

GRACE UNITED CHURCH

"A church with heart in the heart of the community."

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Sunday Worship 10:30 am

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LEADERSHIP AT GRACE

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Rev. Micol Cottrell

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Sally Kormann

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Pat Blackmore

Board Secretary

Larry Howes

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Bill Brown, Bert Badger

Music Director

Wilda Wilson

Accompanist

Yuki Stocovaz

Alternate Music

Beth Cruickshank

Church Administrator

Laurel Douma

Custodian

Randy Pegelo

Worship

Bob Blackmore

Property

Paul Cruickshank

Sunday School

Laura Lee Hicks

Youth Trust/Social Action

Jerry Asling

Stewardship

Sandra Howes

Spiritual Care & Membership

Lorrie Runge, Colleen Price

I watched in amazement as with skill he jumped over the fence and approached the goat. He saw before I even noticed that one of his goats was giving birth and needed assistance - a skill learned through a lifetime of learning. Shortly after, we piled into his F-150 and I got a tour of his property. I learned of how he helped to restore the farm to its beautiful shape, about how important the forests on his property are to him, and about how farming was more than a job - it was his life's calling. It was a special moment that I remember and cherish.

My life is filled with many of these ministry moments shared with others at their home, in my office, in coffee shops, beside hospital beds, and in so many other settings. These moments, visiting with members of the church, are a special and important part of my ministry. It is holy time whenever I get to sit with you and talk. We might be getting together to talk about an issue that you are facing or just to get to know one another better. To sit and share with one another is special. It helps me to get to know you better and helps me to know what joys and struggles we share as a community of faith.

Visits can happen in many different locations. Please let me know if you are in the hospital and would like a visit because I don't always know. Visits can happen at your home or we can meet in my office and you can check out the comfortable chairs. Visits can happen at a coffee shop, or with a tour of your property or barn. Visits can happen in person or we can talk on the phone. Visits can happen when you are sick or struggling and visits can happen when everything is going okay. Visits can happen during the day or if we need to schedule an evening visit that is also possible. Sometimes I hear, "you are busy - you don't need to visit me." However, the truth is that I always have time to visit with you. I enjoy the visits we share and they are an important and vital part of our ministry together. You can set up a visit by calling me at the church (519 364-3550).

Jesus said "where two or three are gathered in my name I am there" (Matthew 18:20). Often when we share time together the moments are holy, healing, and life-giving. So friends, let's celebrate the relationships we share and continue to spend time together. Thank you for your support of the ministry of Grace United through your gifts of time, talent, and treasure which help to make the ministry of pastoral care a reality in our church and in our community.

Blessings, Rev. Micol Cottrell



*On November 18th we will be celebrating New Membership Sunday.
If you would like to become a member of Grace United
or wish to transfer your membership please speak with Rev. Micol.*



IN MEMORIAM

Helen Stanley
Beverley Keith
Wes Gill



SIMPLY A BIBLE STUDY

A chance to explore the books of the Bible together and practice Lectio Divina. There is no homework and all levels of experience with the Bible are welcomed. Come when you can.

September 24	Ezra
October 22	Nehemiah
	<i>(check for update on date/time)</i>
November 12	Esther
November 26	Job
January 14	Psalms
January 28	Proverbs
Feb. 11	Ecclesiastes
February 25	Song of Solomon
March 11	Isaiah
March 25	Jeremiah
April 8	Lamentations
May 13	Ezekiel
May 27	Daniel
June 10	Minor Prophets (Hosea to Malachi)
	3 - 4 p.m. in the room behind the kitchen (The Bin)



Bridge+ - New Start Time!

We plan to meet at 1 - 4 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month. Admission \$3. Come & bring your friends.

Celebrate Autumn with Paint

Create your own beautiful fall canvas with a guided painting class.

Friday, September 28 @ 7pm

\$40.00

Includes all supplies, tea/coffee & goodies!

At Grace United Church
310-12th Street
Sign up by calling:
519-364-3550



Offered by Sonya from



Nifty Nineties

If you're ninety or over, you can join us for tea/coffee/pop and snacks at Cravings Family Restaurant. We'll arrange transportation. Give the church office a call if you'd like to be included.

Wednesday, October 3, 2018 - 2 p.m.



DRUM CIRCLE WORSHIP for CULTURE DAYS

Join us for a special Drum Circle Worship for Culture Days. We will share in a time of interactive drumming, sharing, reading scripture, and praying. No experience is necessary and we have extra drums.

