

# Trinity United Church



## Fall 2015 Newsletter

### UPCOMING EVENTS

Get them on your Calendar!

#### Rally Day Service

plus Afternoon Picnic  
Sunday, September 13th

#### Led Zeppelin

PERFORMED LIVE IN THE  
HOUSES OF THE HOLY  
Michael White & The White  
Saturday, September 19, 8pm

#### Trinity's Apple Pie Project

rolls into full swing!  
September/October

#### Saint Francis Sunday

bring a favourite stuffed animal or  
animal memento to church!  
Sunday, September 27th

#### World-Wide Communion Service

Sunday, October 4th

#### Thanksgiving Baptism Sunday

(families interested in baptism on  
this Sunday should be in touch  
with the Trinity office ASAP!)  
Sunday October 13th

#### Hallowe'en

Wear your Hallowe'en costume  
"Advent Through Art" artistic  
contributions are due  
Sunday, November 1st

### *From the Minister's Desk:*

## Where do you Want to Be?

A favourite old story with a faith twist: There's a monk who is greatly trusted and loved in his community throughout a lifetime of dedicated service. At the end of his life, the Angels come for him and conduct him to the afterlife. He quite enjoys the afterlife—there is much there for him to do, because many still need his care, his counsel and his comfort. He is happy and fulfilled.

A few weeks after his death, the Angels return for him, red-faced. "We're so embarrassed," the Angels report, "You were destined for heaven, but we accidentally brought you to hell! We'll bring you to heaven now." The monk looked around him, realizing that this place so in need of love and comfort was indeed a less-than-heavenly place. The holy man nonetheless smilingly said, "...I think I'll stay."

--That brief illustration challenges some perceptions of the Christian

life. Because it reveals that faith is not selfish. It's not about some imagined heavenly reward. It's about love, today. We are humble and caring because love is its own satisfaction, its own reward. And faith is about bringing something of Heaven to the world around us.

North Bay is neither heaven nor hell, although it surely has elements of both. At Trinity we sweeten our community's heavenly flavour by bringing laughter and fellowship, music and service, outreach, cooperation, and compassion. I pray that you'll see the joy, feel the faith, witness the caring, and decide, "...I think I'll stay."

See you on Sunday,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "A.D.", is written on a light green rectangular background.

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## *From the Designated Lay Minister*

Dear Trinity Friends:

Having just returned from a busy summer of cross country travel 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. In particular, I look forward to hearing from our General Council delegates about the work of The United Church of Canada. 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. 55 children plus several youth and adult volunteers had a fantastic (and exhausting) week of adventure, fun and learning during our I-SPY Vacation Bible Camp. 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, to the youth who volunteered 35 hours of their summer to help shepherd the campers, to the parents who lent a helping hand when needed, to Colonel Ted and our “famous” detective groups who added intrigue and excitement to our week and especially to my partners in clue busting, Melissa Peddie, Marcel MacDonald and Caitie Blumsom, our summer intern. Plans are already under way for next year’s exciting adventure! This summer several Trinity members had the opportunity to travel to Cornerbrook Newfoundland to

attend the 42nd General Council meeting of The United Church of Canada, where among other things, a new Moderator was elected. If you want to know more about what happened at General Council I encourage you to chat with one of the Trinity folk who attended: Rev. Ted, Sue Whitehead, Janice Brownlee, Carrie Graham and Jeff Mailloux.

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 13th. 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 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

## *Advent Through Art*

In recent years at Trinity United Church we’ve been inviting area musicians to share their music with us, and have been deeply enriched by the experience. “Trinity Arts” is betting that there’s a lot of visual art out there that is equally engaging, helping us to understand human spirituality through an artistic lens. Are you willing to help us to see?

By November 1st 2015, we hope to receive your art for display. Maybe you’re a professional, and looking to sell your art. Maybe you have a treasured piece from your personal collection you’re willing to share. Maybe you’re an amateur experimenting with new media. Surprise us! Challenge us! Delight us!

By the McIntyre entrance of Trinity, you will find some “Advent Through Art 2015 Primers.” These are intended to help you think about art you might develop or contribute to this project, which we will display throughout autumn towards Christmas!

