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"Trinity United Church is a Christian Community that explores and shares its faith in open minded dialogue. Living out the love of God and the teachings of Jesus Christ, we grow spiritually as we connect with, inspire and serve our community and beyond." **Connect ~ Inspire ~ Serve**



MESSAGE FROM THE MINISTER

John 12:20-24 (NRSV)

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit".

Have you ever tried to speak to somebody who was evidently not interested in you or what you had to say? Perhaps while you spoke, the other looked over your shoulder or beyond you to see if there was somebody more important or interesting to engage? Similarly, have you ever asked a question to receive a bizarrely disconnected answer; the kind that proves that the speaker has no interest at all in what you asked?

Is this the character of Jesus' response to "some Greeks" who wanted to see him?

Jesus replies to the Greeks' request with a discourse about his impending death, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but

if it dies, it bears much fruit." What?... Does this response have anything to do with meeting "some Greeks." Is Jesus so disinterested that he opens up a totally unrelated discussion? Is this the way we expect Jesus to act? ... Of course not.

What if Jesus' response has *everything* to do with meeting "some Greeks?" During the season of Lent and Easter, we proclaim that Jesus' death and resurrection were the culminating events in his ministry. Perhaps this expression of interest in the Gospel beyond Judea was the cue that Jesus would shortly say, "It is finished." Is it possible that Jesus' response reflects something like, "This is what I've been waiting for?" Jesus encounter with Samaritans, Romans and these Greeks would have been regarded as "curious" by other religious folk. However, they were *the* essential conversations and key milestones. They were signs that his ministry and message were no common things, would spread to the ends of the earth and endure for thousands of years.

Trinity is free to break across barriers in ways that most others cannot. Some of the issues we engage and folk we support may seem curious to others. It may seem from the outside that they are disconnected from the Gospel. We will show

that these are **the** essential conversations and key milestones. We, like Jesus, will leave no stone unturned and draw our circle wide.

Rev Christopher Ryan | Minister



CHURCH COUNCIL EASTER REPORT 2018

The Council met in January 2018 and among many topics there was further discussion of how we would present the Narrative Budget to the congregation at the Annual Congregational Meeting. The Teams worked very hard putting together their stories of ministry and the material that flowed was overwhelming for the authors of the narrative. Council decided to present a slimmed down version of what had been collected for inclusion in the Annual Report which by no means reflects the body of work that was created. During the year, the congregation will be informed of the Teams' ministries in a series of Minute for Ministry. Many do not know what all is involved with each Team and this will be an opportunity to share and educate all of us as to how the Trinity Mission shapes the work that must be done.

This year Trinity United Church has signed on to be a participating member in Open Doors 2018 to be held on Saturday, September 15. June Pevere will lead a Task group of volunteers to make our destination one to remember. If you are interested in being part of this initiative and/or have some ideas, please contact June at jepevere@bell.net or 613-283-6059.

Many opportunities to join in are available. In particular, our long serving Treasurer, Arnel Pattemore, has requested that we seek his successor. The Treasurer oversees the established accounts and is one of the signing authorities for payment of accounts. The Treasurer is responsible to the Stewardship Team, Church Council and the congregation. A full description of responsibilities can be found in the Trinity Policies and Procedures Manual, The United Church of Canada Manual, 2016 and the United Church of Canada Financial Handbook for Congregations, 2017. The two latter publications can be found on the United Church of Canada website under Handbooks and Guidelines. The former can be provided on request from the Church Office or from me – jmontgomery827@gmail.com

Another pressing need is for more audio/visual technicians. Emily Chatwood who helps Bill Dickson will be going away this fall for post-secondary

education so we need more volunteers. Bill assures me it is not hard so if you want the best seat in the sanctuary, contact Bill at: thefourdicksons@gmail.com or Nominating Task group below or me!

Council has a new Nominating Task group – Jeannie Walton (613-284-0499) and Diane Combdon (613-283-6129). If you wish to be more involved, they would welcome your interest.

Council and Team meetings are open to everyone and you are encouraged to attend as many as you want. Next two Council meetings, Thursday, March 22 at 6:30 p.m. then Thursday, April 19 @ 6:30 p.m.

The new Council and Team Directory will be coming soon.

Easter Blessings from under the hat,
Jan Montgomery

Remit 6: One Order of Ministry Results

Approved by the 42nd General Council 2015

Between February 2016 and 28 February 2018, each presbytery and pastoral charge governing body will formally be asked in a category 3 remit to approve the creation of one order of ministry.

This is the question to be voted on:

At present there is one order of ministry that is made up of ordained ministers, ordained to word, sacrament and pastoral care, and diaconal ministers,

Commissioned to education, service and pastoral care. There is also a category of ministry made up of those who are recognized as designated lay ministers following successful completion of a specific program of study.

