



Thornbury, Ontario
Grace United Church
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October 10, 2021

With the recent changes to public health protocols, some in-person gatherings at Grace will commence. Some meetings will continue online until further notice. Access to the church building continues to be limited.

This Week at Grace

SUNDAY Oct 10 **Thanksgiving Worship Service** – welcome back! **10:30 am**
<https://www.graceunitedthornbury.ca/live>
Soloist: Marianne Zinn
Scripture Reader: Mike Weller
No Coffee Hour until further notice

MONDAY **Happy Thanksgiving** – office closed

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY **Prayerful Ministry** (Zoom) **10:30 am**

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

SUNDAY Oct 17 **Seekers – Leader Orleen Anderson** **9:00 am**
Worship Service: In Person **10:30 am**

<https://www.graceunitedthornbury.ca/live>
Birthday Sunday: will be celebrated in the service
No Coffee Hour until further notice

Upcoming Meetings: **Safety Commission Meeting – Oct 18 @ 10:00 am** (Zoom)
Board Meeting – Oct 18 @ 7:00 pm (Zoom)

We Are Back! We are excited to return to in-person worship services this **Thanksgiving Sunday**. You should have received the special e-blast including the procedures to follow and instructions for signing up to attend a service. If you don't have a copy, please contact the church office. All services will continue to be live-streamed each Sunday morning and you may continue to worship by going to the website and clicking on this link: [graceunitedthornbury.ca/live](https://www.graceunitedthornbury.ca/live)

Joys and Concerns: Please contact Rev. Christine Smaller by Friday morning with any updates to be included in the weekly e-blast. Phone 1-416-578-4551 or email revcsmaller@gmail.com

Church Update: In order to keep everyone safe and feeling comfortable in their work environment, when coming to the church please **call ahead** or pre-book a time with Rosemary. We can make sure that COVID protocols are being followed at all times and that our church continues to be a safe environment to work. When at the church we continue to distance, wear masks at all times and sanitize following the self-screening at all entrances. Sanitizing in the building remains the same for safe practices. Thank you for your co-operation.

Seekers discussion group is meeting October 17, 9 am in the Lower Hall at Grace. This is good news! We look forward to you joining. The article we will be discussing is in the Oct/Nov Broadview, page 16, **Wild and Sacred** by *Josiah Neufeld*. <https://broadview.org/> The article is about Victoria Looz. She started Church of the Wild and co-founded the Wild Church Network, and authored the book **Church of the Wild: How Nature Invites Us into the Sacred**.

Prayerful Ministry is continuing to meet with Body and Soul group from First United on the second and fourth Wednesdays until the end of October. To book a session please call or text Marilyn Parkin at 226-668-9628.

Green Team Projects: Recycle your plastic film and save your used postage stamps: <https://www.graceunitedthornbury.ca/what-we-do/faith-formation-and-justice-programs/pages/green-team>

Toronto United Church Council 13th Annual: Heart & Vision Oct 18th 7-8:15pm Register at <https://heartandvision2021.eventbrite.ca> to receive the streaming link or contact Ali Hayes 905-771-5124 ext.31 orali@tucc.ca for more information.

Western Ontario Waterways Regional Council, UCC

Racial Justice Training, Community Vaccine Champion Volunteers & Nov. Events <https://mailchi.mp/united-church/septembernews2wowrc?e=0cc01af6f4>

God's Mission our Gifts – October newsletter: click on this link <https://mailchi.mp/united-church/gods-mission-our-gifts-1046819?e=b10aef3913>

United Church Bookstore: Adventures in Faith & Family is now available. <https://mailchi.mp/ucrdstore/united-church-bookstore-1046731?e=b10aef3913>

E-ssentials: Election Resources, Called to Be the Church, Centennial Celebrations Committee, and more. <https://mailchi.mp/united-church/es210907?e=b10aef3913>



In and Around the Community

Amnesty meets on Oct. 12 at 7 pm (Zoom)

BVO - Senior's Centre Without Walls: For information contact Pamela McDermid at 519-599-2577, ext. 6, or email seniors@bvo.ca

VON Grey Bruce: Bereavement Support Groups:

Drop-in Chats: occur on Zoom every second Tuesday at 9:30 am. Call to register or email www.von.ca

Bereavement Support Groups: Begins weekly Wed. Sept 22 (10 am –12 pm) and Thurs. Oct 14 (6 pm – 8 pm)

One to One Peer Bereavement Supports: telephone support by trained volunteers

Mindfulness & Grief Webinar Series: starts Sept 27th 10 am -11:30 am

Virtual Support Groups for Specific Losses: Death by Suicide, Addiction, Medical Assisted or Child - Tuesdays 6:30 pm – 8 pm by zoom. For more information or to register for any of the above: Ingrid Bell 519-376-5895 ext. 260 or Ingrid.bell@von.ca

NEW ONLINE APHA PROGRAM in Southern Georgian Bay: If you are not familiar with Alpha I encourage you to check out this promotional video

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fViYK_Xb3Wg Alpha is designed for the skeptic or the new believer. Alpha is a place where space is created for honest, open authentic dialogue to explore the big questions of faith, life and God. We are starting another online Alpha program, **Wednesday October 6th**. If you are interested contact www.alphacanada.org



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 519-599-2438 or email accounting@graceunitedthornbury.ca.

Office Volunteers are working 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.

Volunteer email address is volunteer@graceunitedthornbury.ca.

Minister contact: The minister, Reverend Christine Smaller, can be reached at 1-416-578-4551 or by email at revcsmaller@gmail.com

Website Updates: If there are updates or changes needed for the Grace Website, please make sure requests are sent to Rosemary accounting@graceunitedthornbury.ca by Thursday evening. Webmaster will update the website ASAP. If your request is urgent, please make it known in the subject line.

GUC Zoom Meeting Bookings: If you need to use the church zoom account to schedule meetings, we will refer to it as the **ZOOM ROOM**. Like any other meeting space bookings, contact Rosemary through e-mail at accounting@graceunitedthornbury.ca to arrange, or for questions about scheduling the Zoom Room. To avoid delays, please arrange on Monday or Friday when Rosemary is at her desk.

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

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

Sunday Services Online: Additional Information

Go to 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, click on the video screen to start service.

No sound? You may have to **un-mute** (click on the speaker icon).

Still not working? Try the direct YouTube link.

Need help? A tech assistant will be available at 10 am. Please check the weekly e-blast for tech. contact information. *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.

COFFEE TIME is a separate Zoom at 11:15ish, after the Live Stream.

Check eblast for link and /or assistance.

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