



## Trinity Events

Rally Sunday!  
Sunday, Sept. 9<sup>th</sup>  
following worship

Souper Sandwich Lunch  
Fridays in Trinity Hall  
Sept. 14<sup>th</sup>, Oct. 12<sup>th</sup>, Nov. 9<sup>th</sup>  
11:30 am – 12:30

'Just for fun' Trinity Golf  
Sunday, Sept. 16<sup>th</sup>  
Huntsville Downs

Trinity's Book Club  
Wednesday, Sept. 25<sup>th</sup>  
2 pm – 4 pm

World Wide Communion  
& Thanksgiving Worship  
Sunday, Oct. 7<sup>th</sup>

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## Minister's Report

Rev. David Woodall

Psalm 34:13-15

***Whoever of you loves life and desires to see many good days...  
seek peace and pursue it.***

I was sitting here in the church office looking out of one window to see a parking lot full of cars and just a bit further away the library with people going in and out: parents with children; teens; families; mature adults. I looked out another window and there is the main street bustling and busy – shop keepers, tourists, customers – all the excitement of downtown Huntsville at the end of summer and the beginning of the fall.

We can do many things. We can live with all sorts of feelings. We understand that anxiety and fear can actually ruin our lives. There are even some studies that tell us that our lives are shortened by the stress we put ourselves under.

I hope that each of us has the wisdom to see peace, an inner peace personally, and peace within our community, as not some pie-in-the-sky ideal but as the skill that grounds us and readies us for all the intricacies and excitements of life. An inner peace is a healthy thing. A lack of inner peace is tough to deal with.

Frederick Buechner who has thought a great deal about life writes that, *"The good news about peace, in other words, is that it prepares us for action."* Wherever today is finding you, take a moment to stop. Simply be still. Find that inner place where you can be still and encounter our God who meets us in the noise of the day with an invitation to be peaceful within our souls.

John 14: 27

***Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.  
Not as the world gives do I give it to you.  
Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid.***



## Words from the Chair

Joanne Purchase



### *Finding Peace in the Midst of Change...*

Think about how much the world has changed in the 60 or 70 or 80 or 90 years since you were born. Think about the changes in just the last decade. It is no wonder that we often feel bewildered, lost, out of place or afraid. In the midst of all this, it is hard to find peace and we often long for the comfort of the old and familiar. For many of us, that need has been met by being part of a church with its base of caring, committed people and the sense of community and support that we find there. So having to admit that the church itself needs to undergo upheaval and change to regain its place of influence in the world and to continue to gain new members is very difficult and frightening for many.

Last spring, this congregation courageously took a first step towards rejuvenation and renewal. By an almost unanimous decision, our congregation chose to set aside a period of time to do some serious self-examination and evaluation, to move ahead under the direction of a specially trained Interim Minister to help us figure out who we are, where we are going and what we would like to become. We put in place a skilled and dedicated Transition Team who have been working hard all summer under the direction of some very experienced Presbytery advisors to look for such a person. This whole process has been slowed somewhat because of summer but is still in progress. In the meantime, we are fortunate to have a very capable supply minister, the Rev. David Woodall, leading our worship most Sundays and working part-time during the week. Many of you have expressed your pleasure with the work he is doing and the inspiring and meaningful services he leads on Sundays. There is a tangible sense of joy during worship.

Change can be difficult and threatening to many but let us be grateful that we have a congregation and a Church Council that recognize, along with our whole United Church of Canada, that it is necessary to develop new and creative ways to be the church in a rapidly changing world. You know what they say about keeping on doing the same old things in the

same old ways and expecting new results, yet how often do we do just that? We need ALL of us to participate vigorously in the upcoming months, to be creative and inventive, to share our thoughts and dreams and ideas, to stand up and speak out about what matters to each of us, to determine together what is worth preserving and what needs to be changed or left behind. Perhaps we are carrying too much baggage to travel on new paths. We want to hear YOUR voice and meet YOUR needs as we struggle to find the way forward. What matters most to YOU?

If you have young people in your life today you know that they are, in many ways, different beings from us. They think and see the world very differently than we do. Their use and understanding of technology far surpasses ours. Any church that hopes to become a meaningful part of their lives will have to change its form and function to meet the realities of the only world they know.

Our challenge is to figure out if it is possible to do that and still preserve those things that mean so much to all of us, things that have upheld and sustained us through all the ups and downs of our lives, the sources of Love, Peace, Joy and Hope for us. Can we meet the needs of both ends of such a wide spectrum or is it perhaps our mission to specialize in one part of it while at the same time remaining open and welcoming to all who want to join us on the journey? How long can we survive if we just continue on as we always have? How do we renew ourselves and still be a place of peace and hope for those already here and working so hard to keep us afloat?

