

Trinity United Church



Fall 2013 Newsletter

UPCOMING EVENTS

Put them on your Calendar!

Rally Day Service

Sunday, September 8th
plus Afternoon Picnic

Saint Francis Sunday

Sunday, September 29th
all ages are encouraged to bring
your favourite stuffed animals to
church!

World-Wide Communion Service

Sunday, October 6th

Thanksgiving Baptism

Sunday October 13th
Interested families should con-
tact the office ASAP!

Hallowe'en

Sunday October 27th
Feel free to wear a Hallowe'en
costume to church

Remembrance Day

Sunday November 10th
Remembrance Sunday service

AOTS Sunday

Sunday November 17th

First Sunday in Advent

Sunday December 1st
Communion Service

Trinity: An All-Ages Prayground

A Message from Rev. Ted

As we wind our way through the dog-days of summer, I'm deeply grateful in my prayers that our church is truly a place for all generations. This is no accident at Trinity: We've been particularly intentional about our ministry with children and families. From family camping and our drama program, through Vacation Bible Camp and our Junior Choir, through family concerts and Youth Group and our Rally Day picnics—Trinity is a place that embraces all ages and stages of life.

In many places, children are only tolerated to the extent that they act like miniature adults. Even in some churches, there are sharp complaints about fidgety, irritating, or noisy children. At Trinity, it's heartening to see real church family at work: where great-grandparents share a laugh with a single mom, where children are completely unafraid to engage their eld-

ers in conversation, where the offerings of our youth are celebrated and encouraged! We don't just tolerate one another—we are engaged with one another's stories, with learning from one another, and reaching out in fellowship and in care.

Sometimes it's hard to live up to the expectations set through our sacred scriptures. But when I read about how Jesus placed a child in the centre of his circle of disciples, I celebrate that we're getting something right at Trinity. Thank you, friends, for being the kind of church family that oftentimes brings a grateful tear to my eye because your heartfelt compassion, loving care, and genuine inclusiveness!

See you on Sunday,

Welcome back to fall at Trinity!

Dear Friends

I hope you have had some time for rest and relaxation over the summer. It is now the beginning of fall and the start of another Church year.

Exciting things have been happening at Trinity. One of the highlights for me was being present for the service of ordination for Emily Duggan. A busload of Trinity folk traveled to Mindemoya and participated in a truly meaningful and uplifting service of worship and celebration. The next Sunday we were able to honour Emily here at her home church and to send forward with much love and best wishes to her first pastoral charge on Cape Breton.

This fall we will again have the privilege of welcoming a student intern. Shalome will be joining us

at the beginning of September. As we have in the past we will be partnering with Carmichael Church in providing the intern with experiences in both urban and rural church settings. I am personally looking forward to this year of learning and growing together. It is an honour for Trinity to be selected as an educational site.

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The bathroom in the nursery has been renovated and is now fully accessible. This is part of our continuing work to make Trinity a place of welcome to all. Thank you to all those who worked spent the month of August working on this project. This is an old well-used building and the work to maintain it must

be ongoing.

I have also heard that Apple Pies are on the horizon!

As a congregation we continue to face many challenges. Achieving our monetary commitment allows us to continue our work here at Trinity, in our community and to support United Church work in Canada and throughout the world.

Be sure to drop into the nursery and see the beautiful mural that Nancy Dewar-Stenning has created on the walls. Take the time to read the little notations she has added. This addition has brightened the room and made it more welcoming for our children.

Welcome back to fall at Trinity!

Janice Brownlee
Chair, Trinity Board

Trinity Vacation Bible Camp

SUPER HEROES OF THE BIBLE

As in past summers, Trinity again hosted scores of kids for a week-long daycamp adventure. We pride ourselves on a very affordable and active educational romp, where we fed over 50 children and helpers a day, and provided a diverse program of fun and faith engagement. This year we learned about the “Superheroes of the Bible” and how we can bring their gifts into our own lives. We were visited daily by



real-life superheroes before we embarked on a day of art and games, drama and challenge, food and fun. Particular thanks to coordinators Lisa Blais, Melissa Peddie, and Marcel McDonald. Many many thanks to all of the other Trinity heroes who made “VBC” possible—you helped with supplies and food, with passion and care, with love and commitment. What a difference you’ve made in the life of our church family!

