



# Grace Weekly News

February 20, 2026

## WORSHIP UPDATES FOR GRACE



Black History Month



### Lent Continues:

- Sun., Feb 22**      **10:30 am**      **Intergenerational Baden Powell Worship Service – Lent 1** - - Including Scouting & Guiding Groups  
- Hot dogs & hot chocolate to follow.
- Sun., March 1**      **10:30 am**      **Sunday Worship – Lent 2 & Communion**
- Sun., March 8**      **10:30 am**      **Sunday Worship – Lent 3**  
**Guest Speaker, Karen Shuh, Barrie Food Bank**  
- International Women’s Day



**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., Feb 22, 2026): press Enter.

## LENTEN CORNER

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

Our Lenten Theme this year is: **“Tell Me Something Good.”**

May we also rediscover the Good News that speaks to us through our daily encounters with loved ones, through acts of kindness and through new discoveries of God’s compassionate presence in our world. Please join us in the Lenten events as you are able.

### Prayer Cards: Lent 1 – Good News that Catches us by Surprise



Weekly packages of coloured prayer cards with symbols are available at worship services and through an email attachment sent on Tuesday February 17 (part 1). Part 2 will be sent Tuesday March 10.

The weekly themes invite us to consider Good News that “catches us by surprise” reminds us that “together the impossible is possible,” invites us to “protect and care for the vulnerable” as well as offer “great love for God and neighbour.”

### Lent Loot

Support our Lent project by giving up something during Lent and putting the money in a purple “Lent Loot” bag, to be returned at Easter. **Farm Radio International** is our chosen charity this year. It has, for 40 years, provided information and support to more than one million farmers in 54 languages across Sub-Saharan Africa. It produces content on health, nutrition and drought management to help farmers help themselves. Charity Intelligence lists Farm Radio in its top 100 charities due to its measurable impact.



## Special Events and Services:



### Thursday, April 2

6:00 pm **Maundy Thursday worship  
and Seder Supper**  
followed by **Overnight Vigil**

### Friday, April 3

10:30 am **Good Friday worship**



### Sunday, April 5



7:00 am **Short outdoor Sunrise Service**  
at waterfront

10:30 am **Easter worship and celebration**  
at Grace



### **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!

## **HAVE YOU MARKED THE DATE?**

### **World Day of Prayer**

Friday, March 6, 2026 2:00 pm Collier United Church

Join us for this ecumenical service that brings together 10 area churches. Written by the women of Nigeria, this year's theme is **"I Will Give You Rest"**. Refreshments follow. Car pooling recommended. Enjoy a moving service and music and good company! All welcome! Learn more about Nigeria!

For more information contact Mary Greiner 705-739-7111. **See attached poster....**

### **Grace Worship Sunday, March 8 - Meet Karen Shuh, Exec. Dir. of the Barrie Food Bank**

Karen started at Barrie Food Bank as a volunteer and then Manager, Fundraising and Donor Engagement. She became Executive Director in September 2024. She brought a 30-year career in the Grocery and Drug industry with companies such as Procter & Gamble, Loblaws, Shoppers Drug Mart and McKesson. We look forward to having her with us on March 8.



### **Spring Roast Beef Dinner**

Wednesday, March 11, 2026

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

Take-Out Times (4:30 & 5:30 pm) **\$30.00**

**Tickets available this Sunday at Worship Service  
or thru the Office at 705-734-0760**

# HAPPENINGS!

| Regular Weekly Activities: |  |
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| Mondays:                   | Healthy Aging Exercise – 10am Zoom   |
| Tuesdays:                  | Progressive Theology – 7:15 pm - Zoom  |
| Wednesdays:                | Bible Study – 9:30 am (starts Jan 7)<br>Men's Luncheon – 1 <sup>st</sup> Wed each month<br>– 12:00pm @ Casa Mia<br>Rhythm & Pitch Music Lessons – 4:00pm |
| Thursdays:                 | Healthy Aging Exercise – 10:00 am Zoom<br>Bible 101 – 6:30 pm<br>- <b>Next meeting: February 26<sup>th</sup></b><br>Choir Practice – 7:30 pm             |
| Fridays:                   | Grace Gamers – Last Fri of each Month<br>FFCE Movie Night – Last Fri of the Month  |

| Additional This Coming Week: |  |
|------------------------------|--|
| Feb 22                       | Sunday Worship – 10:30 am – <b>1<sup>st</sup> in Lent</b><br>- Baden Powell Day              |
| Feb 27                       | Grace Gamers – 1:00 pm   |
| Feb 28                       | <b>FFCE Youth Movie Afternoon</b> – 2:00 pm<br>(moved from Friday night)                     |
| Mar 1                        | Sunday Worship – 10:30 am – <b>2<sup>nd</sup> in Lent</b><br>Worship Team Meeting – 12:00 pm |

