

▲ **this week at grace** ▲

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<p>Sunday, April 15 10:00am Worship, Communion, & Youth Worship 2:00pm Worship at Fairwinds</p>	<p>Thursday, April 19 9:30am Badminton 9:30am LST 1:00pm Mat Yoga 2:15pm Chair Yoga 7:00pm Grace Choir</p>
<p>Monday, April 16 8:30am Quilters 1:00pm Bridge</p>	<p>Friday, April 20 9:00am L4L 9:30am Badminton 5:00pm Family Connection</p>
<p>Tuesday, April 17 9:30am Badminton</p>	<p>Sunday, April 21 10:00am Worship & Youth Worship</p>
<p>Wednesday, April 18 8:30am Quilters 9:00am Men's Small Grp 9:30am Badminton 10:00am Congregation Care & Growth 1:15pm Stitchers</p>	

▲ **worship ministry**

Fairwinds Lodge. You are invited to bring your singing voice to the

Fairwinds Lodge worship service Sun. April 15 at 2:00pm.

▲ inreach ministry ▲

AOTS Fertilizer. Orders due by April 14 and delivered on April 17. Forms are available from the office or any AOTS member.

Outreach meeting has been moved to Mon. April 16 at 7:00pm, in the Friendship Room.

Family Connection. Hey kids, bring the family for dinner on Fri. April. 20 at 6:00pm, followed by friendly, yet potentially competitive family games. Let your parents know we'll be done by 9:00pm. Please RSVP to the Grace office at 519-542-1203 or office@graceucsarnia.com

Guess Who's Coming to Dinner. On Sat. April 28 we will be having our sixth annual "Guess Who's Coming to Dinner?" evening. For only \$10 you can get a ticket for a fun evening, a nice dinner and an opportunity to meet more people from your church. On April. 28, meet in Rm. 1 at 6:00pm to find out your destination. Tickets are available from the office. If you would like to be a host, please contact Bev Walkling, bevwalking@hotmail.com

The next AOTS Breakfast Meeting will be held on Sun. April 29, 8:00am, in the gym. Jane Anema, from the Sarnia Community Foundation, will be our featured speaker. All are welcome to attend.

A reminder to all When parking on the street adjacent to Grace please be courteous to our neighbours and follow the parking bylaws regarding distance to driveways.

Thank You On behalf of all of us who at Grace who received flowers in recognition of our losses thank you, the congregation, for your thoughtfulness. The work of the organizers and transporters is appreciated.

Thank you Thank you also to the AOTS for an impressive dinner and entertainment provided for the church ladies. It was a wonderful Valentine's celebration!

▲ outreach ministry ▲

Soup Luncheon. Donations received at the April 15 soup luncheon will go to Habitat for Humanity who is building a 5 unit seniors residence on Guthrie Drive. Envelopes are in the bulletin this week for your convenience.

The United Church Observer April 15 is the last day to order the Observer Questions? Please See or Call Edna Dent, 519-542-4578.

▲ teaching ministry ▲

Grace Parent Connection happens immediately after worship on select Sundays. Bring the family for free lunch, followed by activities for the kids and an informal workshop and discussion for parents. The next one is Sun. Apr. 22. Go deeper into the Shanker self-regulation method that equips parents to reframe their child's "problematic behaviours" as stress indicators, identify and reduce the child's stressors, and equip the child and self with self-regulation strategies.

▲ proclamation ministry ▲

Jolt Night Fri. April 27. Youth in grades 4 to 8 meet at the church usually the fourth Friday of each month from 7:00pm to 9:00pm to enjoy high energy, outrageous recreational activities. Bring your friends, bring a toonie, and be sure to wear running shoes. Contact Pat at pat@graceucsarnia.com to be put on the Jolt email list.

▲ governance & support ▲

Holidays. Brad Morrison will be on holidays and study leave April 9 to 22. Lori Armstrong will be on holidays April 9 to 22. Carrie Brescia will be covering the office this week on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday.

Grace Notes Deadline. Please have your submissions by Apr. 23.

▲ partners in ministry ▲

The Sarnia Justice Film Festival will be showing *After Spring* on Sat. April 14 at 7:00pm, at the Sarnia Library Theatre. Filmmakers Steph Ching and Ellen Martinez witness the Syrian refugee crisis by following two families in transition and an aid worker fighting to keep a refugee

camp running.

