



FOUNDED ON THE ROCK, SUSTAINED BY FAITH

Welcome Back - Trinity United Church

September 4, 2016

Minister's Message: Why You're Here

by Reverend Ted Harrison

You. Yes, you. You're a Child of God. That's what we want you to know.

You can forget this simple fact, that you're a Child of God. Regardless of your age, your sex, or your marital status. Regardless of your income or your life circumstances or whether you go to church. You are a Child of God. You are in this world to make a difference, to be a vehicle through whom God blesses the world.

Do what you can to stay connected with this truth. Do work that serves others and feeds your own sense of purpose and zest for life. Read books that inspire you. Surround yourself with people who keep you curious—who challenge and comfort you, but not necessarily

people with whom you will always agree.

Try new things once in a while. Don't be afraid to show joy. Also, don't be afraid of tears—they too are a gift from God. Life will provide you with endless opportunities to learn and grow. Seize those opportunities.

One last bit of advice: Seek our communities where you can pursue this "Child of God" business. If you don't have a church community to nourish and encourage you, drop in at Trinity. We've been working on being God's Children for about 135 years—and on a good day we feel like we're getting the hang of it.



Fall is for Apple Pies

The annual Trinity Apple Pie Fundraising event is on. Stay posted to the Sunday Bulletin for dates and times of the Apple Pie making steps. And have fun!

Rally Back Sunday

Church Family Picnic

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

Sunday, September 11th, at 3:00pm
YMCA's Camp Tillicum on Lake Nippissing

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

Everyone is welcome!

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Tuesday Morning Coffee Group

Welcome friends! We are a welcoming group of women of all ages who meet on Tuesday mornings (9:30 – 11:30) throughout the school year.

We are looking forward to another exciting year beginning with our Potluck welcome on Tuesday, September 6th. 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

COFFEE GROUP DATES

- Sep 6 Welcome Back Potluck**
- Sep 13 Hand Massages & Manicures**
- Sep 20 Tai Chi**
- Sep 27 Medicine Bags**
- Oct 4 Apple Pies**



Special Rally Back Celebrations

On Sunday September 11h, we will enjoy "Rally Back" Sunday. Our regular 10:30am worship will install our new Sunday School Superintendent Marcel MacDonald and 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 and a potluck picnic.

DIRECTIONS TO CAMP TILlicum

- ✚ Head south on Highway 11.
- ✚ Take Exit 329 (Highway 654/Lake Nobsbonging)
- ✚ Turn right off the exit and head towards Wasi and Nipissing.
- ✚ Continue on highway 654 for about 9 ½ km until you reach Tillicum Bay Road - you will see signs for the Waltonian just before the turn-off.
- ✚ Turn right onto Tillicum Bay Road and continue on the road – you should see a sign for Camp Tillicum YMCA/Rotary Camp on the right side of the road.



From the Designated Lay Minister

by Lisa Blais, DLM - Faith Formation and Outreach

As we move into the last weeks of summer, we are beginning to look ahead at the programs and activities that will be starting back up this fall. Just as we anticipate and look forward to the long slow days and the break in our routines that summer brings, I think there is an equal amount of anticipation, excitement and comfort in resuming those activities and programs in the fall.

It is wonderful to return to Trinity and to hear about the travelling, the camping, the visits with family and friends, and of course, the opportunity to spend some time relaxing and enjoying some Sabbath rest! I am grateful for the opportunity to have enjoyed many of those things as well this summer.

For us at Trinity, while things did slow down *a little bit* throughout the summer months, we also found ourselves buzzing around getting ready to host our popular Vacation Bible Camp program! This year 54 children were Castaways for bible adventure. Children had the opportunity to learn some fish tales from the bible with the help of Captain Soggy Bottom and familiar bible characters. I would like to extend deep gratitude to my co-creators Marcel MacDonald and Melissa Peddie for helping envision and organize our fun and exciting VBC program each summer. Huge thanks also to Jean Mitchell and all

the many people who helped out each day in the kitchen feeding our hungry crew! I would also like to thank our summer student Carrie Graham who helped to create and organize many of the activities; Hannah McCallum and Caitie Blumson for their leadership in crafts, games, experiments, and cooking; Ryan Rozicki for cleaning up after us and lending a hand whenever we needed it; Rob Sanders for all editing work on our daily videos; and Rev. Ted, for being such a good sport as always. Thanks also to the Heritage Railway and Carousel for accommodating our very large and enthusiastic group! Last but not least, heartfelt thanks to you, the Trinity family, for supporting this amazing outreach year after year! We are looking forward to doing this all again in about a year's time.

