



## ***Upcoming at Trinity***

Friday, June 8<sup>th</sup>

Trinity's Variety Concert  
'Spring Fling'  
7:30 pm at Trinity

Tuesday, June 12<sup>th</sup>

12 noon  
UCW Pot Lunch Luncheon  
in Trinity Hall

Wednesday, June 13<sup>th</sup>

Hot Roast Beef Sandwich  
Dinner at 5 pm  
Pioneer Memorial United  
Church, Hwy 60, tickets \$12  
*in advance only* by calling  
Jan at 705-635-2032.

Friday, June 15<sup>th</sup>

Coffee House  
(back by popular demand!)  
7 pm  
in Trinity Hall

August 7<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup>

Camp Awesome  
See details on pg 9

Saturday, August 18<sup>th</sup>

Sidewalk Sale Luncheon  
in Trinity Hall

*Keep up with **all** that's  
happening by checking  
Trinity's website regularly!*

## **From the Minister**

Derek Shelly

I write this message with mixed emotions. I am looking forward to retirement and continuing to live in Huntsville, but there is also a sense of sadness as I realize it is time for me to pack it in. I have enjoyed over 40 years of ministry in The United Church of Canada. That is not to say that everything was roses, but I know the good far outweighs the not-so-good. It didn't seem to matter where I was living, I have felt the love and spirit of the people. Together as we sought to live in the Jesus way, I have felt honoured to be allowed to share in each person's spiritual journey.

Whether the moments were those of the joy of new life and baptisms, or weddings or anniversary celebrations or dealing with the many deaths that are inevitable, I have always felt honoured to be included in lives at such precious moments. As an Easter people, it is important for us all to recognize the power of grief and hope that co-exist in all our lives. My research in the area of end-of-life issues even resulted in me writing a novella (which is still available – now how is that for a cheap plug?).

Over the many years I have seen the children's programmes in various congregations, and Trinity is no exception, wax and wane. It almost felt cyclical in nature – now you have them, now you don't and then there is a new group. The same is likely true of the congregations as a whole but because the turnover is often at a slower rate, it isn't as noticeable.

I have been blessed with good staff and lay leadership. Our whole community of faith benefits from their outstanding work. The support of "retired" ministers who attend Trinity have also been very encouraging and supportive.

It has been my hope that over the years I could walk with each of you and together we would grow in our relationships. My role and hope as spiritual leader has been to help us develop spiritually as individuals and a community.

Blessings and peace as we all move onward.

Derek's *Sunday Morning Musings* can be read at  
[sundaymorningmusings.blog](http://sundaymorningmusings.blog)



## Words from the Chair

Joanne Purchase

There are countless poems and passages about love in literature and in the Bible. One of my favorites comes from 1 Corinthians 13:4:

*Love is patient, love is kind.  
It does not envy, it does not boast,  
it is not proud.  
It is not rude, it is not self-seeking,  
it is not easily angered,  
it keeps no record of wrongs.  
Love does not delight in evil  
but rejoices with the truth.  
It always protects, always trusts,  
always hopes, always perseveres.  
Love never fails.*

I once had a worship leader tell the congregation to substitute our own name for the word "Love" or "it" in this passage and see how we measure up. Try it - it certainly clarifies how far short we sometimes fall.

Jesus talked a great deal about love and made it very clear that we are to love everyone, not just a select few. It is very difficult in the midst of hurt or anger to remember and enact his words to "love one another as I have loved you."

At the recent wedding of Prince Harry and Meghan Markle, Bishop Michael Curry preached about the power of Love and said these words:

*"Imagine a world where love is the way. Imagine our homes and families where love is the way. Imagine neighborhoods and communities where love is the way. Imagine governments and nations where love is the way. Imagine business and commerce where love is the way. Imagine this tired old world where love is the way." He then quoted Dr. Martin Luther King, "When we discover the redemptive power of love, we will make of this old world, a new world."*

That is our task. That is what we as followers of Jesus are called to do, to be a congregation where Love is the answer to all the questions, to spread that Love wherever we go to all we meet, to use the

power of Love to make this old world new again. Just imagine.....

love one another

## Communications Committee

Lynda Arnold

The Communications Committee is pleased to present this issue of our quarterly newsletter with the theme of 'LOVE'. Trinity does a wonderful job in this area in the church and in the community. In particular we thank Derek for his part in this over the past 15 years and wish him many blessings in his retirement.

