual photos (which will be returned). tavigraceyouth@gmail.com.

Please note: you can send photos throughout the year too--it gets tucked away!

Festive Christmas Sweaters



The Animals Christmas Tree Musical

