

**Message from**  
*Grace United Church*  
*January 7, 2022*



Cautiously, and with great respect for the leaders of our user group mid-week programs, Grace is reopening the building next week for those who are willing to observe all COVID-19 protocols, including the new requirement that masks are worn at all times with no exception for consumption of refreshments.

With vaccine requirements, social distancing and masking for the duration of all meetings, we believe we can make our building available to community partners.

For this Sunday, worship will be Livestream only, and we will reassess after this weekend how soon we can regather in the sanctuary with limited seating.

We appreciate the support we have received as we try to discern how best to respond to this latest variant. We know that isolation can be painful and that as a community of faith we need to reaffirm our sense of belonging in a covenant community by regathering as soon as possible.

In the meantime, please call someone you have been thinking about, or reach out to someone you know is alone and perhaps cut off from extended family at this time. As ever, with all things Grace, we will keep you informed as best we are able.

Please let us know how you are doing, and, also, if you have a suggestion or wisdom to share.

*Rev Susan*  
705.817.3402

*Dr. John McLean*  
705.734.0760

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**WORSHIP UPDATES FOR GRACE**

We invite you to join us online via Livestream. To attend, please [click here](#).

<b>This Sunday, January 9</b>	<b>10:30 am</b>	<b>The Baptism of Jesus</b>
<b>Sunday, January 16</b>	<b>10:30 am</b>	<b>Martin Luther King Day and Communion</b>
<b>Sunday, January 23</b>	<b>10:30 am</b>	<b>Week of Prayer for Christian Unity</b>

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## UPCOMING TEAM MEETINGS – VIA ZOOM

Sunday, January 9	1 pm	Worship Team
Wednesday, January 12	7 pm	Official Board

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## FROM THE PASTORAL TEAM



We are always pleased to welcome new members to Grace United Church. If you are considering making an official commitment to Grace, you may do so by transfer from another church, adult baptism, profession of faith, renewal of membership, or reaffirmation of faith. **Please contact Rev. Susan Eagle at 705.734.0760 (Cell 705.817.3402) or Barb Mercer at 705.728.6734 for further information.**

## CONGREGATIONAL DIRECTORY

The Congregational Directory is now available for pick up at the office.  
Please call ahead to arrange a time.

## FROM THE OUTREACH TEAM

### Food Donations

We are still encouraging folks to continue to donate food items to both the **Georgian FoodLocker** and our **Little Pantry**. The food collection bin will be placed at the main entrance to the church each **Tuesday** from 9 am to 12:30 pm for collections. (Please note the change in day.)

At other times, if you have items for the Little Pantry that are appropriate for our freezing outdoor temperatures (nothing packed in water), feel free to place them directly in the pantry as you are passing by.

The Outreach Team also welcomes the donations of mitts, scarves and socks during the winter months; they also can be placed in the food donation bin on Tuesdays.

We appreciate the support provided by members of Grace during these difficult times. – Judi Shields

### Reminder...

**The Busby Centre** needs donations of sleeping bags, tents and tarps. If folks cannot personally drop off a donation to the Busby Centre, please contact **Judi Shields at 705.790.1268** for pickup and delivery.

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## FUNDRAISERS



### Can you help?!!!!

#### We need your time, talent and creative ideas!

Join us in **Planning** some **Fundraisers** at Grace. Financially, fundraising is critical to Grace. The Stewardship and Finance Team is looking for people who have ideas and are willing to provide planning support. (This doesn't mean you're committing to an event.)

Can you spare an hour on a Zoom call in the near future to help plan? Please contact Dave Thomas (705.722.7848 or [daveflo@rogers.com](mailto:daveflo@rogers.com)) or Susan Eagle (705.817.3402 or [susaneagle@graceucc.ca](mailto:susaneagle@graceucc.ca)) to lend your assistance. Thanks. – Dave Thomas

### Strawberry Shortcake Sale 2022

*Spring is around the corner and with it comes our Strawberry Shortcake Sale.*

**The Ask:** Will you be part of an organizing team for this 2022 fundraiser (mid-March)? Please email **Mary Greiner** at [chickadee27@bell.net](mailto:chickadee27@bell.net) or **Barb Moore** at [barbaramoore2015@gmail.com](mailto:barbaramoore2015@gmail.com).

We look forward to hearing from you. Your help is very much appreciated and necessary for this event to move forward. – Mary & Barb

#### Weekly Zoom Activities – To join the following, please contact:

Tuesday Progressive Theology Group	7:15 pm via Zoom	Dave Collacutt	705.436.1093
Wednesday Bible Study	9:30 am via Zoom	Nancy Drury	705.721.0578
Monday & Thursday Functional Fitness	10:00 am via Zoom	Doreen Fernandes	705.770.9900

#### PRAYER LIST *(attached)*

For updates or additions, [email the Grace Office](mailto:graceoffice@graceucc.ca) or call Barb Mercer at 705.728.6734.

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**For more information about meetings and activities, or sharing news, email the [Grace Office](mailto:graceoffice@graceucc.ca) or call 705.734.0760.**

**Please send submissions to the weekly newsletter by Wednesday morning. Thank you.**

## CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

**MONDAY TO FRIDAY**

**10 AM – 1 PM**

**705.734.0760**

*Attached: Prayer List*