#### Our Vision and Mission Statement

Grace United Church is an affirming ministry committed to transforming lives by living God's vision as an active part of the diverse community in the Heart of Dartmouth.

In the name of Jesus Christ, we journey in faith as people of every age, race, gender identity, sexual orientation, family composition, mental and physical ability, cultural background and socio-economic status.

We are called by God to live and nurture our faith. Living God's vision challenges us to respect all creation, love each other as Christ loves us, and, with courageous love, defend human dignity and resist forces that exploit and marginalize.

We commit as a community to:

- Nurture faith journeys through education and experiential opportunities;
- Use our resources effectively;
- Advocate for and support community social and economic justice initiatives;
- Create safe spaces;
- Seek opportunities to recognize and nurture each other's talents and gifts; and
- Be open to surprises of the Spirit as we continue to learn and grow.

### **Friendship Opportunities**

- Sunday Coffee Fellowship
- Early Risers' (Women's) Breakfast
- Men's Breakfast Group
- Walk with Grace
- Choir
- Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper
- Advent Event
- Working at one of our fundraisers
- Volunteering at the Food Bank

### Accessibility

We have a ramp allowing wheelchair access, and a wheelchair accessible washroom with an adult change table.

We have hearing assist devices.

There is a quiet room with a live video feed to watch the Service.

Grace strives to be a scent-free and peanut free environment.









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Grace is an Affirming Ministry of Affirm United/ S'affirmer Ensemble



### **Worship at Grace**

11:00 am Sundays (Sept. - May) 10:00 am Sundays (June - Aug.)

We are available online at Facebook and YouTube (gracedartmouth)

Our worship is offered consistent with public health guidelines.

For five weeks during the summer, combined services are held at St. James United.

We worship through word, music, prayer, and drama providing a varied worship experience to reach those with different spiritual needs.

We are encouraged to share our talents in worship.

We also offer A Time for Grace at 2:00 pm, 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month at Parkland at the Lakes (not in summer)

## **Learning about God**

Everyone, regardless of age, is curious about God and Jesus. We try and offer different learning opportunities.

Youth: Nursery and Sunday School occur after Children's Time in the Worship Service. Children can go down to Sunday School classroom prior to the Church Service.

Sunday School takes place September to June and there are activities for children during the summer services.

Grace is also home to mid-week Scouting and Guiding programs.

Adults: Adult/Bible studies are offered at various times by Grace or through United Churches for Dartmouth.

United Churches for Dartmouth also offered Spiritual Reflections on Wednesdays on its Facebook Group (publicly available)

# **Living Our Faith**

We are called "to love and serve others" not only those who attend church but the world outside our building. We share our time, talent and financial resources.

Some of our Outreach:

- Food Bank in conjunction with North Dartmouth Outreach Resource Centre
- F.O.O.D./Margaret's House
- with Club Inclusion -Inclusive Choir, Tuesday day program and Club Dartmouth
- Personal Care items for Coverdale Foundation and Alice House
- Adopt-A-Family program for Christmas gifts
- Tree of Warmth
- Effect:Hope (Leprosy)
- Prayer shawls
- Mission and Service Fund of the United Church
- Ecumenical Events
- Financial Support to a number of organizations whose mission aligns with ours