

Trinity United Church



Fall 2011 Newsletter

UPCOMING EVENTS

Rally Back Sunday

Sunday, September 11
and Church Family Picnic

World Wide Communion

Sunday, October 2nd

Thanksgiving

Sunday, October 9th

Baptism Sunday

Tell our office of your interest ASAP!

Hallowe'en

Sunday October 30th

Children of ALL AGES
are welcome to dress up!

Remembrance Day

Sunday, November 6th

Special Sunday worship

First Sunday in Advent

Sunday November 27th

A Communion Sunday.

Finding God in All the Right Places

A Message from Rev. Ted

Hope you had a great summer! -- Maybe one day this past hot summer you plunked a quarter into someone else's meter—and it felt pretty good to do that. Maybe you had one of those phone calls with an old friend where you lost track of the time, and asked, “Why don't we chat more often? I've missed you!” You might have caught the laughing eyes of a stranger, and enjoyed a secret joke between just the two of you. Maybe you talked to a teenager in your neighbourhood who enthused about improving our world-- and you left that conversation feeling like the world might be in good hands, after all. Maybe a package arrived one day, and in it you discovered the gift you've been expecting-- longing to give it to a beloved family member—and in that your feelings of joy overflowed.

I invite you to think of all those feelings as God. God is love, and

where love is, that's just where you're likely to discover God. And those feelings can be sad or joyful. They can break down walls, or connect you to your deepest self, or encourage you to be a better person. That's God-- and that, my friends, is God-stuff! This is what God does.

At Trinity, we tap into that vein of right feelings, of God-stuff. You'll feel that love and that buzz around Trinity's worship—around our fellowship, our meals, our events. In our clubs and with our children. In our Outreach, and amongst our staff. You'll feel it in the laughter, in the support, in the tears and in the questions. Welcome back to Trinity—I hope you feel it, too. God is with us.

Blessings and Peace,

SOME UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS

Catered Dinner by Chef Donnie Blais

– Fall date to be announced

Youth Confirmation Weekend (for youth in grade 7 & up)

– date to be determined. To express interest or for more information contact Lisa Blais or Rev. Ted at (705)474-3310

Please mark important dates

It is our hope that you have had a good summer. As you read this whole newsletter please mark the important dates on your calendars. There will be some repetition but all reminders are good. We are still working on our By-laws since it was impossible to get five people together in the summer. Our Buildings and Grounds committee and friends spent August realigning the choir loft. Thank you. The choir appreciates your work.

Your Finance and Stewardship Committee has been busy attempting to track down ways and means to access funds to help cover the

cost of the fire inspection issues that need to be addressed. Some of the minor changes have already been completed. It is interesting to note that the Fire Chief thought it was particularly important that Trinity be brought up to code because we are one of the busiest church "plants" in the city.

Your Board will have some interesting work to tackle this fall. We will be looking at three statements of faith created post 1925. There is a motion to elevate the 1940 Statement of Faith, the 1968 "New Creed", and the more recent "Song of Faith" to a position that is equal

to the 1925 statement in the Basis of Union. The vote (our response) is due by April 2012. If we do not reply, ours would be considered a negative vote.

In September we look forward to the Rally Back Sunday, and the return of our mid-week groups for fellowship and the continuation of God's work in the community. Our thoughts and prayers go out to those who have lost loved ones over the summer.

*Respectfully submitted,
Don Haslam, Chairperson*



Trinity's young-at-heart ladies meet the 2nd Monday of each month. They are dedicated to helping others. Monies raised support our own church and others in our community.

All ladies in the congregation are welcome to come and enjoy our fellowship. Our gatherings are both relaxing and thought provoking. Please think about joining our group of ladies as you are able.

Come and bring your skills and enthusiasm to our "first" fall meeting, September 12th.

Other events coming up include Friday Luncheons (Sept. 30th) and the Christmas Bazaar on Nov. 12th.

Judy Bondi

From Christian Education & Outreach

Fall is upon us and you know what that means...

Rally Back!!

Sunday Sept. 11 is Rally Back Sunday and we have some fun and exciting plans including: music, singing, swimming, face painting, games and much more! Make sure to bring your own cutlery, plates, etc. and a salad/appetizer and we will do the rest. Can't wait to see you out this year!

The Family Social Club (FSC) is planning another outing. We're headed to Leisure Farms in Sturgeon Falls on Sat. Sept. 24th. If you are interested in coming, please contact Sue Whitehead at (705) 474-6195 or email swhitehead72@hotmail.com for more details.

