

Grace Weekly News

March 15, 2024



WORSHIP UPDATES FOR GRACE

OUR SANCTUARY IS OPEN! We welcome you!



Lent Continues:

Sunday, March 17



10:30 am

Sunday Worship – Lent 5 St. Patrick's Day

International Day for Elimination of Racial Discrimination (March 21)

**They say that on March 17, everyone is Irish!
Wear something green to church!**

Holy Week:

Sunday, March 24



10:30 am

Sunday Worship – Palm Sunday

Holy Week through word & song.

Thursday, March 28



6:00 pm

Maundy Thursday Worship & Seder Supper

9:00 pm

Overnight Vigil

Friday, March 29



10:30 am

Good Friday Worship

Sunday, March 31



7:00 am

Sunrise Service with other Barrie Churches

At Heritage Park

10:30 am

Easter Sunday Worship, Easter Drama & Communion

Bring in your **Lent Loot Bags**

Wear your Sunday Best! AND...don't forget your **Easter Bonnet.**

Join us Sunday in person or online via Livestream. To attend, via the Grace website, [click here](#) or on YouTube Search line, type in specific worship date (e.g., March 17, 2024): press Enter.

THIS COMING WEDNESDAY!!



Spring Roast Beef Dinner

Wednesday, March 20, 2024

Sit-Down Times (5:00 & 6:15 pm) **\$30.00**

Take-Out Times (4:30 & 5:30 pm) **\$25.00**

Tickets available at the Office weekdays 10am-1pm. 705-734-0760

Also at Sunday Service. [Flyer attached...](#)

LENTEN CORNER

Lent – a time to pause, reflect, rejoice and rejuvenate!



Easter envelopes are in the pews

Please consider giving an extra donation to Grace for Local operating expenses. This time of year, before the fundraisers begin, the church runs a deficit. Your offerings make a difference! Thanks!

Mary Greiner, Envelope Secretary

Activities during Lent

Attend an event:

Holy Week Events:

Thursday, March 28

6:00 pm Maundy Thursday worship and Seder Supper



You are invited to our worship which begins at 6:00 pm in the sanctuary and continues in the Memorial Hall. We move from the quiet reflection of a short vesper service to the food and readings of the Jewish Seder Supper. The service also includes foot (or hand) washing. Please let us know if you plan to attend so that we can ensure enough food for all. 705-734-0760 or office@graceucc.ca. **All are Welcome!**

9:00 pm Overnight Vigil

Following the Seder Supper some volunteers will begin an overnight Vigil Service. The Vigil will continue in the Sanctuary until Sunrise. Want to know more? **Contact Richard Pearson at 705-817-7226. All are Welcome!**



Friday, March 29

10:30 am Good Friday worship

Join us for a short Good Friday service as we acknowledge the Good Friday story.



Sunday, March 31

7:00 am Short outdoor Sunrise Service

Grace, Northwest Barrie, St. Margaret's Anglican and the downtown Churches of Barrie will gather for a short sunrise service at waterfront (Heritage Park).



10:30 am Easter worship and celebration

Join us at Grace to celebrate this holy day. Special music, drama, Communion. **Lent Loot bags will be collected.**



Adding light Lenten Candles

Each week the days get longer and the candles get brighter as we reflect on God's gifts to us. Find a way each day to carry that light to someone – a phone call, a visit, a gift, a smile!

Save the Date:



Next Saturday – Let's recognize Earth Hour

Sat March 23, 2024 8:30 pm – 9:30 pm.

We are invited to turn off our lights, electrical devices, etc. for one hour. Take a break and give the climate a break – and let's do it together.

Saturday, April 13, 2024 at 1 pm

An event for United Church congregations who need support retrofitting buildings to emission-free heating.

Join the Ecological Sub-Committee of the Social and Ecological Justice Commission for an online networking event on this topic:

Near Net Zero by 2030?: Heat Pumps and Geothermal Loops

Saturday, April 13, 2024 at 1 p.m. on Zoom

Registration is available at: <https://shiningwatersregionalcouncil.ca/justice/ecological/heat-pumps-and-geothermal-loops/>

Plant Sale

Saturday, June 1

Save your pots!! Bring in your spare pots!

More information to come.



CONGREGATION..... NEWS & NEEDS

Mother's Day Pie & Dessert Sale – Organizer Needed



We need a new convenor for this fundraising event, as Edith will be busy with another project. One or two persons needed to: organize bakers and baking, publicize in Grace Weekly News and sell items on the sale day.



