

# The Communicator

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## March 2018

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### ***Upcoming Events***

#### **Maundy Thursday**

Thursday, March 29<sup>th</sup>

7 pm

Trinity's Choir leads  
this worship evening

#### **Easter Sunday**

Sunday, April 1<sup>st</sup>

#### **Sunrise Service**

7:30 am

Breakfast following

#### **Easter Service**

10 am

#### **Trivia Night**

Friday, April 6<sup>th</sup>

7:00 pm

#### **Souper Sandwich**

Friday, April 13<sup>th</sup>

11:30 am – 12:30

Watch for more details...

Coming in the month of May!

➤ **Auction Time**

➤ **A Royal Tea**



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

### **Minister's Report**

Derek Shelly

As I write this particular article it is a well-known fact in the community that I have requested to change my pastoral relationship with Trinity. I have decided to retire from active ministry effective June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018. Retirement is a bitter sweet choice for me. I have and still enjoy the various aspects of ministry and will miss the day to day involvement. On the other hand, I am looking forward to having more opportunities to spend time with my children and grandchildren. I do hope to be able to stay in Huntsville as it has become home to me.

Like so many others, I too have moved here from somewhere else. One advantage of being clergy is that I have a community within a community and in many cases my role is somewhat established. I have always felt blessed to be at Trinity because of its openness and caring for the wider community. Trinity encouraged me to think of church outside of the walls of the building. This particular understanding of the role of followers of Jesus suited my own, and together we were able to serve God both in this place and around the world.

I need not remind you that "ministers come and ministers go". The minister is given specific responsibilities yet we are all called to walk with God. We are all called to do what we can do for as long as we can do it. In this season of Easter, we are called to celebrate the newness of life that is offered. No matter the circumstances we are not left to our own devices unless that is what we choose. The wisdom and strength we need is always available.

Blessings and peace to all.

*Easter is meant to be a symbol of hope,  
renewal, and new life.*

Janine di Giovanni



After Worship Discussion or Sermon Group

Generally, each Sunday from 11:30 am to noon, there is a gathering in the Hearth Room to discuss that day's sermon. Anyone can attend and share your thoughts or ask your questions.

## Words from the Chair

Joanne Purchase

*Hope begins in the dark, the stubborn hope that if you just show up and try to do the right thing, the dawn will come. You wait and watch and work: you don't give up. - Anne Lamott*

We continually struggle with what it means to be the church in today's world. As followers of the teachings of Jesus who called himself the Light of the World, we are called to "Walk in the Light" (a favorite choir anthem), to be the beacon on the hill, the light of hope that shines through the darkness of this world.

We have many hymns that sing of hope, one of my favorites being:

"No storm can shake my inmost calm,  
While to that rock I'm clinging,  
Since Love is lord of heaven and earth,  
How can I keep from singing?"

Hope is also the theme of many poems. One of my personal favorites is by Emily Dickinson:

"Hope is the thing with feathers  
That perches in the soul  
And sings the tune without the words  
And never stops at all."

During a very difficult time in my life, I was given a fridge magnet that said: "When you come to the end of your rope, tie a knot and hang on."

So that is what I did, sometimes clinging precariously only by my fingertips, until with the help of others, I grew strong enough to climb back up and begin again. These are words that have kept me going through many different challenging situations. These are simple and practical words of hope.

We all go through times of darkness, discouragement and despair, times when we have to search hard for those tiny flickers of hope within us that keep us moving forward when darkness is all around us, hope that helps us tie that knot and hang on, hope that keeps us singing the tune even if the words will not

come, hope that keeps us from giving up in the face of adversity, hope that springs eternal within us. We wait and we watch and we work. We don't give up.