As church starts up again, so does Sunday School. We are in need of teachers! The lessons are already planned for you and the kids are so much fun! Please see Lisa to sign up. Our children thank you!

Please see Lisa and Cindy's report on the new and exciting opportunities for children and youth at Trinity. We hope you all had a very restful and fulfilling summer.

*Susan Whitehead
Chairperson, CEO*

Rally Back Sunday kicks off fall season

Dear Trinity Friends:

It is my hope that this letter finds each of you energized and enthusiastic about returning to the comforts and routines that fall brings with it. I have had the chance to speak with many of you over the summer and although summer brings a time for Sabbath and renewal, I have discovered that many of you kept quite busy with gardening, camping, travelling, visiting family and friends and much more. Some of us might feel that we need a vacation from our vacation!

While the summer quieted down a little around Trinity, there were still quite a few exciting events that occurred for Trinity folk. Trinity held its very successful Vacation Bible Camp program with over 50 children attending – a very special thanks to all those who volunteered their time to prepare food, lead sessions, or to provide a hand wherever needed – look for Stephanie's full report later in the year. Many Trinity children also had the opportunity to attend Camp Lorrain this summer and this year, Camp Lorrain offered a

family camp which some of the Trinity families attended and thoroughly enjoyed.

Other Trinity members had the opportunity to attend Rendez-vous in August. This was a gathering of United Church youth, young adults and leaders from all across Canada to come together for worship, learning and community building. It was a phenomenal event that you will hear more about in the fall as we work to assemble a special presentation.

Around Trinity some of the Building and Grounds Committee were busy at work this summer preparing the church for fall and most notably, re-arranging the Choir and Chancel area to better accommodate our growing choir.

This fall, as always, there will be plenty of opportunities to join in and participate in the life at Trinity. Please plan to join us in kicking off the new season by attending our Rally Back Church Picnic on the shores of Lake Nipissing. It is a terrific way to catch up on all the news and activity of the summer and also a great way to meet new people. A flyer with more informa-

tion can be found in this newsletter – hopefully see you there!

We return to regular church services on Sunday, September 4th and many of the groups will be starting up beginning the second week in September. Look for information about each of these groups in the newsletter, on the webpage (www.trinitynorthbay.ca) or in our weekly church bulletins.

Many of Trinity's groups have begun with a simple idea! If you have an suggestion for the existing groups, or an idea for a brand new group, please feel free to share your ideas. Stop by my office throughout the week, drop me an email or give me a call and I would be happy to hear your ideas!

Whether you are new to Trinity or a long standing member, whether you are young, or young at heart, no matter what your interests or talents are – you are welcome here!

Grace and Peace,

*Lisa
Designated Lay Minister –
Faith Formation, Education and
Outreach*

Tuesday Morning Coffee Group

Welcome friends! We are looking forward to another exciting year beginning with our Potluck welcome on Tuesday, September 13th. We are a friendly and welcoming group of women of all ages who meet on Tuesday mornings (9:30 – 11:30) throughout the school year. The program varies from week to

week and covers such topics as cooking, crafts, environmental issues, child development, health and nutrition, special speakers and more! Childcare is provided in a safe, fun and stimulating environment. All women are welcome to attend on an occasional or regular basis. If you would like more information please pick up a flyer outside the church office or call Lisa @ 474-3310

Sept 13th: Potluck Welcome

Sept 20th: Downtown Tour – meet at Trinity first

Sept 27th: Apple Pies

Oct 4th: Thanksgiving Craft – Fall Centre Piece

Oct 11th: Potluck and Planning

Oct 18th: Environmental Cleaning Products

Oct 25th: Zumba or Bellydance

Sunday School: try it, you just may like it

Sunday School time again. The summer seems to have flown by. We wrapped up our Sunday School year with teacher appreciation in June, but continued to enjoy time together during Junior Congregation in July, Trinity vacation Bible camp about the story of Joseph called "Technicolour Adventures" in July and, of course, Camp Lorrain. Our youth, and young adults also spent time together this August at the national youth event Rendez-vous. I am sure they will bring some of their enthusiasm to our Sunday School.

We welcome all families to join us for Rally Back Sunday and the church family picnic on Sunday September 11th. We will celebrate "Living Waters" You don't need to wait until the 11th as we will begin worshiping together on September 4th and enjoy some activities to lead up to Rally Back Sunday.