This upcoming season will see the return of some of our favorite activities and events...*and also a couple of new surprises*. Our season kicks off with our Rally Back Day and Church Family Picnic on Sunday, September 11th. During morning worship, we will covenant with our new Sunday School Superintendent, Marcel MacDonald along with our fabulously creative and dedicated Sunday school Teachers and volunteers. Please plan to attend Another 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! A flyer is included in the newsletter with more information.

Do 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!

A Musical Note

From Betty Farris, Minister of Music

Another musical fall is beginning at Trinity United Church.

Senior Choir practices begin again on Thursday, September 15, 2016 at 7:15 p.m. We are always welcoming new members! The only requirement is a love of singing. Tenor voices are especially needed. Practices are each Thursday, from 7:15 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Please see me during fellowship time following Sunday worship, for more information, or call me at 705 497-0499.

In addition to preparing anthems for each Sunday service, the choir will be preparing special music for the fall, including Thanksgiving Sunday and Remembrance Sunday. Early in the fall, the choir will begin preparing "Let the Whole World Sing" cantata to be presented on Sunday, December 18, 2016. The choir also leads the regular monthly hymn sings at 10:15 a.m. on the first Sunday of each month.

The **Children's Choir** is one of the joys of our congregation. The Junior



Choir is conducted by Peggy Millar. Children from JK to Grade 8 are most welcome. An information meeting for Junior Choir members and their parents will be held on Sunday, September 18, 2016 in the Fellowship Room after worship.

JOYFULL BELLS

The Joyfull Bells Handbell Choir is another musical joy of Trinity United Church. New ringers are welcome – come try out the handbells and learn different ringing techniques in the first rehearsal.

Rehearsals begin Tuesday, September 13, 2016, 6:00 – 7:30 pm in the Boardroom behind the Sanctuary. Please bring a pair of clean, soft gloves if you have them.

For more information, contact Brenda McLay at 705 472-5253 or brenda.mclay@hotmail.com.

Committee Reports and Activities

Ministry and Personnel Committee

Welcome to the fall semester and run-up to Christmas. Your M&P committee continues to liaise with your staff at Trinity. It appears they are returning in fine form, tanned and rested with renewed spirit for the fall. And Wanda too, still sporting her magnificent shoulder stabilizing apparatus, is recovering well from her rotator cuff surgery this summer. We wish her a speedy recovery.

Our committee is looking forward to the new year, its' challenges and its' time for growth together in Christmas spirit and the work of the wider church.

Congratulations to those who were involved in our Vacation Bible Camp. It was awesome.

Yours in Christ,
M&P Committee

Worship Committee

As another church year begins, the Worship Committee once again is looking for volunteers interested in ushering or being lay leaders for our weekly church services.

If you are interested in ushering or being a lay leader or if would like more information about these tasks, please contact Gladys Banks-Bryer 705 474 - 1908

Thank you for your consideration.
Gladys Banks-Bryer, Chairperson

Committee Reports and Activities, cont'd

Pastoral Care and Visiting Committee

It has been a busy summer visiting our friends in the hospital. We now have a new date for the communion service at Nipissing Manor. It is September 27th, 2016 at 2:30pm. All are welcome to join with Rev. Ted, Betty and the Choir, and pastoral care at this service.

If anyone would like a visit, please contact us and we will be happy to do so.

Claudette dePencier
Noreen Brewer Co-chairs

Prayer Shawl Report

About 14 prayer shawls were blessed at the beginning of June. One was given out at the baptism in May. The yarn has been sorted, so that it can be easily found. We keep knitting and "praying as we go". If you need a shawl/lap robe for anyone, please let the office or a member of the group know.