## Message from the Chair

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Welcome back to everyone. As summer is winding down, I hope and pray that it was a good one. Some of us this summer faced various challenges, from health issues to dealing with the heat, still others had an opportunity to travel to see family or explore other countries, and still others took the opportunity for some down time at home. However, it was spent, I hope you had an opportunity to regroup, recharge and relax.

The first half of 2015 was really busy for Trinity, from King Lear, to Dream On, to Vacation Bible Camp, to The Joyband, The Joyful Bells and all the other activities in between. We are so very thankful to have such talented people in our congregation.

Before I go any farther, I would like to say welcome to the new Vice Chair Kirk Ready. Thank you for answering the call to take on this

position. I know that you will bring lots of knowledge and church experience to Trinity.

As September rolls in, the annual apple pie project has already started. The ladies have been busy getting some of the dry ingredients together. This is an awesome project and a great fundraiser for Trinity. Make sure you get your order in, the pies go fast!

September 6th we will have already celebrated Rev. Cook's 90th birthday. Happy Birthday!

Don't forget to mark Sept 13th for Rally back Sunday. Always a fun way to spend a Sunday afternoon and enjoy fellowship, and of course good food!

Congratulations to the people that finished the LLWL course and congratulations to the new people who are starting the next one. May you find it a great learning experience.

Before we know it the UCW Christmas Tea and Bazaar will be here in November. That's the time to get some neat and unique gifts for family and friends.

The rest of 2015 is gearing up to be just as busy the first half. May we all remember to take the time to share a smile, a hug or just even a pat on the back. God loves and accepts us as we are and we need to do the same for each other. Remember, we may be the only Jesus someone sees today.

If I can do some good today,  
If I can help along life's way,  
If I can something helpful say,  
Lord, show me how.  
If I can aid one in distress,  
If I can make one burden less,  
If I can spread more happiness,  
Lord, show me how.

Respectively submitted,  
Roxanne Chartrand  
Board Chair

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

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What an exciting musical fall is beginning at Trinity Church!

First and foremost ----- Led Zeppelin is coming to Trinity on Saturday, September 19th in the persona of Michael White and The White. The Trinity Choir – and others who would like to sing in this concert – are part of this extravaganza, as back-up singers! The concert "Live in the Houses of the Holy" promises to be a memorable experience! If you wish to be part of this one-time special choir, please contact Betty at 705-497-0499, or

e-mail: [bettyfarris@hotmail.com](mailto:bettyfarris@hotmail.com)

Rehearsals for the Led Zeppelin Choir will be:

Thurs., Sept. 10 – 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Thurs., Sept. 17 – 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Dress rehearsal time with Michael White – to be announced at first rehearsal.

Senior Choir practices will resume on Thursday, September 10, 2015 at 7:00 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. (except for the first 2 practices in September before the Michael White concert). 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 also be presenting a Christmas Cantata, "The Mystery and the Majesty", in December. Watch for more information in the Christmas newsletter.

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.

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

Our committee would like to extend a warm “welcome back” to our staff, our congregation, and our Ministers and their families, as we anticipate another church year of dedication and growth to and in our efforts to further expand the mission of Trinity and God’s word in our community and surrounding area.

The main purpose of the M&P Committee is to function as a consultative, intermediary and supportive body on temporal matters affecting the people of Trinity as well as the Ministers of Trinity and the staff of Trinity. In this capacity, we are responsible for personnel matters, for the function and supervision of all staff and also as a sounding board for both the congregation and staff should issues arise in the temporal functioning of Trinity internally or in the wider community.

Our committee believes that Trinity is indeed very fortunate in having the present members of staff and ministry that are an integral part of our church family today. We are also pleased with the dedication and commitment of our congregation as they volunteer for our numerous committees and projects. Anyone having any questions, suggestions, or comments concerning the aforementioned areas is invited to approach any of the M&P Committee members.

It is our pleasure to be of assistance at all times - we are - Debbie Clark, Don Haslam, John Peddie, Pat Smith, Brad Stenning and Anna Wright.