Sunday School, for children age 4 and up, will continue with the successful workshop rotation model and have begun planning such lessons as; How to Build a Church, Bible Visionaries, Parables (with an emphasis on Stewardship), Advent - The Story of Christmas, Christmas Play, Called and Chosen (Disciples), Radical Healing. The children will continue to learn through drama, stories, cooking, games, crafts, songs, and other activities. Nursery care is provided by our wonderful paid caregiver Aura for children age three and under.

We collect Sunday School offering each week and ask the children to bring in what they can. Envelopes are available if you would like your offering counted towards your tax receipt. In the past we discussed with the children what they would like to support with their Sunday

School offering. We have supported such things as Hope2Kenya, Spread the Net, Packsac Smiles, Trinity food shelf, North Bay Hospital, M&S fund, World Vision, and Free the children.

We are very blessed to have some wonderful and dedicated teachers and youth helpers. Teachers only teach for a three-week rotation. We would love to only have each teacher teach one rotation a year so they can continue to enjoy Ted's sermons. Unfortunately, we do not have enough teachers to accomplish this. Please, if you can give three Sundays of your time, we would love your help. You do not need to have children in Sunday School to offer your talents. We provide on the job training with youth support. You should try it, you just may like it.

John 4:14 "but whoever drinks the water I give him will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life."

Trinity Testosterone 2011

Once again a Crack Team of a dozen Trinity Men braved the wilds of Temagami, for not only one but two harrowing nights, risking life and limb. Led by Rick Calhoun, there was little need for living off the land as he provided amazing home-cooked meals and smoked meats for the entire team. Fortunately the weather co-operated making all our activities (including the One Kilometer-plus Portage) seem more like a walk in the park. As well, the group ~~almost never got lost...~~ NEVER got lost!

~ Marcel McDonald on behalf of the Trinity Testosterone!



Kindred Spirits

The Kindred Spirits is for Trinity women to come together for an informal evening of fun and friendship. It is a terrific way to get to know other women of the church. This year we are re-launching the group with some fresh ideas! Come and join us on Monday September 26th at 6 pm for some food, social time and a chance to get to know one another. For more information or to RSVP please contact Melissa Peddie (705)476-4071 or Lisa Blais at the church (705)474-3310



Fellowship, spirituality & Christian service

AOTS - "As One That Serves" is the men's service club at Trinity. AOTS aims are to promote fellowship, deepen spirituality and develop Christian service. President for 2011 is Roman Rozicki, Vice President is John Sheridan and our past President is Ed Rose. We welcome any new AOTS members and sadly miss Keith Henderson, Don Austin and Ross Atkinson.

The AOTS is actively involved in fund raising at/for Trinity in the form of Easter Ham sales, Gift Cards program and the Shrove Tuesday pancake supper. So far

this year we have realized \$2400 profit to share with Trinity and it's members.

The AOTS has financially supported:

- Rendez-vous 2011 in the form of assistance in 4 youth registrations
- Camp Lorrain operating costs assistance
- Financial assistance in the purchase of the new piano
- Assist in the purchase of new floor mats for the front hall of the church
- continued financial assistance to

Emily Duggan as Trinity Designate for Ministry

The first meeting for the AOTS after our summer break will be Saturday 10 September 2011. Breakfast at Burger World 8:00 AM followed by the meeting at Trinity.

The sale of Gift Cards will resume on Sunday 11 September 2011 after the service. Please see or call Ed Rose at 476-5316. Thank you for your continued support of this program.

Roman Rozicki

Building & Grounds Reports

Realignment of Chancel area completed

The summer closing of Trinity proved to be the ideal time for long planned work to be undertaken.

The realignment of the Chancel area should be completed by the time you read this newsletter. Under the keen eye of our Choir Director Betty Farris the pews have been turned to face the front, a portion of the front floor was dropped to allow the Choir Members to see out over the new piano and new entrances have been built to allow the Choir to enter from the sides. Committee members Don Rideout, Tony dePencier were assisted by Roman Rozicki and Rob Farris who worked most mornings through the month of August to complete this project.

In May we had a surprise inspection by the Fire Marshall for North Bay. We have a heritage building, which they want to protect and

after several meetings we have put in place a plan to upgrade our building to protect the people who use our spaces on a daily basis. Improved placement of fire doors, drywall in a hallway in the Choir rehearsal area, enhancing the drywall in our electrical room and changing our heat detectors to smoke detectors are all part of this plan. Not all of these items need to be completed immediately but some will be started in the Fall. A "K" class fire extinguisher has been purchased for the kitchen (it is placed beside the fridge across from the stoves) and a Fire Box has been installed at the front door which contains our "Fire Plan" for the Church. One of the first steps in our Plan will be to conduct a "Fire Drill" involving all Church Members during a Sunday Service. Ushers will be trained and others may be approached to assist should

we ever have a real emergency at the Church. Also each group which uses Trinity must provide proof that they have also conducted an "Evacuation Drill".