We talk a great deal in church about the Spirit of God leading us onward, guiding us on our journey, being ever present around and within us, upholding and sustaining us through times of turmoil and uncertainty. Are those merely words or do we really believe it? This is a time that tests our faith. Can we let go and put ourselves in God's hands or are we ruled by angst, doubt, uncertainty and fear?



We have given ourselves a very special and rare gift - the gift of time to step out of our routines and ingrained habits, to slow down and think about what matters, to take a long, hard look at what we do and how we do it, to seek better ways to meet the changing needs of our world, to enable resurrection and new life.

Let us continue to approach this Transition time in a spirit of anticipation and cooperation, not as something to be maligned or feared. Let it be an exciting adventure in self-discovery and creative rebirth. Let us be at peace with the process, place our trust in God, relax, take some deep breaths and enjoy what unfolds as we journey forward.

## Communications Committee

Thelma Beaudry

As I looked for short quotes about **Peace** – the theme for this month's Communicator – I quickly became aware that there are many definitions for this word. It was difficult to find a quote that reflected how I feel the Communications Committee contributes to the welfare of Trinity United Church.

One source suggested that **Peace** was freedom from disturbance; a state of tranquility. As I thought about this I felt that one of the basic needs to exist in Peace is a clear understanding of what is happening around us. It is my hope that the Communicator contributes on some level to a solid understanding of how the many wonderful people in our congregation give of themselves to help the Church and the community at large. Our committee has committed, creative individuals that work to keep our bulletin boards up to date, our website attractive and current, our information pamphlets current and accessible in the pews, and our contact lists up to date. All of our work is supported by the awesome efforts of Suzy Simson, our Church Administrator.

For our next issue we would like to invite you to provide submissions for a section called "Proud Moments". Was there some event in your life that you would like to share that was special for you? If so, please forward your story to Thelma Beaudry at [theldav@bell.net](mailto:theldav@bell.net).

Be sure to check out our website – [www.trinityunitedchurchhuntsville.weebly.com](http://www.trinityunitedchurchhuntsville.weebly.com) - for information about upcoming events and information on our Church activities. We have room for new advertisers should you want to share information about your business. Feel free to contact anyone on the committee.

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

## Outreach Committee

Diane Schamehorn

The summer is almost over, and the children are getting ready to be back in school and returning to Sunday School. We are once again looking forward to our fall church family activities.

Our fundraiser in August wasn't as successful as we had hoped. We had about 30 people attend, and many were newcomers.

On September 9<sup>th</sup>, we will have a table set up in Trinity Hall for Rally Sunday. Please drop by, taste our goodies, and ask questions that you would like answered. If you are interested in joining our committee, let us know, because we will need some members in the new year. We are always happy to have new faces with new ideas.

In December, we will be having White Gift Sunday, and asking for donations of mitts and socks for the needy, as well as gift cards, which can be purchased through Fundscrip.



**Mission and Service** is not a separate fund within the church. It is the foundation of how we offer healing and hope in a hurting world. Mission and Service supports education programs, women's empowerment; food, housing support, and advocacy to alleviate poverty; assistance for theological students,

lay leaders, and camping, congregational support; healing the relationship between indigenous and non-indigenous people; youth programming like Rendez-vous and much more!

Mission and Service is the heart and soul of the United Church of Canada. Mission and Service giving is already a regular part of Trinity's life. We give 15 percent of our offering as a Congregation. Thank you so much for supporting that at our Annual Meetings.



If you wish to make further donations to Mission and Service, you can do so obtaining a *Gifts with Vision Catalogue* from Doris Monahan or by sending a cheque directly to the United Church of

Canada at 3250 Bloor St West, Suite 200, Toronto, ON, M8X 2Y4. In your message mention that you are a member of Trinity United in Huntsville, Ontario and the church will get recognition in the 'Over and Above' Column. Loving our neighbor and helping to bring **Peace** in this troubled world is at the heart of our Mission and Service. Our gifts for Mission and Service are how we live out the call of the church to do God's mission.

Greeting Cards - if you know of someone who needs a card, please contact Sylvia Leeder. Her phone number is 705-685-7665 or you can email her - [s.leeder@hotmail.com](mailto:s.leeder@hotmail.com)

## Property Committee

Maurice McGill

We are working on repairing the main entrance to the church on the north and east walls of the tower, however the trades that we require to do the work are so busy that we may not get the job completed until next year – 2019. What we will complete is the drain system of that portion of the job. This will be backwards and the cost will have to be escalated however, it is what it is. By completing this drain portion, this will prevent further damage to the walls.