**New Members Welcome**

**Please contact Rev. Susan  
at 705-817-3402  
or [eagle.susan@ymail.com](mailto:eagle.susan@ymail.com)**

## OUTREACH TEAM:

Our need this week is: [Coffee & Regular Tea](#)

## SUNDAY SCHOOL CHALLENGE

The Sunday School children have challenged the adult members of the congregation to help them prepare Birthday Cake Boxes to be distributed at our Pantry and to be donated to the Barrie Food Bank. Each box will include a box of cake mix, a container of icing, a 12 oz. tin of Sprite or 7 Up, a box of candles and a birthday card. The children will collect the donated items and wrap them in a baking tin. They will be available to any guests at our pantry who are celebrating a birthday and the remainder will be donated to the Food Bank. Yes, you can bypass the prescribed oil and eggs recommended on the cake mix box and substitute the carbonated beverage! Tear off sheets are located on the collection box table. **See attached poster....**



## CLOTHING DONATIONS

Guests of our **Tuesday Morning Breakfast** struggle with the change in temps that require extra warm & dry clothing. **We are in desperate need of: socks, mitts, gloves, & hats!** Bring to the Office.

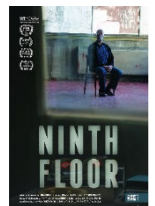
## JAM JARS

Could you please return any empty jam jars to the Church so Edith can begin prepping new jam jars.



## FFCE TEAM:

**MONTHLY MOVIE SERIES** - Saturday February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2 - 4:30 pm in the Oak Room. For February, which is Black History Month, we will view 'Ninth Floor', a documentary film that explores Canada's largest student occupation that occurred when a group of students in 1969 occupied a ninth floor computer lab in protest of their Montreal university's allegedly racist administration.



## **STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE:**

### **OFFICE USE DURING COUNTING AFTER CHURCH**

S & F team asks that no one enter the office after church while the counters are busy with the donations. Please do anything you need in the office prior to church service or after the counters are finished. The counters will be locking the door and an S & F member will assist anyone who needs something from the office during this half hour. Please respect their counting time.

Thanks for your cooperation, S & F Team

### **HOW TO GIVE AT GRACE**

Making a donation is easy: sign up for PAR or ask for offering envelopes. Grace has 4 categories: Local church expenses, Mission & Service, Building and Other (could be Memorial or Lent Loot, etc). Or you can give by e-transfer -- if you are unsure, we can give you a page with all the directions on it. If you need more church envelopes, write on your envelope this message or talk to Mary Greiner, Envelope Secretary, at church. Envelopes will be left for you on the table outside the office.

### **MOTHER'S DAY DESSERT SALE**

Coordinators are needed for this fundraising event on the Saturday before Mother's Day in May. Please contact Mary Greiner or Edith Elliot for more details.

## **CONGREGATION..... NEWS & NEEDS**

### **PURDYS - BUNNY GALORE!**



Again, we're teaming up with Purdys Chocolatier to fundraise for Grace United Church. Stock up on your favourite Purdy Easter treats and support Grace. The deadline is **Tues, March 10, 2026**. **Delivery is week of March 23rd**.

**To order: contact Edith Elliot at [eelliot1023@hotmail.com](mailto:eelliot1023@hotmail.com).**

### **Friday, February 27th - Fun and Finger Food**

Everyone is welcome to be a Grace Gamer and enjoy an afternoon of fun, finger food and friendly competition. Depending on how many gamers show up, we play various board games and are always ready to learn new ones. The fun begins at 1:00 pm in the Oak Room! Just bring a smile and a small contribution for the "snack wagon". For further information for this month's event, please contact Barb Charlebois at 705-728-6594 or Marian Harris at 705-721-5090.



## **Bulletin Board**

## **Community News**

**Barrie Food Bank Donations Gift**

Central Heating Barrie

**Taizé Prayer Service**

Feb 27 @ 7:30 pm

Westside Lutheran Church

**Lyrca Choir:**

**Made in Canada – Sacred Sounds**

Mar 28 @ 2:30 pm

Burton Ave UC

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### **CHURCH OFFICE HOURS**

**Monday to Friday • 10 am to 1 pm**

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