Painting of the lintels around the windows is ongoing and should be completed this fall, and I would like to see us clean up the area outside the Ministers Office with a good scrubbing and some fresh paint.

As always your Property and Grounds Committee would like you to approach any member with concerns you may have about the state of our Church.

Sincerely
David McKenney, Chair
Building & Grounds Committee

Rendez-vous 2011

“Go Big & Go Home”



Rendez-vous 2011 “Go Big and Go Home” was the United Church of Canada’s national youth event held at the University of Toronto from August 11 – 14th. There were over 500 people in attendance from all across Canada. The event featured several fabulous speakers and musicians including; Shane Claiborne, Roger Nishioka, Trey Anthony, Mardi Tindal, rEvoive, Karla Aldophe. Abbey North Drummers. There were opportunities for the youth, young adults and youth leaders to participate in a variety of workshops, service applications and entertainment.

These remarkable young people were motivated to realize that they can make a difference in the world. That we can see God everyday and with determination and God’s love they can do anything they put their mind to. One voice can make a difference.

Trinity United Church was well represented with Diane Brownlee, Sandra Brownlee, Jordan Furrow Angela Blais in attendance, as well as Lisa Blais, Stephanie Sheeler-Armstrong and Cindy Brownlee all volunteering as home group leaders. We all enjoyed the opportunity to visit with Ted Grady and Emily Duggan who also were involved in the event.

Here are some comments from

those who attended;

Jordan “rEvoive sang the song, ‘Prayer of the Cosmic Christ.’ They’d put music to the Lord’s prayer and added 3 more verses to it, plus a chorus of amens at the end. It was absolutely beautiful. On the third verse, which started ‘Great Spirit, life within me, hallowed be my name. My wisdom come, my will be done, in breath as it is in visions.’ This was so powerful to me that I felt like I had to stand up to sing it. I know that all (500) people there felt the same way because soon enough, everyone was standing together without be asked to, or told to, and we were all connected through the music and lyrics. The energy and spirit in the hall was just overwhelming and it was definitely my memory of Rendezvous that stands out the most for me.

Sandra; “Rendez-vous was a great experience where I was able to meet a lot of amazing people and to see some old friends from General Council. My favourite part was all the music everyday. It was very powerful when the entire room of over 500 people were singing along.”

Angela; “I found the speakers very inspirational. I would love to hear Shane again.”

Diane; “Rendez-vous was an amazing experience, Over the weekend I got to meet great new friends and hear some wonderful inspirational speakers. One of the speakers that we had the chance to hear everyday was Rodger Nishioka. He spoke each day about the power that youth has, he was very inspirational and encouraging about how one person can make a huge change. At the end of the service on Friday 500 of us left the building in silence and had a chance to reflect on the weekend that we had just experienced. When the crowd had reached the courtyard outside we all lifted our voices in praise and celebration. I couldn’t imagine a more unforgettable ending to a wonderful weekend”

A special thank you to this congregation, Presbytery and Conference for supporting and making it possible for us to be part of this wonderful experience. A special thank you also to the design team for Rendez-vous who have been planning this event for a very long time. And should be very pleased with the results.

A thank-you also to the AOTS, UCW and Trinity members for their support in getting the youth there!

Sandra, Diane, Jordan, Angela, Cindy, Lisa and Stephanie.

Looking forward to year of worship and service

We've had to raid the piggy bank. At the end of July we were completely out of money. Fortunately, we had one more investment from an estate which we cashed to get us through August - but now the piggy bank is empty. We hoped that by suggesting a special holiday gift offering enough of our supporters would respond that we would be able to avoid this situation. Please work hard to catch up with your offerings as soon as possible in September. The need is real and urgent.

