



Messages this month

HIGHLIGHTS in May include Mother's Day when we'll hear from a mom about her own journey and the Congregational Retreat at Greenhill Lake when we will explore what it means to be part of the body of Christ. At the end of the month we'll start a short series (two weeks) on little known prophet by the name of Haggai.

We look forward to a variety of music during the month from Nathaniel Sergeant, Ian Burdon, Marilyn's Melode Choir, Julie Probert, the Grace Worship Team, and Erma Hawkes with the Grace Church Choir.



MESSAGES

May 4	We Believe What? (Pastor Peter)
May 11	A Humbling Journey (Esther Bae)
May 18	One Body – Many Members (Pastor Peter) * service at Green Hill Lake Camp
May 25	Let's Go! (Pastor Peter)

**BUILDING A COMMUNITY OF GRACE;
A CHRIST CENTERED MOSAIC**

MANY PEOPLES—ONE COMMUNITY

NEW TO GRACE? If this is your first or second time coming to Grace, welcome! We would love to meet you and get to know you. The pew in front of you should have a yellow Connection Card. Please fill it out and drop it in the one of the offering boxes as you exiting the sanctuary. Check out our website gracememorial.ca for updates, services and much more.

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Organist/Accompanist
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Rev. Dr. Peter Lohnes
Rev. Jim Bae
Rev. Scott Dunham
Erma Hawkes
Julie Probert
Lisa Melanson
Vonda Johnson

GRACE WEEKLY PRAYER GUIDE MAY 4-11

At Home: Heather Fletcher-Switzer, Teddy & Claire Randall, Rose Marie Patterson, Helen Currie, Lisa Lohnes, Shirley Pierpoint, Sheila Martin, Edgar & Dorothy Barrieau, Marg & Stephanie Pollock, James Rankine, Lawrence Steeves, Erma Hawkes, Sherrie Evans, Gerry Crouse, Sylvia Dykeman

Eden Retirement Villa: Hazel Ridley

Farraline Place: Phyllis Betts

Shannex: Gregory Nickerson, David Ridley, Mavis Hallett

Windsor Court: Dorothy Dean



GRACE YOUTH & CHILDREN, please pray for the month of May:

- **Please pray for the mothers carrying more than one heart can hold.** Be her strength when she's exhausted, her wisdom when she feels unsure, and her joy when the weight gets heavy. Remind her that she is not alone—You walk beside her every step. Provide for every need, open doors she doesn't see, and bless her children through her love and sacrifice. Encourage her heart, restore her peace and let her feel proud of the life she's building. Bless her deeply today and always. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Thank you for praying for our youth as they grow in CHRIST & CHILDREN

NEED PRAYER? Each Sunday a member of the **Prayer Ministry** is available after worship service in the Prayer Room at the front right of the Sanctuary. It is confidential.

Every day the **Prayer Line** is available for your prayer requests. Send them by email to Kathleen at kbrewer168@gmail.com or contact her by phone at 506-449-0848.



GOING TO HOSPITAL? Even though visiting is open in Horizon Health facilities, clergy and pastoral care people no longer know whether a particular person is in hospital or not. If you find yourself or a loved one in the hospital and desire a pastoral visit, please let family or a friend contact the church office so that we can be an encouragement and support.

June 2	Allan Spurrell
June 4	Hannah Clark
June 5	Marie Colwell
June 6	Allen Corey
	A - Robert & Frances Hanson
June 9	A - Leo Cruz & Joan Pascual
	Sandra O'Connell
June 10	Joanie Meyer
June 11	Judy Neal
June 12	A - Ed & Lee Evans
June 13	Elizabeth Walton
June 14	A - Guna Kulasegaram & Sarah Gunaseelan
June 15	Laurie Bishop
June 16	A - Philip & Christina Clark

Birthdays & Anniversaries

June 19	Margaret Pollock
June 20	Stephanie Pollock
	A - Kevin & Sarah Beattie
	A - Allan & Janet Spurrell
June 23	Shari Ross
June 27	A - Allen & Sandra Corey
	Ernie O'Connell



If you do not see your celebration date and would like it to be added, please contact the office.

SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN! Grace is offering **four weeks** of camp this summer with three different themes. Camps are for children from Kindergarten to Grade 5 (based on the year just completed). There is limited enrollment, so **early** registration is **encouraged**. Each camp costs \$115 and goes Monday to Friday from 9 am to 4 pm. There are options for earlier drop-off or later pick-up for an extra charge. You can find the online registration link at gracememorial.ca/2025-summer-camps/. We are also looking for volunteers of all ages!