Know that you are welcome here!

Dear Trinity Friends:

As I write this letter in the middle of the summer, it is difficult to imagine that in a few short weeks we will be in the midst of regular routines, classes, schedules and all the hustle and bustle that goes along with the fall. While there may be some regret saying goodbye to the longer, slower days of summer, there can also be a sense of comfort in knowing that we return to familiar routines and the company of our Trinity friends and family.

This fall, as always, there are plenty of opportunities to join in and participate in the life at Trinity. Our season kicks off as usual, with our Rally Back Day and Church Family Picnic on Sunday, September 8th. During morning worship, we will covenant with our Sunday school Teachers and Officers and officially kick off our Sunday School year with plenty of

fun, surprises and of course some great bible stories! In the afternoon, everyone is invited to attend our annual Church picnic at Camp Tillicum. It is a fantastic way to enjoy food, fellowship, games and evening vesper's on the shores of Lake Nipissing! All are welcome and encouraged to come enjoy the afternoon.

there is something for everyone at Trinity.

This upcoming season will see the return of some of our favourite activities and events...and also a couple of new surprises. If you stop by the nursery you will see a few right away! Spend some time looking through the newsletter, check out the website and/or facebook page and re-acquaint yourself with Trinity United Church and know

that you are welcome here!

Whether you are new to Trinity or a long attending member, whether you are a youth or a youth at heart, whether you are musical, theatrical, love to garden, bake, provide outreach or have a warm smile, there is something for everyone.

Remember - Many of Trinity's long standing groups have continued to flourish by listening to the needs and interests of the members. If you have ideas that you would like to share about any of the existing groups - or if you have an idea for a new group - please feel free to make suggestions.

Wishing you all the comforts and blessings the season has to offer!

~ Lisa Blais ~

Designated Lay Minister, Faith Formation and Outreach

Ministry and Personnel Committee

All of our Trinity Staff make our life on Ministry and Personnel easy. We have had very few issues to deal with this year thanks to all the hard work that is done to make things run smoothly, both in the church and in the work done outside Trinity to enhance our reputation in the community.

Our staff continue to be very active with a lot of activities including a strong youth program, a choir loft filled every week with beautiful music and providing spiritual outreach both in our church and in other congregations. They help to make Trinity the welcoming place that it is.

August was a time for our staff to take a well deserved break before resuming a very busy schedule, although Rev Ted and Lisa headed off to England to attend the Greenbelt Festival led by the Moderator of the United Church, The Right Rev. Gary Paterson. The staff have been active in pursuing educational opportunities this year and we look forward to supporting them over the fall as new opportunities arise.

In addition we are happy to report that we will be creating a part time job with a job description, for the nursery effective this fall.

Linda McLay Sheridan and Brad Stenning, Co Chairs.

Trinity Food Shelf benefits

The CEO committee is responsible for coordinating and overseeing a vibrant multifaceted and current, Christian Education program for the Congregation, and provides leadership thereto.

The current members of the CEO committee are; John Sheridan, Cindy Brownlee, Melissa Peddie, Sandra Brownlee, Marcel MacDonald, Linsey Mutch, Caroline Harrison, Diane Cook, Sue Whitehead, and Lisa Blais.

Rally back day will be September 8th at Camp Tillicum. More info is in this newsletter. It is always a great time and a fun filled family way to start the back to school and church season. Please make every effort to attend this event. You will not be disappointed.

Also on September 8th, we will be covenanting (installing) with the

Sunday School teachers during the service.

VBC was held after this writing but I am sure it was a huge success once again. Lisa, Marcel, and Melissa worked very hard in the preparations of this yearly camp at Trinity. I am sure they grabbed lots of helpers; and we thank all who helped with this activity.

Thanks to all for a successful Lenten offering, where the proceeds go to the Trinity Food Shelf and the Benevolent Fund.

Thanksgiving envelopes is the next special fund raiser, and proceeds go to the Trinity Food Shelf, where supplies are always well received, for church outreach.

We are currently looking for Sunday school teachers for the new year which starts with Rally Day. A love of children is all that is required, and the interest in learning

from children. Lisa writes our lessons and they can be taught on a weekly basis. If you can do 3 weeks then you get to teach all the age groups. It's fun and it's educational for the teachers. Please consider a week or two with our Sunday school children.

