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## *Fall Newsletter August 2018*

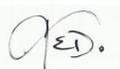
### The United Church is Changing

The United Church of Canada was created in 1925, and is rightly named because it represents a unification of denominations: Methodists, Presbyterians, Congregationalists and Evangelical United Brethren together became the largest single Canadian Protestant denomination. In that historic merger, the United Church adopted a “mixed family” governance structure—the four “Courts” of the church included “Communities of Faith,” “Presbyteries,” “Conferences,” and the national “General Council” that meets every three years.

In recent decades, however, it has proved difficult to sustain four levels of governance. At our most recent General Council 43 at Oshawa in July of 2018, we voted to reduce our structure to three Courts: “Communities of Faith” (like Trinity), Regions (ours will stretch from Thunder Bay to Val-D’Or), and the national “Denominational Council.” Elsewhere in this newsletter, you’ll notice that Trinity will help host final celebratory meetings for both North Bay Presbytery and Manitou Conference (because neither will exist as of 2019).

Trinity’s own Eric Brownlee and Janice Brownlee were amongst the representatives of northern Ontario at “GC43” who will answer any questions you have about exciting new changes to the structure and ethos of the United Church. But rest assured that Trinity will continue to be a dynamic, hopeful home where we nurture one another’s faith, grow together in love, and serve our neighbours with love.

See you on Sunday,



### ***Hello Trinity Friends!***

As I write the newsletter report, I am in the midst of making final preparations for Trinity’s Vacation Bible Camp program. This year we have 57 registered campers who will be participating in crafts, music, story-telling, cooking, games, and more while looking for signs of God in our world! It truly is something I look forward to each year. At Trinity, we are often a buzz of activity and excitement, but at the heart of it, is a people who are deeply committed to doing God’s work in our community. I often find myself saying, “Thank God for \_\_\_\_\_” (You can fill in the blank with any number of faithful, hardworking and thoughtful volunteers).

As we head into a busy fall, I wanted to take a moment to offer my sincere and heartfelt thanks to the many people who volunteer their time at Trinity – those who spend countless hours fixing up the church, those who wash dishes, make lunches, lay read, greet, count money, visit, sing, serve on the board, help with Sunday School and so much more! You are truly the reason that Trinity is a thriving congregation.

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 9<sup>th</sup>. 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!

Please be sure to 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 Blais, DLM

Faith Formation and Outreach Minister

### ***Welcome to Sunday School!***

We are so blessed to have so many youth and children in our Trinity Family! We want everyone to feel welcome to check out our awesome programs, whether you attend regularly, occasionally, or are just visiting.

During regular Sunday School, children will break into groups and have fun discovering many topics through crafts, cooking, games, story-telling, and more! Some of the subjects we will explore this year include: Following in Jesus' Footsteps, Job, Ruth and Naomi, John the Baptist, Love, and Prayer, to name a few! And don't forget the annual Christmas pageant! Our children are lucky to be led by our wonderful volunteer teachers. We are always happy to have more teachers if you've been thinking of volunteering!

The Sunday School classes are aimed at children ages 4-13. The staffed nursery is available for children 3 and under, and teenagers (or those who feel too old for Sunday School) are always welcome as helpers in the Sunday School and the nursery. This is a great way to earn volunteer hours for high school!

Carling Lutercki

### ***Pastoral Care and Visiting***

We try to visit the hospitals and nursing homes once a week or whenever needed. We have been visiting Cassellholme weekly as we have several of our members there.

If you know of someone who would like a visit please let us know. When you or a loved one is admitted to the hospital please notify the church, Rev. Ted, or a member of our Pastoral Care committee.

The members of our committee work hard with help from our congregation to make Trinity a welcoming church.

Co Chairpersons

Noreen Brewer 474 -3901 Claudette dePencier 474-3209

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

**Join us on Tuesday September 11<sup>th</sup> for our welcome back potluck!**

We would love to have you join us for conversation and coffee (or tea). We are a non-denominational group of **friendly** and **welcoming** women of all ages who meet on Tuesday mornings throughout the school year. The program varies from week to week with guest speakers, cooking, crafts, gardening, child development, tours, health & nutrition and lots of other interesting events. **Childcare** is provided in a safe, fun and stimulating environment for babies, toddlers and preschoolers.