*God is our refuge and strength,  
The rock on which we stand  
In the midst of shifting sand  
The rainbow of hope in the storm  
The light in the darkness  
The song amidst the tears  
God is our refuge and strength.  
And we are all held securely in the palm of God's  
hand.  
We are sheltered under God's wings.*

*God's the Father who rejoices  
When the wandering child comes home,  
The Shepherd who cares for every sheep,  
The Woman who searches for the lost coin 'til it's  
found,  
The Servant who washes our feet.  
God's the Mother who nurtures, comforts, sets us  
free  
And loves us no matter what we do.*

*God is our refuge and strength.  
God feels and shares our pain  
And offers life again,  
Resurrection from pain and from despair,  
Living water in the desert,  
The bread of life for all,  
God is our refuge and strength.  
And we are all held securely in the palm of God's  
hand.  
We are sheltered under God's wings.*

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Derek's *Sunday Morning Musings* can be read either on Face Book or at [sundaymorningmusings.blog](http://sundaymorningmusings.blog) usually by 8 am Sunday mornings!

## Council News

Chair: Joanne Purchase

By now, I am sure that you have all heard the news that Derek is retiring this spring. His final service with us is May 27<sup>th</sup> and there will be a celebration of his 40 years of ordained ministry and a retirement party after church that day. (Watch for more details.)

As a result of this, Church Council has made the decision to call an Intentional Interim Minister to work with us for a period of 2-5 years to help us make a positive transition and to take an intentional "time out" to study both our strengths and weaknesses and then determine how to grow and to revitalize ourselves. We hope this will enable our congregation to gain a renewed sense of itself and its mission, to gain new energy and the knowledge and skills to make positive and life-giving decisions about our future directions, as well as the courage to make the changes necessary to move forward. This typically takes about two years, but it could be shorter or longer. Interim Ministers have specialized training to help facilitate and enable change. Along with a Transition Team from the congregation, he/she will guide us to evaluate our present situation and determine what we wish to become. Once this work is complete, we will then set up another team to search for and call a long-term minister with the skills and attributes that match up with our new goals and vision. The Interim Minister is not eligible to remain as a long-term minister. When their work with us is complete, they will move on to help another congregation.

This Intentional Interim Ministry is something that has never been done before at Trinity and it is a new concept for many of you. That doesn't make it something to be feared or automatically opposed. We can't move forward if we are rolling backwards or standing still. Let's embrace this as a rare opportunity for learning and growing. Let's unite behind this decision and look upon it as a great adventure, a pathway to a clearer understanding of who we are, what matters most to us as a congregation and where we should be heading, to

enable us to create a vibrant, enduring future. Change and renewal involve risk-taking but perhaps the even greater risk is to remain static and possibly become stagnant. It will take hard work, time, patience, an honest sharing of our ideas and dreams and opening our minds to new, still unthought-of possibilities. It will take all of us working together under the guidance of trained leadership so that at the end of this process we can emerge as a stronger church, better equipped to face all the challenges of the future.

## Communications Committee

Thelma Beaudry



*Where there is no vision, there is no hope.*

Welcome to a New Year at Trinity United. I am excited to be able to outline some new ideas to hopefully make the Communicator a better tool for the readers to use to keep themselves informed about what is happening at Trinity.

To begin, I'd like to welcome Suzette Nelson and Marion Nichols to the committee. I look forward to their ideas and enthusiasm as we continue this work. As always, the committee would be lost without the wonderful contributions of Lynda Arnold and Elsie Corrigan.

The Communicator will be presented with themes for the year. March will be about HOPE as we move towards Easter and we get ready to welcome spring. June will be about LOVE – the season of weddings, Father's Day and summer vacations spent with people we care about. September will focus on PEACE as we celebrate Remembrance Day, World Wide Communion etc. Finally, December will be a reflection on JOY as we are getting ready to celebrate Advent, Christmas Day and the New Year.

I'd also like to introduce a new section called PROUD MOMENTS. Over the past couple of years, I have thought that this newsletter belongs to the congregation. It is an opportunity for all the committee to outline what they have been working on and it allows the congregation to understand how

much is being done “behind the scenes” for the church. I believe however, that members often have a story to tell. Our lives do not revolve solely around work done by the committee. PROUD MOMENTS will be a section devoted to contributions from the congregation. It is an opportunity to talk about positive experiences, celebrations, accomplishments both at Trinity or in your personal life, stories of kindness and “Pay it forward” kind of experiences. I look forward to sharing your stories and encourage you to think about what you would like to share.

