

Grace Weekly News

October 4, 2024

WORSHIP UPDATES FOR GRACE

OUR SANCTUARY IS OPEN! We welcome you!



Sunday, October 6

10:30 am

Worship Service – World Communion Day

Special Benevolent Fund Offering for Grace Neighbourhood Food Program

St. Francis of Assisi Sunday



1:00 pm

Blessing of the Animals outside the North entrance of Grace United Church. A short service of celebration and blessing with snacks for animals and light refreshments for human participants. Bring a beloved pet and come to the celebration!

Sunday, October 13

10:30 am

Thanksgiving Sunday Worship

Bring a gift of food.



Sunday, October 20

10:30 am

World Food Sunday

Livestreaming!!

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., October 6, 2024): press Enter.

NEW MEMBERS WELCOME

Please let us know if you would like to make *Grace* your home Congregation.

We would be happy to Welcome you, through transfer of Membership or Profession of Faith. Want to know more? Please contact **Rev. Susan at 705-817-3402** or the **Office at 705-734-0760**

HAPPENINGS!

Regular Weekly Activities:		Additional This Coming Week:	
Mondays:	Healthy Aging Exercise – 10:00am Zoom	Oct 6	World Communion Day Worship – 10:30 am Blessing of the Animals – 1:00 pm Worship Team Meeting – 3:00 pm via Zoom
Tuesdays:	Grove Park Communion – 11:00 am - 4 th Tuesday every month Progressive Theology – 7:15 pm - Zoom	Oct 6	Administration Team Meeting – 10:30 am Third Age Barrie – 1:30 pm - Political Landscape – Kathleen Wynne
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	Oct 9	Holy Rollers (Beef) – 9:00 am Official Board Meeting – 7:00 pm via Zoom
Thursdays:	Healthy Aging Exercise – 10:00 am Zoom Choir Practice – 7:30 pm	Oct 13	Thanksgiving Worship Service – 10:30 am
Fridays:	Grace Gamers – Last Fri of each Month	Oct 14	Thanksgiving Monday – OFFICE CLOSED

CONGREGATION..... NEWS & NEEDS

Tip of the Hat to Debbie Neddeau, for organizing Grace's Greeters so effectively. Your dedication and effort to keep things running smoothly, especially during summer months, is much appreciated! Thank you, also, to the team of Greeters, who come early each Sunday and extend a warm welcome and a helping hand as people come into church. Your kindness makes a difference to our church family!

A Tip of the Hat...



Family Hallowe'en Party **Friday, October 25, 2024** **6:00 pm – 8:00 pm**

Pumpkin Carving Contest – open to all.
Bring your kids, wear a costume and join the fun.
Crafts, music, snacks & a Haunted House

No Cost!!

Harvest Roast Beef Dinner - Wednesday, Nov 6/24

\$30/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.



Prime Rib, mashed potatoes & gravy, coleslaw, carrots, peas, roll/butter, horseradish and homemade 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.

Fabulous Food Fair and Craft Bazaar 9am – 12pm

Calling all bakers!! Sat. Nov. 16 is the Fab Food Fair and Craft Bazaar from 9 am -12 noon.

10 artisans are booked for the bazaar in Memorial Hall. What do we need?? Pies, pies, pies, breads, tarts, cookies, baked goodies of all kinds. How can you help?? See the sign up sheets on the bulletin board -- volunteers to handle cash and debit purchases, persons to package and price food items the day before, volunteers to assist sales on the day of the Fair. Can you help out at the Apple Pie making bees?? Help make Chili Sauce with Mary Hirons??



Please help where you can and sign up today !!

For more information, contact Mary Greiner at 705-739-7111.

Holy Roller Update

The **Holy Rollers** are back in the kitchen. Bees are Wednesday @ 9:00 am:

9 (beef), 16 (apple), 18 (chili), 23 (turkey) & 30 (beef)

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



Attention all Team Leaders and Potential Contributors!!

