

# Grace Weekly News

## September 13, 2024



### WORSHIP UPDATES FOR GRACE

**OUR SANCTUARY IS OPEN! We welcome you!**



**Sunday, September 15 10:30 am**

**Worship Service**

**Outdoor** Worship Service - Not Livestreamed.  
Bring a lawn chair and a sun hat.

**Sunday, September 22 10:30 am**

**Worship Service**

**Sunday, September 29 10:30 am**

**Worship Service – Orange Shirt Sunday**

Wear something **Orange**.



**Sunday, October 6**

**10:30 am**

**Worship Service – World Communion & 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!

Starting Sept 22<sup>nd</sup> 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., Sept 22, 2024): press Enter.

### GRASSY NARROWS RIVER RUN - Wed, Sept 18 @ Noon, Toronto

The devastating mercury crisis in Grassy Narrows First Nation has persisted for decades, ever since 9 tonnes of mercury was dumped upstream in the 1960s, with little action from governments to help the people.

To this day, most Grassy Narrows members get no compensation for the serious impacts of the ongoing mercury crisis on their health, culture, and livelihoods. To make matters worse, Ontario is still allowing mining exploration on Grassy Narrows lands against Grassy Narrows' will.



We invite United Churches to gather so we can walk this journey together in unity. The walk is anticipated to begin at 12 p.m. ET at Grange Park and arrive at Queen's Park by 3 p.m. ET. If you plan to attend, please contact us directly by e-mailing: [justice@united-church.ca](mailto:justice@united-church.ca). Also, RSVP at the [River Run registration page](#).

Find out more info at the following link:

<https://united-church.ca/news/river-run-2024-walk-grassy-narrows-mercury-justice>

### HOMELESSNESS IN BARRIE

A Symposium to Educate our Community

Monday, September 23, 2024 7:00 – 9:00 pm

St. Mary's Parish, 65 Amelia Street

**See attached Flyer for more information.**

# HAPPENINGS!

Regular Weekly Activities:	
Mondays:	Healthy Aging Exercise – 10:00am Zoom
Tuesdays:	Grove Park Communion – 11:00 am - 4 <sup>th</sup> Thursday every month Progressive Theology – 7:15 pm - Zoom
Wednesdays:	Bible Study – 9:30 am – In person Men’s Luncheon – 1 <sup>st</sup> Wed of each month – 12:00pm @ Casa Mia Rhythm & Pitch Music Lessons – 4:00pm - Starting Oct 2
Thursdays:	Healthy Aging Exercise –10:00 am Zoom Choir Practice –7:30 pm
Fridays:	Grace Gamers – Last Fri of each Month

Additional This Coming Week:	
Sep 15	Outdoor Worship – 10:30 am Worship Team Meeting – 1:00 pm
Sep 17	Little Panty Luncheon – 11:30 am
Sep 11	Busby Dinner Prep – 1:00 pm
Sep 15	Sunday Worship Service – 10:30 am

## CONGREGATIONAL LIFE:

### WELCOME BACK BBQ

The Congregational Life thanks everyone who helped with the BBQ last Sunday in any way.

Those who helped with set up, barbequing, take down and tidy up and all those who brought such delicious salads and desserts. We do appreciate every one's contribution.

## OUTREACH TEAM:

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

**LITTLE PANTRY LUNCHEON: September 17th 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM**

**Expecting 25-30 participants.**

Requesting donated desserts. Signup sheet is on the bulletin board.

We still need volunteers from 11 am - 1 pm, to help setup, serve and clean up.

**See Edith Elliot or Janice Pearce with any questions.**

### **OUTREACH VOLUNTEER – ONLINE WORK**

We are 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.

### **LITTLE PANTRY**

With summer holidays drawing to a close, parents’ grocery purchases are focusing on back to school needs, The Outreach Team asks that donations to the Little Pantry in the coming weeks be sensitive to these special needs with items such as drinking boxes, energy bars and healthy snacks.

## RHYTHM & PITCH REGISTRATION

Rhythm & Pitch Children's Music is pleased to announce its low-cost music program for elementary school students will return for its 12th year on October 2, 2024.

R&P will be offering weekly classes in Music Foundations, Piano, Guitar and Ukulele to children who register for the small-group sessions this year.

In the past, pupils from Grades 1 to 8 were eligible to register, but the minimum age has been lowered from six to five to accommodate senior kindergarten children.

Music Foundations teaches the basics of music in a fun way using such instruments as bucket drums, recorders, xylophones, glockenspiels, tambourines and other instruments provided by the program. It's for children between the ages of five to seven.

Along with Piano, Guitar and Ukulele, Music Foundations will be held at Grace at 4 p.m. on Wednesday afternoons, beginning on October 2, 2024, and ending the last week of May. Piano, Guitar and Ukulele lessons are for children eight and older.