Our group meets at Trinity United Church (at the corner of McIntyre & Ferguson) each Tuesday morning during the school year from 9:30 a.m.– 11:30 a.m. Cost is \$3.00 per week.

### ***Trinity World War I Memorial Book***

The First World War ended 100 years ago, and a Memorial Book is needed to join the current Trinity Memorial Book (which is only World War II). Don Clysdale has been working on this-- a draft copy is in the church. Please write corrections in it, or call Don at 705-978-1789 or e-mail [dclysdale@hotmail.com](mailto:dclysdale@hotmail.com), if you have further pictures, stories, or corrections. Pictures will be scanned and returned.

Also, there are still five unidentified people - can you help? (William Charnock, J.S. Hocking, John McGonegal, D. Miller, D. Thomas all need more information to identify their war records). A completed WWI Trinity Memorial Book will be celebrated on Sunday, November 11, 2018.

### ***"Super" Rally Back Celebrations***

On Sunday September 9<sup>th</sup> we will enjoy "Rally Back" Sunday. Our regular 10:30am 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 and a potluck picnic. (See page 7)

### ***The Trinity Testosterone Men's Canoe Adventure, 2018***

The "Trinity Testosterone Tradition" continued on Father's Day, back in June. We are victims of our own success—*our participant list was full to bursting this year!* We continued the tradition of enjoying God's creation, meaningful worship, hard work and great food—with twenty men enjoying the paddling, hiking, camping and fishing on Rabbit Lake, in Temagami. Particular thanks to Dave McKenney, Rick Calhoun, Rick Banting and John Roberts for their outstanding contributions to another great trip.

Next year's spots will be cherished *and limited!* Sign-up, as always, will begin on Easter weekend.

### ***"Will Wonders Never Cease?"***

Trinity's summer daycamp was a huge success in 2018. There was drama and laughter, art, music and games, food and fun! Particular thanks to coordinators Lisa Blais, Marcel McDonald, and Clara Clark. Many many thanks to all of the other volunteers who made "VBC" amazing—you helped with lunch and baking, with volunteer hours and care, with love and commitment!

From visiting Professors Frizzle and Gigawatt (and the Magic Schoolbus!)

### ***Formerly Loved Treasures***

The North Bay Oddfellows now run a "lightly-used" furniture store at 126 McIntyre St E, across the street from Trinity. "*Affordable lightly-used furniture and appliances for people who need them.*" If you have items to donate, please contact Howard Kizell at 705-471-0806.

### ***Trinity Arts***

This fall, Trinity Arts will begin planning Trinity's Christmastime fundraiser for the Gathering Place. As we do so, we'll be celebrating that our friend and collaborator, the brilliant actor David Fox (who starred in both "King Lear" and "The Rime of the Ancient Mariner" here at Trinity) is soon being named to **the Order of Canada** for his lifetime of Canadian dramatic achievements. Way to go, David!

Our friends at **The Gateway Theatre Guild** celebrate their 70th anniversary with the hilarious comedy, **ARSENIC AND OLD LACE**, directed by Rod Carley and starring Trinity's own Joanne Bernier, running from October 31 to November 3 at 7pm at Widdifield Secondary School. This laugh-out-loud farce enjoyed three years on Broadway before being made into a movie starring Cary Grant back in 1944.

### ***"Cushie Tushies" at Trinity***

Special thanks go out to Irma Benard for taking on the "Cushie Tushies" pew cushion project. As of September, Irma hopes to have single-handedly padded every pew in our sanctuary, with each cushion custom crafted to each particular pew's dimensions! Special thanks to "Trinity Arts" and "The Hosts" band, who continue to fundraise to cover the costs of materials, and to Tammy Brownlee who arranged our very affordable prices!

If you would like to sponsor a cushion, please speak to Rev. Ted or another member of Trinity Arts. *Way to go, Irma! Thank you!*

**An Information Session will take place on Sunday September 16<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 pm.** Mustard Seed is thrilled to be performing "Cotton Patch Gospel" in January, 2019! *Cotton Patch Gospel* is a musical by Tom Key and Russell Treyz with music and lyrics written by Harry Chapin. This foot stomping musical retells the life of Jesus as if in modern day, rural Georgia.