Respectfully submitted,
Judy Biondi, Leader

United Church Women (UCW)



Welcome back to everyone after the summer. It has been a beautiful (but hot, too hot at times) summer. I hope and pray that a lot of you had the chance to spend time with family and friends and find some peace and solitude.

UCW is once again gearing up for our fall activities. That includes, of

course, all those delicious apple pies that are made every year. The ladies (and even some men) are looking forward to all the fun, laughter and friendship they share on this project.

They are always looking for helpers, so if you would like to get in on the fun contact Rae Brownlee.

In November, our annual Christmas Tea & Bazaar will be taking place again. Dates and more information to follow.

I also would like to mention that the UCW meets on the second Monday of every month in the Fireside room at 1:00 pm. We share tea and goodies, social time, guest speakers, and sometimes the ladies do a short program about a variety of topics. In addition, we share in a short worship service. Look for some new and different things happening in the UCW this year. So come and check us out. Our first meeting this fall is Monday, Sept. 12th at 1:00 pm.

God Bless You

"God bless you" ----- there's no
greeting
Quite so fond as this,
No sweeter phrase for meeting
Or to speed the parting kiss ----
No other words convey so much
Sincerity of heart,
For when guests arrive,
Or when loyal friends depart.
No sentence is more suitable,
Or has a truer ring
Than this lovely phrase
"God bless you", For it covers
everything.

Blessings,
Roxanne Chartrand
UCW President, 2016

As One That Serves (AOTS)



"In the company of good men" is truly an apt description of the Trinity United Church men's' fellowship group known as the AOTS.

The AOTS welcomes all men on a broad ecumenical basis to promote fellowship and deepen the spiritual life of men. At Trinity United Church, the AOTS serves the Church and community in a variety of ways. One of our main interests is the financial support for youth and family activities.

The AOTS has a variety of fundraising events and activities. One of our most effective fundraising activities is the "Gift Card" program where pre-purchase of a gift card for a large number of stores returns a percentage to the AOTS. It helps Trinity and has no extra cost for you. Ed Rose leads this program. Watch the Sunday Service Bulletin for the next order date.

The AOTS meets on the first Saturday each month (or the second Saturday after long weekends). We gather for breakfast at 8:00 am at Burger World and then reconvene in the Fireside Room at 9:00 am for a meeting and fellowship. We usually have a guest speaker at the meeting to talk about some topic of interest to the group.

If you are interested in the AOTS, we would be delighted to have you join us for breakfast! The first meeting of this fall is Saturday, September 10. I would be delighted to hear from you at 705 769-3513.

"I am among you as One that serves"
(Luke 22.27)
Kirk Ready, Chair (2016)

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 at 705 474-3310 or blais.trinity@gmail.com.

I-DYG (Inter-denominational Youth Group)

Trinity youth, along with youth from other area churches meet approximately once a month. 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 BBQ Social – details to be posted soon

October We will be attending the Niagara Youth Event – RSVP to Lisa asap.

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. This year we will be performing two



musicals! Look for details in the newsletter.

Youth House Band ✓ New this fall!

This program is for youth wanting to jam, sing and play in a band. Grow your skills by exploring several genres including rock, pop, folk music and more. Learn tech set-up basics, how to plan a gig and band etiquette / support of your mates.

Rehearsals will be 2 x per month with adult leadership and mentors.

Information session TBA

For more information or to indicate interest, please contact Lisa Blais.

Youth Confirmation Class

We are hoping to plan a youth Confirmation weekend. 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.

Other Activities at Trinity

Trinity Vacation Bible Camp “Castaways”

AHOY! Trinity's summer day camp was another magnificent success in 2016. There was art, music and games, drama and challenge, food and fun. Particular thanks to coordinators Lisa Blais, Melissa Peddie, Marcel McDonald, and Carrie Graham. Many many thanks to all of the other Trinity Castaways who made “VBC” possible—you helped with lunch and baking, with volunteer hours and care, with love and commitment. What a difference you make for the youngest members of our church family!

Trinity Testosterone Men's Canoe Adventure 2016



As in years past, late June saw 16 Trinity guys venture on a church men's wilderness canoe trip. The longest days of the year saw us laughing, eating, and adventuring our way around the wilderness of Temagami. 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 Dave McKenney, Rick Calhoun, and John Roberts for their organizational prowess. Be sure to join us next June!