Special thanks to Lynda Baker for her continuing media contact advertising Trinity's activities. Let her know the details of your event so that the community can be invited. Also, please note the advertisers in this issue. We thank them for their support and encourage you to support them. There is space for more business cards at this point if you would like to have yours included or know of someone who would. We would love to include them!

Lynda Arnold, Alastair Dunlop and Suzy in Trinity's office continue to maintain the website. Be sure to check it out for the latest events and details.

We know you will love this issue. Thank you to all who contributed to it.

## Fellowship and Membership

Shirley Neil

Our Spring of 2018 is rapidly drawing to a close and we are looking forward to the summer. A special "thank you" to all who check on our Trinity folks with telephone calls, visits, rides to appointments, and meals offered and delivered. Please continue this gentle expression of Trinity's love.

If you notice anyone missing on Sundays, pick up your new Photo Directory and give them a call or

send them a card or email. Sylvia Leeder will send an appropriate note if you let her know. If there is someone in particular need, please contact Suzy in Trinity's office.

Over the next few months, through our transition stages, it will be important that everyone continues to feel welcomed, and to those who are house-bound, not well or in need of a friendly face, let us show the love we have here at Trinity by making a special visit. The world would be a better place if we practiced what "Our Lord" taught us "that we should love one another."

Our Committee held a "Royal Tea Party" in honour of the royal wedding. I would like to thank everyone who helped to make the tea a great success. We had a sold-out crowd of over one hundred. Our profit for the tea was \$731.00!

I hope everyone has a good summer.

Special thanks to you for your help in this important work. Keep spreading Trinity's love!!



## Finance Report

Gord Mitchell

### News from your Finance Committee as of April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018

2018 - Total Income - \$49,118	2017 - \$50,300
2018 - Total Expenses - \$56,093	2017 - \$61,130
2018 - Budget Balance - (\$6,975)	2017 - (\$10,829)

Above are the numbers that we all look at, and over all, things do not look too bad.

The budget for envelope givings which includes envelopes and PAR givings until the end of April = \$44,275 and our receipts for the same period of time = \$38,561 for 2018.

Thankfully, this year we have had great success in special fund raising of \$2,647, which is \$1,000 more than last year for the end of April. There has been a reduction in the Property Committee's expenses of keeping this property maintained.

We were told at Church Council at our May meeting that the Property Committee is realizing that the brick work at the front of the church needs much repair to maintain the structure. That cost is unknown. It may be not so bad, and it may be into the \$1000's.

Going forward, please think of and remember that our church, like many of us as we age, costs more to maintain our health. Our church needs much maintenance from time to time to maintain its structure and operation.

As our summer and holidays are coming up, the church does not go on holidays and we need your regular givings and support of the special fund raisers that those folks work so hard to put on for our pleasure.

Have a great summer, and thanks for your support to date.

### Finance Committee's Silent Auction fund raiser – a huge success!!

The Finance Committee came up with the idea to hold a silent auction in the Coffee Hour during the first 3 Sundays in May; then asked the congregation to support them in time and talent coupons that others could bid on, to raise money for the church's operating budget this year.

The Committee was blessed with lots of love from the 30 people who put forward the coupons and lots more love by the bidders who in total raised \$2,103.00. Thank you so very much Trinity for helping the Finance Committee help Trinity's budget.

The coupons have been distributed to the top bidders. Speaking of coupons, Fran Mitchell offered a complete meal for 8 adults (Italian Lasagna made from Fran-made pasta, salad of choice, home baked rolls, dessert of choice). This was the hottest

coupon! Fran will be making 4 such meals and earning the church \$430.00. Thank you Fran!!!

There will be lots of fellowship during the summer as the folks get together to enjoy their purchases!!!

**FUNDSCRIP** orders are due the first Sunday of each month. We HOPE you will help support Trinity at no cost to you through this fundraising program!! More info available from Fran Mitchell.