R&P provides digital pianos and ukuleles for lessons. Guitar students are expected to bring their own instruments.

Rhythm & Pitch is an affordable public education program for children in the community supported by Grace United Church.

If you have children or grandchildren interested in any of the music programs, please register them.

Registrations are scheduled for between 3:30 p.m. and 5 p.m. on Wednesdays September 25 and October 2, 2024, the first day of classes. You can also register for available spots in advance via email at [coordinator@rhythmandpitch.ca](mailto:coordinator@rhythmandpitch.ca) or by calling Edythe Barriault at 705-737-1135.

The registration fee is \$100 per child for 30 weekly lessons from October 2024 to May 2025, payable in full for the full year or in two semester instalments of \$50.



### Holy Roller Update

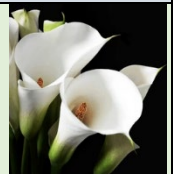
The **Holy Rollers** are back in the kitchen. Bees are Wednesday @ 9:00 am:  
**Oct 2 (beef), 9 (beef), 16 (apple), 18 (chili), 23 (turkey) & 30 (beef)**  
For more information, please contact **Mary Hirons at 705-429-6180**.

### *JOYS, SORROWS & APPRECIATIONS*

#### **To my friends at Grace,**

Thank you for your thoughts, prayers, cards and phone calls following Kristopher's passing. He was a very special boy with such the heart of laughs.

*Glenna Granger*



**To all Grace members** that added my brother Ross Stark to their prayers for his healing and recovery: Ross got a clear bill of health from his doctor! No cancer and his throat has healed enough to have his speech button installed and he is able to communicate. He has work to do to regain some strength but is certainly on the right path. So thank you all for your healing thoughts.

*Nancy Findlay*



On Sunday, Sept. 15, Debbie Roblin will again do the 5k Terry Fox Walk for Cancer. Debbie has already raised her sponsorship money, so she is not asking the Grace community to sponsor her, but hopes people will think of her as she does the Walk.

*In friendship, David Mair*

**Construction is back on the roads around Grace.** As of **September 2<sup>nd</sup>**, Grove Street will be closed between Cook and Duckworth, for approx. 6+ weeks. If you come from the West (travelling East), you will have to **come along Bernick Dr to West Gate to Cook St.**

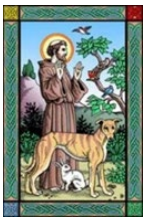
## Save the Date:

**Monday, September 30, 2023**

**Orange Shirt Day** is coming up!!!

Order a shirt by September 19, pick up at **BNFC** on Fri., Sept. 27 at 3 pm at: <https://tmbranding.ca>

If you don't have an "Every Child Matters" t-shirt, consider wearing something orange on **Sunday, September 29.**



**Sunday, October 6, 2024 @ 1:00pm**

**Blessing of the Animals**

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**Wednesday, November 6, 2024**

**Grace's Harvest Dinner**

*More information to come....*



**Saturday, November 16, 2024**

**Fabulous Food Fair and Craft Market 9am – 12pm**

Food donations and craft table set up will be Friday Nov. 15 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!

### 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 1<sup>st</sup>**.



Bulletin Board		Community News
<b>Kingdom Creations – Craft Night</b>	Sept 13 @ 7:00 pm	Grace United Church
<b>True Blue Country Concert</b>	Sept 21 @ 7:00 pm	Wasaga Beach United Church
<b>Speaker Series: Then &amp; Now: What's Next??</b>		Third Age Barrie (at Grace United Church)
- New World <i>DisOrder</i> , <i>Dr. Larry Black</i>	Sept 24 @ 1:30 pm	Register at: <a href="http://www.thirdagebarrie.ca">www.thirdagebarrie.ca</a>
- Cold War 2.0 – Meaning for Canada	Oct 1 @ 1:30 pm	
- Changing Landscape -Political Leadership <i>Kathleen Wynne</i>	Oct 8 @ 1:30 pm	
- New World <i>DisOrder</i> , <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 <i>Robert &amp; Jeff Lehman</i>	Oct 29 @ 1:30 pm	
<b>Afternoon of Euchre</b> (Kiwanis Club) \$25. (proceeds to Dolly Parton's Imagination Library Barrie-Innisfil)	Sept 28 @ 7:00 pm	Wickie's South, 274 Burton Ave
<b>Barrie Prayer Breakfast</b> Speaker: Dave Burrows (arranged by Mayor's Office) \$30. by RSVP / \$35 at Door	<b>Oct 2 @ 7:25 am</b>	<b>South Shore Comm. Centre</b> RSVP to: <a href="mailto:trevor.owen@owendickey.com">trevor.owen@owendickey.com</a>

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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, Rhythm & Pitch Poster, Third Age Barrie Fall 2024 Poster, Homeless Symposium Poster