

Trinity United Church



Fall 2014 Newsletter

UPCOMING EVENTS

Get them on your Calendar!

Rally Day Service, plus Afternoon Picnic

Sunday September 7th

Saint Francis Sunday

Sunday September 28th

all ages are encouraged to bring your favourite stuffed animal to church!

Apple Pie Project Begins

September 1st

World-Wide Communion Service

Sunday October 5th

Thanksgiving Baptism

Families interested in baptism should be in touch with the office ASAP!

Sunday October 12th

Area Youth Retreat

October 25-27th

Hallowe'en

Feel free to wear your Hallowe'en costume to church

Sunday November 2nd

UCW Christmas Tea & Bazaar

Saturday November 8th

Remembrance Sunday

Sunday November 9th

AOTS Sunday

Sunday November 23rd

From the Minister's Desk:

“Truth In Advertising”

“Eventually, Trinity will probably disappoint you. I will disappoint you.” That’s what I was moved to say to an enthusiastic new “fan” of the Trinity church family.

Some years ago, she left her former church. She left that place feeling hurt, maybe even betrayed. That community and its leadership failed to live up to her expectations. Years later, she came to Trinity, almost by accident. And Wow: Her heart has been refreshed, her faith renewed, her love of community has re-awakened. It is a joy to behold! But she also needed to hear that the church that I love and call my home is likely to disappoint her. Somehow. Eventually.

My invitation was that she consider whether or not she will stick around after Trinity’s minister says something really stupid, or another person in the community somehow hurts her feelings. We call ourselves a family, after all,

and that’s what happens in families—even the really good ones—we’re human, and we mess up. –But that’s exactly when God shows up!

If you walk away the moment your church disappoints you, then you’ll probably miss the moment of grace. You won’t be here to see how God steps into our mess, and draws us together in spite of our failures and shortcomings. You would miss the opportunity to see beauty, to witness grace, to experience what’s really real about this faith of ours. And that would be the true tragedy.

Hope to see you on Sunday,

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Hopefully you are feeling energized and enthusiastic

Dear Trinity Friends:

As I write this newsletter report 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! Hopefully you are feeling energized and enthusiastic and ready to return to the comforts and routines that fall brings with it. I certainly am!

While the summer quieted down a little, there was still plenty going on at Trinity! Don, Tony, Dave and others were busy at work fixing up the women's washroom and a few other needed repairs around our building and Ione continued to keep the garden beautiful and earned a nomination for communities in bloom. Children attended Camp Lorrain for a great week of camp and Trinity held its very successful Vacation Bible Camp program with about 50 children in attendance. This year we went on a quest for adventure and discovered some of the Parables with the help of Nipissing Jones, Tommy Temagami and a few fearless leaders: Marcel, Melissa, Caitie, Emily, Shannen, Hannah, and myself.

Special thanks to Janice Brownlee and Jean Mitchell for organizing the kitchen and also a very special thank-you to all those who volunteered their time to prepare food, lead sessions, or to provide a hand wherever needed.

This summer I was fortunate to attend the Wild Goose Festival in North Carolina with my daughters and some of my colleagues in ministry. This was a wonderful opportunity to worship, learn and have meaningful discussions about flourishing ministries. Some of attendees are now discussing the possibility of hosting a home grown Festival of Faith, Justice and Art in the near future! This August some of our Trinity members had the opportunity to attend Rendez-vous in Winnipeg. This was a gathering of United Church youth, young adults and leaders from all across Canada to come together for worship, learning and community building. It is an incredible blessing to connect with a wider community of faith at these types of events. Hopefully there will be an opportunity to share some of these experiences with the church family!

This fall, as always, there will be many opportunities 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 7th. During morning worship, we will covenant with our Sunday school Teachers and Volunteers 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.

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

Pastoral Care & Visiting

The Committee continues to visit the Hospital, Nursing Homes and Retirement Homes regularly and as required. If you, or a member of your family, would like a visit by a member of our Committee, by the Minister, or would like Communion in your home, please contact one of the undersigned.

If you are admitted to the Hospital be sure to tell them in admitting that you are a member of Trinity United Church.

Respectfully submitted: Noreen Brewer, Claudette dePencier

Prayer Shawl Group.

We have been quiet this summer. Hopefully, we will be rejuvenated in September to get the needles/hooks working again. Our next gathering will be the 2nd of September. Anyone is welcome to join us in this ministry.