We invite youth in Grade 8 and up, to attend the information session in Trinity United Church's Sanctuary (McIntyre street entrance). There are multiple parts available for both seasoned and first time actors. For more information please speak with Darlene Laferriere or Lisa Blais (705)474-3310 or [blais.trinity@gmail.com](mailto:blais.trinity@gmail.com)

## **AOTS**



This Fall Newsletter finds me well into my year as chair of AOTS ending in December 2018. Doug Bott-Baxter will chair our AOTS in January of 2019.

We have had a wide range of speakers at our general meetings. Thanks to Rev. Ted we had “Backroads Bill” Steer make a presentation at one of our meetings.

The AOTS continues to provide financial assistance to Youth and Trinity's general fund as well as other campaigns that require aid. This is mostly as a result of the Gift Card Program looked after by Ed Rose. Please support this worthy program.

We have had the summer off from General meetings, however “breakfast” meetings for July and August were well attended. We look forward to resuming our normal routine starting in September.

On September 14/15 Trinity AOTS will be hosting a Men's Spiritual Retreat at Spirit Point in Trout Creek. Please contact Roman Rozicki at 705-495-3415 for more information. Registration for the retreat will be looked after by Bill Brownlee at 705-472-3226. Please book your spot early so we have a number for the meals and accommodation.

And of course we look forward to organizing and conducting the AOTS Sunday service which is an annual event in November.

Have a great summer and fall!

Roman Rozicki - Chair

## **UCW**

The group has been very quiet since the summer recess.

In June, we did have a successful potluck supper with many friends. Ross Brewer honoured us with his pictures and commentary about Russia. Those in attendance quite enjoyed the travelogue.

During the spring, I had the honour of attending the Toronto and Ottawa/Montreal UCW Conferences Annual General Meetings. Both were enlightening, and gave renewed energy for continuing with UCW endeavours. Algoma, along with Cambrian Presbytery will become part of our group with the reorganization of the United Church. While at Toronto Conference, I had the pleasure of meeting the President of Algoma Presbytery, and she is looking forward to implementing a new “way of doing things”, and meeting the challenges it will present.

Locally, we are looking forward to our Christmas Tea and Bazaar on Nov. 10<sup>th</sup>. GET CREATIVE, so that our bazaar tables will be laden with items! Remember too, that baking is needed for the bake table, and squares and sandwiches for the Tea Room. Workers are needed in all areas. Speak to any UCW member for suggestions of where you can help.

With the coming of fall, we are once again serving lunches on the last Friday of the month. Come and be part of the fellowship of the kitchen or café. There is much to be said for getting together with others to work, or share a meal.

New friends are always welcome at our meetings. We usually gather the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month at 1:00 pm in the Fireside Room. This may change due to Church activities, or Calendar holidays. Our September gathering will be on MONDAY SEPTEMBER 17<sup>TH</sup>. Note the date change due to the Pie Project.

Blessings to everyone.

Judy Biondi, President.

## **Prayer Shawl Report**

There are a number of Prayer Shawls available in the cupboard. The ones that have been blessed have a tag on them. If you need help, please ask Wanda in the office. Prayer Shawls are available to one and all to give to those in need of comfort.

Keep your eye out for our Prayer Shawl Display coming early in the fall.

“Prayer is the key to heaven, but faith unlocks the door”.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Biondi, Leader.

### ***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](mailto: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 Fall Hike and Geo-Cache**  
**October Niagara Youth Event from October 26<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup>**  
**RSVP to Lisa asap**