## Knitting Group

Joan Behm

The Knitting Group has been busy restocking our shelves as many Hug Shawls have been given out over the past few months. The recipients know they are loved by the Trinity Congregation.

Chrysalis House will soon be receiving new dish cloths to give out to recipients who are entering into new living arrangements. Anyone is welcome to add to our supply if you wish to make them at home.

Picc Line covers have been received in the Chemo clinic to show our love and concern for all of Muskoka receiving treatment.

The group will be knitting mitts of all various sizes over the summer to take into the public schools when the weather turns cold ... hard to even imagine today at 30+!

The Knitting Group will not meet in July or August but will resume the first Wednesday in September.

Have a safe fun summer!



## Outreach Committee

Diane Schamehorn

Love is in the air at Trinity.

*"Congratulations to Bob and Doris Monahan on their celebration of a 60<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary in May!"*



The Outreach Committee made a donation to Camp Big Canoe in April for a \$1,000.00 to assist campers with registration cost and we collected various items for the camp.

We have also, through the *Gifts with Vision* catalogue from the United Church of Canada, provided Food for the North. Our gift was shared with these partners in Treaty 5 Territory: Oxford House, First Nation, Berens River First Nation both in Manitoba, also, to North Deer Lake First Nation, Sandy Lake First Nation in Ontario.

We continue to provide each month to needy families a \$25.00 Frescho gift card, and a \$100.00 Walmart Card to Chrysalis Women's Shelter. These are purchased through Fundscrip.

We provide bus passes to cover the cost of transportation to Linda McEachern, our office volunteer who comes faithfully each week to fold church bulletins.

Sylvia Leeder continues to send out greeting cards. If you know of someone who needs a thinking-of-you card, please contact Sylvia at 705-685-7665, or you can email her at [s.leeder@hotmail.com](mailto:s.leeder@hotmail.com). You can also leave her a message in the church office, and we will make sure the message is passed on.

Our fundraiser will be held on August 18<sup>th</sup> during the Sidewalk Sale. More details to follow.

*"Love does not consist of gazing at each other, but in looking outward in the same direction"*  
- Antoine St Exupery

## Property Committee

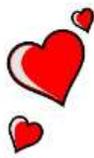
Maurice McGill

Another newsletter for Trinity as to what is happening. Thanks to Lynda and Murray Arnold as the downstairs is now completed and painted and two new toilets installed.

We have to do some brick restoration and are looking for a contractor to do this type of work. Still working on the Fire Drill Procedure and hope to have this finished by the Fall.

We hope that you all have a great and safe summer!  
The Group of Seven

*"Love will find a way" – Proverb*



## 2nd Huntsville Scout Group

Judy Hall

I would like to express our condolences from 2nd Huntsville Scout Group to Helen Harris and recognize the loss of Richard (Dick) Harris who has Gone Home (Scouting term signifying the death of a Scouter). Dick was recognized 2 years ago for 50 Years of active Scout involvement. Dick is missed by all in 2nd Huntsville.

The Cub Scout Pack is officially on summer hiatus from regular weekly meetings but that doesn't mean they aren't still participating in Cub Scout activities. 3 camp weekends are planned for the summer season.

The results are in, 2nd Huntsville Cub Scouts and Scouts participated in the Whispering Pineswood Derby, held in Orillia on April 7, 2018. 8 Cub Scouts and 2 Scouts entered Kub Kars and Scout Trucks for the race day activities and 2nd Huntsville came back with a couple of trophies!

Oliver Clubine and Tristan Clubine were 2nd and 3rd place for speed in Kub Kars and both are brand new Cub Scouts. Sydney Taylor won Scout Trucks 1st place for speed and was also a first time Scout Truck entrant. Congratulations All!

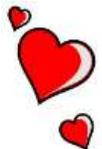
As we pause our regular weekly meetings, we are preparing for our next Scout year which begins September 1st. 2nd Huntsville is in transition again. All of our Cub Scout leadership team will be Scout leaders in September! Leadership vacancies are available to be filled in both Cub Scouts and Beaver Scout sections.