The next surprise was the roof in Trinity Hall. It appears that we have two spots that are leaking. Again, this trade is very busy as well. Hopefully we will not have to do the whole roof of 3500 sq ft. There

are no records as to when the roof was redone, but we know that it is at least 20 years ago. On this project, further information will be available at the next Communicator.

Now for the good news, Lynda & Murray Arnold have completed the painting of the downstairs (basement) with new toilets being installed in both washrooms and painting there as well. Mechanical things are now working and in good order. We thank Lynda and Murray, Chuck, David and Bob, Gord Booker and Al Taylor for their dedicated work in bringing all of this area to an updated completion.

We are obtaining pricing for a new projection screen and all the equipment needed to operate it and we will present this at the next Council meeting.

We have several small projects to complete before winter and these will be done. Hopefully we will have answers to the two main subjects. We ask for your help in keeping this great church in good working order. Please, if you see a problem, report it to a member of our group or Suzy in the office.

The Group of Seven

## Souper Sandwich Lunch

Nancy Waxl

Our committee has enjoyed a much-needed break and now look forward to another season of serving the community with homemade soups, desserts and sandwiches. If anyone is interested in helping in 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 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! You will see us on our annual Rally Sunday, September 9<sup>th</sup>, and can sign up there too.

Future dates: September 14<sup>th</sup>, October 12<sup>th</sup> (after Thanksgiving), November 9<sup>th</sup>, December 14<sup>th</sup>, January 11<sup>th</sup>, February 8<sup>th</sup>, March 8<sup>th</sup>, April 12<sup>th</sup> and last one on May 10<sup>th</sup>.

## The Table Soup Kitchen

Justine McDonnell



28 children and youth, and 510 adults were served dinners during the months of June, July and August, 2018.

Our thanks to Trinity United congregation for the use of Trinity Hall and to UCW for the kitchen.

Our dinners were supported by greatly appreciated donations from Henrietta's Pine Bakery, Kawartha Dairy, Deerhurst, Probus, Trinity Outreach, Camp Rahma, Landed Loon Catering at Tawingo, Dwight United Church, our fabulous Soup Kitchen volunteers, and Ed Behm.

## Therapeutic Touch

Shirley Boon

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The last Monday afternoon of every month our Therapeutic Touch Network of Ontario (TTNO) Huntsville Therapeutic Touch Branch meets at Trinity in the Hearth Room from 1:30 to 3:30. Folks who would like to have a free Therapeutic Touch session are invited to come at 1:30 as the more experienced TT practitioners give our guests a session first.

We'd **LOVE** for you to come and have a free TT session and experience the relaxation and sense of **PEACE**.

Learn more about Therapeutic Touch from the TTNO website [www.therapeutictouchontario.org](http://www.therapeutictouchontario.org) or contact Shirley Boon.

For anyone who has taken a Level 1 Therapeutic Touch workshop, there is a Therapeutic Touch Professional Development Day on Saturday, September 29, 2018. The theme is The Healing Journey Continues: Deepening our Understanding of Reflective Practice and Therapeutic Touch®. Contact the Shirley for more information. Come for a **peaceful** day of learning and sharing with fellow TTers.

Peace and Love, Shirley Boon  
[shirleyboon@surenet.net](mailto:shirleyboon@surenet.net) or 705-784-0969.

## Trinity's Transition Team

Will Gibson

Your Transition Committee is continuing its work to find an Interim Minister for Trinity. We are in the process of interviewing qualified candidates for the position. We recently had a meeting with Todd McDonald the Toronto Conference Personnel Minister as part of the process, and as well, Joanne Purchase, Council Chair was included in our meeting regarding our request re an extension of our present supply minister's time.

Committee members are Shane Baker, Thelma Beaudry, Jane Booker, Jim Miller, Jen Nicholson, Lynn Smith, Nancy Waxl and Co Chairs: Lynda Arnold and Will Gibson, with Presbytery Reps Nina Fulford and Steve Willey.

Thank you for your patience as we work through this process. We have an excellent committee dedicated to bringing the best result for the future of Trinity United Church.



## Trustees

Murray Arnold



The sale of the manse continues at its glacial pace and should be completed by September this year.

The Town approved the severance in June with a 20-day appeal process and that has been completed with no outside objections.

Granting the severance approval came with some conditions. The most onerous and expensive was the installation of a separate sanitary sewer line as the existing line hooks into the church sewer which is not allowed due to the pending separate ownership of the church manse property.

