

Trinity United Church



Fall 2010 Newsletter

UPCOMING EVENTS

Rally Back Sunday

Sunday, September 12
and Church Family Picnic

Tuesday Morning Coffee Group

Tuesday, September 14
Potluck Welcome

Board Executive

Tuesday, September 21
7:00 p.m.

Kindred Spirits

Monday, September 27
Pizza Social

Dondi Project Drum-a-thon

October 1-2

World Wide Communion

October 3

From Rev. Ted's Desk:

You Want a Piece of Us?

A question I often hear is about the number of members our church has: "How many people belong to your church?"

In a competitive society that often seems obsessed with numbers, perhaps that question shouldn't be a surprising one. When people want a faith which is true and life-giving, they might hope that a huge membership means a great church. The more people, the better the community.

Well, at Trinity we have a very large membership. However, our tradition suggests a very different measure of success—that a true church is marked not by numbers, but by faithfulness and service. And so I'd like to suggest that the best question is not "How many people belong to your church?" but "To how many people does your church belong?"

This is a very different question—you might be surprised at how many different people consider Trinity THEIR church. The people who use our foodbank, the folks who attend our recovery programs. The young families that attend the Wednesday Mothercare program. The children who

come to our Vacation Bible Camp, or attend our Scouting troops. The families who turn to Trinity in times of loss (like funerals and various crises), and in moments of joyful celebration (like baptisms, holidays, or weddings). The people who make our outreach and visitation happen, and the people who benefit from that care. Not to mention the many many folks who gather here regularly to celebrate faith in regular dynamic worship!

On the brink of a new season, I invite you to engage with that question: To how many people does our church belong? --And out of that I pray that you will extend the great gift of Trinity to anyone who could use a piece of us!

Blessings to you all,

P.S. Many thanks to everyone who sponsored me on my Manitoulin bike ride. Together, we raised over \$400 towards the mission of the Canadian Bible Society to extend spiritual services to Canada's troops in Afghanistan.

Busy summer at Trinity

Welcome back to all. Fall is approaching and regular church programs are about to reactivate. Thanks to those leaders and organizers involved. Our summer has been very busy for many people. The Vacation Bible School was a success again. We enjoyed the company of our St. Andrew's friends in August.

In June, when David Melhorn-Boe announced his resignation, a committee (MoM)- Minister of Music- was formed. It includes Gerry Foster as chair, Janice Brownlee as recorder, Davin Bucknell, Brad Stenning, Matthew Whitehead, Maxine

Bridges, Lynn Vokes-Leduc, and Don Haslam. Your committee has had several meetings, placed an add in the Observer, arranged for organists through the summer and to December. They continue to search for a permanent organist for Trinity and interviews will be conducted later in the fall.

We had a wonderful musical send off service for David on Sunday August 22nd. Thanks to the many people, musicians and singers, who helped pull that together because organizing this in the summer is no mean feat.

In September we will welcome our intern Edward Grady and

we will get to meet him on Rally Back Sunday, if not before, September 12th. At the October Official Board Meeting we hope to present the report of the Constitution Committee and fine tune things for presentation to the Congregation in February 2011. One of our main concerns is that we do not yet have a vice-chair for this year who would be chair next year. If you know someone who would fill the position and perhaps just needs a little "nudge", please nudge. Here's to a good fall and great fellowship.

Yours in His service
Don Haslam

Kindred Spirits

Our group of intergenerational women meets the last Monday of every month for fun, food and fellowship. Newcomers are always welcome! Our first gathering for the fall takes place on Monday, September 27, 2010 with our annual Pizza Social. We will meet in the Trinity Fireside room at 6:30 for an evening of pizza, a chance to get to know each other, and discussion of the upcoming activities for the 2010-2011 year. Please contact Melissa Peddie at 476-4071 or Sonya Harling at 495-8481 to RSVP or for more information.