Judy Biondi

Our Trinity family is getting ready to do the great things

It is not hard to envision the closeness of winter, as we encounter the cold fall like temperatures of the past few days. It is also not hard to envision the continuation of the great year that was happening at Trinity, before our summer break. As families return from their vacations and family gatherings, our Trinity family is getting ready to do the great things that give us the opportunities to share our stories and our Faith.

I am sure the stories of new things that will be happening within our church, will be shared in some of the other reports as you read through them in this newsletter.

As our children prepare for their re-

turn to school, and as the pie project is in preparation mode, and as our summer holidays come to an end, and the church pews start filling up, may these be the signs that keep us aware of the closeness that is lived and shared at Trinity.

There are many great events being prepared as the season of change gets closer. It is always the best season, as summer holiday memories fade, and the season of Advent brings a reason for joy.

In closing I recognize Ione Barre, for her many years of dedication to the transformation of our rock, into Ionne's garden. It was a fitting tribute to have her work, and her beautiful garden, recognized as a weekly

winner, in North Bay Blooms. Congratulations Ionne, and Thank You for making a difference, in the beauty outside of our church, and to the many hearts that were inspired by your garden and, by your dedication.

And now we must think of balancing budgets, ongoing building maintenance and repairs, and getting into the day to day church operation.

As the hustle bustle of meetings and projects get into full swing, I would be remiss if I did not recognize those people who do the little things that keep the groups and committees operation running smoothly.

You are appreciated.

John Sheridan Board Chair

Some musical notes...from Betty Farris, Minister of Music.

We will be preparing special music for the fall season

What an exciting fall is beginning at Trinity Church! It is a pleasure to be part of Trinity's Team – Ted, Lisa, Wanda, and Ryan. I hope that everyone has had a great summer!

During the time of shared services in late July and August, we welcomed guest choir members from St. Andrew's United, and the Pro Cathedral as part of our "Joseph" medley. Guest soloists Raymond Gauthier and Jennifer Krabbe (both former students of mine) shared their musical gifts at our August 16th service.

Senior Choir practices will resume on Thursday, September 4, 2014, at 7:15 p.m. We welcome new members! A love of singing is the main requirement. Practices are each Thursday from 7:15 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Please see me during fel-

lowship 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 also be presenting a Christmas Cantata, "Images of Adoration", in December. Watch for more information in the Christmas newsletter. As well, the choir will join with the JOY Band on Sunday afternoon, December 14 for a special Christmas music concert at Trinity.

And...children!! Watch the Sunday bulletin for 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.

We are hoping to purchase an electronic keyboard for Trinity Church, for use with the Children's Choir, Mustard Seed, small ensembles, Coffee House etc. This instrument will transpose, be portable, and will connect to our sound system. Donations will be gratefully appreciated! It is hoped that we will have sufficient funds to purchase the keyboard this fall. The cost is under \$2000.00.

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

Betty Farris, Minister of Music

Ministry and Personal Committee

We are very lucky at Trinity

The M & P committee oversees relationships within the pastoral charge ministry, particularly the roles and functions of paid leaders and employees. M&P has a dual role in that it is both consultive and supportive. It does not have decision making authority but instead it recommends particular actions to the official board. The members of this committee have a variety of backgrounds and life experiences reflecting the diversity of the congregation.

We are very lucky at Trinity to have an active and dedicated group of committee members who work very closely together and are active in the life of the congregation. Our most recent activity has been to fill the position of Treasurer. We welcome Michelina Beam to this position as of July 25th. Michelina comes to this position with a wealth of experience in accounting and in

the preparation of financial reports. Peter Moseley-Williams stepped back into the position in June until we could hire someone. Peter developed a job description for the Treasurers duties to help us understand the scope of this position. Thank you Peter for all of your help over the summer, your assistance was invaluable.

Over the summer all of our staff have been very busy. Here are a few highlights. Lisa attended the Wild Goose Festival in North Carolina at the end of June and after some well deserved vacation co-ordinated a very busy Vacation Bible Camp at Trinity in August with the help of a summer student; Caitie Blumsom, and a dedicated group of volunteers.

Reverend Ted was the Theme Speaker at the AOTS Central Region Spring Roundup held at Jackson's Point in May. He also lead a

group of men from Trinity on what is reported to be another successful Testosterone canoe trip.

You will have to ask him the details as what happens is a tightly kept secret?

Our minister of music Betty Farris continues to enrich our church services by including some outstanding talent along with new and vibrant musical numbers.

