



Grace Weekly News

September 18, 2026

WORSHIP UPDATES FOR GRACE



SEASON OF CREATION

Sunday, Sept 20	10:30 am	Worship Service
Sunday, Sept 27	10:30 am	Sunday Worship – Orange Shirt Sunday Wear something Orange . (Orange Shirt Day – Sept 30)
Sunday, October 4	10:30 am	Worship Service - World Communion Sunday
	2:00 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!

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., Sept 20, 2026): press Enter.

Music concert performed by:

Gwyn Beaver & Angela Monaghan

Saturday, September 26, 2026 - 7:00 pm **\$25.**

An eclectic evening of Music

All proceeds to support Grace United Church

Tickets available at the Office or via QR Code.





Mayoral Candidates Meeting

Tuesday, Oct 6, 2026 - 7:00 – 9:00 pm

Doors open at 6:30 pm

Get ready for the upcoming municipal elections! CARP Barrie (Canadian Association of Retired Persons) is sponsoring a Question & Answer evening with the candidates for Barrie Mayor: Alex Nuttall, Tanya Saari, Russell Tighe and Kay Sayer. The event will be held at Grace United Church on October 6th, 2026 at 7pm. You are invited to attend.

CYBER FRAUD PREVENTION SEMINAR

Monday, October 19, 2026 from 7:00-9:00pm

Protect yourself against online and phone fraud. Detective Constable Neil Petersen of the Barrie Police Services will offer a visual presentation on protecting yourself, followed by a period of Q&A at Grace. For more information contact: Kathy Harrison at 705-717-0748.

Harvest Roast Beef Dinner - Wednesday, Oct 28/26

\$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.



Roast Beef, 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 info.

HAPPENINGS!

Regular Weekly Activities:

Mondays:	Healthy Aging Exercise – 10:00 am Zoom
Tuesdays:	Progressive Theology – 7:15 pm
Wednesdays:	Bible Study – 9:30 am Men's Lunch – 1 st Wed each Month- 12pm R & P Lessons – 4:00 pm
Thursdays:	Healthy Aging Exercise – 10:00 am Zoom Bible 101 – 6:30 pm – Done until Oct. Choir Practice – 7:30 pm
Fridays:	Grace Gamers – Restart Sept 25 1pm

Additional This Coming Week:

Sept 20	Sunday Worship Service – 10:30 am
Sept 24	Third Age Barrie – Bob Rae – 1:30 pm
Sept 25	Grace Gamers – Season Restart – 1:00 pm
Sept 26	GWYN BEAVER et al CONCERT – 7:00 pm
Sept 27	Sunday Worship – 10:30 am - Wear orange for Orange Shirt Day (30 th)

OUTREACH TEAM:

Our need this week is: **Coffee & Pasta & Sauce**

Annual Food Pantry Giveaway – Tues, Oct. 6, 2026

For our Thanksgiving giveaway we would appreciate any items on our list (attached & outside the Office) – to be received by Sunday, October 4th. We thank you from the bottom of our hearts for all you do. It is truly appreciated.
Edith

Cold Weather Clothing Needs!

It's that time of year again... we need to build up our clothing supplies for the homeless. Please think about donating any of the following: socks, underwear, gloves, shoes, boots, carry-all bags, etc.

Needs of our Neighbours

From time-to-time, we hear about items or help that would benefit our neighbours.

If you can assist, please let us know.

- Accordion

STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE:

Financial Update

The income for August was \$44,663.45 and the expenses were \$30,351.44. The surplus for August is \$14,312.01. YTD Surplus is \$8,268.44. The income in August was inflated by the receipt of a one-time grant from Shining Waters for \$29,000. This was to offset 2025 expenses for roof insulation, a new heat pump and windows. This has brought us into a surplus, but without this grant we would be running a YTD deficit \$15,731.56.

Fundraising Update

Volunteers are needed to help with the Sept 26th concert - we are looking for baking and volunteers to help serve refreshments at the September 26th fundraising concert. Please see Sign up sheets in the Narthex.

PROPERTY TEAM:

Help Needed:

The Property Team is looking for people with specific talents:

- Someone who can repair sheet metal (there is damage to the car port)
- Someone who would help with the weeding in all our gardens.

Please call the Office (705-734-0760) or Ben Helmond (705-796-8558)

Save the Date:



Fabulous Food Fair & Craft Market 9am - 12pm Saturday, November 14, 2026

Set up day for craft people: Fri. Nov. 13 from 10 am-3 pm -- this includes accepting all baking on this day. Calling bakers and soup makers - start looking up recipes: bread, cookies, tarts, squares, homemade pies of all kinds. Soup Makers: if you'd like to have a meeting, contact Mary.

We need jam jars for chili sauce - please bring in for Mary Hirons. (no pints, just cup jars, please).

Craft People have been contacted and confirmed for this event -- 11 craft tables of wonderful things for Christmas gift giving.

Pass the word on your social media!

Contact Mary Greiner at 705-739-7111 or chickadee27@bell.net for more information.



FREE Family Hallowe'en Party Friday, October 30, 2026 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*

CONGREGATION..... NEWS & NEEDS

A big **THANK YOU** to everyone who helped make our Welcome Back BBQ a success.

From setting up in Memorial Hall, to the BBQ crew, to everyone who brought food, those who helped organize in the kitchen and helpers with the clean up afterwards.

The Congregational Life team appreciates your efforts and thank you.

GRACE GAMERS - Friday, Sept 25

We will gather in the Oak Room at **1:00 pm** to enjoy friends
and share our summer stories.

Hope to see you then, Anne Walton 705 722 8957

**Bulletin Board****Community News**

Walk a Mile in Her Shoes	Sept 19 @ 12:00 pm	Southshore Centre, Barrie
Terry Fox Run	Sept 20 @ 9:00 am	Centennial Park, Barrie
River Run Rally <i>by the Grassy Narrows First Nation</i>	Sept 23 @ 12:00 pm	Toronto, ON
Speaker Series: Fall Mix – Global Turbulence: - Reclaiming Sovereignty in Ruptured World Sept 24 @ 1:30 pm <i>Bob Rae</i> - The Iran War & Int'l (Dis)order Sept 29 @ 1:30 pm <i>Dr. Jack Cunningham</i> - Cda's Past & Future in Latin America Oct 6 @ 1:30 pm <i>Dr. Donald Kingsbury</i> - Taiwan, Canada & Global Democ. Project Oct 13 @ 1:30 pm <i>George Takach</i> - Schicksalsgemeinschaft: Why NATO's Oct 20 @ 1:30 pm allies are key to defending CDN <i>Dr. Christian Leuprecht</i> - Global Health in a Changing Landscape Oct 27 @ 1:30 pm <i>Meg French</i>		Third Age Barrie (at Grace United Church) Register at: www.thirdagebarrie.ca
Barrie County Chordsmen: Solid Gold	Sept 26 @ 2:00 pm	Hi-Way Church, Barrie
United We Float – Fall Colours Cruise	Oct 3 @ 1:00 pm	Tickets thru NWBUC

New Congregational Directory - Available in the Office

Available in the Office (Monday-Friday, 9am–1pm)

Rev. Susan Eagle • 705.817.3402 • 705.792.9267 • susaneagle@graceucc.ca

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 contact Barb Mercer at 705-728-6734, barbara.mercer@sympatico.ca.