The Dondi Drumathon

The Dondi Project is an initiative of the Men's Ministry Network of the United Church of Canada. It is a national commitment to raise \$1M to help fund the reconstruction and restoration of the Lutamo School at Dondi in central Angola destroyed during the civil war, plus \$100,000 for the Mission and Service Fund which enables these ongoing relationships. A National Drumathon will be held at one hundred sites across Canada, including Trinity United Church on Oc-

tober 1 and 2, 2010. We need twenty or more drummers (or drumming groups) with \$250 in pledges each, to raise \$500,000 for the project. The drumming will be done relay-style, with a drummer or group doing a half-hour or one-hour time slot during the twenty-four hours of continuous drumming from 7pm Friday, October 1, to 7 pm Saturday. EVERYONE is welcome to attend or participate in the Drumathon, and our Trinity teens and Sunday School will be included!

To become a drummer or sponsor for this event, please contact Tim Robertson at (705) 497-1227, or by email at timothyrobertson@hotmail.com.

Rally Back Sunday kicks off fall season at Trinity

Dear Trinity Friends:

With more than a hint of fall in the air, it is that time of year again! In my household we begin to prepare for the return of regular routines, classes, schedules and all the hustle and bustle that goes along with the fall. While we sometimes like to groan about the transition, we all feel a sense of comfort in knowing that we return to familiar friends and family.

While the pace slowed a little at Trinity over the summer months, there was still plenty of activity. In June, we held a family barbecue; and some of the men attended the Trinity Testosterone Canoe Trip. In July, Sandy Foster, Sandra Brownlee, and Emily Duggan travelled to Kenya as part of the Hope2Kenya team; children attended Camp Lorrain; and members of Trinity were invited to worship with St. Andrew's friends. In August, we welcomed St. Andrew's to our worship services; children enjoyed a fantastic Vacation Bible Camp program and the congregation said farewell to David Melhorn-Boe with a musical service! Look for stories, photographs and more information about some of these events in the weeks to come.

This fall, as always, there are plenty of opportunities to join in and participate in the life at Trinity. Many of the groups and activities begin regular meetings in September. Our season kicks off as usual, with our Rally Back Day and Church Family Picnic on Sunday, September 12th. During morning worship, Sunday school teachers and offi-

cers will be installed and our Sunday school will be in full swing again! In the afternoon, everyone is invited to attend our Church picnic at Camp Tillicum. It is a fantastic way to enjoy food, fellowship, games and vesper's on the shores of Lake Nipissing! All are welcome and encouraged to come enjoy the afternoon.

Many of Trinity's longstanding groups have continued to flourish by listening to the needs and interests of the members. If you have ideas that you would like to share about any of the existing groups – or if you have an idea for a new group – please feel free to make suggestions. As you peruse through the newsletter, know that you are welcome here! Whether you are new to Trinity or a long attending member, whether you are a youth or a youth at heart, whether you are musical, theatrical, love to garden, bake, provide outreach or have a warm smile, there is something for everyone.

May the many blessings of the season be upon you!

Lisa

Tuesday Morning Coffee Group

Welcome friends! We are looking forward to another exciting year beginning with our Potluck welcome on Tuesday, September 14th. 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

September 14th:

Welcome back potluck

September 21st:

Restaurant Tour
– meet at Trinity first

September 28th:

Apple Pie Making

October 5th:

Conversation &
Planning Day

Greetings from the Intern!

It is hard to believe that the summer is almost over. I have had a great summer of gigs, traveling and catching up on rest from another year of school. The journey of ministry brings us into contact with many wonderful people and I am excited to journey with you all for the next eight months. I have heard so many great things about the city of North Bay and the congregations of Trinity and Carmichael from people that I have talked with, and this has only heightened my excitement to begin my time with you.

I look forward to meeting and getting to know people and sharing the gifts that we all have been blessed with as we share together in growing and stretching in our faith.

Your Brother in Christ, Ted Grady

Children Growing in God's Garden

We are looking forward to another great year in Sunday School. We usually say that our Sunday School starts in September on Rally Back Sunday, but our Sunday School experiences never really end. We are continuing to offer a workshop rotational model curriculum during the school year. Trinity kids didn't stop learning just because it was June. Our church took a vacation in July, but Camp Lorraine offered great opportunities for several of our children and youth during that time, and August saw Trinity's very successful "Ships Ahoy" Vacation Bible Camp and Sundays have been filled with junior congregation activities which lead right into Rally Back Sunday.

Rally Back Sunday will be September 12 and we will celebrate "Growing in God's Garden". September 5th the Sunday School will be planning and preparing for Rally Back Sunday, so we want the kids to come on out for the Rally Back preparations, Rally Back Sunday and the family picnic. Everyone is always welcome.