2nd Huntsville Cub Scouts have an active pack of 12 youth, 6 will become Scouts in September and some have grown from Beaver Scouts with our group.

Beaver Scouts are 5-7 years old, Cub Scouts are 8-10 years old, Scouts are 11-14 years old, Venturers are 14-18 years old and Rover Scouts are 19-26 years old. Each section requires at least 2 Scouters in a leadership team to provide guidance for the youth.

2nd Huntsville Cub Scouts are on the Canadian Path, creating their own adventures by planning, doing and reviewing. The youth have lots of skills to be learned and mastered along the Canadian Path.

If you know of youth or adults who would benefit from activities in personal growth, please contact Judy Hall – 2nd Huntsville Group Commissioner, 705-789-9406 or cell phone 705-789-1468.



## Souper Sandwich Lunch

Nancy Waxl

Our Committee is enjoying a much-needed break! We did some catering to the "Meals on Wheels" Annual Meeting on May 17<sup>th</sup>, but now look forward to the summer months and family time. We welcomed some new members to our team and as fall schedule comes about, we will be calling upon you. If anyone is interested in helping this group the odd month, whether in the kitchen, making sandwiches, heating up the soup, cutting desserts, setting up tables, being a cashier, and greeting the public with a friendly smile, feel free to contact: Nancy Waxl on 705-789-5679. Hours are usually 9:45 am to 1:15 pm. Lunch is 11:30 am to 12:30 pm. The rewards are numerous!

Future dates: September 14<sup>th</sup>, October 12<sup>th</sup> (after Thanksgiving), November 9<sup>th</sup> and December 14<sup>th</sup>.

## The Table Soup Kitchen

Justine McDonnell

The Table Soup Kitchen in Trinity Hall, every Monday. 447 Adults and 45 youth and children attended in Trinity Hall during the months of March, April, and May. The dinners were prepared and served by our ever-faithful volunteers. The commitment by volunteers is once every four weeks to help prepare, serve, and clean up after the dinners. The Table Soup Kitchen was fortunate to have been given donations during the past three months by Probus, Henrietta's, Kawartha Dairy, UCW, Camp Olympia, Landed Loon Catering, Deerhurst, Family Place Restaurant and Rev. Derek's retirement lunch.

As always thanks to Trinity United congregation for use of the excellent kitchen and Trinity Hall.



## Therapeutic Touch

Shirley Boon

If you have come to the end of your rope, there is still HOPE - THERAPEUTIC TOUCH WORKS!

Therapeutic Touch® (TT) Practitioners continue to meet at Trinity in the Hearth Room the last Monday of every month at 1:30 pm to offer free Therapeutic Touch sessions to our guests and then to each other.

If you are stressed, have aches and pains, are recovering from an injury or illness and need a little "boost" to your immune system to speed your recovery, come and have a free TT session. You will leave feeling relaxed and likely have a really good sleep that night!

Why not Learn How to do Therapeutic Touch on yourself and your family and friends? Shirley Boon is

offering a Level 1, Foundations of Therapeutic Touch workshop at Trinity on Thursday June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

For those of you that already have your Level 1, or would like to refresh and repeat Level 2, Shirley is offering a Level 2 Therapeutic Touch workshop at Trinity on Thursday March 29<sup>th</sup>, 2018. The basic course for Therapeutic Touch consists of 3 Levels.

For more information or to register for either of these workshops, contact Shirley at 705-789-7434 or [shirleyboon@surenet.net](mailto:shirleyboon@surenet.net).

There is a website you can check out too: [www.therapeutictouchontario.org](http://www.therapeutictouchontario.org).

*"All you need is love.  
But a little chocolate now and then doesn't hurt."  
— Charles Schulz*

## Trinity's Transition Team

Jen Nicholson

*"Change never stops; what stops is making the necessary transitions."*

*"People must be uncomfortable enough to want to change; but comfortable enough to change."*

The above quotes are taken from the Introducing Interim Ministry, A Process of Change for Congregations. Trinity's Transition Team is referring to and finding guidance from this document as we have been meeting and communicating over the last two months. And, indeed, this committee has been doing all we can to discern our role in "making the necessary transitions" for our beloved community of faith.