Stay tuned for an update on the Santa Claus Parade participation or activities. Once again watching it from our great vantage point at the front doors of the church will surely be repeated.

Stay tuned as well for more and exciting events by our newest group; the Trinity Families. This is the family group that plans family activities such as the Leah Salomma concert, and the first annual Chili cook-off.

Respectfully submitted by
John Sheridan

Trinity Social Club

The Trinity Social Club takes a break for the summer months of July and August as many of the group are away to cottages or otherwise enjoying the summer holidays.

BUT --- come September we're right back at it. The first get-together is our Annual Corn Roast hosted by the Cook's on Saturday September 14.

Maurice and Eunice Laporte are hosting the Saturday October 19 Social Club. An evening of Bowling has been proposed.

Keep the date of Saturday November 30 open for our Annual Progressive Dinner which is always a great success. The evening ends at Trinity in the Fireside Room for Desserts and a Christmas Carol sing-along.

Linda & John Sheridan
Sandi & Roman Rozicki

Pastoral Care/Visiting

The mandate of the Pastoral Care committee is to bring the presence of the Church to persons of the congregation.

We continue to visit hospitals as well as nursing homes and retirement homes.

An important contact with people of the congregation is through Communion phoning lists. We prepare the lists and trust that those who are doing the calling, reach every member on their list. The next Communion service will be October 6, so phoning lists will be circulated two weeks prior.

We arrange greeters for the Narthex on Sunday mornings so will be looking for people to carry out this method of contact too. If you would like to be a greeter, please let us know.

We will be having a Fall Communion in the Sanctuary, and will be contacting those people who can't be out to church on a regular basis.

Co-Chairs
Rae Brownlee & Shirley Tayler



We kick off Sunday School with “Bug Devotionals”

What a wonderful summer our Trinity children and families have had. Trinity Vacation Bible Camp (thanks to Lisa, Melissa and Marcel) and Camp Lorraine (just ask Sandra, Eric or Carrie) have kept God’s spirit close to our hearts even if our bums were not in the pews. Many of us were off enjoying our beautiful country (and beyond) and visiting with family and friends. It will be good to get back into the familiar routines that fall brings.



Trinity Sunday School begins on September 1st as Trinity’s first Sunday back. We will be preparing for Rally-Back Sunday on September 8th when we celebrate with “Bug Devotionals”. Come early on the 8th and help welcome our church community with our sidewalk art. Mark off your calendar for the entire day be-

cause you will not want to miss our Trinity family picnic at Camp Tillicum in the afternoon.

We are looking forward to the return of our Sunday School activities using the tried and true workshop rotational model. The kids enjoy the games, crafts, drama, stories, and science but especially love the cooking. We are preparing to kick off our Sunday School Curriculum with “Bug Devotionals” followed by Animals of the Bible, Parables, Shadrach Meshach and Abednego, and the, ever popular, Christmas Pageant.

Children ages 3 and up are always welcome in Sunday School. We enjoy the help of our high school students and have nursery care available for children younger than 3years. We are fortunate to have Alyssa as our paid nursery caregiver. She is a friendly familiar face

for the little ones.

We are blessed to have some wonderful volunteers who teach and share their talents with our Sunday School. We are very thankful for all they do for our Trinity children. They have a variety of backgrounds and teach using lessons that are prepared for them. Would you like to be one of these teachers? We provide on the job training and prefer a teacher commit to a three week rotation. We do not want to burn out our great teachers by asking them to teach too often. If you would like more information about teaching Sunday school please talk to Cindy (705) 476-4043 or Lisa (705) 474-3310.



Cindy Brownlee
Sunday School Superintendent

Prayer Shawl Group



Our group has been touched by the way we have been received by Trinity people. We enjoy making shawls as we pray for the recipients of these creations for God’s help with their problems.

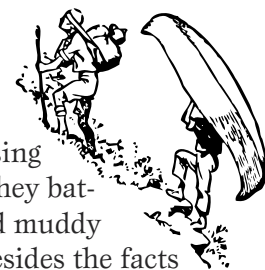
It has been particularly rewarding to make “prayer shawl blankets” to honour those being baptized. It is our hope that the parents accept these gifts as a connection being forged between their family and our congregation.