Please forward any contributions to Thelma Beaudry at [theldav@bell.net](mailto:theldav@bell.net). Hard copies can be left in the mailbox outside the office if this works better.

Trinity works hard to have a vision for the future and as such, there is only room for hope as we move forward.



## Finance Report

Gord Mitchell

Our Financial Fitness as of February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2018

As of January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018, the church’s bank account balance was \$13,507.00 according to the balance sheet. Here are the income and the expenses of the church’s financial activity this year to February 28<sup>th</sup> with the comparison of 2017 and 2018 for your information. The bank account balance as of February 28<sup>th</sup> is \$13,072.00.

Income	2018 = \$34,316	2017 = \$33,073
Expenses	2018 = \$37,906	2017 = \$42,845
Net	2018 = \$-3,588	2017 = \$ 9,772

Since the AGM there have been a couple of items that will impact our church bank account and budget, namely:

Our Syrian Family moved to Ottawa February 28<sup>th</sup> to find work to support their family. Although we are happy for them to get a job to support their family of 7 people and soon there will be 8, we will lose their rental income of \$1,300.00 per month at the manse and we will still have expenses like a few utilities and

the municipal property taxes that have to be paid but no income to offset those expenses.

Our beloved Minister, Derek, is retiring from being a full-time minister on May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2018. We are pleased and agree that after 40 years he should retire and move off into the next phase of his life, being able to do the things that he has not had time to do in the last number of years, as many of us have done in retirement. There will be added expenses as we start looking for a new minister.

There are several choices that we all can use to help keep our budget close to the figures that were approved at the AGM in February.

- 1) Increase your monthly givings.
- 2) Change your givings to the “PAR” payment, where you tell the church on a PAR form, that you will give the church your normal monthly givings. On the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month the church will withdraw that sum of money from your bank account. Visit the church office and talk with Suzy, our Church Administrator, as she would be pleased to help you fill out the form to get started on PAR.
- 3) Support all the fund raisers that the church’s committees put on to earn extra money for the church’s budget.
- 4) Talk to Fran Mitchell in Trinity Hall each Sunday. Find out how the FundScrip program works – it’s the national retailers of the gift cards that you purchase for the groceries and gas, who pay a % back to FundScrip – that’s the source of money that comes back to our church.

Have faith and thanks for your continued support of Trinity United Church.



**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 were able to donate many pairs of mitts to the needy through the Table Soup Kitchen and the Nursery School. Our very own Gerry Gould, who knits for our group at the wonderful age of 99, was able to give the mitts from her room at Muskoka Landing. Her wheelchair was surrounded by gleeful children. She can see these children playing outside all winter from her room.

Join us the first Wednesday of the month for fellowship.



## Property Committee

Maurice McGill

A security inspection took place recently and all of the fire and smoke alarms were inspected.

The finishing of the basement will be completed shortly. The painting is almost done and the bathrooms will both be repainted and the toilets replaced with new commercial ones. During this renovation, one bathroom will be closed at a time leaving the other open for use.

Property will be investigating the possibility of installing a security camera in the church.

Now that the Manse is empty, the pipes have been drained and the water turned off. It will be checked regularly with a quick walk through to make sure that everything is in order. The Group of Seven

## 2nd Huntsville Scout Group

Judy Hall

Spring is around the corner, Kub Kars and Scout Trucks are being constructed as this is written. Yes, you read that right, Scout Trucks! 2 youth have tackled the task of building a Scout Truck. They start with pieces of wood provided in a kit and from their imagination create a Scout Truck. Scout Truck construction leads us to the opening for leadership opportunities with 2nd Huntsville Cub Scouts and

Scouts. The current leaders in Cub Scouts will be training to become Scout leaders for the fall season and, therefore, we need leaders to jump in to the void.

2nd Huntsville Cub Scouts have an active pack of 12 youth, some have grown from Beaver Scouts to become Cub Scouts and soon will be Scouts.

