

Grace Weekly News

October 6 2023

WORSHIP UPDATES FOR GRACE

OUR SANCTUARY IS OPEN! We welcome you!



Sunday October 8

10:30 am Thanksgiving Sunday



We invite you to bring Thankoffering gifts for our outdoor pantry and also for the Barrie Food Bank.

Sunday October 15

10:30 am Anniversary Sunday - with the newly ordained Rev. Jeffrey Dale



**Join us for this wonderful Celebration
Grace's Anniversary Service and Lunch**

Sign-up sheet to bring sandwiches is on Bulletin Board.

Upcoming Services:

SAVE THE DATE!!

Remembrance Sunday - Sunday, November 5

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., October 8, 2023): press Enter.

Giving thanks to Grace United Church

Thanksgiving is coming up - please remember Grace United Church in your prayers and offerings -- special envelopes are in the pews. "Let plates be full and *laughs* be long. Let food be good and bonds be strong. Let *love* be near and never roam. Let joy come in. Let hearts be *home*."

Mary Greiner, Envelope Secretary

Harvest Roast Beef Dinner - Friday October 20th

\$25/Ticket

Come and invite your friends to our Harvest Roast Beef Dinner.

Two seating's, served family style: 5:00 pm and 6:15 pm.
Two take-out times for pick-up: 4:30-5 pm and 5:30-6 pm.



Tickets available soon. Pass the word, take a poster to friends, advertise on your social media! Roast beef, mashed potatoes and gravy, coleslaw, carrots, peas, roll/butter, horseradish and homemade apple, pumpkin or lemon meringue pie!

Volunteers are needed, see the sign up sheets on the bulletin board to donate food, homemade pies or to help with food prep or serving / clean up at the dinner.

Contact **Sharon Squire 705-717-6524** for more information.

Holy Roller Update

The **Holy Rollers** are back in the kitchen!

Next dates are **Wednesday, Oct 11 & Friday, Oct 13** (Apple pies) at 9:00 am.

Thanks to all who are coming out to help.

For more information, please contact **Mary Hirons at 705-429-6180**.



OUTREACH TEAM:

Our need this week is: *Raw Vegetables (Potatoes, Onions, Carrots – buy a bag & share a portion)*

With the extraordinary demand on the Barrie Food Bank this fall, we have been notified that we will only be able to rely on its support one day each week for our Little Pantry. We entered into partnership with the Food Bank and some other Barrie churches two years ago with the Food Bank filling up our Little Pantry each Friday and then later on, each Tuesday as well. But the demand has been great and donations have dwindled and we are seeking other ways to reach out to the hungry.

Because of this heavy demand, the Tuesday delivery will be no more and we will have to rely on the generosity of the Grace congregation and our neighbours to ensure that the Pantry continues to support the food insecure. Each Friday, we will receive a Food Bank donation but for the rest of the week we depend on you.

Kudos to Edith Elliot who has taken many of the fresh vegetable and fruit items donated over recent weeks and organized Thanksgiving Goodie Bags for folks who use our Pantry.

Please keep your donations coming. Without your help, many folks in our city will go without or have to get by on very little this Thanksgiving season.



A special Thanks to Edith Elliot and Marnie Lynn who handed out your Thanksgiving donations to members of our community for help with their Thanksgiving Dinner. Approximately 160 lbs. of food was given out to 35 people.

JOYS, SORROWS & APPRECIATIONS

HAPPY 90TH BIRTHDAY - Peter Maule



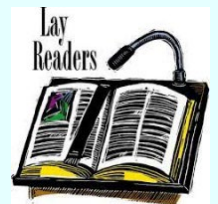
The Grace Congregation extends congratulations and best wishes to our former Choir Director, Peter Maule on the occasion of his 90th Birthday. Peter celebrated this milestone birthday on October 4th in Glen Williams, Ontario, (near Georgetown). **Happy 90th Birthday Peter!**

CONGREGATION..... NEWS & NEEDS

The Worship Team, particularly the Lay Reader Co-ordinator, would like to thank **Kathy Watt** for her many years service as a lay reader. She did a lovely job last week as always, but has indicated her "retirement" from being a Lay Reader. Thank you, Kathy; you have been a blessing to this group.

New Scripture Readers Always Needed

I am making up next year's schedule, and always welcome new talent. Do you like to read aloud? Have you ever thought about it? Is this a ministry you've always secretly longed for? If you'd like to help out, it's a minimal commitment - 3 or 4 times a year, you get the schedule a year in advance, you can pick whatever days you'd like/not like. With enough interest, I'm always happy to do a readers clinic. e-mail me compostangel@gmail.com or call me.

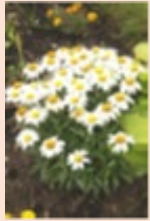


Thanks for your consideration, Bette McCracken"



Tip of the Hat

Debbie Neddeau would like to give a **Tip of the Hat** and a big **Thank You** to all those who volunteer to be greeters and receive the offerings each Sunday. These are vital roles that all contribute to meaningful and inspirational worship experiences for those in attendance. Another thank you is extended to Debbie for making all those arrangements week by week!.



The **Fall 2023 edition of *Grace Matters*** is now available. If you have requested a printed version, a hard copy is available with your name and address affixed. If you receive your copy via the internet, you would have already received an email with the attached PDF. For future editions, if you would prefer a hard copy, please let Joanne know at the Office or contact Barb Mercer at 705-728-6734 and your name will be added to the Label List.