This fall we look forward to

"And I pray that Christ will be more and more at home in your hearts, living within you as you trust in him... May your roots go down deep into the soil of God's marvelous love;..."
Eph. 3:17-18

studying world wide communion and thanksgiving, the parables, children around the world and Christmas. We will continue to offer these lessons through a variety of activities including games, cooking, crafts, stories, drama, science, dance and singing.

Sunday School is like all other activities in the church. It wouldn't be the success that it is without volunteers. We have a group of terrific and dedicated teachers and helpers, but we are looking for more people to help. The lessons are prepared for you, the kids are great and the commitment is as little as three Sundays. You teach variations on the same lesson three weeks in a row to three different age groups of children. We can also pair you up with one of our very helpful youth. If you are interested, or know someone who may be interested, please talk to Cindy or Lisa.

Cindy Brownlee 476-4043
Sunday School Superintendent

Lisa Blais 474-3310
Designated Lay Minister

Trinity Couples: Corn Roast next event

Welcome to a new season of friendship as a church family. For the months of September to June we sponsor a purely social activity, usually, but not always, held on the third Saturday evening. Varied programs followed by tea, coffee and an evening snack usually end about 10:00 p.m. Cost has been set at \$5.00 per couple. Choose a subject that interests you and enjoy a relaxed, easy going time together as we enjoy knowing each other a little better.

The "Corn Roast" is next, at Don & Pam Somerville's campfire on Saturday, September 18th.

Phone 497-3680 or Bill & Ann Clark co-ordinators at 472-2312 to say you can come.

PASTORAL CARE /VISITING

The membership of the Pastoral Care Committee continue to visit at the hospitals, nursing homes and retirement homes. If you know of anyone who is in the hospital or would like a visit please let us know.

Would you like to be a greeter at the door on Sunday mornings? Just give us a call.

Respectfully submitted by
Claudette de Pencier
474-3209
and Rae Brownlee 472-2619

Experiences in Kenya

Guest speaker at September 11 meeting.

Trinity United Church AOTS (As One That Serves) is eager to get started with their 2010-2011 season. The main aim of the AOTS is to support youth activities throughout the year. This aim was achieved during the past year by supporting Trinity's Mustard Seed's production of Cotton Patch Gospel, Youth attending the Youth Forum, Camp Lorrain administration and some registration cost for youth wanting to attend Camp Lorrain. All men who would like to be part of these causes are invited to join us.

We conduct a formal meeting, normally on the first Saturday of the month, starting with breakfast and fellowship at Burger World located on Hammond St. We then move to Trinity at 9:00 AM to hold a short business meeting. As part of the business meeting, we invite a guest speaker to brief us on activities of interest taking place with the Trinity family and around the community. Advance notice is requested should you wish to join us for breakfast, but there are no reserved seats or limited seating for the business portion of the meeting to listen to the guest speaker. Due to the Labour Day long weekend, our first meeting will be held the second Saturday, September 11, 2010.

We are honoured to have Sandra Brownlee talk to us about her recent experiences when she traveled to Kenya as part of the Hope2Kenya project

A group of men are planning for North Bay to be one of 100 sites participating in a National Drumathon in support of the Dondi Project on October 1 and 2. This event will be held at Trinity United Church, hosted by Trinity's AOTS.

What is the Dondi Project? In short, the Dondi Project is a nation-wide project under the leadership of the Men's Ministry of the United Church of Canada of which AOTS is a part. The aim of the project is to rebuild the Lutamo School at Dondi. Canadian missionaries started the Lutamo School at Dondi in 1914 and the mission flourished until the civil war forced the missionaries to leave in the 1980's. Angola is coming out of 25 years of civil war and, with a new government, is working to 'rebuild' itself. The funds raised through the work of the men of the United Church are for the rebuilding of the school at Dondi.

Mark your calendar and plan to attend during the drumathon, cheer on the participants, support them with your donations and join the beat if the urge moves you.

For more information about the Dondi Project, visit the website: www.dondiproject.com

Ed Rose

The UCW Harvest News

The UCW meetings will resume on Monday September 13, 2010 in the Fireside room at 1:00 p.m. We welcome new members and usually meet the second Monday of each month.

