

# The Communicator!

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# Minister's Message

Where do you find the point or purpose of a story?

At the end, of course.

The creation story, as we read it in Genesis, includes everything for which we are thankful in this season:

our very days,  
sky and horizon,  
earth and sea, and the fruit thereof,  
sky, sun, moon and stars,  
living creatures of every kind, and  
humankind

That, however, is not the end of the story. The story of creation is expanded in the second chapter of Genesis. Everything was good, except it was not good for us to be alone. God, therefore, created a means of partnership. "This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh."

Trinity is a busy congregation. Our activities take a variety of manifestations. We have Sunday Services, UCW, Friendship Units, Christian Community, group visitations with communion, Tuesday worship with an Easy Supper, Mega Sales, Bake Sales, Suppers, Potlucks and even meetings. No matter what the stated purpose of any of our activities may be, they provide a place and a way of being together, of forming community and partnerships. It is not good for us to be alone, at the end of the day, almost everything we do provides a means for people to gather.

Thanksgiving is a time that we give thanks for what we have, to honour God for every created thing; our days, our environment, our fellow creatures, each other. We express this thanksgiving together, in community and in partnership.

This Thanksgiving, whether we come together at Trinity for Communion, or stay home with visiting family, or are away with friends or family; let us give thanks for the community, fellowship and partnership that each represents.

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As a congregation that ever seeks to be relevant in our broader community, let us remain diligent in creating new partnerships, of drawing that circle wide, of including others, of building that greatest gift – bonds of love and partnership – so that creation may be finally and fully “very good”.

Rev. Christopher Ryan



# Upcoming Events

- **Homemade Apple Pies by Trinity Cooks:** \$10. Each (sugar), \$11. Each (Splenda), Deadline for Orders: Sept 23, pick up during the week of Sept 24 and Oct 1. Order forms available or call Marguerite 283-7438, Elizabeth 283-3274, Linda 283-2728. **Volunteers needed:** call Marguerite 283-7438
- **Vendor Sale:** October 20, 2018
- **“Holly Tea” & Christmas Sale :** November 3, 2018
- **Trinity on Tuesday (weekly):** Program at 6:00 pm - Easy supper to follow
- **UCW Meet and Greet – Pot-luck lunch at Trinity:** Wed., Oct. 24, 10:00 – 2:00. All are welcome.
- **Trinity Walkers:** Tuesdays, 9:30 a.m. Start at Trinity. End at a Café

## Greetings From Your Church Council

Your Church Council continues to meet monthly (except in the summer) to fulfill the responsibilities as a governing body of Trinity United, Smiths Falls. Each month the Teams report to Council on the activities and progress of their ministries as envisioned through their Narrative Budgets as approved at the last Annual Congregational Meeting in February.

In order to further educate the congregation on the work of the Teams, a Ministry Fair was held in May with each Team providing a showcase display of what their Team does. The Fair was left on display in the Church Hall for the month of May for viewing at leisure.

Further to a discussion point during the Annual Congregational Meeting in February 2018 regarding the Bell Avenue vacant property that Trinity owns, the Board of Trustees was tasked with providing a report to Council. The full report was presented at our June Council meeting.

The Council concurred with the recommendation of the Board of Trustees to NOT sell the Bell Avenue property at this time or sell off any portion thereof in order to maintain the current configuration for any potential future sale. A summary of the report presented to Council is outlined separately in this edition of The Communicator.

Upcoming work of the Council will include the review of the Teams' Narrative Budgets for 2019. If anyone has a suggestion as to future initiatives, programs, or fundraising that Trinity could undertake, please advise the Council in writing or email to the Council Chair or Secretary at: [council@trinityunitedsf.ca](mailto:council@trinityunitedsf.ca) so it can be forwarded to the appropriate Team.

As always, the Nomination Team is actively seeking to add members and leadership to the Teams. Currently, the Treasurer is seeking a successor and for anyone interested, training will be provided. Also too, there is a need for another couple of audio/techies so that our Sunday services can continue to be taped for Cogeco and YouTube. This is a great opportunity for a student to earn their mandatory volunteer hours if you know of someone.

If you have an interest in any of the Ministry Teams, their meetings are open if you wish to attend and check out what goes on. Just advise the Team Chair in advance. The Church Directory has the Council and Team contact particulars and can be found on the bulletin boards at the front entrance and outside the church office.