It would be wonderful if others would either join us the first Tuesday of the month in the afternoon at Church, or from their armchair to ponder our skills, and pray for those who will receive our offerings.

Judy Biondi, Leader

The Trinity Testosterone

As in years past, 16 Trinity guys ventured on a church men’s wilderness canoe trip this past June. Temagami’s Anima-Nippissing Lake was their entry-point, and they battled mosquitoes, deluge rains, and muddy portages, laughing all the way! Besides the facts that they enjoyed God’s creation, meaningful worship, and great food, the participants are sworn to secrecy—so you’re not likely to get many details out of them! Special thanks to Marshall Smith, John Roberts, and Alex Clark for the loan and organization of vital equipment. Thanks to Rick Calhoun, Dave McKenney, Jim Puddister and Ralph Berg for the planning, buying, and packing of food. Also thanks to Marcel MacDonald for putting our maps together. Participation in “The Trinity Testosterone” is always number-limited, so get your name on the June 2014 list extra-early next year ...and see you on the water!



Pop in and see the beautiful new mural

At Trinity United Church we are pleased to provide you with safe, warm and reliable childcare each Sunday morning. Our paid caregiver, Alyssa, has been carefully screened and trained to ensure that you and your child will have the best experience possible. We work hard to provide a comfortable, caring and stimulating environment for your children.

There are a couple of new surprises in the nursery this year! Pop in and see the beautiful new mural created by our own talented Nancy Dewar-Stenning.

Please note the following guidelines:

Upon arrival please remove your shoes/boots outside the room (this will ensure that the floors stay clean for your children). Please bring a clean pair of slippers or shoes for your child to wear while in the nursery.

Sign-in book: Please write down your name, the child's name, age, and any special concerns

(food allergies, special needs, etc.).

If available, please provide us with your cell phone number and put your phone on vibrate so that we can contact you if necessary while you are attending worship.

Food: Please note that we ask parents/caregivers to avoid sending food with your child while in the nursery. We wish to maintain a level of safety for all children and babies. Some children have life threatening allergies to certain foods so we ask that if you wish to give your child a snack that it be eaten when in the parent's/caregiver's care, following the worship service.

Your child's comfort:

- If your child cries, we will do our best to comfort her/him and give them a little time. If the child continues to be unhappy we will contact you so that you may comfort your child.
- Please note that we do not change diapers or assist in toileting. If your child needs assistance, we will come and get you.



- If at any time your child has an accident we will inform you immediately.
- For your child's safety, we strive to clean the toys on a regular basis.

In case of Emergency: Our caregiver and other Sunday School Volunteers have been trained in emergency procedures. If we need to evacuate the building for any reason we will leave by one of the designated emergency exits. Our designated meeting place is in the Capital Centre parking lot. Please be assured that the caregiver, volunteers and staff at Trinity United Church have been properly informed about our emergency plan.

Once summer arrives, things slow down. The ladies thoroughly enjoyed the dinner hosted by the AOTS at Emmanuel United. They enjoyed hearing about Emily Duggan's experiences as she prepared for ministry. We hosted a wonderful potluck with spouses and friends followed by an interesting presentation by Rev. Meg Purdy on "The Spirituality of Aging". A social time allowed for visiting.

On June 29th, we were honoured to cater to Helen and Ken Whitehead's 60th Wedding Anniversary. The ladies enjoyed getting out the silverware and fancy tea cups. Making special delicacies was something we don't often have the opportunity to do, so that added to the atmosphere of this occasion.

The UCW is there for YOU. Join us the 2nd Mon. of the month in

the afternoon. Let us know what YOU would like to have in the form of programmes/presentations. The ladies would definitely appreciate hearing your ideas. It is only by working together that we can improve our group, and our service to Trinity.