Does the presbytery/pastoral charge agree that there should be one new order of ministry encompassing the present categories of recognized designated lay ministers, diaconal ministers, and ordained ministers, with ordination to the ministry of word, sacrament, education, service and pastoral care as the single rite of entry, and with provision for the continued identity of the diakonia within the ordained ministry?

Yes or No.

Council met at a Special Meeting on February 22, 2018 to study, review, discuss and vote. The resource document can be found at Rackcdn.com

Trinity Smiths Falls Council voted Yes.

This remit was not approved by a majority of the 85 voting presbyteries and 2,137 voting pastoral charges of The United Church of Canada.

Presbyteries

Yes: 26 No: 50

Pastoral charges

Yes: 713 No: 950

Submitted: Jan Montgomery, Council Chair

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

During the past year, the congregation adopted the action verbs: CONNECT- INSPIRE-SERVE. How do we do this? We communicate through this written word, verbally and in the 21st century through social media. I welcome this opportunity to write a letter to the editor of the Communicator. Following our every person visitation in 2006/2007, a report was issued in the fall of 2007, which focused on welcoming and communication (also the building and its challenges). As a result, an Announcement Team was struck (Bennett, Chatwood and Foulke) and The Communicator created (Aus (2), Foulkes(2), Barr, Camerons (2) and others). Feedback I have received over the years, suggest that both of the above are valuable assets to Trinity and should continue.

But beyond continuing what we have done over the past decade, we need to reach out further to future generations including our children, our grandchildren and others. The key question as I see it is: how do we do this effectively?! Do I have an answer? No, but collectively perhaps we can. I am sure there are a number of ideas out there! How do we share them?? The letter to the Editor of the Communicator is one way.

At a recent Men's Breakfast Club Meeting, when we were discussing Easter 2018 and how we could

participate in the celebration. It was noted that many of us have turned 70 or 80 in the past 10 years. It was 7-10 years ago that we restored/renovated our building and many of us devoted long hours and physical activity to the cause. Could we do that now?? It is not likely, as our skills and capacity have diminished. We are not the future, or the leaders of the future, but we can and will contribute to connect-inspire- and serve.

Some of our members are key contributors today and will be tomorrow – but 10 years from now?

We have a new ministerial team.

Rev. Christopher and Lorraine Ryan

Lorraine have connected, inspired and served us well during their 6 months with us. We have been blessed!! How can we best help them attain their/our

goals as we move forward? This forum is one of the many places to raise or discuss opportunities and challenges that lie ahead. Use it to vent, preach or connect!!



Tom Foulkes.

IMPORTANT MESSAGE TO READER

The recent 2017 Annual Report in Feb. contains team and group reports.

The same information are also available on our webpage under Communicator in the "Who We Are" section.

SPIRITUAL LEADERSHIP

Spiritual Leadership has been very busy since Christmas. The Sunday School is continuing under the leadership of Heidi Peskett and Jana Plaunt, We had a great Film night in Feb. which was thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended. We have been continuing with and enjoying the Trinity Tuesday night services. Thank-you to all who assist in making them so successful. The easy suppers and the worship combined have provided a chance to worship for those who choose to attend. The Lenten Study "Longing for Home" has begun

Easter is fast approaching. Plans are underway for Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday Potluck and Service, and our Good Friday service. Easter Sunday will begin with a 7 am. Sunrise service at the church followed by pancake breakfast provided by the Men's Breakfast Club and the regular Service will be at 10:30 as usual. Plans are also beginning for the church's Anniversary on May 6... watch for details to follow. We have some interesting services lined up. It's going to be a Great Spring!

Trinity On Tuesday 6:00 pm

1st - Relaxed Service

2nd - Coffee House

3rd - Messy Church

4th - Jesus Jam

5th - Tag Team

2nd Friday of Each Month

- Rainbow Sabbath 6:00 pm

God Bless,
Heather Quinn

CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY

The Christian Community Team is tasked with Membership and Welcoming and Caring Ministry.

The exciting news is that we now have a current Trinity United Family Photo Album. If you have not received your book, they are available on Sundays or by contacting the office.

In May, we would like to welcome adherents and friends to become members of Trinity United Church. If this is of interest to you, the process is easy - a transfer of membership from your former church or a dedication service of your commitment to the church. No matter what, you are always welcome at Trinity.

We want to remind you of the availability of the taxi service ([AccessTaxi 613-283-1441](tel:613-283-1441)) to bring you to church - either Sunday morning or Tuesday night. You will be driven home by a member after the service. This is a service provided to you at no cost. We just want you to be part of our church family.

If there is someone who just can't come to services and would like a visit, please let us know. Rev. Ryan and our team members are willing to visit and bring communion. It would be our pleasure.

We always endeavour to Connect, Inspire and Serve.

