



# GRACE UNITED CHURCH

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

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Dear Supporters of Grace United Church

Dawn and I hope that you, your family and friends are all doing well during these trying times.

As you are aware, the last time we were able to attend a church service was March 8. Shortly after that, emergency measures were put in place by government officials and we could no longer access our building to attend weekly services or do the ongoing good work of the church. We also had to suspend any rental of our hall. The church board held an emergency meeting at which time we approved a motion to not lay off any of our staff. While they cannot work from the church, the staff are able to work from home. They have created ingenious ways to keep in touch with the church family. They also assist in the preparation of the weekly church services. The board continues to meet via the internet on a regular basis to ensure we discuss new developments and make sure we continue to abide by the current regulations during the Covid-19 situation. We also look for ways to receive support from the many government programs that are currently in place.

We continue to provide a Sunday service which can be viewed on our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/GraceUnitedChurchHanover/>. You can also find the services by going to You-tube and searching for Grace United Church Hanover. Rev. Micol along with other staff and members of the congregation contribute their time and talent to provide up-lifting worship while we are following social distancing rules. Additional information regarding services can be found at [www.graceunitedhanover.ca](http://www.graceunitedhanover.ca)

While the church is closed, we are losing of our regular revenue stream. We cannot rent the hall for meetings and other activities and we cannot undertake any fundraising activities. We also lost the weekly congregation contributions. This is having a negative effect on our cash-flow. While we are not incurring the same expenses with the building shut down, we still have to cover the utilities and wages etc. Some members of the congregation have used the e-transfer service to donate, others have mailed cheques or dropped cheques in the mail slot at the church. There are other members that contribute regular donations using the Pre-Authorized Remittance (PAR) method. Regardless of the method you are using, we thank you for your ongoing support.

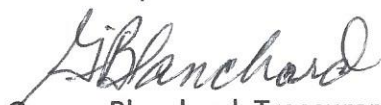
For those who would like to donate but you are not sure how, there are several options available:

1. For those who prefer to pay by cheque, please mail you cheques to the church. Address is: Grace United Church, 310 Twelfth Street, Hanover, Ontario N4N 1V6. Or drop your cheque in the mail slot at the church. This will be checked on a regular basis.
2. You may choose to transfer funds to the church through your banking website and selecting the e-transfer link. The payee will be Grace United Church and you can use the following email address [treasurer@graceunitedhanover.ca](mailto:treasurer@graceunitedhanover.ca) Your transfer will be processed immediately and you will receive a confirmation email from me. You can also use the regular church email account at [graceuc@wightman.ca](mailto:graceuc@wightman.ca) Please note that you may be required to enter a security question. For our purposes, the security question will be – where did we meet – and the answer will be – church. If you need assistance, please contact me, my contact information is at the bottom of this letter.
3. Or you may choose to sign-up for Pre-Authorized remittance (PAR). You can establish the amount you wish to pay each month and designate where you want the funds to go. By using PAR, you do not need to worry about writing weekly cheques or doing weekly transfers. If you are already using PAR, please consider increasing your monthly donation at this time. You can request to have decreased in future. Please forward your requests to me at [treasurer@graceunitedhanover.ca](mailto:treasurer@graceunitedhanover.ca) and I will arrange to forward these to the PAR administrator.
4. On the church website at [www.graceunitedhanover.ca](http://www.graceunitedhanover.ca), there is a donate link for Canada Helps. When you click on the link, you will be directed to a donation page for Grace United Church. You can fill in your information and they will transfer the funds to our account. Donations will need to be made by way of a credit card. Once your donation is processed, you will be provided with a receipt for tax purposes.

*Please do not mail or drop off cash due to Covid-19. Thank you.*

These are trying times for everyone and by working together we will get through this. Should you wish to speak to Rev. Micol at any time, you can call him at 226-230-2424. You can also contact any member of the board and they will be pleased to assist you.

Yours Truly



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