Thanksgiving blessings,  
Jan Montgomery, Church Council Chair

# Options for the Bell Avenue Property

This is a summary of the full report of the Board of Trustees to Council as contained in the Council minutes for 21 June 2018:

**Assisted Living:** *Too enormous an undertaking and it is the Trustees' view that this is out of the congregation's capacity (energy, expertise and financial resources) to undertake. Such facilities are governed by government legislation.*

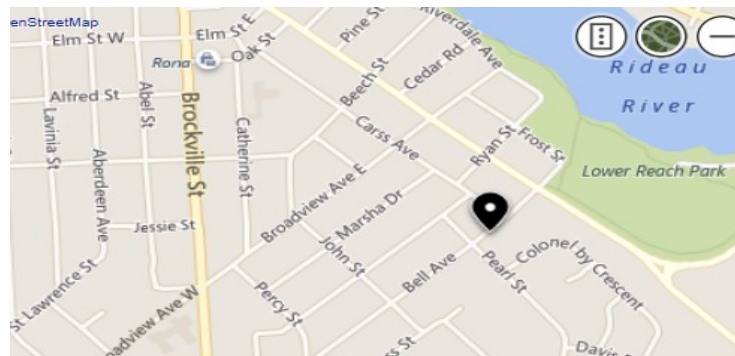
**Sell the property now and invest the funds for use as the church requires.** *At this time there is no congregation/Council plans within the church's ministries that require the sale of the property in order to provide needed funds. Selling the property does not seem to be the most prudent option.*

**Hold the property** – *Property values are on the increase and there is a significant upturn in Smiths Falls land values. The property is attractive to developers and the Trustees think it best to have a developer come to the church with an offer rather than the church go looking for a buyer. Investment income and dividends earned over the past two years has more than covered the cost of municipal taxes.*

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Copies of the full report of the Board of Trustees are available on request from the office.

Submitted by,  
Jan Montgomery,  
Church Council Chair



# The Power of Prayer

At the request of the Chair of the Communication Team, I am providing a verbatim account of my remarks to Bethel United at Rideau Ferry early in the summer. I believe I made similar comments during announcements in early Feb. 2018 at Trinity. As most of you know, I had significant heart issues from March 2017 to late December when a TAVI (trans aortic valve implant) procedure took place at Ottawa's internationally acclaimed Heart Institute. As I spend most of the summer at Otty Lake, I have been known to attend Bethel United a few times each summer. I have known a number of members through Lake Association, curling, and a number of service providers e.g. construction/maintenance etc. My remarks follow:

*This is the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in 2018 that Rev. Liz and I have both been here. The first time I was at an emotional high following being treated at the Heart Institute like royalty two days earlier; and the CTV news presentation on the Heart Institute, my heart, the walking track at Memorial Community Centre, Library, Trinity and Station Theatre in Smiths Falls. Today, I will speak about prayer requests and being the recipient of the same. In my experience, your prayer request system is unique – it works because of your size (building and your community) it reminds people of their neighbours and those who are facing challenges in their lives.*

*I understand that I was in your prayer requests in late November, December and into January of this year. The cards, calls (before, during and after my hospital stay) and the visits which I received while I recovered at the Van Horne in Smiths Falls were much appreciated. As a recipient they told me that people were interested. People cared – it provided me with courage, strength, sustenance – perhaps the best word – it sustained me – particularly before and after Christmas before my surgery/procedure, when I was pretty low.*

*I am here today because of the skills and expertise of the Heart Institute Team, Divine Intervention and the observations, forcefulness and efforts of my Guardian Angel.*

*I thank you for your support. It is very much appreciated. God Bless you all!! I heard – after the service “It was from the Heart and very emotional and touched us all” and so on!!*

Tom Foulkes

## Community BBQ

“Yes, jelly salad does belong on the main course table vs the dessert table if you live in Smiths Falls!” It was a debate enjoyed by the Tweed volunteers. They had come to Smiths Falls for training and were sent out by Tweed for a Community Care day. While we laughed about the jelly, it was the comment sincerely spoken by one young man, “Thank you for doing this for your community,” echoed by many of the other 24 Tweed volunteers that mattered the most.

Our August Community BBQ, the second of the summer, was a huge success. Thank you to all the wonderful Trinity volunteers, who helped with food donations and their presence. These outreach initiatives would not and could not happen without your support.

Over 100 people enjoyed a meal of hamburgers, hotdogs, salads and desserts. Delicious! Over and over words of ‘Thanks’ were passed along from our guests. It was wonderful to see some familiar faces and some new ones as well, including Community Liaison Officer, Aaron Tompkins.

Trinity is noted for our tag line: “Connect, Inspire, Serve” and this BBQ is just one of the many ways in which we live this out.