Our first monthly Friday Luncheon and Bake Sale is September 24 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

The UCW Christmas Tea and Bazaar will be held on Saturday November 13 from 1:00 to 3:30 p.m. Remember items for knitting, sewing, crafts, bake table and Aunt Bertha's Pantry.

The Fall Rummage Sale will take place in October and watch the bulletin for further information.

GOD BLESS YOU WITH
HEALTH LAUGHTER
AND LOVE.

Doris-Rae Brownlee and
RoseMary Hughes

Minister of Music Search Committee

A committee was formed in late June to take on the task of seeking out our next Minister of Music, organist or such title as may be deemed appropriate.

We have had an active July and August and would like everyone to know that there will be music in our church each Sunday. We have arranged for various guest organists to join us in August and September and they will be working with several soloists, perhaps a few duets and the choir to provide a variety of music.

We have several additional organists ready to help us out should we need their services later in the fall.

Concurrently we had developed a selection process that we trust will find us our next Minister of Music. We are not looking for a quick fix. We may even arrange for an interim organist to take us to the New Year.

The ads that have been placed with several media refers to an enthusiastic, spiritually motivated individual who has a commitment to both the traditional and contemporary styles of music as the church embraces the unity of liturgy, music and preaching. The successful candidate will also be part of a mutually supportive ministry team.

We trust that you will welcome each of our guests, enjoy their music offering and respect that they may or may not be part the search.

TRINITY TESTOSTERONE 2010

We Survived!

What can I say about the Trinity Testosterone, 2010 Men's Canoe trip? Not much because we are sworn to secrecy, but perhaps I can describe how we prepared for that last weekend of June.

Ten brave souls volunteered to risk the wilds of the Temagami outback and after several meetings prior to the trip, our team had decided individual roles that would be essential for the journey. On June 26th we set out into the bush, each one of us brandishing the talents that would get us through to our destination: Rev. Ted was our Spiritual Leader and Bush Guide; Chris Vega was our Turtle Whisperer; Brad Stenning was leading his son Brayden - imparting wisdom on the next Generation; Matt Whitehead was our bard with the ability to make a full drum kit out of sticks and Tupperware; Ralph Berg was the Fire Specialist and Wood Gatherer; Jim Dickson was our shipwright and brought his own hand-made canoe; Dan Harling was the medic; I was navigator; and Dave McKenney was Head Chef who provided all the food for our journey.

The Weather Network called for clear skies, sunny and calm days with just enough of a breeze to keep the bugs at bay. The night was predicted

to be calm and clear with a full moon that would glisten off the glass-like waters of Lake Wasaksina, the location of our camp site. Despite this, we were nervous when we left on that fateful morning. We could only guess at the dangers that lurked in those dark forests and deep pools. Dave was always confident, "I've had to provide food for a camping group of fifty boys. Ten guys shouldn't be a problem." Despite Dave's bravado, the rest of us were still apprehensive: we were not boys; we were Men! Men with an insatiable hunger, for not only food but also adventure! Would there be enough food to keep us going through all our trials? To nourish our finely-tuned bodies while scaling cliffs and swimming in treacherous waters? Would it keep us alert as we were beset upon by vicious snapping turtles? What about the long paddle against the wind in the pounding waves of Lake Temagami? All these things went through all our minds as we said a prayer and boarded our canoes. What happened in those two days, we cannot say. What we can say, though, is we survived, learned much about ourselves, each other, and are better men for having done it.

Marcel MacDonald

We are God's Hands

We have all heard the expressions, "The Lord will provide" and "The Holy Spirit works in wonderful and mysterious ways". Trinity is proof of these statements. We have been able to meet our obligations and continue to serve God in our community, our country and our world over the years without going into debt. There have been times when it has been very close - 2009 for example - and this year will be the same. Using monthly averages of the past 10 to 15 years we can estimate how we are doing in 2010. It appears we are heading for a substantial shortfall from our budget requirements. Our deficit or surplus, of course, will depend on whether budgeted expense estimates are entirely spent or not and whether our income improves. At this time we expect a large deficit.

Unfortunately, if we depend on the Holy Spirit's action we can neglect our own responsibilities. It has also been said that "We are the hands and feet of God in our world". In other words God's work is done through us. Let us serve God through our time, talent, and money in order that there are enough teachers in our Church School, leaders in our mid week activities, and money to meet our every day expenses.

