**Nov. 1, 2020**

In the interest of public health, **most in-person gatherings at Grace**, including public worship, meetings and rentals have been moved online or suspended. Access to the church building is limited. Our Staff continue to work from home offices.

**This Week at Grace**

**SUNDAY Worship Service with Prayer Candles 10:30 am** [www.graceunitedthornbury.ca/live](http://www.graceunitedthornbury.ca/live) **Coffee Time** *(Zoom)* **11:20-ish am**

**MONDAY Worship Committee Meeting** *(Zoom)* **10:00 am**
**TUESDAY
WEDNESDAY Prayerful Ministry** *(Zoom)* **4:00 pm
THURSDAY**

**FRIDAY**

**SATURDAY**

**SUNDAY Nov. 8th Grace Remembers: 10:30 am**

 **A Special Remembrance Day Service** [www.graceunitedthornbury.ca/live](http://www.graceunitedthornbury.ca/live)

  **Coffee Time** *(Zoom)* **11:20-ish am**

**Upcoming Meeting:** Board Meeting. Nov. 16 at 8:00 pm

**Call for Children and Youth: Story Writers, Voice Actors** - **Grace UC 2020 Pageant**

**The Story:** A time-travelling 18th century governess and her horse meet two young people Christmas Eve during the 2020 pandemic, and they end up at a stable in Bethlehem. **We will meet by zoom twice** *(video and/or phone)***.**

*Story-building: early-mid November -* Open to children and youth who will provide ideas to fill in the storyline. After this meeting, Rev. Thérèse will turn the story into a script.

*Recording the pageant: Late November-early December*

Open to children, youth and adults who will read through the script. Rev. Thérèse will put the voice recordings together with photos of the characters. **The skit will air** in a special service on *December 20, (the last Sunday before Christmas).*

**If you and/or your child are interested** please contact Rev. Thérèse **no later than Fri. Nov. 6, 2020.**

**If you want to know more**, talk to Rev. Thérèse at 705-351-4610 or rev.tess@graceunitedthornbury.ca

**Sad News:** It is with deep sadness that we share the passing on Oct 22nd of Lee Leedham, a long time member of Grace.
She was a resident at Errinrung and received regular pastoral visits from Grace.

May her family and friends find comfort in knowing that Grace is holding them in prayer during this time.

For the obituary click on this link <https://fergusonfuneralhomes.ca/obituary/doris-leona-lee-leedham/>

**COVID 19 Safety Commission Meeting** was held this week. The members discussed ways in which we can support individuals or groups of our Grace family.

If anyone has a creative idea for fundraising that is approved by the Church Board, the commission is willing to assist with safety guidelines and protocols to continue to keep Grace members’ safety and health uppermost in our decision making. ~Marg Tirpkoff

Next Commission Mtg. - Nov. 23 at 2:00 pm

**Roots & Wings Hymn Service** This is a service of music and memories that will be presented during the **November 22**, Sunday morning service. We will hold the persons remembered or the event celebrated in our thoughts and prayers.

**Yesterday is but today’s memory, and tomorrow is today’s dream.**~*Khalil Gibran*

The people of Thornbury had a dream... 140 years ago they laid the cornerstones for two new churches.  Grace United Church has a firm foundation that has been added to and changed as the years’ pass.  In 1967 the congregation of Grace dreamed, planned and completed a renovation and update of this building [Click Here](https://www.graceunitedthornbury.ca/df_media/W1siZiIsIjIwMjAvMTAvMzAvMDgvMjYvNDEvOGE3NmFiZTctM2I4OC00N2U0LTgyNjAtYTMyYzRkMjMzMzcxL05vdiAxLTIwMjAgUGhvdG9zIGZyb20gMTk2NyBtZW1vcnkgYm9vay5wZGYiXV0/Nov%201-2020%20Photos%20from%201967%20memory%20book.pdf?sha=1b14d3f94874af8f) for link to history photos. ~ Stewardship and Finance Committee

**Green Team:**The Municipality of Meaford has discontinued the pick up of film plastic (plastic bags) in the recycling. Grey Highlands still takes film plastic. If you know someone in Grey Highlands ask them if they will take your plastic bags or
talk to Norine Baron, who lives in Grey Highlands.  For now you can also contact
Diana Dolmer (519-599-6457) and she will hold your plastic to give to Norine.

**Gifts with Vision** giving catalogue has just been released! Watch for your copy in the mail or in Broadview magazine. You can also browse the new selection of world-changing gifts online. Take a look! [https://giftswithvision.ca](https://giftswithvision.ca/%22%20%5Ct%20%22_blank)

 **If you know of anyone from Grace in the hospital,** please let Rev. Thérèse know

**Joys & Concerns:** Additions or changes, please contact Marilyn Parkin.
For contact information, see Joys and Concerns.