Connect  
Inspire  
Serve



## United Church Women (UCW)

UCW is preparing for Apple Pie season, beginning Sept. 24, all volunteers welcome.

We have a busy fall ahead:

- ◆ On September 27, we will be participating in the Fall Rally at St. Andrews United in Lanark.
- ◆ October 3 there's a leadership seminar in Frankford, Ont.
- ◆ October 17, the Friendship Unit is hosting a Fun and Fellowship from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.
- ◆ October 17, there is the Mid-Week conference in Cannifton, ON. (near Belleville).
- ◆ October 20, is the Vendor's Sale organized by New Horizons. There will be a wide variety of interesting crafts, art and goods available. C'est Tout Bakery will provide a table of their wares. Rideau Carvers will have examples of their finest works. Perfect opportunity to shop for Christmas!
- ◆ October 24, Trinity U.C.W. is hosting a Pot Luck Luncheon, from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. to "Meet and Greet" and get to know the delegates from the new regions 11, 12 & 13.
- ◆ November 3, New Horizons is hosting a "Holly Tea"; an exciting new event to replace our Candy Cane Bazaar, 11:00 a.m., - 2:00 p.m. There will be a bake table, jewellery table and a gift table. We will be accepting donations for the above. Gifts should follow the Christmas theme & be in top condition.

## New Horizon Vendor Fair

The New Horizon is hosting a Vendor's fair October 20<sup>th</sup> from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. If you would like or know of anyone who would like to reserve a table please contact Betty Lou at 613-291-0701 or by email [chuck.bettylou@gmail.com](mailto:chuck.bettylou@gmail.com)





## Christian Community

The Christian Community Team's purpose is to welcome new and returning people to our church and encourage them to become part of our church fellowship and worship. Because we are a community, we would like your help in finding these people.

Another component of our mission is being involved in caring ministry. Rev. Ryan and some of our members keep in touch by willingly visiting and helping people. If you know of anyone who would like a visit or help, please let us know.

If you would like the satisfaction of helping us, you would be most welcomed.

Cynthia Sirett

## Trinity Celebrates Pride

On Saturday, August 18 members of Trinity participated in Smiths Falls first Pride celebration. The Pride Parade wound through down-town Smiths Falls with enthusiastic participants and many members of the public showing their support.

Trinity had been asked to co-ordinate the community pot-luck that fed over 300 people in Centennial Park. Feed-back from both the Pride community and the public was overwhelmingly supportive.

Trinity continues to host Rainbow Sabbath the second Friday of each month. Pot luck and fellowship beginning at 6:00 pm. All are Welcome!



## Report from the Treasurer

The summer is always a bit of a challenge for church finances. Many do make sure of their support even during holiday times. Expenses do continue and this year again we have faced repairs and upgrades to the building. As a result, we begin the church year with some financial concern.

I know from past experience that ours is a very responsive and supportive congregation. I am sure that you will do what you can to renew your support and that our financial balance will look much better. Many of our programs will resume with renewed vigor. It is pleasing to see increasing attendance at services and to be part of increased outreach to our wider community. Together we look forward to a busy autumn under strong leadership. I know that we will all be proud to be a part of Trinity United Church.

It has been a privilege to serve as your Treasurer and we have a dedicated Church Council and so many willing workers who will continue to explore new opportunities. Best wishes to all.

Arnel W. Pattemore,  
Treasurer



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## Trinity's Vacation Bible School

"I've been to 4 other camps and this is the best."

"I like the 'Who did' song and the Lego video of Jonah."

"Can we play the Whale and Jonah parachute game?"

"The children have really enjoyed themselves, especially the wide range of activities."

"The boys are excited every morning to come. They are enjoying themselves."

"The boys sing the theme song so often it is stuck in my head—it's great, so catchy." (pardon the pun)

"[I] like Trinity very much because of the openness and inclusiveness, as well as, the welcoming sense [I] got in the week." said one of the moms.

These are just some of the comments we heard from children and their adults about Trinity's Vacation Bible School held July 9-13.

Jonah and the Whale was presented with a daily theme. The overall message was that God loved Jonah, God loved the people of Nineveh, and God loves us.

Worship, songs—new and familiar, crafts, and games were all theme based; even the snacks were focused on the Jonah story.

Thanks to everyone who participated in this Christian spiritual outreach program. See you next year.



*"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*



Anyone who watches Trinity's Service on Cogeco will not find it on Thursday mornings any more. It is on Sunday at 10am and 3pm

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