A Conversation About Suicide. Tues. April 17, 7:00pm at St. Giles. Understanding the mind of someone who may be contemplating suicide is important for us to learn if we are to be of help. Cheryl Waters IWLC will take you on a journey through the thoughts and perceptions of someone who may be thinking of taking their own life. During the evening she will explore three key ideas that are present and would lead someone to act on life threatening thoughts. Join us for an in-depth conversation about suicide. Contact Suzanne: 519-542-2253, stgilespresbyterian@cogeco.net to indicate your presence.

Rayjon Rayjon & DeGroots are partnering again to raise funds for Rayjon's Haiti projects. From Friday June 1st until Sunday June 3rd, DeGroots will sell beautiful 10", red or pink hanging Dipladenia plants that attract both butterflies and hummingbirds. Cost is \$25 per plant. Rayjon volunteers will be on hand to sell these plants from 8-8 on Friday, Saturday 8-6 and Sunday 9-4 Please bring the DeGroots planter post card that you will receive in the mail in late May to purchase a plant. Payment via cash, chq or credit card. NO debit. This is a great opportunity for both our community & Rayjon. To volunteer for a 3 or 4-hour shift, call Dianne @ 519 862 1963

Benefit Concert Friday April 27, 2018.at Grace United Church
Featuring Blake Stevenson – Clarinet, David Schreiner – Bassoon, Val Schmidt – Piano. Guest Artists Frank Brennan and Karen Williams on Clarinet. Free will donations received for Life's Seasons Care & Support www.lifesseasons.org

April 2018

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<p>1 Easter Sunday 10:00 Worship & Youth Worship</p>	<p>2 Easter Monday Building Closed</p>	<p>3 9:30 Badminton</p>	<p>4 8:30 Quilters 9:00 L4L 9:00 Men's Small Group 9:30 Badminton 1:15 Stitchers 7:00 Council</p>	<p>5 9:30 Badminton 10:00 Senior's Drop In 10:00 AOTS Executive 1:00 Mat Yoga 2:15 Chair Yoga 7:00 Grace Choir</p>	<p>6 9:00 L4L 9:30 Badminton</p>	<p>7</p>
<p>8 10:00 Worship, Communion & Youth Worship 2:00 Worship at Rosewood 2:30 Anne Bokma Workshop 5:30 Youth Group</p>	<p>9 8:30 Quilters 9:30 Badminton 1:00 Bridge</p>	<p>10 9:30 Badminton 12:00 Adult Fellowship</p>	<p>11 8:30 Quilters 9:00 Men's Small Group 9:30 Badminton 1:15 Stitchers 4:00 Growth & Giving</p>	<p>12 9:30 Badminton 1:00 Mat Yoga 2:15 Chair Yoga 7:00 Grace Choir</p>	<p>13 9:00 L4L 9:30 Badminton</p>	<p>14</p>
<p>15 10:00 Worship & Youth Worship 11:15 Soup Luncheon 2:00 Worship at Fairwinds</p>	<p>16 8:30 Quilters 9:30 Badminton 1:00 Bridge 1:30 Helen McKay Unit 6:30 Communications 7:00 Outreach</p>	<p>17 9:15 UCW Executive 9:30 Badminton 10:00 Finance 12:00 Unit C 7:00 M & P</p>	<p>18 8:30 Quilters 9:00 L4L 9:00 Men's Small Group 9:30 Badminton 10:00 CC & G 1:15 Stitchers 7:00 Worship</p>	<p>19 9:30 Badminton 7:00 Grace Choir</p>	<p>20 9:00 L4L 9:30 Badminton 6:00 Family Connection</p>	<p>21 7:30 Community Living Dance</p>
<p>22 10:00 Worship & Youth Worship 11:15 Parent Connection 5:30 Youth Group</p>	<p>23 8:30 Quilters 9:30 Badminton 1:00 Bridge</p>	<p>24 9:30 Badminton</p>	<p>25 8:30 Quilters 9:00 Men's Small Group 9:30 Badminton 12:30 Inn of the Good Shepherd 1:15 Stitchers</p>	<p>26 9:30 Badminton 7:00 Grace Choir</p>	<p>27 9:00 L4L 9:30 Badminton 7:00 Jolt</p>	<p>28 Guess Who's Coming to Dinner</p>
<p>29 8:00 AOTS Breakfast 10:00 Worship, Baptism & Youth Worship 5:00 L4L (Lunches for Learning) Dinner</p>	<p>30 8:30 Quilters 9:30 Badminton 1:00 Bridge</p>					

Youth Forum