Have a great fall  
your M&P Committee



### The Trinity Testosterone Men's Canoe Adventure, 2015

As in years past, late June saw 14 Trinity guys venture on a church men's wilderness canoe trip. We always eat well, and this time around it was the mosquitoes of the Kukagami area who we in turn fed! Besides the facts that we enjoyed God's creation, meaningful worship, hard work and great food, the participants are sworn to secrecy—so you're not likely to get many details out of them! Special thanks to Rick Calhoun, John Roberts, and Dave McKenney for their time, organization, and expertise. Participation in “The Trinity Testosterone” is always number-limited, so get your name on the June 2016 list extra-early next year ...and see you on the water!

## First North Bay

### Registration

**Tuesday, September 15**

6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

or at any meeting

### Beavers

(Ages 5 - 7)

Tuesdays

6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

### Cubs

(Ages 8 - 11)

Tuesdays

6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

### Scouts

(Ages 11 - 14)

Thursdays

7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

### Ventures

(Ages 15 - 17)

Mondays

7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

### Rovers

(Ages 18 - 26)

Wednesdays

7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

**We are growing!**

The enthusiasm is increasing!

This means our need for leaders is growing too.

You can be a part of an organization that serves youth from age 5 up.

Can you find a couple of hours a week to invest in the youth of our city?

Dave McKenney 474-4947 or

Bill Brownlee 472-3226

would be pleased to fill you in on all the details.

Don't want to deal directly with youth? Our Group Committee is a group of adults who support the program.

## 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	BBQ Social
October	Fall Retreat at Spirit Point

### ***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 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 Confirmation Class***

A youth Confirmation weekend will be scheduled sometime this year. 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 Blais or Rev. Ted.

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## ***Tuesday Morning Coffee Group***

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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

Sept. 8th	Potluck and Conversation
Sept. 15th	Restaurant Tour
Sept. 22nd	CD Photo Book
Sept. 29th	Pies

## UCW REPORT

Greetings from the UCW ladies. Hope everyone had a good summer. As summer is winding down, we are gearing up for a busy fall season. On our to do list is ,of course, the annual apple pie project, which already started on Aug 31st, with the mixing of the dry ingredients. Before we know it the delicious pies will be ready to purchase, so make sure you get your order in. If you would like to participate in this fun project contact Shirey Tayler or Rae Brownlee. Even the Mayor & Rev Ted get in on the action.

Our Friday luncheons(last friday of the month) will be starting again. If you would like to help out please contact Rae Brownlee.

Be sure to mark Sept 20th on your calendar for a UCW free will offering luncheon after church. Always such good food.

Preparations for the UCW Christmas Tea and Bazaar in November will be starting soon. Sandy Foster has graciously agreed to do the decorating this year. Thank you. More exciting news to follow as the Bazaar gets closer.

The ladies of the UCW meet every second Monday of the month. Come on out & see what we are all about, join us for fun, laughter, fellowship, guest speakers, tea & goodies as we use our ministry in supporting Trinity.

Friendship is alliance of three great powers---- Love, Sympathy and Hope

Respectively submitted,  
Roxanne Chartrand,  
UCW President

## Sunday School

Vacation Bible Camp, Camp Lorrain, General Council 42 and on and on and on...

there is always something happening at Trinity, even if things seem quiet in the church. Soon the quiet church will once again be a steady stream of activity, and for that, I give thanks.

We welcome all children to our Sunday School. Regulars, occasionals, friends and visitors and anyone who just wants to check it out. Nursery for children under 3 and Sunday school for ages 3 and up. We welcome teens (who feel they may have outgrown Sunday School) an opportunity to volunteer as teachers' helpers or nursery helpers (and earn volunteer hours for school).

We are looking forward to kicking off the Sunday School year with Rally Back and our church picnic

on September 13th. We will begin our preparations for rally back the week before on September 6th, so come on out and help us to "Fully Rely on God" We will be leaping into all sorts of F.R.O.G. activities.

We are looking forward to continuing with the workshop rotational model with three different age groups rotating though activities such as cooking, drama, stories, games, science and more. This fall we will be learning about Esther, Ruth and Naomi and Hannah in Sunday School. We are very blessed to have some wonderful and dedicated teachers and youth helpers. Teachers teach for a three-week rotation. If you can give three Sundays of your time, we would love your help. We have a wonderful group of children in Sunday School and we think everyone should have a chance to get to know them. What

a better way than volunteering to teach for a few weeks. You do not need to have children in Sunday School to offer your talents. We provide on the job training with youth support.