Judy Biondi, President



VIEW from the VAULT

30 June 2013

RECEIPTS		EXPENSES	
Donations	\$118,130	Salaries, Benefits	\$103,622
M&S	\$4,105	Utilities	\$8,351
Sunday School /Youth	\$1,720	C. E.	\$1,683
Groups	\$100	Operations	\$9,842
Swiss Chalet	\$167	Property	\$9,089
Special Offerings	\$3,206	Worship	\$1,740
Fundraisers	\$1,405	Other	\$2,846
Groups	\$100	Fundraising	\$1,105
Other	\$9,726		
Totals	\$138,659		\$138,278
Receipts - Expenses			\$381
Bank Balance Jan 1			\$13,261
Bank Balance June 31			\$11,344
Bricks & Shingles	\$3,313	Bricks & Shingles	\$7,056
Gowns (Choir)	\$952		
Fire Update	\$1,948	Fire Update	\$2,181

Thank you for responding to our announcement in early June showing our offerings about \$8,000 below our benchmarks for the end of May. In June we came \$1000 short of our benchmark (a great improvement on \$5,000 for each of April and May) so now we are behind by \$9,000. The benchmarks are only educated guesses as to where we should be each month. The purpose of the benchmark is simply to give us an idea of how we are doing with respect to our budget. If you are behind in your offerings we ask you to work hard to catch up soon. If you have not reviewed your offerings for a year or more please prayerfully consider an increase.

When you visit Swiss Chalet please remember to bring us your table bill. They will generously donate 10% of your restaurant expenditures. Offer does not include bar or takeout. This is an arrangement with the North Bay store only.

Bricks and Shingles is up to \$3300 as of June 30 so we are more than halfway to paying for the bricks. The proceeds from the Glitter Dinner were to be divided between the bricks and the Choir gowns - about \$950 each. Your generous donations for the Bricks and Shingles are appreciated. The roof over the narthex needs to be replaced so we will need your support for this too.

Trinity is important to our community through the many and various services it provides. Your support is needed.

Thank you for your donations to Alberta relief. A cheque for \$1856.50 was sent to Toronto for distribution to Alberta.

Find out how much God has given you and from it take what you need; the remainder is needed by others. Author: Augustine

Tuesday Morning Coffee Group

Welcome friends! We are looking forward to another exciting year beginning with our Potluck welcome on Tuesday, September 10th. We are a friendly and welcoming group of women of all ages who meet on Tuesday mornings (9:30 – 11:30) throughout the school year. The program varies from week to week and covers such topics as cooking, crafts, environmental issues, child development, health and nutrition, special speakers and more! Childcare is provided in a safe, fun and stimulating environment. All women are welcome to attend on an occasional or regular basis. If you would like more information please pick up a flyer outside the church office or call Lisa @ 474-3310

September 10

Welcome back potluck

September 17

Apple Pies

September 24

Show and Tell

– get to know you day

October 1

Canning

October 8

Restaurant Tour

October 15

Thanksgiving Leftovers
Potluck

YOUTH IN GRADE 7 AND UP ARE INVITED TO AN

I-DYG PIZZA SOCIAL

Sunday, September 22nd

12:30 – 3:00 pm

Calvin Presbyterian Church, 401 First Ave. W



The Inter-denominational Youth Group (I-DYG) meets approximately once a month usually at Calvin Presbyterian Church. We participate in a variety of fun activities with a goal of building community with other Christian youth.

All youth welcome!

Ask to join our I-DYG facebook page for up to date information.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

Lisa Blais at Trinity United Church (705)474-3310 blais.trinity@gmail.com;

Tracy Davis at St. Andrew's United Church (705)472-7680

Jessica Cote at Calvin Presbyterian (705)474-4750.

For Youth at Trinity

Trinity youth are a vital and active part of Trinity United Church. Activities and events happen throughout the year. Please look for information about upcoming activities and events in the bulletin our website or facebook page. Many youth choose to earn their high-school volunteer hours by helping out in the Sunday School or other Trinity ministries. For more information contact Lisa:

blais.trinity@gmail.com or
phone 474-3310.

The Mustard Seed Players

For youth in grade 7 and up who are interested in theatre. We welcome actors, singers, dancers, stage hands, musicians, those interested in lighting, sound, props or costumes to join our troupe anytime. We have presented Godspell, Creation, Cotton Patch Gospel, Free to Be, Garden Varieties and Once Upon a Parable. For information please speak with: Darlene Laferriere or Lisa Blais.

Church Family Picnic

Fun and games, good food, music, and lakeside vespers service

**Sunday, September 8th at
3:00 pm**

YMCA's Camp Tillicum on beautiful Lake Nipissing
Bring a salad or appetizer, plate and fork, bathing suit and lawn chair
Everyone is welcome.