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 Cub Scouts are looking forward to an outdoor day that will include shelter building and possibly cooking a paper bag lunch over a wood fire. 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.

*It Starts With Scouts!*

## Souper Sandwich Lunch

Nancy Waxl

Old Man Winter has not been on our side for our luncheons! It has been difficult for people to get out and we had to cancel one. This will be behind us as we look forward into April and May and we welcome everyone back who may have missed out. Our committee will be catering to the "Meals on Wheels" luncheon in May, and then look forward to a summer break!

Contact Nancy Waxl (705-789-5679) if you are interested in helping the odd month. The rewards are numerous. Future dates: Friday, April 13<sup>th</sup> and then our last one until Fall, Friday, May 11<sup>th</sup>.



## The Table Soup Kitchen

Justine McDonnell

263 adults and 20 children and youth enjoyed Monday evening dinners prepared and served by the Table Soup Kitchen volunteers in Trinity's kitchen and Trinity Hall during the months of January and February 2018. The guests enjoyed donations from, as always, Kawartha Dairy and Henrietta's Pine Bakery, plus Linda Martin's coleslaw from Blue's Stew (rave reviews), tomato soup from Circle Group, cake and salads from the Community Kitchen, and pasta sauce and salad from Huntsville Public playground fund raising.

A heartfelt and grateful thank you to Ed Behm and his band of merry helpers for keeping Trinity's kitchen appliances in top notch working order.

From A Song of Faith

*We taste the mystery of God's great love for us,  
and are renewed in faith and **hope**.*

## 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)

## United Church Women

Connie Goold

This will be my last report as President of UCW because I am stepping down. For 2018 there will be a different chairperson leading the monthly meetings. Members volunteered for this position at the January meeting. Thank you!

It was decided 3 years ago, that there would be no meeting in February. However, as Spring approaches we are busy!

We host the annual St Patrick's Luncheon after church on Sunday March 18<sup>th</sup>! Patron Saint Patrick has ok'd that we can celebrate a few days late!

We have been asked to cater the Gathering of Presbytery from Muskoka-Parry Sound here at Trinity on Saturday March 10<sup>th</sup> from 9.00 am to 12.30 pm.

On April 16<sup>th</sup>, we will host the Annual Meeting of Living Waters Presbyterial.

Also, UCW is responsible for coffee hour during the month of March.

I 'hope' our members remain strong through all of the above!



## Living Waters UCW Presbyterial

Nancy Waxl

Julie Brushey and I attended an Executive meeting in February at St. James United in Stroud. We finalized the details for our ANNUAL MEETING to be held at Trinity United in Huntsville on Monday, April 16<sup>th</sup>. The theme is "Stepping Forward" to signify the change in boundaries taking place soon. To explain everything to us, we have invited Jody Maltby, Executive Secretary of Toronto Conference to be our guest speaker. Book Room will be available as well in the Hearth Room. Lunch will be provided by our UCW members for \$10.00. We will be saying goodbye to Camp Big Canoe Director, Bill Stevens, at this meeting, as he will be retiring. Toronto Conference UCW 56<sup>th</sup> LAST ANNUAL MEETING will be held at Monday, April 30<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, May 1<sup>st</sup> at Scarborough Bluffs United Church on Kingston Rd, Scarborough. Registration deadline is Monday, April 16<sup>th</sup>. Our Camp Big Canoe meeting is Monday, June 18<sup>th</sup>, when we welcome the new Director, Steve Salt. The Camp "Wish List" is available and will be posted on our Bulletin Board, as well as Registration leaflets for campers. There is an OPEN HOUSE on Sunday, July 1<sup>st</sup> from 11.00 am to 3.00 pm at the Camp.

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

*Hope – We need to look inward, into our hearts and look for a hope that inspires us and lifts our spirits to bring everyone together in harmony to make all things happen.*



## Worship/CE Committee

Carole Walsh

HOPE - Romans 12:12 - *Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.*

February begins a new year at Trinity. With the new year we have a lot to look forward to and a lot to be thankful for.

Christian Education has been on a bit of a hiatus in the past few months, but we hope that we will be able to announce a new program soon. For the time being CE will continue to be a part of Worship.