We are planning a Fall Edition of **Grace Matters**, our church newsletter to be published by the end of October. We want to acknowledge milestone birthdays and anniversaries, special achievements, graduations and include any items of interest to the congregation. Also, this is an opportunity for reports from the various teams that comprise our Official Board as well as the promotion of forthcoming fundraisers and special events. Please forward your submissions by **Monday, October 14th** to the Church Office or to Barb Mercer at barbara.mercer@sympatico. For further information, call Barb at 705-728-6734.

Some kitchen items are missing from our cupboards. If you have borrowed something and could bring it home that would be great. Please let me know if you'd like to borrow something, that's not a problem at all. I'm just trying to make sure we have everything on site when needed for special kitchen events. I'm also the one who needs to know if we're short of kitchen staples. Leave a note in the office or call.

Thanks, Wendy Brown 705-721-4287



A 6" crystal vase was left in the Church after someone brought in flowers over the summer period. If it belongs to you, please come to the Office to claim it. Thanks!

JOYS, SORROWS & APPRECIATIONS

To my friends at Grace: Thank you for your thoughts, prayers, cards, emails, phone calls and visits during my recent diagnosis of breast cancer and surgeries. Your support meant so much in keeping up my spirits. I will remember your kindness and care as I continue through the next stages of preventative treatments. Thank you so much, Mary Greiner

OUTREACH TEAM:

Our need this week is: **Coffee & Peanut Butter**
Fresh fruit & vegetables

OUTREACH VOLUNTEER – ONLINE WORK

We are **still** looking for a Volunteer who has an interest in selling items online for the church. This would be for miscellaneous items donated to the Church. If you have any interest, please contact the Office at: 705-734-0760.

SPECIAL FOOD REQUEST – Thanksgiving Baskets

We are doing a special Little Pantry Giveaway for Thanksgiving. Please see attached sheet for our requested Thanksgiving items for donation. Items need to be in **before Tues, Oct. 8**. *Thank you!*

CLOTHING FOR TUESDAY BREAKFAST

We are completely out of Fall clothing – both men's & women's. Underwear, socks, T-shirts - **everything welcome!!**

PROPERTY TEAM:

HANDY PERSON NEEDED

Are you good with a  or a  ?

Could you assist the Property Team with some minor repairs or maintenance on your own schedule? Any help would be appreciated. A few helpers would make a big difference to the workload our team shoulders year round.

Thanks for considering this.

STEWARTSHIP & FINANCE TEAM:

Thanksgiving envelopes will be in the pews for the next two weeks. Please remember Grace as you count your blessings and make a special donation towards the church's operating expenses.

Sincerely, Mary Greiner, Envelope Secretary

Save the Date:

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**.



Bulletin Board

Community News

Research Study for 2SLGBTQ+ communities with cancer in Canada by UofT & UHN		
Meals On Wheels Program - In need of Volunteers (Drivers)		Red Cross Volunteers redcross.ca/volunteer
Speaker Series: Then & Now: What's Next?? - Changing Landscape -Political Leadership Oct 8 @ 1:30 pm <i>Kathleen Wynne</i> - New World DisOrder, <i>Dr. Michael Johns</i> Oct 15 @ 1:30 pm - State of Publishing in CDA, <i>Dr. Mark Bourrie</i> Oct 22 @ 1:30 pm - Changes in Tech, Social & Economic Forces Oct 29 @ 1:30 pm <i>Robert & Jeff Lehman</i>		Third Age Barrie (at Grace United Church) Register at: www.thirdagebarrie.ca
Barrie Prayer Breakfast Speaker: Dave Burrows (arranged by Mayor's Office) \$30. by RSVP / \$35 at Door	Oct 2 @ 7:25 am	South Shore Comm. Centre RSVP to: trevor.owen@owendickey.com
Ride For Refuge Event	Oct 5 @ 3:00 pm	Barrie Community Sports Complex
Story of Jesus! Ny Rev. Dr. Gordon Postill	Oct 6 @ 1:30 pm	Hope United Church, Toronto

Updated Congregational Directory available in the Office.

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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:email_the_grace_office) or call Barb Mercer at 705-728-6734.

Attached: Prayer List, Little Pantry Thanksgiving Needs, Halloween Poster, Harvest Dinner Poster, Fabulous Food Fair & Bazaar