

# Grace United Church

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"A church with heart in the heart of the community."



*Stay with us through the night. Stay with us through the pain.*

*Stay with us, blessed stranger 'till the morning breaks again.*

These words from Walter Farquharson and Ron Klusmeier's hymn "Stay With Us" (Voices United #182) capture a powerful moment in the lives of two of the disciples on Easter. They are walking to Emmaus. They have felt the crushing defeat of Jesus' crucifixion and are now living in their own suffering. A stranger walks and talks with them about all that they have experienced. In a pivotal moment they invite the stranger to stay with them. Soon they will find the blessed stranger is the risen Christ when bread is broken and a meal is shared. Soon they will experience Resurrection breaking into their lives.

This year we are invited to join together to celebrate the Holy Triduum. This ancient Christian practice, also called The Three Days begins with Maundy Thursday and flows into Easter Sunday. From 6:45 to 7:15 p.m. on April 18<sup>th</sup> we will share in worship as we listen to the stories of the Exodus and Jesus' Last Supper and share in Holy Communion remembering how God feeds us for all the journeys that life brings. At 10:30 a.m. on Friday April 19<sup>th</sup> we will be remembering Jesus' crucifixion and offering to God all of the places of pain and suffering that fill our lives and our world. On Sunday April 20<sup>th</sup> we will be celebrating Christ's resurrection as the choir shares a condensed version of Walter Farquharson and Ron Klusmeier's Easter Cantata "Stay With Us" during our worship service.

The power of the Holy Triduum is that it not only marks the full story of Jesus' death and resurrection but it also touches upon the fullness of our life and of our world. It leads us slowly through the realisation that God gives us strength to enter into pain and brokenness and reminds us that in the end God's love, peace, and justice will always prevail. Like those two disciples who have walked the road to Emmaus we too will find the Blessed Stranger walking with us on all the roads of life.

Blessings, Micol



Canadian Foodgrains Bank  
A fundraising and awareness event to support an end to global hunger

**Sunday, April 21**  
**10:30 am**

GRACE UNITED CHURCH  
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There are no tickets for this event, but attendees will be asked to make a generous donation to support ending global hunger. Canadian Foodgrains Bank receives 100% of donations received and issues tax receipts for donations of \$10 or more.

There will be an opportunity to learn more about Canadian aid and how you can support a more generous and compassionate Canada.

Common Vision is an initiative of Canadian Foodgrains Bank and Muskoka.



**Stay with Us**  
A Cantata for the Easter Season  
based on the Emmaus Walk story

Lyrics by  
WALTER FARQUHARSON  
Music by  
RON KLUSMEIER

ROAD TO EMMANUEL by MIKE TORREVELL



**Grey & Bruce**  
**HIKE FOR HOSPICE**  
SUNDAY MAY 5TH, 2019

hospice  
OF GREY BRUCE INC.

DONATE • PLEDGE • HIKE

**Hanover Park - 1 p.m.**

The following people in our congregation are participating and have pledge sheets. They hope for your support:

- Cathy McCartney
- Tammy Weller
- Kathi Maskell
- John Hardy
- Donna Gaasenbeek
- Lynn Boulianne
- Faye Moore
- Leone Kaster
- Doug Kaufman
- Sylvia Stewart
- Bob Schreinert
- Dana Howes
- Colleen Price
- Susan Krueger

Tax receipts are given for donations of \$20 or more.

Come join us for an afternoon of music and enjoyment with Jim Skarnikat of

**Jimmy's**  
**OLD TIME RADIO SHOW**

Wednesday, May 15, 2019  
2 - 3 p.m.  
Valleyview Recreation Room  
Refreshments to follow  
Free will offering to go towards senior programs at Grace United Church.



**Easter Egg Hunt**

Sunday, April 21<sup>st</sup>  
Please have children with baskets/pails meet in the C.E. Hall at 10:15 a.m.

Spring Connection Luncheon  
May 7 noon

Spiritual Care is conducting its Meat Sale Fundraiser again. Order your meat from Harriston Packing for the barbeque. Return order forms no later than May 5th. Pick up will be Saturday, May 25, 10 - 10:30 am.