The Committee is very busy at this time planning for Easter celebrations and our fundraiser. The fundraiser will be on Friday, April 6<sup>th</sup> and is a "Trivia Challenge". You can enter as singles and be added to a team or enter a full team. Each team will have 4-6 players and we are encouraging people to give their team a name. We are hoping to instil great rivalries. There will also be a secret Master of Ceremonies.

Currently we are forming a Trinity Book Club and hope to begin meeting very soon.

Starting after Easter (April 8<sup>th</sup>) we will be singing one hymn each week for 6 weeks that has been chosen as the favourite of a congregation member. We hope that each person will give us a little background about why it has special meaning for them.

Palm Sunday will include palms again this year but with a little different take. We hope that you will be a part in this special celebration.

There will be a Maundy Thursday service on March 29<sup>th</sup> that will start at 7.00 pm. We are also planning an "Outdoor Sunrise" Easter Sunday service at 7.30 am on Sunday, April 1<sup>st</sup> and an Easter Sunday church service at the regular 10.00 am service. Johnny and the choir are busy preparing special music for these special services.

The Worship CE Committee hopes that Derek has a fulfilling retirement. We will miss him greatly (more about that at a later date!)

## Coffee House a Big Success!

Chuck McClelland

On Friday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> we held a Coffee House / folk night down in the Milligan Room. Billed as a sixties-style Coffee House, it proved very popular as more than sixty people jammed into the room to hear old-time, live, acoustic folk music. Chuck would like to thank all those who performed or helped out, especially Gord Mitchell and Pat Allinson. We will do it again, so if you weren't there and want to know when the next one will be, send Chuck your email at [chas.mcclelland@gmail.com](mailto:chas.mcclelland@gmail.com) to be put on the list for a BCC email blast.

From A Song of Faith

*God raised Jesus from death,  
Turning sorrow into joy,  
Despair into **hope**.*

*We sing of Jesus raised from the dead.  
We sing Hallelujah.*



## Mission and Service

Doris Monahan

A special thank you to all who gave over and above in 2017 to M & S, better known as Mission & Service. It is greatly appreciated by the Outreach Committee of Trinity and especially the M & S Committee of the United Church of Canada. It would be the hope of the Outreach Committee that in the future we might be able to meet the local church budget with ease and have enough extra to raise the amount sent to the nation church as our donation to M&S.



## Recipe Corner

### for Special Dietary Needs

Elsie Corrigan

Something I tried and found very nourishing. Thelma Beaudry makes wonderful Banana Bread. When she brings it for coffee time, the plates go home CLEAN.

Thelma's Banana cake/loaf/muffins - wheat & dairy free

½ cup margarine or butter

1 cup white sugar

1 large egg

400 grams over ripe bananas (3 large or more)

50 ml of water

2 cups wheat flour SUB Buckwheat

2 tsp baking powder

¼ tsp salt (I omit) Buckwheat has salt naturally so you don't need more

1 tsp vanilla flavoring (I use almond or maple)

Measure ingredients. Start with first two – blend. Add the rest one at a time until all is blended. I grease my pans with lard (use what you like).

Because the recipe is straight forward, I could change it without two trials feeding the birds!

I took her recipe: added an egg (2) and substituted equal parts of Buckwheat flour for all purpose flour. The drawback with Buckwheat is the lack of elasticity to hold the loaf together. The extra egg supplies that. Bakes in about an hour at 350 degrees.

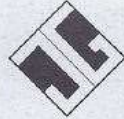
If you prefer fresh fruit try buying grapes when on special, clean and wash, let dry on a tray or towel. Then package them in Snack Bags and freeze for later (about 100 grams per bag). Other fruits can be frozen too – cherries (remove pits before freezing.) You can freeze greens - spinach, kale, swiss chard, celery, cooked onions - these can be ready for soup rather than spoil, especially if you cook for one.

Do you have a tip to share? Send to [elsie@cogeco.ca](mailto:elsie@cogeco.ca)



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Diane Litchfield 705-789-4525

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