Sunday, September 30th - 4 pm in the Sanctuary



*Do people see you as trustworthy?
Do you work effectively as part of a
group? Do you like reading and
overseeing the implementation of
various policies? Are you willing to
learn and ask questions?*

Maybe God is calling you to share your gifts as a trustee. We are looking for three or more new people to join our church's Board of Trustees. Trustees hold the property of Grace United for the benefit of the congregation as part of the United Church of Canada. Trustees ensure that property in the church is used for a purpose consistent with those outlined in the Trusts of Model Deed; ensure the congregation has adequate property and liability insurance; that appropriate investment policies are in place; that the congregation has a definite procedure for maintenance and repair; and oversee other duties as outlined in the Congregational Board of Trustees Handbook. Often this is simply ensuring that this work is happening through other committees. At other times this will involve a more active role. Trustees meet at least once a year or more often as required. Training and guidance will be given. We will be voting in new trustees at our Congregational Board Meeting. If you are interested please speak with Rev. Micol.

Fall Connection

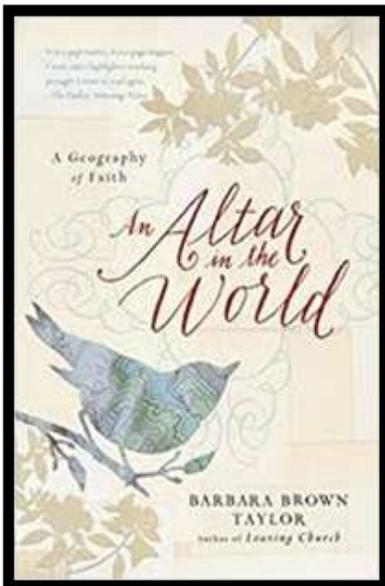
For the 60+

Tuesday, November 6, Noon

Lunch, Entertainment, Worship & Communion

Freewill offering for the Sidewalk Project

Invitations arriving soon



AN ALTAR IN THE WORLD BOOK REFLECTION

In this book Barbara Brown Taylor explores the countless ways we can discover divine depths in the small things we see and do every day.

Tuesdays 7-8 p.m.
in the Friendship Room
October 23
October 30
November 6
November 13
November 20
November 27

If you are interested please let Rev. Micol know by Sunday September 30th.

The Ministry and Personnel Committee is currently looking for individuals who would be interested in joining our committee. We're looking for people motivated in helping the employees of the church complete their work and support them in their employment at our church. The committee meets monthly on Wednesday evenings from September to June. Please contact Adam Olivero at (519) 506-6986 for more information.



UPDATE FROM THE GENERAL COUNCIL 43

This summer I was honoured to serve as a commissioner to the 43rd Meeting of General Council, the body that makes decisions around denominational identity and structure in our church.

One of the largest pieces of work was centred on restructuring our church, a process that began at General Council 42 and was voted upon through remits in congregations and presbyteries. These changes include moving to a three court model consisting of Communities of Faith (which includes congregations), Regional Councils, and General Council. The hope is that this will streamline and refocus our church as we seek to live out our mission within our means. The formation of clusters and networks will also be encouraged wherein people in the church can come together for mutual support, learning, and work. Please keep in your prayers those who are now hard at work helping to make this change possible by January 1st.

Included among the other work that took place:

- approving the document “Calls to the Church” which was carefully crafted by indigenous leaders and organizations within the United Church and presents a vision for our relationship and ministry together
- approving entering into full communion with the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the United States and Canada
- discussing the pain experienced by declining, rural, and isolated communities of faith
- updating the policies of our church to fit into the new structure
- moving towards a more transparent process for how we prioritize work around Mission and Service
- discussing how our church can better support people with mental health issues and physical issues
- dealing with how we can learn and discuss issues around racism, colonization, and residential schools
- approving new practices and structures for the education, training, and oversight of ministry personnel
- electing a new moderator, the Right Reverend Richard Bott
- sharing in a conversation about experiences of racism in the church

While it was a busy and tiring week it also reaffirmed in me that God is still at work in our church, calling us to great things. I’m grateful for the gifts that you share through the Mission and Service Fund which allowed participants like myself to share in this important work. For more information on what took place at General Council and to watch videos from the meeting please visit <https://generalcouncil43.ca>

Blessings, Rev. Micol Cottrell

Meat Sales Fundraiser

The Spiritual Care Committee invites you to once again purchase your meat through Grace United and help support the mission and ministry of our church.