Egypt Holy Land Adventure July 21-25



Each morning the kids are transported back in time, to the story of Joseph in Egypt. Everyone will rotate through sessions that include stories, songs crafts and activities that retell the story of Joseph's amazing story of being wrongly imprisoned to become the second most powerful person in Egypt. In the afternoons we'll return to 2025 and enjoy some great activities like the ever-favorite game of Gru and a visit to the Wilmot Water Park.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY: In the mornings we need adults along with youth to help with crafts, stories snacks and other activities.

Wild Wonder – Flourish August 11-15

Get outside and discover what it means to help creation flourish this summer. Wild Wonder Day Camp will include hands on exploration of creation, great songs and stories about creation, experiments, crafts and games all focused on experiencing the joy of getting to know more about creation, how to care for our environment and how God cares for us. There will be some hiking and outdoor activities in Odell Park.



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY: Do you have some outdoor skills or knowledge. Gardening, knowledge of trees, or insects that you could pass one. We could use your expertise!

Create-A-Camp (July 28-August 1) & Create-a-Camp Too (August 18-22)



Create-a-Camp is one of the most popular of the camps we offer and we are happy to have it twice this summer. This is a multiple options camp. Some activities will involve all the campers, but each day children will also get to choose different activities from several options such as sports, dance, cooking, movies, crafts, and more.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY: Do you have a skill or hobby you could share with kids for an hour. Painting, crafts, cooking, dance, sports, outdoor adventure, knitting, music, or something else. We are looking for many people to be able to share for a one-hour slot, once or multiple times each week.

If you are interest in volunteering at one of the camps this summer, please connect with Pastor Peter or leave your information with the church office.

SUMMER EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY Are you between the ages of 16 and 30 and looking for work this summer? Grace has two full-time positions which will go from 8 to 10 weeks this summer. Responsibilities include working as part of team to plan, promote, administer various children's summer ministries including three to four weeks of summer camps and weekly Grace Kids Sunday programs. Applicants should be good at working with a team, able to give some level of leadership to children and peers, and have a love for people, especially kids. Other skills such an ability in sports, music, drama, crafts, etc. would be an asset. To apply, please email your resume to gracememorialkids@gmail.com. Please include contact information for three references, one of which should be a church leader. Copies of the job description are available in the Welcome Centre or from the church office.





The **Fredericton Kiwanis Youth Choir** is an auditioned treble choir for youth in the Fredericton region. Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to changing the world one child and one community at a time. Join us **Wed, May 7th at 7:00 pm** at Grace Memorial Baptist Church for 'Once Upon a Song' concert. [Tickets](#) and information can be found on our [Facebook page](#).



Marilyn's Melody Choir (in honour of Marilyn Crisp) rehearsals will resume Sunday morning, **May 11th @ 9:30 am** in the Family Centre. All school-age children are welcome to join us!

For more information, contact Julie Probert: julieprobert2@gmail.com

TIDAL IMPACT is a youth missional event organized by the Youth & Family Department of the Canadian Baptists of Atlantic Canada. Throughout the week middle school & high school students will be challenged to practice and embrace being on mission with Jesus every day, everywhere. Students will experience high energy rallies, neighbouring opportunities, serving, and lots of FUN! This summer Tidal Impact is taking place across Prince Edward Island from Tuesday July 8 to Sunday July 13. The plan is for the team from Grace to leave Tuesday morning and return Sunday afternoon. During the week the team will be serving alongside a local church in PEI. Find out more information in the information sheet and application form available in the Welcome Centre. **Deadline** for youth to apply is **May 11th**.



On behalf of UNB Libraries and **The Eileen Wallace Children's Literature Collection**, please find attached (to the Mailchimp email on Wed & Friday or contact the office 506-458-8527) an invitation to a memorial for Eileen Wallace (1924-2025), educator, librarian, and collection founder.

Children's author, Sheree Fitch and Wallace Collection Curator, Sue Fisher will offer words of remembrance and speak to Eileen's legacy. The memorial will be held in the Event Space, 3rd Floor, of the Harriet Irving Library, **Wednesday, May 14th, at 2 pm**. Please RSVP to Lisa Pollock: pollockl@unb.ca. We hope you will be able to join us.

IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR when we want to honor our graduates! Grandparents, families, aunts, and uncles, if you know of anyone connected with our church who is graduating from high school, university, or college this year, we would like to acknowledge their accomplishment!