The Christian Community Team
Chair: Cynthia Sirett

OUTREACH AND SOCIAL JUSTICE

This is an exciting time for us as a new team at Trinity. Outreach and Social Justice covers a large area. We are busy defining our focus in the Church and our community. Some of the things we have discussed are: Affirm, Food Security, Environmental Stewardship, Truth and Reconciliation, Caring for our homeless and Healing Pathways. We hope we can be innovative and far reaching to our Church, our Community and our World.

Lorraine Ryan with Heather Quinn

UNITED CHURCH WOMEN

The United Church Women catered a luncheon for the Four Rivers Presbytery meeting at Trinity on Feb. 20. All ladies were welcomed to our "Fun and Fellowship" afternoon on Feb 21. Join us Apr. 18, 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. for our next. On Mar.2, the World Day of Prayer Service was held in the Sanctuary at Trinity and U.C.W. provided refreshments afterwards.

Future events are:

U.C.W. General Meetings - Mar.21, May 16,& Sept.5, 7:00 p.m.

Friendship Unit - 1st Wed. each month

New Horizons - 2nd. Wed. each month

New Horizons are providing Sunday Brunch on Palm Sunday, Mar.25

Mar. 29 -6:00 p.m. - Maundy Thursday potluck Dinner & service.

Apr. 5, Four Rivers Presbyterial AGM will be hosted by Trinity U.C.W.

Apr. 18 and Oct. 17 - All Ladies, including non- members are invited to join Fun and Fellowship 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

New to You Sale on Sat., Apr. 28. Any gently used donations are appreciated.

Apr. 29. Women's Sunday U.C.W. will be conducting Sunday Service, 10:30 a.m.

Tentatively June 20, annual Strawberry Social

Sept. 7, 8, 9 - U.C.W. heads to Camp Quin Mo Lac for a weekend of fun, great meals, singing, guest speakers and outdoor activities. An inexpensive camping experience.

We are looking for volunteers who can commit some time to help make pies in Sept., dates to be determined re; availability of Apples.

Jane Turpin
President, Trinity UCW

THE PEACE TOWER CARILLON

This article is provided by our Music Director, Wendy Stokes-Earl, who is currently enrolled in the Carillon Studies of Carleton University, a new musical program in collaboration with Parliament Hill and Dr. Andrea McCrady, Canada's Dominion-Carillonneur. More info can be found on the Parliamentary website.

Carillons were first built in Flanders around 1500 and are instruments of at least 23 bells that are played from a keyboard-pedal board that permits infinite control of expression through variation of the touch. A carillon bell is cast and then tuned very carefully by paring metal away, usually from the bell's inside surface. Correctly tuned, the partial tones comprising the bell's sound are in such harmonious relationship to each other that many bells may be sounded together, in a variety of chords, with a pleasing result.

Between 1925 and 1927, the world famous bell foundry of Gillett and Johnston in Croydon, England cast and tuned the bells. The carillon is comprised of 53 bells, ranging in size from the bourdon, which weighs 10,090 kg and sounds the note E, to the smallest bell, which weighs only 4.5 kg and sounds the A, four and a half octaves higher. Each bell is tuned to produce a specific note of the musical scale. The bells are stationary, and are rung by the movement of their internal clappers. Each clapper is connected through a series of direct mechanical linkages to the carillon keyboard. A carillon's mechanical playing action, like that of a piano, allows the carillonneur to vary the sound by changing the way he or she strikes the keys. When listening to a carillon, one is hearing bells, not a recording of bells and not synthesized bells. There is nothing electronic or even electrical in a carillon; it is an acoustic, mechanical and manual instrument.

Of the eleven carillons in Canada, the Peace Tower Carillon is the most frequently played, and the best known. From September to June each year, the carillonneur performs from noon to 12:15 on weekdays, playing a different programme each day. In July and August, the recitals are a full hour in duration - from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. each weekday.

<i>Inauguration date: July 1, 1927</i>	<i>Number of bells: 53</i>	<i>Musical range: 4½ octaves</i>
<i>Bourdon (largest bell): weight: 10,090 kg</i>	<i>diameter: 2.5 m</i>	<i>height: 2.1 m</i>
<i>actual note: E</i>	<i>keyboard note: G</i>	
<i>Smallest bell weight: 4.5 kg</i>	<i>diameter: 16.6 cm</i>	<i>height: 14.2 cm</i>
<i>actual note: A</i>	<i>keyboard note: C</i>	
<i>Weight of carillon clapper in the bourdon: 229 kg</i>	<i>Weight of the clock hammer on the bourdon; 254 kg</i>	
<i>Total weight of all 53 bells: 55 t</i>	<i>Weight of steel bell frame: 12 t</i>	<i>Interior height of the belfry: 14.6 m</i>