

Message from
Grace United Church
September 16, 2022

WORSHIP UPDATES FOR GRACE

OUR SANCTUARY IS OPEN! We welcome you!



Sunday September 18	10:30 am	Worship Service – Season of Creation
Sunday September 25	10:30 am	Worship Service – Orange Shirt Day And a conversation with Maddy Foerster about her canoe adventure with the Gibimishkaadimin Program.
Sunday October 2	10:30 am	Worship Service – World Communion Day Animal Blessing as we celebrate St. Francis of Assisi Day
Sunday October 9	10:30 am	Thanksgiving Sunday We invite you to bring Thanksoffering gifts for our outdoor pantry and also for the Barrie Food Bank.

We invite you to join us Sunday in person or online via Livestream. To attend, via the Grace website, please [click here](#) or on YouTube Search line, type in the specific date of the service (e.g., September 18, 2022): press Enter.

CELEBRATING OUR ROOTS

Join Simcoe County Museum on September 24, 2022 at 11:00 am – 3:00 pm

“Simcoe County Forest – 100 Years”

See attached flyer.

Thanks for all who helped with Welcome Back Sunday and the Barbecue Lunch

Thanks to:

- the Chappell family for the donation of fresh corn and tomatoes
- all the volunteers who pitched in to set up, serve and clean up our lunch.
- the barbecuers who kept a hot barbecue going for quite a while!

Thanks also to:

- Helen Watson and Val Darling for the memorial flag and flowers to commemorate the death of Queen Elizabeth II
- Dorothy Taylor for the signage to remind us of Grandparents Day

Orange Shirt Day is coming up!!!

Shirts are available through the Barrie Native Friendship Centre.

If you don't have a chance to get an “Every Child Matters” t-shirt, consider wearing something orange on Sunday, September 25.

Sunday School

Are you able to donate some time to support our Sunday School as we restart after a long Covid shut-down?
To know more, please call **Kathy Harrison at 705-727-0448.**
Our children and youth are important.



Communion servers

The worship team is seeking volunteers who might like to occasionally help with serving communion. Please let us know if you can help us out.

Contact: the church office: 705-734-0760

GRACE UNITED CHOIR



Do you enjoy the company of fun, joyful people? Do you love music? Do you think it is a vital part of the worship experience? Do you love to sing? Do you want to experience the soul-restoring benefits of singing with others in a group? Well, if you answered yes to these questions then this announcement is for you!

We have resumed Grace Choir Practice on Thursday's starting at 7:45 and running until about 9:00 pm.

Our choir is a dedicated, loyal crew who would love to welcome some new singers and maybe welcome back some singers who may have been in Choir before and have been taking a wee sabbatical.

We have some great music planned for the year and really encourage you to consider joining this wonderful team. I hope to see you on Thursday!

HAPPENINGS!

Tuesdays: Progressive Theology Group - Zoom
Starting Sept 13 – 7:15 pm

Wednesdays: Bible Study – 9:30 am, Oak Room
(Possibly Zoom come Fall)
Rhythm & Pitch – 3:30 pm (Sep 20)

Thursdays: Choir Practice – 7:45 pm

Fridays: Adult Social (Last Fri each Month) - 1 pm

Sept 17 Celebration of Life – Andrew Poaps – 2:00 pm

Sept 18 Worship Service – 10:30 am

Sept 20 Shining Waters Council Meeting – 10:00 am

Sept 21 Kairos – 5:00 pm

Sept 26 Holy Rollers Working Bee – 9:00 am

Sept 27 Third Age Barrie – 1:00 pm

Sept 28 Holy Rollers Working Bee – 9:00 am

Sept 30 Adult Social – 1:00 pm

Holy Roller Update

Every Wednesday until the middle of November has been booked for Holy Roller activities in preparation for the Fabulous Food Fair on November 19th.

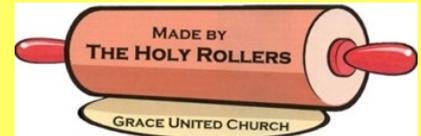
Please note that there will be no Holy Roller Work Bee on Wednesday, September 21. It's a Holy Roller Holiday.

We will be making meat pies again on Wednesday, September 28.

For more information or further details, please contact Mary Hirons.

In the meantime, there are still a few meat pies available for sale after church on Sunday or during Office Hours (10 am – 1 pm)

Large: \$12:00 Small: \$6:00



Fabulous Food Fair and Craft Market

Sat. Nov. 19, 2022 from 9 am to 12 noon.



Crafters: Only 2 spots still available! One table for \$25; set up Friday Nov. 18 from 10 am to 1 pm in Memorial Hall.

Calling all Bakers!: Time to think about your baking specialty to donate: homemade bread, cakes, cookies, squares, jams and jellies, candy, pies. Please email Edith Elliot at eelliot1023@hotmail.com.

Volunteers: for Fair Day Nov. 19 are needed to help sell and take money. Sign up sheets coming soon or phone **Mary Greiner 705-739-7111** to volunteer.

OUTREACH TEAM: Homeless Crisis

For the past year and a half, we at Grace have served breakfast to many of Barrie's homeless and hungry citizens who have been unable to afford rent and food. The continuing rise in the cost of living has forced even more folks into situations they have never encountered before. A report from the coordinator of Ryan's Hope Breakfast program recently noted:

"We are seeing new people each week, many finding themselves homeless for the first time. Some of them employed, lots of them retired and unable to find housing, single parents with children forced to resort to camping.

We cannot and must not accept that members of our community are forced to live this way."

Please consider what you might be able to do to help address this tragedy. If you have room in your home that could provide shelter to one or more of our neighbours, think about offering it up. In some cases, a room with a bed and dresser and access to a bathroom and kitchen is all that is needed.

Empower Simcoe issues a weekly list of the few available resources that we have. If you are able to add your name to the housing list **please call: 705-739-0485.**

BRADFORD GREENHOUSE GARDEN GALLERY 2022 FUNDRAISER

Once again, Grace is part of this fundraiser. Here's what happens:

The fundraiser runs from April 15 to October 15/22, and excludes taxes on all purchases as well as the purchase of gift certificates. A percentage of the value of our overall sales will be issued as a gift card for the purchase of Bradford Greenhouse's products. Please advise the cashier prior to inputting the sale that you support Grace United Church.

You're able to support Grace at the Barrie and Bradford locations, but cannot use this fundraiser in conjunction with any other offers, for example "Grow the Green".

Green thumbs at the ready...

JOYS & SORROWS

Celebration of Life

Sirpa Seipio would like to invite you to join her
in celebrating the life of her husband,

Andrew Poaps

A Service will be held Saturday, September 17 at 2:00 pm.
All are welcome. Reception to follow.



ADULT SOCIAL

Our afternoon Social meets the Last Friday of each month in the Oak Room starting September 30 from 1 – 4 pm. It's time to play a game of dominoes, games or cards and be with friends.

Everyone is welcome – just bring a snack and join in the fun!

For more information, please contact Anne Walton: 705-722-8957

WANTED:

Looking for a **plant stand** or a **tall stool**.

If you have anything that would 'fit the bill', please call Edith Elliot @ 705-792-2343.

Please feel free to submit items that you wish to celebrate, in grief or in happiness, or just mention to those of the Congregation

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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Friday • 10 am to 1 pm

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PRAYER LIST (attached)

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

Attached: Prayer List, Simcoe County Forest Flyer