

GOOD NEWS AT GRACE

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"If I just touch his clothes ..."

Blessings!

Today marks almost the end of Mental Health Awareness week (May 2nd to 8th), but in this time of global



pandemic, it most certainly is not the end to the growing and sometimes overwhelming stress, depression, anxiety, and loneliness. I think that Covid 19 has taught us that mental health is a very real sickness, and not just something to 'get over it.' And we have learned that it can affect all of us: seniors living alone may find themselves listless and with no appetite; students studying on line are finding it hard to focus and to sleep; and I myself have at times struggled with trying to stay positive and grateful, rather than be sharp and argumentative with those around me that I love.

But there are so many scriptures of healing that can give us comfort.

United Church Moderator, the Right Rev. Richard Bott draws attention to two such scriptures: the woman who was bleeding and just wanted to reach out and touch Jesus' hem (Mark 5:25-34) and the man who was paralyzed and his friends let him down through the roof just to be close to Jesus (Luke 5:17-26). He writes:

"It's not the healing or wholeness or depth of their faith that is speaking to me right now. In this time, what brings tears to my eyes and hope to my heart is the image of the woman's hand reaching out for help and finding it; of the friends using everything they had to get the man to the healer. Sometimes I can reach out, and I pray the help is there. Sometimes I can't move, and I have to trust that those who love me will get me there."

We are all under the difficulty of restrictions imposed by the third wave of the global pandemic. But please know that the United Church has resources that can help you through these times of struggle – professionals to talk to, access to financial advice, someone to just pray with. And please know that the prayer team at Grace are always there for you – just like the woman and the paralyzed man – I encourage you to reach out for help.

In peace, Rev. Gail

<https://www.mentalhealthcommission.ca/English>

<http://www.cmha-hp.on.ca/>

<http://www.cmhaoxford.on.ca/>

A New Way To Celebrate Mothers – every where.

Mother's day is less than one week away. It is a great day to celebrate extraordinary women, but it can also be an opportunity to share what we have and to encourage generosity. It can be a pastoral moment to acknowledge loss, challenge, and different types of families. This year, your Pastoral Care and Outreach team is suggesting that we try to do something a little bit different.

The United Church Mission and Service team have created a special campaign. They are inviting you to make a gift online to support prenatal and parenting classes, respite for families, medical clinics for babies and mothers, safe shelter, and education for children. The gift can be made in honor of a mother figure in your life, and a special e-card will be provided to you to send to them. Your online gift can also be credited to Grace United as part of our Mission and Service giving's for the year – just indicated that you wish for your gift to part of Grace United M&S giving's when you donate.

Let's make Mother's Day more meaningful, inclusive, and compassionate by using it as an opportunity to do good, as well as be prophetic and pastoral.



To donate, click on this link and follow the details: <https://united-church.ca/donation>

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Office Hours

The office hours are limited due to the provincial stay at home order.

We will work from home as much as possible.

Sunday Zoom Coffee Time

Please join us on zoom at 11:30 on Sunday for a time of social chat and get together - bring your own coffee! Rev. Gail would love to get to know some faces.

[Join zoom link](#) Meeting ID: 884 3502 6973 Passcode: 230829



If you are having troubles connecting or staying connected, please connect with Carol 519-301-1356

Upcoming Services and Dates:

(until further notice, all the worship services will be online)

ALL SERVICES CAN BE VIEWED ON GRACE YOUTUBE CHANNEL, WHICH CAN BE ACCESSED THROUGH OUR WEBSITE:

www.graceunitedtavistock.ca

May 9th: Everything you know you learnt from Mom

May 12th: Sit n' Knit Stay n' Crochet Zoom

May 16th: Finding Joy

May 26th: Board Zoom meeting



A Message from the Wettlaufer and Ruby Family.

The Wettlaufer family would like to thank our church family for all the heartfelt messages, cards and treats during the passing of our Mother, Grandmother and Great Grandmother Ruth Wettlaufer. She was a proud Grace member and loved coming to church when she was able. We are saddened her funeral couldn't be attended by all those who would have liked to come so we would like to share the following link to view and share her service. Thanks again

[Service: A celebration for the life of Ruth Wettlaufer](#)

Rev. Gail working from home, study leave, vacation - In keeping with the Stay at Home order, Rev. Gail will be mostly working from home. She is still available by phone at anytime (519 703 1954), please don't hesitate to reach out, and she can make emergency pastoral visits as needed. She will also be away on study leave the afternoon of Thursday, May 6th to attend Soul of The Preacher retreat. Rev. Gail will be away on study leave from May 17th- May 24th to attend the Homiletics Festival.

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 our Minister, Rev. Gail, or to the chair of Grace PCO, Bev Neeb, and we will begin praying for you.

And please keep the following people in your prayers this week:



- ◇ Brenda Mohr's brother, Pat, as he was recently diagnosed with an aneurism.
- ◇ Burns Holden as he struggles with health issues.
- ◇ The Herlick family as they mourn the passing of Donna Herlick.
- ◇ The Wettlaufer family as they mourn the passing of Ruth Wettlaufer.

Jean Houghton turns 100



Dear Friends of Grace
Thank you for the most beautiful cards I have ever seen, from my true friends at Grace. How wonderful to be remembered at 100; and the Car Parade was such a surprise. It was right up the alley of any one called Houghton. Blue ones, red, white & black.
It has been a wonderful time to remember"
God Bless You, all
My Love To all at all
Jean Houghton

May Birthday and Anniversary Celebrations

Happy Birthday to:

Natalie Flach—May 1

Devon Schmidt—May 1

Lindsay Parr—May 3

Bella Gingerich—May 4

Emily Shantz—May 4

Deanna Stevely—May 7

Gary Mohr—May 7

Alyssa Lupton—May 10

Bill Brown—May 12

Jordan Riehl—May 13

Benjamin Gingerich—May 15

Jeremy Kaufman—May 20

Madelynne Sullivan—May 20

Don Mordue—May 20

Grace Sullivan—May 22

Megan Friesen—May 23

Shirley Weicker—May 23

Riley Wettlaufer—May 24

Jaymie Riehl—May 26

Karsen Ankenmann—May 31



Happy Anniversary to:

David and Susan Wiffen—May 1

Katrina and David Isern—May 7

Don and Margaret Koch—May 11

Eugene and Marcia Bender—May 21

Amber and Brett Jackman—May 25

Joe and Laura Scheerer—May 31

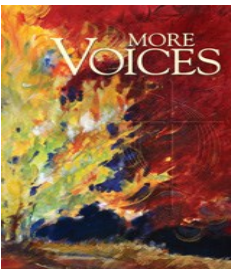




A field of Daffodils at the farm of
Mark Pellow TAVISTOCK Devon England

Good News at Grace Submissions We welcome your good news stories and pictures along with announcements. Please have your submissions emailed to Katherine by Tues. May 11 for next week's newsletter.
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More Voices Hymnal Update



Thanks to everyone who donated to our More Voices Hymn Book fund. We have reached our goal, the books are ordered and next time we are able to worship in person, our books will be in the pews! Thank you to everyone for your generosity.

Camp Bimini Wish List. Camp Bimini is collecting items for their wish list. You can help with items needed for camp programs, especially crafts. Please visit Camp Bimini's website <https://campbimini.ca/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/wish-list.pdf> for a complete list of Wish List items. We will arrange a date soon for items to be dropped off at the church. Thank you for supporting Camp Bimini.