Please email the office: **1.** Student's name with a color photo **2.** proper name of degree/program **3.** proper school name/program from where they are graduating (if there are multiple levels/programs list them in the correct order and initials), and **4.** future plans. We would like to celebrate their graduation in the service in a couple of weeks. Pictures and info must be emailed to the office by **May 16th**. Thank you!

Happy Mother's Day

*She opens her mouth in wisdom, And the teaching
of kindness is on her tongue.*

Proverbs 31:26



We are excited for the upcoming retreat on May 17–19 over the Victoria Day long weekend at Green Hill Lake Camp!

Our theme, "One Body, Many Members" (Romans 12:4–5), reflects our church's vision to grow as an intergenerational and intercultural community of God's people. We have 60 confirmed registrations and are expecting around 65 attendees for the Sunday worship service.

Everyone who registered should have received an email or phone call from Esther with retreat details and confirmation of your accommodation preferences. If you have any questions, please reach out to Esther or any member of the retreat committee: Betty Ann and Gerry Taylor, Nancy Thompson, Dale Sproul, Sam Benigno, Cara Bae, Esther & Jim Bae. We're happy to help! Please continue to pray for the retreat—that God would move powerfully among us, draw us closer to Him and one another, and refresh and renew us in His presence.



SUMMER CAMP VOLUNTEER TRAINING

9 am -1 pm Saturday, June 7th

Thinking about helping out with one or more of the Day Camps this summer? Wondering what it takes to work with kids? The annual volunteer training workshop will take place on Saturday, June 7th from 9 am to 1 pm (lunch is included). We'll talk about relating to kids, maintaining control of the room, discipline, and child protection policies and while having lots of fun. This is open to everyone of any age, but especially for youth who are interested in volunteering this summer. Contact Pastor Peter or the office.

COMMUNITY IMPACT PARTNER PROGRAM: In partnership with JoyFm and a dozen other churches across the city, each month we are highlighting the work of a nonprofit agency seeking to make a difference in Fredericton. These agencies are working with the vulnerable, people dealing with food or housing insecurity and making a positive impact in our community. Along with highlighting the work of each nonprofit, each month will also include a hands-on project in support of that agency.

May's Community Impact Partner



NB Community Harvest Gardens is dedicated to promoting food security, environmental awareness, and community well-being by supporting local community gardens and urban agriculture initiatives in the Fredericton region. They EMPOWER individuals and families to grow their own food while fostering sustainable practices and community collaboration.

Our Programs:

1. Community Garden Plots: Affordable plots equipped with resources like water access and compost areas.
2. Educational Workshops: Training in organic gardening, composting, and preserving food.
3. Community Initiatives: Events and celebrations to foster community connections.
4. Youth Engagement: Hands-on gardening and sustainability programs for kids.


How to Access Programs:

- ◆ Apply for garden plots on their website: www.nbchg.org (seasonal applications).
- ◆ Attend workshops and events – visit their website or social media for details.
- ◆ Email inquiries to info@nbchg.org for assistance or more information.

Contact:

Website: www.nbchg.org

Email: info@nbchg.org

 **USED POSTAGE STAMPS** If you have used stamps you have been saving for the Ferne Sewell WMS please bring them to the church. In the Welcome Centre there are 2 boxes on the kiosk. Lisa Lohnes is going to take them to **InterMission** with her on **May 23**.



Remember to cut a 1/4-inch border around them. The ABW will sell these to stamp collectors and the money raised from this goes to a Special Mission Project. **Thank you!**



Update from the Dominican 2025 SENT Team:

Thank you for the many donations to the recent Yard Sale. The team raised over **\$3200** and has now completed their fundraising efforts. This month the team continues to focus on preparation, especially spiritual and mental preparation as we study together. In May the team will have a Zoom meeting with Kathryn Scott, who will host the team in the Dominican, and another with Chris Johnstone, our local Canadian Baptist Ministries staff, who will do some further orientation with the team. Please continue to pray for the team as God works in their lives to prepare them for this experience.



Reshape
Your World



IN APRIL THE VISION TEAM spent time going over the numerous pages of input from the various listening sessions, visits with small groups, surveys and emails from the congregation to look for themes and commonalities which God seems to be highlighting for us as a congregation. The team has identified four things they believe are urgent priorities and are currently in the process of writing up proposals which will first be shared with the Leadership later this month for their input / suggestions and then after any needed adjustments it will be shared with the congregation.