All meat from
Harriston Packers.

Orders due by November 4th
Pick up date to be announced





Senior Choir resumes fall rehearsals on Thursdays at 7:45 p.m. in the choir loft.

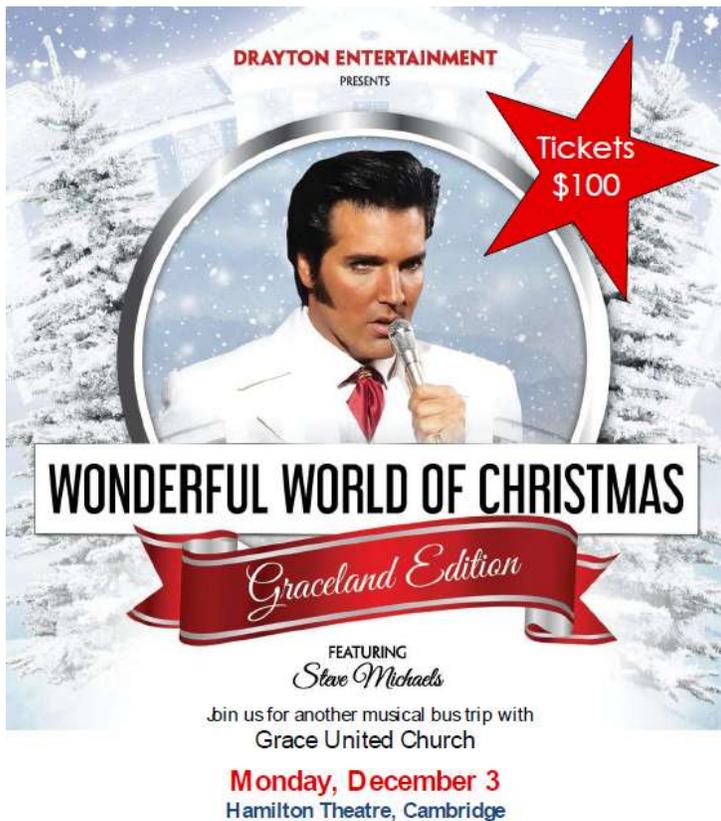
The choir schedule is as follows:

September 6, 20 & 27 and October 4, 11 & 18.

Sundays scheduled are September 9, 23 & 30 and October 7, 14 & 21.

New members are always welcome and may contact me at 519-364-2011. The Senior Choir plays an important role in providing meaningful music leadership for our worship services.

Willie Wilson, Director of Music



Celebrate the holidays with a yuletide spectacular that will have you dancing in your “Blue Suede Shoes!” Backed by a 5-piece band, 3-piece horn section, 4 singers and a church choir, international award-winning Elvis tribute artist Steve Michaels serenades with the King’s best holiday offerings. Sacred songs of the season along with classic Elvis renditions of tunes like “Blue Christmas,” and “Santa, Bring My Baby Back to Me” celebrate this most wonderful time of year.

We will leave Grace United Church parking lot at 10 a.m. in a comfy coach bus and stop in Elmira at The Crossroads for a hot buffet noon meal. There is a lovely gift shop where you can do a bit of shopping, then we'll be off to the theatre for the 2 p.m. matinee. The show runs just over 2 hours, so we should be home by 6:15-6:30 p.m.

The cost of the show, meal and bus is \$100.00. Because this is a very popular show, all tickets must be pre-ordered and paid for by October 15th, with a minimum of 41 tickets sold. If you want your name on the list, please let Sally know. Cheques are to be made payable to Grace United Church.

WELCOME BACK SUNDAY

September 30th, please join us as we celebrate the start of a new season with a lunch and dessert.

CELEBRATING 160 YEARS ANNIVERSARY POSTER-MAKING WORKSHOPS

All ages are invited to join Sonya to discover what church life was like 'through the years' while creating some posters reminiscent of various decades. These will be used to decorate for the Anniversary Dinner on October 21. The workshops dates are: Wednesday, October 3 at 4 pm, Monday, October 15 at 6:30 pm and Thursday, October 18 at 6:30 pm. We will be about an hour and a half. Please join me to help paint these posters!

CONFIRMATION CLASSES

A 4-week session begins Sunday, October 14 from 9-10:20 am. Micol will be presenting the weekly themes and Sonya will offer spiritual practices. The dates are October 14, 21, 28 & November 4, with Confirmation in church on November 18. Recommended for grades 7+ (grade 6 considered). Speak to Micol or Sonya for info.