### Who is on the Transition Team?

The Transition Team includes members of our congregation and two Presbytery Representatives and a Conference Liaison – a healthy combination of ministers and lay people from within and beyond our congregation. In April, the Personnel Support and Education Commission of Living Waters Presbytery

approved Trinity's request for interim ministry. Since this time, the three representatives have joined our team: Rev. Nina Fulford (Emsdale Pastoral Charge), Rev. Steve Willey (Bracebridge) and Rev. Allan Lynk (acting as Conference Liaison for Trinity). Already they have provided invaluable ideas, guidance and suggestion from their wealth of experience in the United Church.

Representatives on the Transition Team from our congregation include Lynda Arnold (acting chair), Shane Baker, Thelma Beaudry, Jane Booker, Will Gibson, Jim Miller, Jen Nicholson, Lynn Seely Smith and Nancy Waxl.

### **What has the Transition Team accomplished?**

At the beginning of May, the Transition Team updated/drafted an Interim Ministry Position Description for Trinity. This document was approved by Council and forwarded to Presbytery's Personnel Support & Education Commission where it was approved with an addition which emphasized Transition Work as the first priority of this specialized ministerial role.

Based on correspondence with Rev. Todd McDonald, (Conference Personnel Minister), our Transition Team anticipates we will be interviewing/meeting potential candidate(s) soon. To this end, the Transition Team has been compiling interview questions covering a wide variety of topics/themes that we feel represent this congregation's priorities and hopes.

### **What is Interim Ministry? How is it Unique?**

In our most recent Transition Team meeting (May 17<sup>th</sup>), Rev. Steve Willey drew the team's attention to the unique role of the Interim Minister and the importance of our congregation recognizing the uniqueness in this role. Interim Ministers are specially trained in specific areas including facilitating and enabling change; being a listener, a consultant, a teacher (Interim Ministry Handbook). When it comes time to call our permanent minister, having gone through this transition period with our Interim Minister could make our congregation more appealing to potential candidates.

Rev. Willey reminded the team, this is not simple "supply ministry." Interim Ministry is collaborative, goal oriented, skilled in transition and facilitating renewal with the congregation. The UCC Interim Ministry handbook describes, "*Interim Ministry is a way for a congregation to take an intentional 'time out' to seek renewal and make a significant change in its organizational structure, its mission, or its pastoral life.*" This time of transition offers opportunity for our congregation to find a renewed sense of identity and reaffirming the relevance of our mission.

### **When can we expect to have an Interim Minister at Trinity?**

We hope to have an Interim Minister at Trinity for the fall of 2018.

### **Where can I get more information if I want to read more?**

There are some valuable and comprehensive documents on the United Church of Canada Website which the Transition Team encourages members of the congregation to refer to. "Introducing Interim Ministry, A Process of Change for Congregations."

[http://www.united-church.ca/sites/default/files/handbook\\_introducing-interim-ministry.pdf](http://www.united-church.ca/sites/default/files/handbook_introducing-interim-ministry.pdf)

Your Transition Team will be making regular reports on its status to both the Council and you, the congregation, and invite your questions or comments to any on our team.



## United Church Women

Julie Brushey

May was a busy month at Trinity, especially, I think, for the catering expertise of Nancy Waxl and her fellow members of UCW. The requests for catering were more than we could handle alone, and we truly appreciate the willingness of other members of the congregation to make sandwiches and sweets for the various events we were responsible for catering.



A large part of each of our UCW monthly meetings seems to be taken up with organizing volunteers for various events, but we do make time to care for each other and to have fun too! Annually our April meeting programme is a Leprosy Auction which again this year generated many laughs as well as raising money for a worthwhile cause. Members donate one item each, either something homemade or perhaps a re-gift of an item given to them but not needed. These items are auctioned off amidst many crazy comments which lightens the mood after all the volunteer commitments we have made during our business meeting.

At our May meeting two of our members, Sally Brady and Carol Hamilton, announced that they will be moving away from Huntsville later this year. We will miss them and are grateful for the contributions of time and talent they have made to Trinity over the past many years.

