

Fall Newsletter September 2017

Minister's Message: A Thank-You to Parents with Little Ones

This is a special note to parents with young children: Thank you for being at Trinity. Thank you for coming to worship, and thank you for bringing your children!

We know that it's not easy for you—parenting is hard. And all kids can be wiggly and noisy! (By the way, not everybody's looking at you, but sometimes it sure feels that way!). Maybe some days you leave worship feeling more tired and dis-spirited than refreshed or fulfilled. Nonetheless, you are doing something really important.

Because of what you're doing, the Church is more the "Body of Christ" that we are called to be. Because you're here, the Church is filled with a joyful noise! Together, we are all learning the importance of worship and patience, togetherness and welcome.

Because of what you're doing, your children will learn the importance of spirituality, of worship and of questioning. They are being stimulated and inspired, and they are also learning that we are—all of us—just regular people, struggling to live and grow well.

Maybe that's the most important lesson they will learn: Not that adults have it all together, with gifts of wisdom and insight that arrive automatically at the age of majority. Instead, we discern our way together—sometimes stumbling—looking to a sacred story that prizes friendship and prayer, that pushes us towards forgiveness and fairness, that values love above all other things. And again and again, we're learning (all of us!) that these are the things that make us whole.

See you on Sunday,
Ted

... from the Designated Lay Minister

Dear Trinity Friends:

Having just returned from a busy summer of cross country travel and attending Rendezvous in Montreal, I am looking forward to returning to the comforts of home and a return to the familiar routines that fall brings to Trinity. I look forward to hearing about the activities that many of you participated in. It is my hope that each of you had a wonderful summer filled with family gatherings and celebrations, cottage/camp time, perhaps some travel and maybe even a few days where you had nothing to do but read a good book!

This summer, while things slowed down a *little bit* at Trinity, things were not necessarily quieter! Trinity hosted another successful Vacation Bible Camp. Over 50 children plus several youth and adult volunteers had a fantastic (and exhausting) week of adventure, fun and learning during our Super Hero Training Camp. Our very own resident super hero, Shad-man, garnered quite a bit of fame this summer keeping our city safe and of course teaching the VBC kids how to tap into their own super hero characteristics. I am grateful for the many, many people who helped to make this important ministry flourish. Thank-you to all the people who helped feed us each day, in particular Janice Brownlee and Jean Mitchel who coordinated all the food. We are grateful to the youth who volunteered 35 hours of their summer to help shepherd the campers, to our session leaders Hannah McCallum, Joe Drinkwalter, Sam St Pierre and our summer student Carrie Graham.

Thanks also to Ryan Rozicki for helping out wherever needed, to Rev. Ted, to Eric Brownlee, to Rob Sanders and to the Heritage Railroad. Last but not least, thanks to my VBC planning partner, and fabulous music leader, Marcel MacDonald. Seatbelts everyone - plans are already under way for next year's exciting adventure!

This fall, as always, there will be plenty of opportunity to join in and participate in the life at Trinity. Our season kicks off with our Rally Back Day and Church Family Picnic on Sunday, September 10th. During morning worship, we will covenant with our Sunday school Teachers and Volunteers and officially kick off

the 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 spend time with your Trinity friends and family while enjoying good food, fellowship, games and an evening vesper's service on the shores of Lake Nipissing!

This upcoming season will see the return of some of our favourite activities and events...*and also a couple of new surprises*. 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!

Grace and Peace, Lisa

Designated Lay Minister - Faith Formation, Education and Outreach

... from the Board Chairman

We at Trinity are excited to be in the midst of our 135th year of continuous service to the folks of North Bay. First as a Methodist Church and then as Trinity United our spiritual and social wellbeing has been enhanced by our belonging to this wonderful Congregation. I can't help but think of the many members of Trinity who have faithfully served our needs over these 135 years. Many of the worries, concerns and joys remain the same throughout our history and as a strong Congregation we faithfully continue to solve problems and celebrate our joys.

Trinity has a long history of caring Ministers who have faithfully served the Spiritual needs of our Church, and looking back it is very obvious that Trinity has also served as a Social hub for its many members and the city of North Bay. We have gathered regularly for Potluck Suppers, Music Nights, Theatre Productions and of course Worship. Recent events that have brought us together for fellowship include our Mustard Seed Productions, Apple Pie making, Chilli Cook offs, Talent Evenings and Choir Recitals. All of these are hosted and put together by many devoted Staff Members and Church Volunteers who make it all work. If you have ever tried to book a space for a meeting or event you soon realise how busy our Church is with the many groups who call Trinity home.

I am proud of the many opportunities we have to reach out to the community of North Bay through Outreach and help those who are in need. We provide space to the Trinity Food Bank, Girl Guides, 1st North Bay Scouting, Joy Bands I and II, Mother Care, Infant Food Bank, AA and Gamblers Anonymous, Tuesday Morning Group, Rapport Singers, and many other Church related meetings. We are busy.

