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Trinity Happenings

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Minister's Message

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When a new minister started at Heart Lake U.C., I loved what she stood for. She was warm, kind and introduced me to a more liberal theology. She was also the first openly gay minister that I'd met. Although I continued to be a member of the Anglican church, I would attend study groups, and other activities and it felt like the United Church was extended family. I would sometimes refer to them as my church cousins.

Fast forward to 2012. I left the Anglican Church and joined a different United Church, but after a year, I felt a pull to transfer my membership to Heart Lake. Since 2001 I had been personally discerning a call to ministry, but something was missing, and I didn't know what it was. As soon as I settled at Heart Lake, I felt the Spirit move me forward on my journey to ordained ministry. The following year I began the discernment process with the United Church.

With the United Church the pieces finally fit into place. I was part of a church with open baptism, open communion and affirming of the LGBTQ+ community. I was encouraged to think outside of the box and my theological world opened up. I needed to be in a church that would love and accept all people...including me. With this freedom and acceptance, I was finally able to be honest with myself about where I needed to be in my personal life. The United Church gave me everything I needed to be the kind of person and minister I desired to be.

In my ministry, I am passionate about creating a safe, welcoming, inclusive space for all people. This is what the United Church offered me. It is what I now strive to offer as an ordained minister of this denomination.

I am grateful for The United Church of Canada and all it has given me. Congratulations to UCC for 100 years of being there for people like me, people like you, and all those who are looking for a church of belonging.

Blessings,

Carol-Ann

The Life of Trinity

UPCOMING SUNDAY SERVICES

June 8	UCC 100 th Anniversary Service
June 15	Lay-Led Worship service
June 22	Guest Charlotte Adams (Keith and Diane Cross' granddaughter)
June 29	WE ARE THE CHURCH (Series pt. 1)

Weekly Church Life

Prayer and Meditation: Mondays at 9:30 a.m. in the Chapel. **CANCELLED** on June 9th and 16th.

Study Group: Thursdays at 1:00 p.m. in the Fireside Room. Social Time at Sawdust 3 p.m.
Final Meeting before the summer break will be on June 26.

Other Events this Month

Prayer Shawl Ministry: the first and third Wednesday of every month at 9:30 a.m. in the Fireside Room.

Sanctuary Ministry: Wednesday, June 25 at 10:00 a.m. in the Fireside Room.

Potluck Supper: Thursday, May 15 at 6:00 p.m. in the Auditorium.

Annual Yard Sale: Saturday, June 28 at 8:00 a.m. Please start gathering items you wish to donate but hang onto them until the day of the sale.

Carol-Ann's Upcoming Schedule

Carol-Ann will be off from June 9 to 22 for study week and a vacation.

Please Note that Friday and Saturday are Carol-Ann's regular days off and she is available for urgent matters or scheduled events only.



Community Connections

Weekly What's Happening

G.A.P. Food Distribution: Tuesday and Thursday mornings.

Elderberries Choir: Tuesdays at 2:00 p.m. in the sanctuary.

G.A.P. Coffee Hour: Wednesdays from 12 p.m. til 2 p.m. Join the community for a cup of tea or coffee and a chance to meet some new people.

YWCA Circles South Muskoka: Wednesdays at 4 p.m. in the Auditorium.

Alcoholics Anonymous: Wednesdays at 8:00 p.m. and Fridays at 12:00 p.m.

Al Truistic's Beer Bread Bakery: Wednesday mornings (as needed to package their product)

Alzheimer's Society Drop-In: Fridays at 1:30 p.m. in the Fireside Room.

Special Upcoming Concerts:

Muskoka Philharmonic Orchestra: Saturday, June 14 at 4:00 p.m. Tickets are \$25 each available at the door. Come and enjoy some summertime music!

July Lunchtime Concerts: We have booked our July summer concert series, so please mark your calendars. All concerts are freewill offering, and they start at 12:00 p.m. in the sanctuary.

July 9: Kylan Haffie

July 16: Brent Mahew

July 23: Greg Ulrick

July 30: Abby Liang



Stewardship

Insight into Trinity Expenses

Some of our May Invoices:

Gas bill (heat): \$1,619.03

Phone & Internet Bill: \$231.36

Garbage Removal: \$499.96

These are just some of our monthly bills we have to pay to keep the church open and running. Nobody loves paying the bills, but they are a necessary part of running a church. Thank you for your ongoing support!

How to Support Trinity Financially

Regular donations are the best way for Trinity to meet its monthly financial commitments. Some of the ways you can do this are:

PAR: Pre-Authorized Remittance. Monthly contributions are withdrawn through automatic debit. Please contact the office to set this up.

E-Transfer: Please send all e-transfers to trinityunitedgravenhurst@gmail.com.

Canada Helps: Go on-line and make monthly donations using a credit card. (Can also be used for one-time donations) <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/119271245RR0001-trinity-united-church/>

Cheques: Consider post-dated cheques for the year, to ensure your regular donation.

Envelopes: Put donations in your weekly envelopes and drop them off when you come to church. Please contact the office to obtain specially numbered and labelled weekly envelopes for 2024. If you already have envelopes, the 2024 envelopes are available in the Narthex.

\$100 for the 100th Long time member of Trinity, Irene Turney, would like to challenge all members to donate an extra \$100.00 in honour of the 100th Anniversary of the United Church of Canada. If you wish to make such a donation, please note on your donations, "100th Anniversary" so that we can keep track. Thank you for your support!

Thank you to everyone who has supported the church through their time and talent. We are grateful for all that you offer to the life of this community.



Who's Who at Trinity

Irene Turney



I believe that I am the only one left to have been a member at Trinity for so long. I was there in 1952, and my guys attended there all their childhood lives.

Roberta was married there, Kelly her daughter was married there and Dana her daughter, my great granddaughter, was baptized there. I have many fond memories of hours spent in the church, either as a Sunday school teacher or youth leader. When my kids weren't coming on Sunday, I switched up to Tuesday school, and they came. As an Elder, I served on every board. I was one of the first women to be accepted in that capacity [times have changed].

Bob and I had many good times as chaperons when the church hosted other church youth groups. The Spring camp at Ryde Lake as a cabin mother was fun. I think I behaved worse than the kids. Anyhow, that is part of my story. Trinity is a good place to be.

Prayer Requests



Each Monday to conclude our Prayer and Meditation, we lift up prayers for the community. If you have something you would like us to pray for, please send your prayer requests to Courtney at trinityunitedgravenhurst@gmail.com, or leave them in the collection plate.



Affirm/Social Justice



The Social Justice/Affirm Ministry is up and running with lots of events planned for the summer and fall. These include:

- The Pride service **July 20**
- Participating in the Bracebridge Pride parade and Festival **July 27**
- Screening of the documentary movie 1946 in September
- Celebrating the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation Service **September 28**
- Participating in the Transgender Day of Remembrance **November 20**

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