**Facemasks:** Still available in all sizes. Contact Thérèse

**IN AND AROUND THE COMMUNITY**

**Girl Guide Cookies:** 1st Thornbury Guiding Units would appreciate your support by purchasing your Chocolate Mint Cookies **through us**.  They are $5 a box.  If you call Shirley Woolner at 519 599 3968, she will reserve your cookies.  We hope to have ours within 2 weeks.  Cookies purchased at Foodland do not support local units, but Girl Guides across Canada.  I’d love to hear from you! ~Shirley Woolner

**The Bighead River Foodgrains Project** hosted a live concert at Knox Presbyterian Church in Meaford on Sunday Oct. 18 featuring Naomi Bristow to raise funds for Canadian Foodgrains Bank. This concert is being rebroadcast as an online Virtual World Food Day Concert **on Nov. 1 at 7:00 p.m.** and can be reached at [www.foodgrainsbank.ca/world-food-day-concert](http://www.foodgrainsbank.ca/world-food-day-concert).  Naomi, a talented country and country gospel singer from Beeton, ON  also includes a few yodeling numbers in her repertoire.  With the tremendous need in the world and the inability of many Foodgrains growing projects to host fundraising events this year, we encourage everyone to come together, enjoy this online concert and raise funds for this worthy organization.

**The Bighead River Foodgrains Project** is hosting a fundraiser on **Sunday, November 15th** “Feed Yourself Feed the World” which is a Roast Beef takeout dinner from Chez Gilles. To reserve a meal, call one of the following numbers:  519-538-9262, 519-538-9032, 519-377-8428. Pickup will be 5:00 – 6:00 pm at 82 Sykes St. N., Meaford on Sunday Nov 15th.  All meals are by donation. The menu includes roast beef, mashed potatoes & gravy, mixed vegetables, garden salad and dessert.

Funds raised go towards the Canadian Foodgrains Bank mission to end global hunger.

See the poster attached to this week’s e-blast

**Public Transit to the Town of the Blue Mountains!**Learn all about the new bus service. **Phone into the Seniors Centre Without Walls on TUES. Oct. 27 at 2 p.m. to hear all the details of the new service from our Guest speaker, Stephanie Stewart, Manager of Community Transportation, Grey County!** It’s easy to join the Seniors Centre Without Walls.  All you need is your telephone; no computer, no internet.**Just before 2 p.m. call 1 866 279 1594 and when prompted by the message, put in the pass code 852340**

Please call Answers4Seniors , 519 599 2577, ext. 6 for more information and to register for this Seniors Centre Without Walls information session or e-mail to seniors@bvo.ca

We look forward to welcoming you to BVOs newest program, Seniors Center Without Walls, and to bringing you information about the transportation that we’ve all been waiting for! ~ Pam McDermid for the Answers4Seniors team

**St. Paul’s Presbyterian Church, Thornbury,** is looking for a part time office administrator and also a part time custodian. Duties to commence January 2021.  Complete job descriptions available upon request: email stpaulsthornbury@gmail.com.

**VON** offer the next **Bereavement Sessions**.Programs are offered virtually by Zoom or telephone. Contact: **Ingrid Bell MSW** Bereavement Support Coordinator T: 519-376-5895 ext.260

**The Grey Bruce Poverty Task Force** (Coordinated through the United Way), has put together community resources during the COVID-19 Response. These documents are being updated almost daily. <https://povertytaskforce.com/covid-19-community-resources/> Caroline Araujo Abbotts is the Financial Literacy Program Co-ordinator.

**General Information**

Your Church Staff are working from home. Phone messages will be checked regularly.

**Office Administrator:** Monday & Friday 9 – 5. Leave a message at 519-599-2993 or email accounting@graceunitedthornbury.ca.

**Office Volunteers** are in from 9:00 – 12:00 Friday mornings.

If you have an announcement, email Rosemary accounting@graceunitedthornbury.ca before 9:00 am Friday. In the email subject line, please type “Announcement”. We will also be answering phones and working on other small projects.

**Minister contact**: email rev.tess@graceunitedthornbury.ca or 705-351-4610. Tuesday is her day off, but she is available for emergency pastoral care 7 days a week.

**Know anyone who needs a card from Grace?** We like to let our congregants know we are thinking of them during times of illness, bereavement and on special occasions too. Please keep our Pastoral Care Team informed.
Contact Teddi Murray 705-445-3195 or teddimurray@gmail.com

**Someone in the Hospital?** If you, a family member or someone you know in the congregation is hospitalized, please let Rev. Thérèse know.

**Sunday Services Online:** *Additional Information*

Go to [www.graceunitedthornbury.ca/live](http://www.graceunitedthornbury.ca/live)

Worship starts at 10:30, but sign on early and contact tech support if you have trouble.

See the countdown timer near the top of the page (or if you get there after 10:30, it will say there is a Live Stream in progress). Click the Chat button to join the chat. Type in your name and click “continue”, or you will display as ‘Guest. Order of service and hymns will be there too.

***No picture? -*** At 10:30, **after** the countdown gets to 0, you may have to click on the video screen to start the service.
***No sound?*** You may have to **un-mute** (click on the speaker icon).

***Still not working?*** Try the direct YouTube link.

***Need help?*** Rev. Thérèse will be available at 10 am: phone or text 705-351-4610, or phone 519-599-2993 *Do not hesitate to call…* The service is pre-recorded.
We are at home watching, so a phone call will not interrupt the service!  ***Check out the past services Playlist at***  [www.graceunitedthornbury.ca/live](http://www.graceunitedthornbury.ca/live).

**COFFEE TIME** is a separate Zoom gathering at about 11:20ish, after the Live Stream. For the link or for help phoning in, contact the Minister 705-351-4610 or rev.tess@graceunitedthornbury.ca .

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