Wanda somehow keeps track of everyone's schedule and continues to be a wonderful ambassador for new members. While we were enjoying the last few days of the summer closure our custodian Ryan prepared the church for reopening.

Please refer to the staff reports for more details.

Linda Mclay and Brad Stenning
Co chairs M & P

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! Child-care 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

- Sept. 9 Apple pies
- Sept. 16 Yoga
- Sept. 23 Canning
- Sept. 30 Freezer Meals

The Watershed Shakespeare Festival presents

KING LEAR

By William Shakespeare

‘They told me I was everything. Tis a lie.’



Starring

David Fox and Jeff Miller

Adapted and Directed by Rod Carley

April 16, 17, 18, 22, 23, 24, 25
- 7:30 p.m.

April 19, 26 - 2:00 p.m.

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\$30.00 – Adults/Seniors

\$15.00 – Students



The “Trinity Testosterone” Men’s Canoe Trip

As in years past, a dozen Trinity guys ventured back into the wilderness this past June. The southwest Kukagami corner of the Temagami wilderness hosted us for the best “Testosterone” trip yet! We enjoyed Creation, great food, good music, and endless laughter. That’s all the detail you get—because these guys are sworn to secrecy! Special thanks to Marshall Smith, Rick

Calhoun, and John Roberts for equipment and expertise. Thanks to Dave McKenney, Mike Martin and Ralph Berg for their above-and-beyond the call volunteer efforts. Let the tradition continue! “The Trinity Testosterone” is always number-limited, so get your name on the June 2015 list early next year. And don’t forget to ask Santa for a shiny new canoe!

Trinity Social Club

Summer is almost over and Trinity Social Club functions are up and running again.

Coming up first is the Annual Corn Roast at the Cook’s on Carmichael Drive on the 6th of September.

Next for the month of October we hope to have a travel presentation.

November brings us to the Annual Progressive Dinner which is always well attended and thoroughly enjoyed.

Your Co-Chairs for the past few years Linda & John Sheridan with Sandi & Roman Rozicki wish to thank everyone who has been involved with the Trinity Social Club.

We are stepping down as Chairs for the Trinity Social Club as of December of this year. Please consider becoming Chair/ Co-Chair so the Trinity Social Club can continue to be a part of what Trinity has to offer.

Thank you all,

Linda & John Sheridan
Sandi & Roman Rozicki
Co-Chairs

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 highschool 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.

I-DYG (Interdenominational Youth Group)

Trinity youth, along with youth from other area churches meet once a month – usually the last Sunday of the month from 12:30 – 3:30 pm. We participate in a variety of fun activities with a goal towards building community with other Christian youth. We usually meet at Calvin Presbyterian Church on the last Sunday of the month. Ask to be added to the I-DYG Facebook page

to receive information about upcoming events.

September tbd	Pizza Social
October 24-26	Youth Retreat Weekend at Spirit Point

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 cos-

tumes to join our troupe anytime. We have presented several musicals. We are anticipating an exciting new musical for this year. Information will be available this fall. For information about Mustard Seed please speak with Darlene Laferriere, or Lisa Blais.

Youth Band – coming soon!!!

Youth who are interested in being part of a band please let Lisa know – if there is enough interest we will get one started.

FOOD SHELF NEWS

Trinity Food Shelf is gearing up for a very active fall and winter. Here is an update on what's happening:

FOOD SHELF

The Monday Food Shelf continues to serve more and more needy individuals. There will be a slight change in the hours of operation beginning in September when we will be open from 9:45 to 11:00. We need a few more volunteers to work in the Food Shelf (if we have enough, each person only has to work one week out of four). We are also looking for volunteers to help with shopping for grocery specials (under Doris-Rae's direction)

If you want more information about this program, please see Jim Liddell.

BREAKFAST PROGRAM

Starting after Thanksgiving week-

end we will have a trial run of our Breakfast Program. A continental style breakfast will be available to those in need between 9:00 and 9:30 on Monday mornings, followed by a 15-minute eat up/clean up period. To provide a nutritious breakfast, the proposed menu is: Bagel/Toast with peanut butter and/or jam; cold hard-boiled egg; cereal with milk; yogurt; and fruit. Clients will be offered a choice of 4 of the 5 items. Our guesstimate is that we will serve about 40 people each week. We need a number of volunteers to prepare and plate the food, to serve it and to clean up after.

If you want more information on this program, please see Roxanne Chartrand.