As you know the Canadian Government is matching donations for famine relief in the Horn of Africa. Many of you will have responded in your usual generous way but if you have not and would like to make a donation to

M&S for this purpose we can accept your gifts until September 11, after which we will forward them together from Trinity. Write your cheques to "Trinity United Church" and identify your donation for Horn of Africa Relief. Put it on the offering plate, or mail or drop it off at the church office. If you donate in this way through Trinity your 2011 receipt will show it. If you choose to send your donation directly to M&S your receipt will come from there. For further information you could check out www.united-church.ca/

We hope you have had a great holiday and are looking forward to another wonderful year of worship and service through Trinity. *See you September 4th.*

Pastoral Care & Visiting

Visiting is a major part of our commitment to the congregation. We visit the hospital on a regular basis. Please be sure to put Trinity United as your church affiliation. If you or someone you know would like a visit please let us know.

We are planning on having an "Elder Communion" in the Sanctuary in the "Fall" before the weather deteriorates. We also plan to have communion services in the Retirement and Nursing Homes during advent.

Respectfully submitted
Claudette dePencier
Rae Brownlee
Co-Chairs

Monday Friendship Group

The Monday Morning Friendship Group is a long standing group that has taken on many forms over the years. In the past we have had programs, speakers, skits and games. This year we are hoping for fresh ideas and new faces to join us. Ladies are invited to join us on the third Monday of the month. Information will be posted in the church bulletin. This month we will meet on Monday September 19th at 11:30 am in the Fireside Room for a potluck luncheon. Please contact Thelma Patterson for more information (705)472-2582 or to arrange a ride contact Lisa Blais at the church (705)474-3310

Young Adult Group

The members of Trinity's current Youth Group are growing up! We have decided that we are now more of a group for young adults from Grade 12 and up. We will continue to meet periodically throughout the year, on weekends and during our school vacations and breaks, for community building, service work, theological study, and fun. The Youth Group will still be available for youth younger than Grade 12, who will also do youth-oriented activities. Both groups have taken part and will continue to take part in fun activities, such as attending *Worshiplude* in Ottawa, packing Christmas bags to deliver to the Psych Hospital, the Crisis Centre and other places. We will also continue to present more plays, as the Mustard Seed and Junior Mustard Seed troupes, in years to come. The Easter Vigil will also be a tradition to uphold, and we hope to continue to do more fundraisers throughout the year, such as the Dondi drum-athon we participated in this year. The environment will also continue to be one of our concerns and priorities. This year, the young adults have successfully rid the church of Styrofoam cups in an effort to make our church greener. We are always looking for volunteers to help wash the dishes after church, and we are always ready to help out ourselves! This August we were also fortunate to travel to Toronto to participate in *Rendezvous*, a huge youth rally of over 500 people in attendance. The young adults are also very excited to travel to Stratford on August 29th to camp and sight-see and to see the production of *Jesus Christ Superstar!* There is always something fun going on at Trinity, so whether you are a youth or a young adult, we all invite you to join in and participate!

First North Bay

Registration

Tuesday, September 13

6:30 -7:30 pm.
or at any meeting

Beavers

(Ages 5 -7)

Tuesdays

6:30 p.m.- 7:30 p.m.

Cubs

(Ages 8 -11)

Tuesdays

6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Scouts

(Ages 11 - 14)

Thursdays

7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Ventures

(Ages 15 - 17)

Thursdays

7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

If not YOU... Who?

1st North Bay (Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Ventures) requires leaders at all levels and especially interested adults to serve our youth on the Group Committee

Please contact Bill 472 3226 for more information.



This August, Camp Lorrain ran its first ever week-long Family Camp and Trinity made a good showing with three of the five participating families coming from our church. Organized by a super enthusiastic Staff - including Shannen Larocque, Jordan Furrow, and Diane and Sandra Brownlee - the week was jam-packed with activities for both children and adults. While kids were doing crafts, playing at the waterfront or building

lean-tos, parents could participate in sessions such as Zumba, Pilates, CPR and Spiritual Meditation. There was also lots of time to sit back in the sun and read a good book. We're looking forward to next year and an even bigger turnout!

*Marcel McDonald
on behalf of the new
Lorrain Enthusiasts!*

For Youth and Young Adults at Trinity

Trinity youth and young adults are a vital and active part of Trinity United Church. Please look for information about upcoming activities and events in the bulletin, on the website or ask to be added to the youth group email list. For more information contact Lisa: trinity.associate@cogeco.net or phone (705)474-3310.

Request for Help

Would you occasionally be able to make squares, cookies, cakes pies soup or sandwiches? From time to time the ladies are asked to cater to funeral receptions, teas or luncheons and need extra food and help. If you are not being called at the present time could we add your name to our list?

Please place this on the offering plate or call
Rae Brownlee 472-2619 or Doris-Rae Brownlee 472-3226.

NAME _____

PHONE _____

PREFERENCE _____