**Save the Date!**

June 15

books  
Plants  
Trunk Sale  
Bake Table

**Walk & Talk**

May 9  
May 23  
June 6  
June 20

Meet in the church parking lot at 9:30 a.m.



Tuesday, June 11, 2019

5 – 7 p.m.

Adults - \$18 Children 12 and under - \$5

Tickets available in early May

Take Out Available



### REVERSE OFFERING

The Food Bank has a special need for the following items from our reverse offering suggestions:

- Salt and pepper shaker sets
- Small dish soaps
- Hand can opener
- Shampoo and soaps from hotel rooms
- Tooth brushes
- Wash cloths
- Hand towels
- Icing for birthday cakes

The offering plate will be sent around on Sunday, April 14 & 21. Bring items for collection on April 28<sup>th</sup>. Last fall you donated an amazing 1, 349 pounds of goods for the Salvation Army Food Bank. Do you think we can surpass our last drive? The challenge is on!

## GET THE SCOOP!

### ON PLANNED LEGACY GIVING



- Annuities
- Bequests
- Gifts of Life Insurance

- Cash Gifts
- Wills
- Gifts of Real Estate



Presented by Rev Dave Jagger  
Stewardship & Gifts Officer of the United Church of Canada

**WHEN: April 28, 2019**

11:30 Free lunch – 12:45 Presentation

**WHERE: Grace United Church, Hanover**

310 12<sup>th</sup> Street Hanover, Ontario

**REGISTRATION:** required by April 18, 2019 – contact Laurel at 519-364-3550 or email: [graceuc@wightman.ca](mailto:graceuc@wightman.ca)

Sponsored by the Stewardship Committee of Grace United Church, Hanover

# WORSHIP WITH US

- May 5      Masons will be participating in the service. Messy Church, 2-4 p.m.
- May 12     Christian Family Sunday
- May 26     Canadian Food Grains Bank Sunday  
Doug Norman speaking on Haiti
- June 2      Messy Church, 2-4 p.m.
- June 9      Pentecost & Union Sunday  
Communion





## Merry Church has returned!

Future dates: May 5<sup>th</sup> and June 2<sup>nd</sup>

Time: 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Merry Church is a chance for families to have fun, explore faith and enjoy a potluck meal. There will be crafts, games, stories, songs, free play and family dinner time.

All are welcome!



Silver Lake United Church Camp near Kinloss is now taking online registration for summer camps. The camps fill up quickly. So check out the Silver Lake Camp website at <https://silverlakecamp.ca>

Contact the church office with your child(ren)'s confirmed registration to receive grant money for 2/3 of the camp registration fees. The grant money is funded by the Christian Development Committee and the Charles & Olive Wright Youth Trust.



# Affirm/S'affirmer UNITED/ENSEMBLE

Happy Easter! The Affirm Committee is getting excited as we're coming up to the new date for our vote, June 9th, 2019. We

are asking all members and adherents to please attend church on June 9th as we will be conducting the vote following the service. Also, we are holding another Question and Answer Town Hall on Sunday, May 26th after Canadian Foodgrains Bank Sunday. I encourage you to attend and have your questions and concerns answered.

In the coming months, we will be bringing forward an updated Mission Statement and Action Plan going forward.

I also wanted to bring your attention to the materials we have at the back of the church sanctuary for more information on Affirming and the voting process. If you would like more information in a digital format I encourage you to check out the Affirm United Website: <https://www.affirmunited.ca/>

We also wanted to share the recent news story and results of the Affirming vote of St. Paul's United in Perth, Ontario. Please see the story here: <https://www.insideottawavalley.com/news-story/9192495-perth-s-st-paul-s-united-church-becomes-an-affirm-church-opening-doors-to-lgbt-faithful/>

If you do have questions in the meantime please reach out to me.

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The Ministry and Personel Committee would like to thank all our staff at Grace United for a productive start to 2019. We would also like to let the families of Grace know that we are actively searching for a Children and Youth Minster and hope to have someone in the position soon. More details as the search continues.

Also a very big thank you to all the committees and volunteers at Grace United! Without you, a lot of things just plain wouldn't happen at Grace United Church. We sure are a church with a heart in the heart of the community. Happy Easter!

Adam Olivero - Chair, Ministry and Personel Committee