I am thankful for the incredible staff members who keep Trinity humming along; Ted and Lisa for worship, Betty for music, Wanda for organizing us, and Ryan for looking after our Building. I am also thankful for the host of church members who step forward to take on the many tasks which make Trinity the special place we all love.

Respectfully Submitted By

David McKenney Board Chair

Property and Grounds

Our Trinity United Church has become quite a busy centre the past few years. In addition to regular 'house' activities, like Sunday services, weddings and funerals, we are home to active Scout and Guide groups, provide a regular space for the Rapport singers, Tai-Chi classes, J.O.Y Band and J.O.Y Band TOO, as well as numerous support groups. We have hosted a number of bands, choirs, plays, and have been a venue for fundraising, not just for our projects, but for the community and city as a whole. To keep Trinity looking her best and be bright and inviting to all, we would invite the participation of the congregation.

There is a suggestion box located in the narthex, please put any items of note, (cleaning, beautification, repair or other), large or small, inside or out, obvious or not in it. All beautification and repair jobs will be entered in a 'jobs book' that will be on the desk outside the office. We would ask you to look the book over once in a while and if you are able to take on a small job, and volunteer an hour of time, contact myself or another member of the property and grounds committee to arrange a convenient day, and ensure any tools or materials needed will be available to you.

Ryan Rozicki, .

Pastoral Care

It has been a busy summer, celebrating special birthdays with the “Over 90’s”. We have continued to do hospital and home visits as well. We have had to say goodbye to some much loved Trinity family members who will always be in our hearts.

Claudette dePencier and Noreen Brewer

The Trinity Testosterone Men’s Canoe Adventure, 2017

In years past, the “Trinity Testosterone” trip has seen about a dozen men venture out on a church men’s wilderness canoe trip--laughing, singing and adventuring our way around local wilderness waterways. This year we continued the tradition of enjoying God’s creation, meaningful worship, hard work and great food - but because of outstanding interest, there were now TWENTY of us in the Kukagami wilderness! (And somehow we made it work!). Participants are sworn to a brotherhood of secrecy - but we anticipate a great similarly-sized group next year. Particular thanks to Dave McKenney, Rick Calhoun, and John Roberts for their invaluable contributions to another great trip. Spots will be limited next year, sign-up starts Easter weekend - shine up your paddles, men!



“Meanwhile, at the Trinity Superhero Academy...”

Trinity’s summer daycamp was another magnificent success in 2017. There was art, music and games, drama and challenge, food and fun. Particular thanks to coordinators Lisa Blais, Marcel McDonald, and Carrie Graham. Many many thanks to all of the other heroes who made “VBC” possible—you helped with lunch and baking, with volunteer hours and care, with love and commitment. Thank you for your Courage, Helpfulness, Altruism AND Determination! (All important superhero virtues embodied by our special guest, Shad-Man!)

“Super” Rally Back Celebrations

On Sunday September 10th we will enjoy “Rally Back” Sunday. Our regular 10:30 a.m. worship will kick off a new season of Sunday School. In the afternoon, we’ll gather for a sunny Rally Day Pot Luck Picnic at beautiful Camp Tillicum, which will feature fun family games for all ages, a potluck picnic, and a special opportunity to discover your very own super-powers!

Apple Pies - 2017

The planning committee has met to set the dates and confirm details for the Apple Pie Project for 2017. We are planning to make 1620 pies this year. The order forms should be available on Rally Back Sunday. Please note the following dates in your calendar to make sure that you do not miss out on the fun.

August 27: clean the kitchen

August 28-29: combine dry pastry and make up the spice bags

September 11-12: make up the pie bottoms

September 30: pick the apples

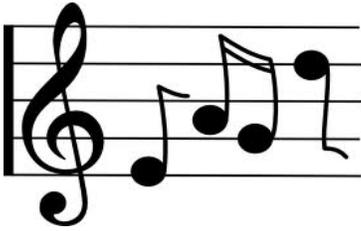
October 1: wash the apples

October 2-5: assemble the pies

If you have helped out in the past, someone from the committee will be calling you with dates and times for the various duties. If you have not participated before, now is your chance. Let me know.

Darlene Laferriere (705) 474-7847





Some musical notes...

The fall season will soon be upon us. Our Junior and Senior Choirs are excited to begin rehearsals for a new church year.

Senior Choir practices will resume on Thursday, September 7, 2017 from 7:15 – 9:00 p.m. We welcome new members! A love of singing is the main requirement. Please see me during fellowship time following Sunday worship, for more information, or I may be reached at 705-497-0499.

We will be preparing special music for the fall season – Thanksgiving and Remembrance Sunday, as well as anthems for each Sunday worship service. The choir will also lead in our regular monthly hymn sings at 10:15 a.m. on the first Sunday of each month.