THE BOLEKS NEXT CHAPTER

Many have now heard about the next journey for our family – we will be heading to New Zealand! On Sunday, October 14, we will share our story of planned travel and the unique adventures that we have planned. We wish to express our gratitude and joy over being a part of the Grace family and we are still here for a while.

FIVE OAKS YOUTH WORK RETREAT

November 9-11, Sonya will be taking some of the youth from Grace to Five Oaks for a special youth work camp and retreat weekend. For grades 6+, this is an incredible experience and Five Oaks is a deeply sacred place to be. Highly recommended for any youth!



On Friday, November 16, we will create some baked treats to share after Sunday's service of Confirmation. Kids ages 7+ (or under with a parent) are invited to join the Boleks in the kitchen at 7 pm to make these yummy treats!



Meets at 9:30 a.m. at the church In case of bad weather, we meet at the church and head indoors to the P&H Centre

Thursday, October 4
Southampton Boardwalk
& Trail, lunch at Elk & Finch

Thursday, October 11
Allan Park
Conservation Area

Thursday, October 25
Sulphur Springs
Conservation Area

Linnea Good In Concert with David Jonsson

Saturday, October 20

7 p.m.

Grace United Church
310 – 12th Street, Hanover

Ticket prices

\$15 Adults

\$5 Students 16 and under

Contemporary Christian
singer-songwriter and storyteller for all ages.

"... her lyrics, her theology, her musicality, and her voice...
a remarkable constellation of gifts." - **Brian Wren**
"the finest musician with whom I have worked. A true talent!" - **Bishop John Shelby Spong**
"...what a glorious piece of work... There was no way I could see to read the words..." - **Jim Strathdee**
"Linnea's voice is more beautiful than ever" - **Joyce Rupp**

Contact info: Grace United Church, 519-364-3550

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YOUR 160 ANNIVERSARY TEAM REPORT

*"Celebrating the Past - Embracing the Future"
160 years of faith and family*

- Grace United Church Anniversary Brochure - available at the back and in the community
- "Church in the Gym" in June celebrating the UCC Anniversary in the same fashion as in 1925. Participated in a 'prayer knot' ritual which will be fashioned into a piece of art
- Mike Grace Trio Concert to fund our celebrations
- Letters of invitation to former clergy and associates
- Vinyl banner hanging outside by the CE entrance. New banner for the sanctuary created by Johanna Hardy
- A church family 'tree' for in the sanctuary.
- A Memory Book of congregation members who've passed. Please bring yours to the church office.
- Collecting photos from past events and the archives to be displayed on poster boards.
- Video memories of our seniors shown each Sunday morning during worship.
- Guest speaker for Sunday morning worship: Michael Shewburg from Five Oaks.
- Concert by singer-songwriter Linnea Good and David Jonsson Saturday, October 20 at 7 p.m.
- Traditional roast beef dinner (vegetarian options available) on Sunday October 21 at 5 p.m. Special entertainment by Petunia the Clown - balloon sculpting, face painting, magic show and a few old songs.



160TH ANNIVERSARY GUEST SPEAKER

Michael Shewburg, Operations Manager at Five Oaks Retreat Centre since August 2017, will be our special guest speaker for our anniversary worship service on Sunday, October 22.

Michael has served as Program Coordinator, Canada Program, People in Partnership at the National Office of the United Church of Canada and as the Minister to the GO Project. As the Canada Program Coordinator, Michael developed opportunities to connect global partners to communities of faith. As Minister to GO Project he grew this congregational based program to a multi-site national program for children, youth and young adults.

Michael is a Designated Lay Minister in the United Church of Canada and understands the importance of lay involvement in the church and beyond. Michael lives in Paris on an organic farm with his family, loves the outdoors, and being involved in creating intentional community.

CELEBRATING
160
YEARS



In honour of 160 years, we are inviting you to join us for a lovely meal and celebration. Get reacquainted with some of our former ministers and friends with a walk down memory lane. Petunia the clown will be here to entertain the kids.

When: Sunday, October 21, 4:30 p.m.

Where: C.E. Hall

What: Amazing roast beef dinner (Veg. Option as well)

Who: Our Grace family/extended family

Cost: Tickets are complimentary, but you do need a ticket. Tickets can be picked up at the church office or after church in the CE Hall.

**Seating is limited to 120 people,
so get a ticket - don't be disappointed.**