Please Pray! Prayer is a key part of this period of discernment. Please continue to pray for the team's vision process during your own quiet times with God.

Weekly Prayer Emphasis for Vision Team:



May 4-10: Pray for the team as they put together the proposals. Pray the team will sense God's leading and wisdom for how the church might be able to address each priority.



May 11-17: The up-coming weekend is the congregational retreat. As a church we focus on the one body with many members, pray for how we might be able to further embrace all generations and cultural backgrounds in a way that reflects God's vision for the church.



May 18-24: As the Leadership Board gets a first look at the proposals this week, pray that they might prayerfully reflect on the submission and be able to sense how God is leading Grace forward at this point in our journey.



May 25-31: As the Vision Team receives and processes the feedback from the Leadership Board, pray they might be able to process the criticisms and affirmations in way that brings further clarity to God's vision for Grace for the next 3 to 5 years.






Good Friday
Combined
Service at
Brunswick
Street Baptist
Church



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RISEN

SCHEDULE FOR GRACE MAY 2025

Thurs, May 1	
Grace Church Choir, Choir Room	7:00 PM
Fri, May 2	
Grace Youth, gym, FC	7:00 PM
Sun, May 4 ~ Communion & Food Bank	
Worship service, Sa	10:30 AM
Pickleball, gym	2:30-4 PM
Mon, May 5	
Monday Night Group, GG, Par	6:30 PM
Tues, May 6	
Craft Group, Par	1:30 PM
Wed, May 7	
Fredericton Kiwanis Youth Choir Concert, Sa 	7:00 PM
College & Careers, GG, Par	7:00 PM
Thurs, May 8	
Grace Church Choir, Choir Room	7:00 PM
Fri, May 9	
Grace Youth, gym, FC	7:00 PM
Sun, May 11 ~ Happy Mother's Day ~	
Worship service, Sa 	10:30 AM
Pickleball, gym	2:30-4 PM
Mon, May 12	
Thomas & Brunswick Hall, Shannex service	2 PM & 3 PM
Prop & Fin Team, BR	7:00 PM
Thurs, May 15	
Grace Church Choir, Choir Room	7:00 PM
Fri, May 16	
Grace Youth, gym, FC	7:00 PM
Sat, May 17—Mon, May 19	
 Green Hill Lake Camp Church Retreat * MUST have registered ahead of time to attend. No Sunday service at Grace.	
Tues, May 20	
Craft Group, Par	1:30 PM
Schedule continues on to the next page	
Rooms: Sanctuary; Sa, Parlour; Par, Welcome Centre; WC, Family Centre; FC Grace Groups; GG (Contact the office for more info)	

Sun, May 4

Ushers: 1 Mel Sproull
2 Patsy Burke
3 Blair Burke
WC Greeter: Dale Sproull
Media: Kate Thompson
Prayer Team: Adebola Afolabi Sanni

Sun, May 11

Ushers: 1 Afolabi Sanni
2 Daniel Corrier
3 Shade Oyedepo
WC Greeter: Carolyn Lovely
Media: Kate Thompson
Prayer Team: Betty Ann Taylor

Sun, May 18



**No in person service ~
Green Hill Lake Camp
Church Retreat**

Sun, May 25

Ushers: 1 Eric Smith
2 Ed Stairs
3 Gerry Taylor
WC Greeter: Janet Howland
Media: Emilio Ancheta
Prayer Team: Connie Storr

'TIS THE SEASON for Pastor Retreats and vacation time for Spring and Summer. Please be in prayer for Pastor Peter and Lisa Lohnes and Pastor Jim and Esther Bae for rest and relaxation. Dates will in online Mailchimp emails that you receive weekly on Wednesdays and Fridays. Questions, please contact the office.



Wed, May 21	
College & Careers, GG, Par	7:00 PM
Thurs, May 22	
Ferne Sewell WMS, Par	1:15 PM
Grace Church Choir, Choir Room	7:00 PM
Fri, May 23	
Grace Youth, gym, FC	7:00 PM
Sun, May 25	
Worship service, Sa	10:30 AM
Pickleball, gym	2:30-4 PM
Mon, May 26	
Monday Night Group, GG, Par	6:30 PM
Connection Team, BR	7:00 PM
Thurs, May 29	
Grace Church Choir, Choir Room	7:00 PM
Fri, May 30	
Grace Youth, gym, FC	7:00 PM



Please be in prayer for our ladies who are attending InterMission from **May 23 to 25th** in Moncton.