Here are four things we can do to ensure God's work gets done through Trinity this year and in the future.

- Call Wanda in the church office and arrange to join PAR. (See the flyer in this newsletter.) You will never be behind on your offerings even if you have to miss a service or two. If you wish to make a special extra donation it will be received with many thanks.
- We have received a number of donations from estates in the last few years. These have helped us greatly with projects (the roof) and meeting our everyday expenses. If you are working on your will please remember Trinity as one of your beneficiaries
- If you are behind in your offerings please work hard to catch up. We understand how difficult this is but you understand the need for Trinity to have funds to operate.
- Attend worship at Trinity regularly. Services are uplifting, informative, praising, spiritual and full of hope. There is something for everyone in each service. Bring a friend, meet new friends and renew old ones.

For Youth at Trinity

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

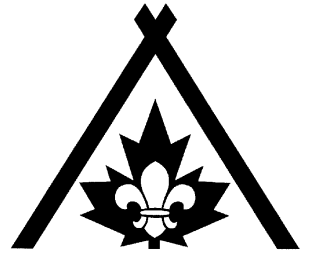
Youth Group

For youth in high school and up. We meet throughout the year for activities, service projects, worship opportunities and fun. Please plan to attend the Rally Back picnic at Camp Tillicum for an informal get-together on Sunday September 12th from 3 – 6 p.m. The weekend of September 17th Trinity Youth are invited to a MYF camping weekend at Camp Lorraine. More details will follow. On the weekend of October 1st and 2nd Trinity youth will be participating in the Dondi drumming project. More details will follow

The Mustard Seed Players

For youth in grade 7 and up who are interested in theatre. We welcome actors, singers, dancers, stage hands, musicians, those interested in lighting, sound, props or costumes to join our troupe anytime. We have presented Godspell in 2008, Creation in 2009 and Cotton Patch Gospel in 2010. We will be beginning a new production this winter - look for more information on this in the late fall.

For information please speak with: Darlene Laferriere, or Lisa Blais.



SCOUTS CANADA
First North Bay

Registration
Tuesday, September 14
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.

Want to help First North Bay Scouts?

We have the following immediate needs.

A chair of the Group Committee
A secretary of the Group Committee
Members of the Group Committee
Cub leaders

Call Bill at 472-3226
if you are interested.

North Bay Presbytery

Trinity representatives; Maxine Bridges, Janice Brownlee
alternate Ann Clark

We will be meeting twice this fall in September and in November. Rev. Jane Capstick has assumed the position of chair of North Bay Presbytery. Rev. Dr. Judith Visser, President of Manitou Conference will be joining us in September and will be sharing with us some of the work occurring in the Conference. General Council Executive is beginning to look at the processes and policies of the

United Church of Canada with the intention of making the practices of the church more user friendly. Part of this will involve simplifying the Manual. Those who have used the Manual will appreciate this goal. North Bay Presbytery will be spending some time at our meetings discussing how the policies and processes facilitate but also create barriers to the functioning of the church at all levels. Stay tuned!

Submitted by Janice Brownlee

Help Wanted

Webminder needed!

A special thank-you to Matthias Melhorn-Boe who was able to keep our webpage up to date this past year! As Matthias has moved to Kingston we will be looking for a volunteer to maintain the updates on the webpage. The webminder will work with Lisa Blais to ensure that all upcoming activities and announcements are kept fresh on our webpage. If you are interested please come and speak with Lisa following the service or email her at trinity.associate@cogeco.net

Nursery Minder Needed

Trinity is looking for a warm and dedicated nursery minder to provide child care Sunday mornings during the worship service (10 - 12) as well as Tuesday mornings (9:30 - 11:30)for the Tuesday Morning Coffee Group. The pay will be \$25 for each day or \$50 for the week. Children range in ages from birth to 4 years old. Please note that a valid criminal record check will be required for the position.

If you are interested in applying for one or both positions please submit a resume to:
Trinity United Church
c/o Lisa Blais, 111 McIntyre St. E., North Bay, ON P1B 1C5
For more information please contact Lisa at 474-3310 or by email at trinity.associate@cogeco.net