Special Receptions Team

The **Special Receptions Team** provides pastoral support for bereaved Grace families by arranging receptions for family and friends following funeral or memorial services. This group can also be called upon to provide refreshments for other occasions such as milestone birthdays and anniversaries that families wish to celebrate at the church. Although contributions to the Special Receptions are primarily for pastoral purposes, considerable revenue is generated for the church through donations made by families in appreciation of this pastoral care.



We are currently in the process of updating the calling system for soliciting food and helpers as required for these special receptions.

If your name is already on the list of coordinators, telephoners, workers or food contributors, we thank you for your support and no action is required. If you would like to have your name added as a contributor from time to time, please contact **Barb Mercer at 705-728-6734.**

Our “Grace Vegetable Garden” gardener, Edith, is hoping you can help. She is looking for:

1. Potted Mums – as the flowers fade away, we need replacements. *Big or small, we can use them all.*
2. Fall bulbs / Spring flowers – tulips 🌷, daffodils, 🌼 etc. To create a spring bouquet in the vegetable garden beds.

RED SCARVES

Calling all Knitters! It may feel far too warm to think about winter, but knitters are reminded that each year we celebrate **World AIDS Day** by tying red scarves to trees and posts around our property to recognize those who have died of AIDS and the struggles faced by those who continue to live with it. Knitters are invited to create **red scarves** to be used for this year’s celebration on **December 1st**. Last year we distributed 46 scarves.



HAPPENINGS!

Mondays:	Healthy Aging Exercise – 10:00am Zoom
Tuesdays:	Progressive Theology – 7:15 pm - Zoom
Wednesdays:	Bible Study – 9:30 am
Thursdays:	Healthy Aging Exercise –10:00 am Zoom Choir Practice –7:30 pm
Fridays:	Adult Social – Last Fri of each Month

Oct 8	Thanksgiving Worship Service – 10:30 am
Oct 9	Thanksgiving Day – Office Closed
Oct 10	Outreach Team Mtg – 9:30 am (In person & Zoom) Admin Team Mtg – 11:00 am Oak Room Third Age Barrie – 1:00 pm
Oct 11	Holy Rollers – 9:00 am Board Meeting – 7:00 Zoom
Oct 13	Holy Rollers (Apple Pies) – 9:00 am

Bulletin Board		Community News
BDB – Diabetes Info Group	4 th Tues every Month	Breaking Down Barriers
Women in a Leadership Role with Kathleen Wynne - \$45/pp	October 4 @ 11:45 am	Midhurst United Church
Ukrainian Community Benefit Concert	October 5 @ 6:30 pm	Collier United Church
Fall Ceramic Paint Party (Kingdom Creations)	October 6 @ 7:00 pm	Grace United Church
Speaker Series - Climate Solutions for a Hopeful Planet Making Climate Action Local	October 10	Third Age Barrie (at Grace United Church)
Music Speaker Series – Lifelong Learning - Mariposa (with Chris Hazel) - Lightfoot (with Dr. Mike Daley)	October 17(1:30 – 3:30 pm) October 24	Third Age Barrie (at Grace United Church)
BDB – Jayne Prichard	Oct 25 @ 3:00 pm (Zoom)	Breaking Down Barriers
Roast Beef Dinner – Take Out Style	October 28	Midhurst United Church
Brooklyn Tabernacle Singers	Nov 3 @ 7:30 pm	Church on the Queensway
Concert Series - The Andrew Collins Trio - VC2 Cello Duo - Freeplay	November 3 February 23, 2024 April 12, 2024	St. John’s United Church

Save the Date:



Sat, November 18

Fabulous Food Fair and Craft Market 9am – 12pm

Food donations and craft table set up will be Friday Nov. 17 from 10 am - 5 pm (unless you need special accommodation). We are reserving craft tables now - contact Mary Greiner 705-739-7111 for information. Bakers, preserve specialists -- keep us in mind for your donations. Can you volunteer to help price and handle cash? Sign up sheets coming soon!



Family Hallowe'en Party

Friday, October 27, 2022

6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

*Bring your kids, wear a costume and join the fun.
Crafts, music, snacks & a Haunted House*

No Cost!!

Jams

Jams are on sale but only by pre-order through Edith Elliot – 705-792-2343 / eelliot1023@hotmail.com / sign-up sheet on the Bulletin Board.

Orders will be delivered to the Church for Sunday Service. **\$7.00/jar** (profits go to *Grace United*).

Choose from:

Strawberry, raspberry, orange marmalade, 3-fruit marmalade, black currant, cherry, peach, blueberry, concord grape, mint jelly & red currant.

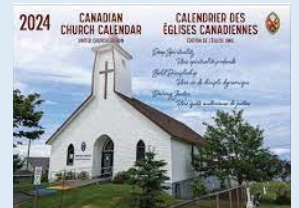


UCC 2024 Calendars

Available in the Office (9:00 am – 1:00 pm)

\$10.00

Limited quantities



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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Friday • 10 am to 1 pm

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PRAYER LIST: For updates or additions, [email the grace office](mailto:office@graceucc.ca) or call Barb Mercer at 705-728-6734.

Attached: Prayer List