THANK YOU for the continued support of the Greener Village Food Bank! Donations are received the first Sunday of the month, please drop them off in the Welcome Centre (big white box) or during the week at the office (9 AM—4 PM).



Pickleball Join us weekly in the gym on Sundays at 2:30-4 PM. Jim will provide training and teaching for basic skills and how to play and understand the game. Time will be divided into two sessions that consist of drills and playing games on the court. Questions please contact Pastor Jim Bae; Jimbae3@gmail.com.



The **Library** is located in the Family Centre and is open half an hour before service and again after service. This is a wonderful resource for everything from books, music, bible studies, movies, resource bible books and much more! Everyone from toddlers to adults can enjoy this outreach. If you have questions please contact Danielle at schriver.danielle@gmail.com or contact the office.



The **Nursery** is located off the Welcome Centre, is currently available during services for families with adult supervision. In the main space, services are Livestreamed so parents can still watch the service. This quiet space provides toys, books, and a rocking chair. A semi-private room is set up for all newborn needs.



GRACE KIDS Children in Kindergarten to Grade 5 will begin in the worship service with the whole community. Midway through the service, children are invited to follow our leaders and volunteers to the Family Centre for an age-appropriate program.



GRACELAND It is a weekly program on Wednesdays, from 12:30-2:30 PM, for grades K-5 at the Grace Memorial Church. An afternoon of fun adventures, playing games, listening to exciting bible stories, getting creative with new crafts, and just enjoying spending time with children their own age. Parents are able to register children on the website at gracememorial.ca on the online form.



Grace Youth is weekly on Fridays from 7 - 9 PM, this high-energy community of middle and high school students meets from November to Mid-June. We focus on helping students to think more deeply about what God is saying to us in His word and helping them to form their own opinions about Christ. New youth are always welcome. (any time of the year!) Contact Peter or Maiah ; graceyouthfredericton@gmail.com.

WAYS TO GIVE AT GRACE



Thank you for your faithful giving. There are three primary methods of giving to Grace:



In-Person Offering: As you enter the Sanctuary there are Offering Boxes just inside each door. Drop your offering into one of these boxes at worship. Or drop your donation off at the church office during office hours (9 am-4 pm Monday to Friday) * No cash in the mail please.



Pre-Authorized Debit: You can set up an automatic withdrawal from your account to Grace. There are various options for time(s) of the month. See T.J. Smith (Treasurer) or contact the church office for the forms to set-up your giving.



E-Transfer: Send e-transfers using the email address: treasureratgrace536@gmail.com. Please clearly indicate in the message section how much you are giving to particular funds. (Ex: Current, Missions, Building, Benevolent, Easter)

OPPORTUNITIES TO GIVE AT GRACE

THERE ARE 4 PRIMARY FUNDS TO WHICH PEOPLE DESIGNATE OFFERINGS:

CURRENT – The Ministry of Grace. This fund supports everything we do as a congregation.

MISSIONS – Supporting our Ministry Partners:

This fund supports our donations to our partners such as Canadian Baptist Ministries (around the world) Canadian Baptists of Atlantic Canada (Atlantic Provinces), Baptist Chaplaincy in the hospitals, Greenhill Lake Camp, Acadia Divinity College, Crandall University, and more.

BUILDING – Major Property Repairs: This fund is used to help with major repairs to the church building such as a roof.

BENEVOLENT – People in Emergency Need: This fund is used to help congregants and community people when they are facing a financial crisis for whatever reason.

MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS ARE AVAILABLE FOR PICK UP IN THE FOYER

Financial Summary as of
March 2025

CURRENT ACCOUNT	13 Sundays
Regular Offering	\$65,133
Loose Offering	126
Initial Offering (Envelopes)	50
Thanksgiving	-
Christmas	290
Easter	60
Miscellaneous	400
Rentals	6,810
Total Revenue	72,869
Less: Expenditures	84,436
* Current Deficit Jan-Mar	11,566

MISSIONS ACCOUNT

Target for Jan-Mar (Regular)	10,625
Target for Jan-Mar (Thanksgiving)	-
Target for Jan-Mar (Christmas)	-
Actual Offerings (regular)	8,953
Shortfall from Target	1,672

BUILDING ACCOUNT

Regular Offerings	1,539
Less Expenses	0
** Total Building	1,539
* Current Acct Surplus 2024	32,874
** Building Acct Surplus 2024	32,686

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