INFANT NUTRITION PROGRAM

This is scheduled to start in September and will provide necessary sup-

plies (food, diapers, etc) to families with newborns, up to 12 months old. It will operate on Wednesdays from 11:30 – 1:30, after Mothercare is finished for the day. A number of volunteers are required to assist.

If you want more information on this program, please see Linda McLay. PLEASE NOTE THAT VOLUNTEERS FOR THIS PROGRAM MAY REQUIRE A VULNERABLE SECTOR POLICE CHECK.

DO YOU WANT TO VOLUNTEER?

If you are interested in any of the above, please talk to Lisa Blais. Even if you have previously submitted your name, please submit it to Lisa again, so we can be sure that we have a complete and accurate list.

Property and Grounds

This past summer was planned to be a time of rest for a very busy Property and Grounds Committee however, a problem with the sink drains in the Ladies Washroom changed this plan.

The blocked drains were encased in the original stone and cement wall of the Church and could not be accessed in any way. Our plumber was called in and he determined after crawling under the floors of the Sunday School Room that the only possible solution was to cut a section of the floor out to properly drain the sinks. Don Rideout took on the job and thanks to his and the plumbers efforts we now have a new to us Ladies Washroom. We discovered that there were 5 layers of old flooring which had to be removed, 2 of the toilets were leaking and the flooring under them was rotting so we replaced them

with taller more accessible models that are low flow. This job took the better part of 4 weeks to complete.

Don also repainted the Ferguson and McIntyre St steps and repaired the plaster, which was slowly being chipped away around the doorway of the inside of the McIntyre entrance.

We are very lucky to have members of our Congregation with skills to ensure that our aging building looks its best.

The outside roof over the Narthex was replaced in June and when we began the work of repairing the water damage to the inside ceiling it was discovered that the binding agent in the spray on finish to the original Narthex ceiling contained a small amount of asbestos. A specialist was called in and they are going to remove the damaged material starting on August 25 and we

have been reassured that the remainder of the ceiling is safe for us to walk under.

More work was completed on the retaining walls of Ione's Garden, and because of Ione's unbelievable dedication to making the Garden an oasis of beauty in the Downtown Core she was nominated for a Communities in Bloom award. Ione is seeking help to continue to offer this place of beauty next year. See her or Wanda if you would like to become involved in keeping this beautiful spot growing.

Our next projects are to refurbish the original Board Room and to begin planning to update the shabby looking Men's Washroom next summer.

As always if you notice something that could use fixing or touching up please point it out to us.

Sunday School

I am writing this on the bus while travelling as part of the United Church youth, young adults and youth leaders pilgrimage to Rendezvous 2014 in Winnipeg. What an amazing group of young people. The last Rendezvous in Toronto in 2011 was attended by several members of Trinity and, once again, Trinity has enthusiastic participants. (Just ask Carrie, Eric or Sandra about their awesome experience). I hope that our current Sunday School kids will also have an opportunity for such wonderful experiences with other youth within the wider church family.

Our church kids have also been busy this summer with other church activities such as Camp Lorrain and Vacation Bible Camp as they "Quest for Adventure" and learn about parables with the leadership team of Melissa, Marcel and Lisa. I have also heard some rumours about special VBC visitors. Thank you to everyone who supported these activities.

We officially kick off the Sunday School year with Rally Back Sunday and the church family picnic on September 7th. Our theme this year is "Let's Go Fishing!"

We are continuing to use the workshop rotational model for our Sunday School. We tried the "Spark" curricu-

lum last year and are pleased with it so will continue to use it. We offer three classes on the same lesson but delivered in different ways. Our rotations include such things as; cooking, games, drama, crafts, stories, and science. The children are divided into three age groups and go to a different lesson each week. It works great for our teachers who teach a modified version of the same lesson for three weeks in a row.

Our plans are underway for some wonderful lessons. The kids will learn about Fishing, Moses and the Exodus, Giving Thanks, Battle of Jericho, Jesus and John the Baptist, Love, Mary and Martha and, or course, the ever popular Christmas Pageant. (Thanks Darlene!)

We have a great team of teachers and helpers but would love to have more. We also have a great minister who preaches wonderful sermons and with more teachers we don't have to ask teachers to teach more than one or two three-week rotations in a year, so they also have a chance to stay in church and hear Rev. Ted. If you can teach one rotation (just three Sundays) or more, or can help us out by filling in every once in awhile, please speak to Lisa or myself. We provide the lesson plan and hands on training. We also welcome high school kids to help.

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Sunday School Superintendent

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Designated Lay Minister