Our Senior Choir will be presenting a Christmas Cantata, “*I Hear the Prophet Callin*”, on December 17th at 1:30 p.m. This special presentation will be accompanied by a small wind/percussion ensemble and has a great variety of music – much in an Appalachian Style. The Junior Choir will also be participating in this concert. Watch for more information in the Christmas newsletter.

And...children!! Watch the Sunday bulletin for regular information on our Children’s’ Choir. Junior Choir practices every Sunday before church under the leadership of Peggy Millar. Children from JK to Grade 8 are most welcome. Our first rehearsal will be on Sunday, September 10 at 9:30 a.m. Come, and bring a friend!

The organ repairs will be starting in mid-August, and will be completed in October. The electronics are being updated and improved to 21st century “state-of-the art” circuitry!

Our choirs and their directors appreciate the wonderful support that they continue to be given by the Trinity congregation.

Betty Farris, Minister of Music

Tuesday Morning Coffee Group

Welcome friends! We are looking forward to another exciting year beginning with our Potluck welcome on Tuesday, September 12th.

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 12

Welcome Back Potluck

Eating Out?

If you are eating at Swiss Chalet in North Bay (only a North Bay store offer), please save the bill brought to you after eating and before paying. Swiss Chalet will generously donate 10% of the amount spent on food of meals eaten in the restaurant. (Not bar or take out costs.) Please keep your credit card receipt for your own records. There are containers for these receipts in the narthex and on the table in the hall in the McIntyre Street entrance. An easy way to support Trinity!

Bill Brownlee

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 on our website or our 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.

- ***Trinity Youth Group (also I-DYG – Inter-denominational Youth Group)***

Trinity youth, and occasionally youth from other area churches meet throughout the year. We participate in a variety of fun activities with a goal towards building community with other Christian youth. Ask to be added to the I-DYG Facebook page to receive information about upcoming events.

September	Games Social
October	Escape Room
October	Niagara Youth Event from October 27th – 29th

RSVP to Lisa asap

- ***God Squad***

One Sunday a month, youth gather for their own bible study during church time. Youth have a chance to delve deeper into the bible, ask questions and sometimes cook, craft and create as well. Led by Eric Brownlee with occasional support from Marcel MacDonald and Lisa Blais. Dates will be announced soon!

- ***The Mustard Seed Players***

For young people 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 are entering in to our tenth season! We are anticipating an exciting new musical with rehearsals beginning this fall. Information will soon be available. Please speak with Darlene Laferriere, or Lisa Blais for more information.

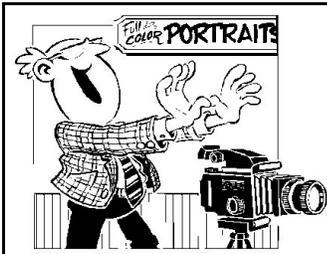
- ***Youth Confirmation Class***

A youth Confirmation weekend will happen early this fall. Youth in grade 7 and up, who are interested in learning more about the United Church of Canada, exploring their faith, and joining the church are encouraged to attend. Youth who have already been confirmed are also welcome and encouraged to attend. To express interest or for more information please speak with Lisa

Coming this winter! Mustard Seed Present's Free to Be

An Information Session and Auditions will take place this fall. This is a wonderful musical that is comprised of short skits that affirm and encourage young people to celebrate who they are as individuals. There will be a number of parts available for Children in SK to Grade 7, as well as opportunity to help behind the scenes for those who would like to lend a hand. We will be looking for volunteers to help in areas such as music, costuming, prop/set design, choreography, etc.

For additional information please email Lisa at blais.trinity@gmail.com or call (705)474-3310



Fall Pictures and Photo Directory

Need a headshot for work? A fresh portrait for an anniversary? Karen and Wes Johnson will be taking our pictures on our way into church as part of the new photo directory project. Profits from any portrait sales will go to the church

WE WANT YOU - TO DESIGN TRINITY SWAG

We're looking for design submissions for some new Trinity spirit wear that we're hoping to have available to order for Christmas.

We're accepting hand drawn submissions or graphics files. Remember these are going to be printed on shirts, jackets, mugs, etc; so keep them simple and clear.

Open to children as well! Submit your kids' designs for children's wear.

Submit your designs to the church office or email by October 1. Voting will take place October 8-15. Contact Carling Lutecki with questions. carlinglutecki@hotmail.ca

Upcoming Dates: Get them on your Calendar!