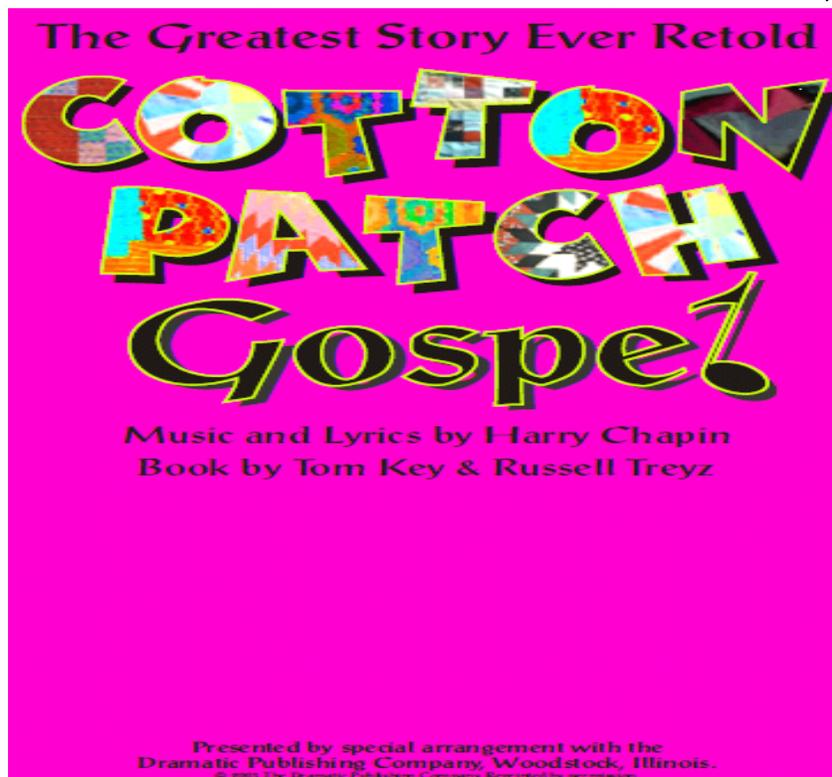
- **Holy Grounds – NEW!**

At various times throughout the year, youth will gather Sundays after church for Coffee (or Hot Chocolate) and treats for meaningful discussion and activities – sometimes around a seasonal theme and sometimes just because. Look for more information and dates this fall.

- **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 eagerly anticipating an exciting new musical with rehearsals beginning this fall. Look for the Mustard Seed Flyer in the newsletter. Please speak with Darlene Laferriere, or Lisa Blais for more information.

## Coming this winter! Mustard Seed Presents Cotton Patch Gospel



**Upcoming Dates: Get them on your Calendar!**

Sunday September 9<sup>th</sup>: **Rally Day** Service, plus **Afternoon Picnic** (See Article)

Tuesday September 18<sup>th</sup>: Trinity Board Meeting, 7pm

Saturday September 29<sup>th</sup>: “The Great Trinity Apple Picking Pilgrimage”

Sunday September 30<sup>th</sup>: **Saint Francis Sunday**

*(you’re welcome to bring a furry friend or animal memento to church!)*

Sunday October 7<sup>th</sup>: World-Wide **Communion** Sunday. Also **Thanksgiving Sunday!**

Week of October 1<sup>st</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup>: Apple Pie Week!

Sunday October 14<sup>th</sup>: **Baptism Sunday** *(families interested in baptism on this Sunday should be in touch with the Trinity office ASAP!)*

????: Trinity Hosts the Fall 2018 “Rapport Singers” concert

October 19<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>: Trinity hosts Final Meeting of Manitou Conference

Sunday October 28<sup>th</sup>: Feel free to wear a **Hallowe’en** costume to church

October 31<sup>st</sup>- November 3<sup>rd</sup>: “Arsenic and Old Lace” at Widdifield (see Article)

Saturday November 10<sup>th</sup>: UCW Christmas Tea and Bazaar

Sunday November 11<sup>th</sup>: **Remembrance Sunday (plus: afternoon JOY Band concert)**

Saturday November 17<sup>th</sup>: Trinity hosts Final Meeting of North Bay Presbytery

Sunday November 25<sup>th</sup>: AOTS Sunday

Saturday December 1<sup>st</sup>: Family Christmas “Messy Church” for all ages

Sunday December 2<sup>nd</sup>: First Sunday in Advent. **Communion Service**

Sunday, September 9th, 2018 is  
**Rally Back Sunday**

**CHURCH FAMILY  
PICNIC**

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

**Sunday, September 9th, 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'S SUNDAY SCHOOL**

Join us as we kick off with our Sunday School year discovering how to  
**"Follow in Jesus' Footsteps"**

**Sunday School Topics will include:**

Job, Ruth and Naomi, John the Baptist, Prayer,  
and much more  
...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 four.*

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