Our next meeting will include a Potluck Lunch on June 12<sup>th</sup>. This will be our first potluck meal in many years without Derek in attendance as he was a regular! Of course, we will miss him. We wish to thank him for all the years he attended our UCW AGMs to present life memberships to members we chose to honour on those occasions.

## Living Waters UCW Presbyterian

Nancy Waxl

I attended an Executive meeting on May 7<sup>th</sup> at St. James United in Stroud. We finalized the details for our ANNUAL MEETING to be held at Camp Big Canoe on June 18<sup>th</sup>. The theme is "Stepping Forward" to signify the change in boundaries taking place. This was to be held at Trinity in April, but due to the freezing rain, it had to be cancelled. This will be a shortened version of the Annual Meeting! Lunch will be provided by the Camp. UCW are reminded to bring \$5.00 for the lunch and a donation for their "Cookie Jar". It is unknown at time of writing this if Bill Stevens, who has retired, will be able to attend. We will be saying goodbye to Camp Big Canoe Director, Bill Stevens, if so. We will be welcoming the new Director, Steve Salt. Our worship service will be held at Fraserburg United Church.

Toronto Conference UCW 56<sup>th</sup> LAST ANNUAL MEETING was held at Monday, April 30<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, May 1<sup>st</sup> at Scarborough Bluffs United Church on Kingston Rd, Scarborough.

There is an OPEN HOUSE on July 1<sup>st</sup> from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm at the Camp. Check out the WISH LIST on the Bulletin Board for any items you could bring to the June Camp Meeting.

Dates to Remember: Our Fall Market Meeting will be September 17<sup>th</sup> at Bala United Church. Our LAST Togetherness Day will be October 3<sup>rd</sup> at Cardinal Golf Club. Cost \$30. Guest Speaker: Lieutenant Governor of Ontario, Elizabeth Dowdeswell.

*LOVE: Be kind to one another  
in thought, word and deed!*

***Please note that we do not need  
soup labels anymore. We do  
take old glasses, pop can tabs  
and stamps.***



## Worship/Christian Education

### Committee

Carole Walsh

#### BEST WISHES TO DEREK!

Since "Love" is the theme of this Communicator, the Worship report will start off with a loving wish to Derek to enjoy his retirement. I know that many of us have found ourselves busier in retirement than we were before. Derek's message of love has been heard from the pulpit and I know that we hold love in our hearts for our beliefs and for Derek. Derek, you will be very truly missed, but hopefully sharing our message of love throughout our community.

#### Pulpit Supply

With Derek's last Sunday being May 27<sup>th</sup>, Worship has lined up Pulpit Supply for June, July and August. The June schedule is: June 3<sup>rd</sup> - Joanne Purchase, June 10<sup>th</sup> - Nina Fulford, June 17<sup>th</sup> - Ken Deer, June 24<sup>th</sup> - John McTavish.

July is: July 1<sup>st</sup> - David Woodall, July 8<sup>th</sup> - Nina Fulford, July 15<sup>th</sup> - David Woodall, July 22<sup>nd</sup> - David Woodall

#### Easter

The Communion Service on Palm Sunday was well attended with 155 people taking communion. Live palms were placed in the Sanctuary and Palm crosses were handed out.

The Maundy Thursday Service was a "lovely" one. The music by Johnny and the choir was outstanding and loved by all. Attendance at the service was low however and next year we will change this service for one on Good Friday. The Sunrise Service was well attended by approximately 25 people. It was a beautiful service followed by breakfast in Trinity Hall.



**Camp Awesome - 2018**  
Vacation Bible Camp

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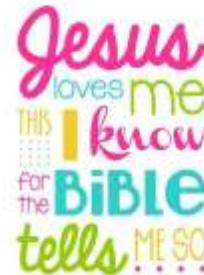
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#### Music

While we are on the topic of music, Johnny is asking for volunteers to help with the summer programming. If you would like to assist with music or drama, Johnny would love to hear from you.

Wayne's idea of having people pick the hymn they love most has been very successful. We will start this again in the fall.