Contact Mary Greiner 705-739-7111 if you would take on this responsibility for this year.

Holy Roller Pies

Due to the rise in cost of ingredients, we have had to raise the price of our Pies (Meat & Turkey). Our new pricing is:

Large Pies: \$16.00

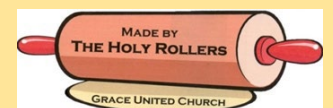
Small Pies: \$6.50



Holy Roller Update

Holy Rollers Work Bees scheduled for April 3 & 10 for *Beef & Turkey Pies*.

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



Jams


Jams are on sale Sundays while supplies last! **\$7.00/jar** (profits go to *Grace*).

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



HAPPENINGS!

Regular Weekly Activities:	
Mondays:	Healthy Aging Exercise – 10:00am Zoom Rhythm & Pitch Foundations – 4:00pm
Tuesdays:	Progressive Theology – 7:15 pm - Zoom
Wednesdays:	Bible Study – 9:30 am – In person Men’s Luncheon – 1 st Wed of each month – 12:00pm @ Casa Mia Rhythm & Pitch Music Lessons – 4:00pm
Thursdays:	Healthy Aging Exercise –10:00 am Zoom Choir Practice –7:30 pm
Fridays:	Grace Gamers – Last Fri of each Month

Additional This Week:	
----- MARCH BREAK -----	
Mar 17	Worship Service – Lent 5 – 10:30 am 
Mar 18	FFCE Meeting – 7:00 pm Oak Room
Mar 19	Spring Dinner Prep
Mar 20	Spring Dinner - Sit-In: 5:00pm // 6:15 pm - Take-Out: 4:30pm // 5:30 pm
Mar 21	Busby Dinner Prep – 1:00 pm
Mar 22	Grace Gamers – 1:00 pm (<i>moved from 29th</i>)
Mar 24	Palm Sunday Service – 10:30 am

OUTREACH TEAM:

Our need this week is: See our Food Donation Suggestion Sheet outside the Office
Instant Coffee, Sugar, Canned Soups
Plastic jars with lids to separate food into (please NO glass)
 (similar to small & medium sized peanut butter jars)

LENT LOOT

The **Lent Loot** givings this year will be directed to the **Busby Centre Capital Campaign** as it seeks to purchase an adjacent property in order to expand the vital outreach services provided to the marginalized members of our community.

EARTH DAY

Please mark the morning of **Saturday April 20** at 9:30 am on your calendars as we will be walking throughout our neighbourhood to clean up the garbage that has accumulated over the winter months. A light lunch and garbage bags will be provided.

FOOD STRATEGY

The focus of much of the outreach here at Grace has been on those who are food insecure and the many ways we can help our neighbours. We are looking to develop an overall strategy to define what this outreach will encompass. If you are interested in participating in a small discussion group to develop this strategy, please contact Rev. Susan 705-817-3402 or Judi Shields 705-790-1268.

Bulletin Board

Community News

BDB – Diabetes Info Group	4 th Tues every Month	Breaking Down Barriers
Blessed Shamrock Paint Party	March 1 @ 7:00 pm	Kingdom Creations (at GUC)
\$10 Craft Night	March 8 @ 7:00 pm	Kingdom Creations (at GUC)
The Cross of Christ Oratorio	March 10 @ 3:30pm	Holy Spirit Parish, Barrie
Cartoon Camp (Age 12-17)	March Break (11 th -15 th)	80 Bradford Street
Taizé Prayer Service	March 22 @ 7:30 pm	Westminster Presbyterian
Lyrice – Celebrating Fauré	March 23 @ 7:30 pm	Burton Ave Church
Gershwin Rhapsody in Blue (Huronina Symphony Orchestra)	March 24 @ 3:30 pm	Collier Street United Church
Colonialism from Turtle Island to Palestine	April 9 @ 7:00 pm	Webinar – Register at: barblloyd@rogers.com
\$10 Craft Night – April Showers	April 12 @ 7:00 pm	Kingdom Creations (at GUC)
A One-state Solution, Possibilities	April 16 @ 10:00 am	Webinar – Register at: barblloyd@rogers.com
\$10 Craft Night – May Flowers	May 10 @ 7:00 pm	Kingdom Creations (at GUC)

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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, Spring Roast Beef Dinner, Making Connections for Peace Poster