Sunday September 10th: **Rally Day** Service, plus Afternoon Picnic (See Article)

Sunday September 17th: **Baptism Sunday** and Receiving New members! (*families interested in baptism on this Sunday should be in touch with the Trinity office ASAP!*)

Tuesday September 19th: Trinity Board Meeting, 7pm

Friday September 22nd: A Trinity Drama Fundraiser: "*The Life and Death of John the Milkman*"

Sunday September 24th: **Saint Francis Sunday** (*you're welcome to bring a furry friend or animal memento to church!*)

Sunday October 1st: World-Wide **Communion** Sunday

Week of October 2nd: Apple Pie Week

Sunday October 9th: **Thanksgiving Sunday** and **Baptism Sunday** (*families interested in baptism on this Sunday should be in touch with the Trinity office ASAP!*)

Saturday October 14th: Trinity Hosts a Breast Cancer Fundraiser Concert

Saturday October 28th: Trinity Hosts the Fall 2017 "Rapport Singers" concert

Sunday October 29th: Feel free to wear a **Hallowe'en** costume to church

Sunday November 5th: "Faith Speaks Out" against Domestic Violence Sunday

Saturday November 11th: UCW Christmas Tea and Bazaar

Sunday November 12th: **Remembrance Sunday** service featuring the JOY Band!

Sunday November 26th: AOTS Sunday

Sunday December 3rd: First Sunday in Advent. **Communion Service**

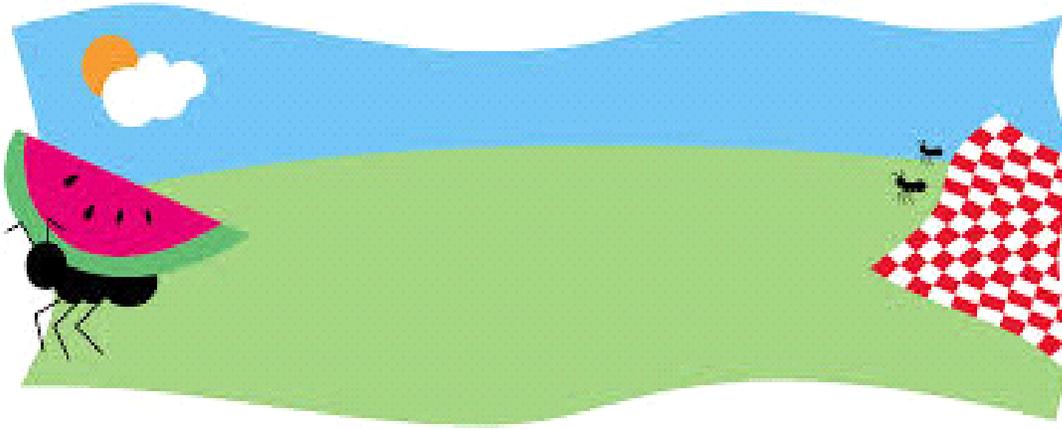
A Quick Update on “Rendez-Vous”

During August 16th-30th, youth from across Canada met in Montreal to celebrate our love of God at Rendez Vous. Through, singing, prayer, friendship and more singing, we celebrated creation and discussed what it means to be the church of Jesus Christ in an accepting and loving environment.

Some of the highlights of the event were the Keynote Speakers, who included Aidan Legault, a member of Manitou conference who discussed the political role of the church, and how to speak out about our faith in the way we are called to. Also featured were the Right Reverend Jordan Cantwell, Paola Márquez of the Columbia Methodist Church, Dr. Rodger Nishioka and many others who proclaimed their love for the Almighty. We also had the chance to explore Montreal in sessions called Exposure Trips, in which youth and youth leaders were given the choice between visiting landmarks of the city, or going on mission trips to help the community.

If you would like to know more about our experience, please don't hesitate to talk to any of the youth and leaders who attended (Carrie Graham, Eric Brownlee, Colton Chaput, Anne Graham, Cindy Brownlee, Sandra Brownlee, Lisa Blais) We love talking about how much fun we had. Also, you can find video highlights of our time at Rendez Vous on the United Church of Canada facebook page.

Submitted by Carrie Graham, Rendez Vous Pilgrim.



Church Family Picnic

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

Sunday, September 10th, at 3:00pm

YMCA's Camp Tillicum on beautiful Lake Nipissing

Bring a salad or appetizer, plate and fork, bathing suit and lawn chair.

Everyone is welcome!

Trinity "Super" Sunday School:

**Join us as we kick off with our Sunday School year exploring our own
"super hero" gifts.**

Sunday School Topics will include:

How to Build a Church, Life in Bible Times, Blessed are the Peacemakers, Mary and Elizabeth
...and of course, the ever popular Christmas Pageant!

Discovered and explored through:

Science, Crafts, Cooking, Songs, Drama, Dance, Games and Storytelling!

Sunday School is geared towards children between the ages of 4-13. Too old for Sunday School? We would love to have high school students to help with our workshops! (This will also meet the requirements for high school volunteer hours!)

Nursery care is also available for children under the age of three.

TRINITY UNITED CHURCH

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