#### Trivia

April 6<sup>th</sup> was the First Annual Trivia Night. It turned out to be one of the worst weather nights of the winter. There were a hearty crew who withstood the ice and came out to a night of fun and laughter. Thanks to Heather Hockin for all her hard work in preparation. The winning team was Sonny and Pat Allison with Shane and Lynda Baker. There is thought to having another event in the fall.

#### Book Club

Trinity now has a start-up book club! It is just getting organized and is always looking for new members. If you are interested speak with Elsie Corrigan.

#### Baptism

On May 13<sup>th</sup> there was a very special Baptism at Trinity. Peter Wayne Gledhill was welcomed into the Trinity family in the company of his parents, his Grandmother and his Great Grandmother! Welcome and congratulations to little Peter.

#### Communion

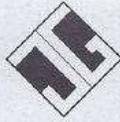
There will be a Communion service on June 10<sup>th</sup> and then the next one will not be until the fall.

Enjoy the Summer Everyone! Again, Peace and Love to Derek!

*"Real love is able to awaken your soul"*  
- Author unknown

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*"Being deeply loved by someone gives you strength,  
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- Loa Taurus



## Huntsville Meals on Wheels Volunteers needed!

If you can spare a couple of hours,  
a couple of times a month,  
to help deliver meals, give us a call!

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Derek's retirement, we ask your blessings upon him as he begins the next chapter of his life.

May we feel your presence here among us guiding and upholding us as we move forward through uncertain times. Help us to remember that in every ending there is also a beginning. Give us strength and courage and creative minds and spirits for the next leg of our journey. Whenever we feel that we are adrift like a ship without a rudder, help us remember that you are our anchor, holding us steadfast when the winds begin to swirl and the waves get rough and that you do not leave us alone. Be with us as we worship. May we hear your voice calling out to us and have the courage to answer and act upon that call. Amen

### **SERMON: We Need Not Be Afraid**

Joanne's full sermon is available both online and also in print from the office for anyone wishing to hear or read it.

### Closing prayer

God of our past, God of our present, God of our future, we thank you for your constant love and mercy. We are grateful for all those who over the years have made this a strong and active congregation. We are grateful for this strong community of love and faith that welcomes and supports us. Help us to move forward with courage and hope, to build on our many strengths, to work together to discover ways to emerge as an even stronger more vibrant community, better equipped to meet the many challenges of the modern world. We ask for your special blessings on the members of our Transition Team as they prepare to lead us into the future.

You know us inside out. You know that some of us are frightened of losing what is beloved and familiar, some of us are anxious because we don't like uncertainty, some of us are frustrated that changes take so long, some of us don't want to change at all. Keep us open and seeking your will as you move among us, comforting, reassuring, challenging and leading us onward as your whole church evolves in new directions.

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**From the Sunday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2018**

**Worship Service** with Joanne Purchase leading

Prayer of Invocation:

This morning we have gathered here once more, glad to be together in this beloved and familiar place, yet today very keenly aware of the one who is not standing here leading us. On this, the first Sunday of

We ask for your comfort and guidance for all those who are going through difficult times; for those struggling with their faith; for those who feel broken, lonely and afraid; for those who lack housing or adequate food; those who are ill or in recovery; those who cannot find a way out of fear and despair; those who have lost loved ones and those who are grieving other losses that have altered their lives. Hear our silent prayers as we name before you those for whom

we have special concerns: ..... May they feel strengthened and upheld by your loving presence.

Bless us all through the days ahead. May we find strength and courage in the sure and certain knowledge that you love us and are always with us; that we are all held securely in the palm of your hand, that we are sheltered under your wings. Amen.

*From A Song of Faith...*

...Jesus announced the coming of God's reign—  
a commonwealth not of domination  
but of peace, justice, and reconciliation.  
He healed the sick and fed the hungry.  
He forgave sins and freed those held captive  
by all manner of demonic powers.  
He crossed barriers of race, class, culture, and gender.  
He preached and practised unconditional **love** —  
**love** of God, **love** of neighbour,  
**love** of friend, **love** of enemy —  
and he commanded his followers to **love** one another  
as he had **loved** them....

Grateful for God's **loving** action,  
we cannot keep from singing.  
Creating and seeking relationship,  
in awe and trust,  
we witness to Holy Mystery who is Wholly **Love**.