Most of the summer has been consumed with the Trustees meeting with Town and District staff as well as contractors and plumbers to complete the required work. The work started August 27<sup>th</sup> and should be completed by the publication of this issue which will allow us to meet the conditions and complete the sale.

The Trustees have also met to review investment options with the proceeds of the sale. The proceeds will remain under the control of the Trustees and Church Council with the understanding that only the interest earned on the principal may be used for church needs.

## United Church Women

Connie Goold

UCW have enjoyed a summer break, as there are no meetings held during the summer and only one catering activity, the Afterglow for the Music Men. It is a late gig and one UCW member was washing dishes till midnight! Thank you, DM.!!

September 11<sup>th</sup> will be the first fall meeting. This will be a Potluck Luncheon with an invitation to Lake of Bays UCW to join us. Our guest speaker, Verna Porter-Brunelle is a Métis and a member of the Métis Nation of Ontario. She and her husband Victor will speak at 1 pm. We would invite anyone from our congregation who may be interested to join us at 1 pm in Trinity Hall.

Just a reminder that the Frosty Fair will be in November. It has been a very hot summer so probably projects for the Frosty Fair have not been happening. But with the promise of cooler weather, may the projects begin!



## Living Waters UCW Presbyterial

Nancy Waxl

Julie Brushy and I attended an Executive meeting on August 20<sup>th</sup> at St. James United in Stroud. We finalized the details for our "FALL MARKET" meeting to be held at Bala on September 17<sup>th</sup>. The theme is "Stepping Forward with Joy". This is a first for Bala, and being in Muskoka, it is convenient for our members to attend. Our day will be an opportunity for questions and concerns about the possible new structure starting in 2019. Members will be able to bring items for the market 'buy and sell' such as loaves, preserves and crafts.

Bill Stevens received a large card with enlarged photo of Living Waters UCW Presbyterial along with their gift of a kayak, life jackets, and paddles at the Open House on July 1<sup>st</sup>. Laurie Cook read a poem she had composed for the presentation.

Dates to Remember: Our LAST Togetherness Day will be October 3<sup>rd</sup> at Cardinal Golf Club. Guest Speaker: Lieutenant Governor of Ontario, Elizabeth Dowdeswell. This is sold out. Next Presbyterial Meeting will be on November 26<sup>th</sup>, place TBA.

PLEASE NOTE THAT WE DO NOT NEED SOUP LABELS ANYMORE. WE DO TAKE OLD GLASSES, POP CAN TABS and STAMPS.



## Worship Committee

Carole Walsh



*Peace is not absence of conflict, it is the ability to handle conflict by peaceful means.*

Ronald Regan

Mr. Regan knew about what he spoke. The Worship Committee would like you to think about this and how we can all practise his idea of attaining peace.

We are in really exciting times at Trinity, as well as in Muskoka, Ontario, Canada and the World. We can make a difference! Think of the difference that we made in the lives of those five little Syrian children. They will be Canadian children with all of the benefits that we as Canadians receive.

Our Committee is steadily working with other Trinity Committees to press on through this time of change in the Church, here at Trinity and at the National level. Many people have assisted with the work that needed to be done this summer by our Committee.

Johnny has been wonderful in planning the summer music program and also with assisting visiting guest preachers with their services.

Special thanks go to: Joanne Purchase, Nina Fulford, Ken Deer, John McTavish, Linda Newnham, Carol Hancock, Stephen Willey and Pat Edmonds who so generously gave of their time to lead Trinity in Sunday services.

Musical contributions came to us from Johnny, Doug and Sue Hicks, Judy White, Ian McTavish, Avalon McTavish, Brian Smith, and Bob Attfield.

The Trinity family is very blessed to have David Woodall as our part time pulpit supply for the majority of the summer and now until the end of October. David is in the office on Wednesday morning if you would like to drop by. Thank you, David!!

The Book Club is up and running although it took a break over the summer. The next discussion will be on September 25<sup>th</sup> from 2pm to 4pm in the Hearth Room. The book chosen for this time is "A Man called Ove" by Fredrik Bachman. There is a copy going

around that you may borrow or the library has one. Thanks to Elsie Corrigan for her hard work getting this going. Please plan on attending.

The next Communion Service will be October 7th which is also Thanksgiving and World Communion Day. Plans are underway for making this a meaningful day for all.

Please, if you have any suggestions or ideas for the Worship Committee just stick them in our mail box.

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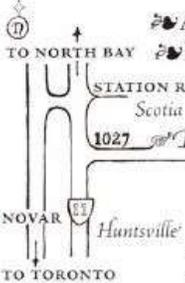
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