Coming this winter! Mustard Seed Present's

GODSPELL

An Information Session and Auditions will take place on Sunday September 18th at 1 pm. There will be a number of parts available for youth (grade 7 through to Grade 12) as well as opportunity to help behind the scenes for those who would like to be involved but don't want to perform. We will be looking for volunteers to help in areas such as music, costuming, prop/set design, choreography, tech. and stage managing.

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

Thanks and see you there!

UPCOMING DATES – GET THEM IN YOUR CALENDAR

Sunday, September 11	Rally Back Day Service, and Afternoon Picnic (see notice above)
Friday, September 16	“Hope to Kenya” concert featuring “The Hosts” and “Heartbeat”
Tuesday, September 20	Trinity Board Meeting, 7pm
Sunday, September 25	Saint Francis Sunday <i>(All ages are encouraged to bring a favorite stuffed animal or animal memento to Church!)</i>
Sunday, October 2	World-Wide Communion Sunday
Week of October 3 - 7	Apple Pie Week
Sunday, October 9	Thanksgiving Baptism Sunday <i>(Families interested in baptism on this Sunday should be in touch with the Trinity office ASAP!)</i>
Tuesday, October 18	Trinity Board Meeting, 7pm
Friday, October 21	“Michael White and The White” Led Zeppelin Tribute Concert
Sunday, October 30	Feel Free to wear a Hallowe’en costume to Church
Sunday, November 6	“Faith Speaks Out” against Domestic Violence Sunday
Saturday, November 12	UCW Christmas Tea and Bazaar
Saturday, November 13	Remembrance Sunday service featuring the JOY Band!
Sunday, November 20	Stewardship Sunday
Sunday, November 27	First Sunday in Advent and Communion Service

Message from the Chair, Trinity United Church

Welcome back to all for the Fall of 2016 at Trinity United Church. I am delighted to say that we are still “Founded on the Rock” and we are “Sustained by Faith.” According to the reports and activities above, we have much to be thankful - first to God and our Faith and then for our “people” including those in our congregation, our Ministry Staff and

Personnel, our volunteers, our neighbors and more.

The Trinity Board has many duties to the Church, one of which is to listen to the “people” and then to communicate with the “people.” On behalf of the Board, I hope this newsletter is one of the vessels for listening and communicating.

In terms of the physical “rock” on which the Church has been built, we are also very fortunate. The main issue to be addressed this fall is the state of the boilers.

Thank you to all for your participation and efforts on behalf of Trinity United Church.

Kirk Ready, Chair (2016)

Last Minute News

Scouts Canada - First North Bay

Place: Trinity United Church
Ferguson St. & McIntyre

Registration: Tuesday, Sep 13, 6:30 –
7:30 pm (or at any meeting)

Meetings:

Beavers	Ages 5-7	Tuesdays, 6:30 - 7:30
Cubs	8-10	Tuesdays, 6:30 - 8:30
Rovers	18+	Wednesdays, 7:00 – 9:00
Scouts	11-14	Thursdays, 7:00 – 8:30
Ventures	15-17	Mondays, 7:00 – 8:30

Adults are need for Assistant Leaders
and Group Committee (Adult
Support Group).

Contact: Dave 705 474-7847, or Anne
Graham-Hutchison 705 840-5975.

Trinity Junior First Lego League

Trinity Junior First Lego League will
be starting up on Sep. 11 at about
12:30. We'll meet on Sundays at the
church from Sept-Dec after a quick
lunch. The kids will be working on a
project about be habitat as a team.
There is a research component (with
a poster presentation) in addition to a
Lego robotics model. There will be
some research related homework.

Ages 6-10. Parents are asked to stay
to help the kids on task and complete
the challenges – it's a very
challenging set! We'll also be looking
for more coaches and assistants if we
have more than one team.

\$80 per child goes towards our
registration and kit. Please bring your
payment to the first meeting.

We will consider registering another
team or two if there is a big demand,
but registration/payment would need
to be in at the beginning so that we
can purchase the additional kits in
time.

Karen Johnson

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