Mark your calendar for these upcoming special Sundays; September 27 – St Francis Sunday and the blessing of the (stuffed) animals, November 1 - Halloween Costume Sunday and December 20th is the famous Trinity Sunday School Christmas Pageant (practices begin November 29th).

Exciting things happening...see you at church!

Cindy Brownlee  
Sunday School Superintendant  
705-476-4043

Lisa Blais  
Designated Lay Minister  
705-474-3310

## The Ennis Sisters Celtic Christmas Concert



**Wednesday, November 25th, 7 pm sharp**

Trinity United Church

**Tickets \$25 | Purchase at church office 705-474-3310**

The Ennis Sisters Christmas show is the perfect family Celtic Christmas show suitable for all ages. The show consists of songs from the Ennis Sisters' two Christmas albums plus traditional Christmas songs, stories of Christmas past and present and step dancing. These three sisters from Newfoundland have toured the world and have a gold record to their credit.

They will be joined by two skilled side musicians at the Trinity United concert. A portion of the ticket sales will be given to support Trinity's Outreach.

## Special Rally Back Celebrations

On Sunday September 13th, we enjoy "Rally Back" Sunday, which consists of two special parts! Our regular 10:30am worship will kick off a new year of Sunday School as well as including the recognition of our own beloved Rev. Kathleen McCallum as Trinity's Minister Emerita. 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. --Let's start the new school year in style!





Trinity United Church is not only a great place to meet God in worship and through friends, it's also a Top-Secret Spy Training Academy—or at least it was for a week in late July when we fed, entertained, and taught over 50 children per day, providing a diverse program of fun and faith engagement. This year we learned from some of television's greatest detectives—and out-detected them with our biblical know-how and razor-sharp Spy-skills. There was art, music and games, drama and challenge, food and fun. Particular thanks to coordinators Lisa Blais, Melissa Peddie, and Marcel McDonald. Many thanks to all of the other Trinity secret agents who made "VBC" possible—you helped with supplies and food, with passion and care, with love and commitment. What a difference you make for the youngest members of our church family!

## *Prayer Shawl*

Our group of enthusiastic knitters/crocheters has decided to work from home. We continue to hold the recipients in our thoughts as we work away. Anyone is welcome to help out by putting "nimble fingers" to work.

In the last few months, we have presented 5 baby blankets to those who were baptized. We have had one Sunday when some shawls were blessed. A few people have picked up shawls for adults in need of compassion and loving thoughts. There are always some available at the church. Just ask at the office for information about them.

It is our pleasure to provide these blankets for those needing comfort and encouragement. It is an outreach programme that has been well received by the people who attend Trinity.

Respectfully submitted,  
Judy Biondi

 A photograph of a church family picnic. A group of children and adults are playing on a sandy beach. Some children are holding colorful balloons. In the background, there are parked cars and a white building. The text "Church Family Picnic" is overlaid in large white letters.
 

# Church Family Picnic

**Fun and games, good food, music and lakeside vespers service**  
**Sunday, September 13th, 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!**

**Remembrance Sunday  
service**

Sunday November 8th

**UCW Yuletide Tea and  
Bazaar**

Saturday, November 14th

**Baptism Sunday**

(families interested in baptism on this  
Sunday should be in touch with the  
Trinity office ASAP!)

Sunday November 22nd

**First Sunday in Advent.**

Communion Service  
Sunday, November 29th

***Joyful Bells  
Handbell Choir***

We will begin ringing toward the  
end of September - date TBA  
(we're waiting on our bells!).

The choir meets Tuesdays at 6:00  
PM at Trinity in the board room.  
For more information, please con-  
tact Brenda McLay at  
brenda.mclay@hotmail.com or  
phone 705-472-5253 (evenings)

LED-ZEPPELIN



PERFORMED LIVE IN THE HOUSES OF THE HOLY

**Michael White & The White**

Feat. Trinity United Choir

**SEPT 19<sup>TH</sup> - 8 PM  
TRINITY UNITED CHURCH**

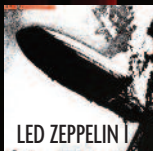
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