

Trinity United Church

Good News! Letter

December 2011—February 2012

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From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Friends,

I remember many Christmases, but one of the most outstanding ones took place in Germany during World War II, when my Father got a Christmas tree, and in true German fashion of the time, decorated it with real candles. He lit those candles on Christmas Eve as part of our celebration. Just in case, there was a bucket of water nearby.

It was a dark time in many ways. Lights were doused during air raids. People lived under the clouds of war and the reality of destroyed buildings and lives.

The candles my Dad lit on that Christmas Eve, signaled our hope and faith in the Christmas Child, whose light the darkness can never put out. There would be brighter days ahead for us. The war would end and a new life of opportunity would begin for us as we emigrated to the United States.

We live in times of turmoil and danger. Once again we face the darkness of evil. But the true Light of Christ can never be extinguished and will shine brightly in our hearts, homes, church and world this Christmas.

Christ is the true Light and Hope of the World. He is God's statement of love for the world. His promises are for a future filled with His presence both in this life and the life to come. Let us shine and spread His peace, joy and love.

Marj and I wish for you such a Christmas, a Christmas filled with Christ's eternal Light.

Your pastor and friend,
Ralph Garbe



We are so happy that Karen Croxall has joined our ministerial team on a 1/4 time basis until the arrival of the Rev. Kirby Constable in July of 2012. This position, together with Pastor Ralph's 3/4 time position, gives us one full time ministry team. Karen has just been accepted as a candidate for Ministry of the United Church of Canada and will be assisting in worship, visitation and Christian development.

Karen Croxall May 2011 Graduation for Master of Pastoral Studies, Emmanuel College, University of Toronto

Birthday Greetings

December

1 Les Meyers
 7 Hannah Wilson
 10 Sharon Butchart
 13 Gwen Mundt
 13 Joyce Prentice
 15 Marilyn Card
 21 Marjorie Brethour
 27 Paul Bussiere
 28 Mike Bragan
 29 Steve Alberti
 30 Parker Wilson
 31 Morley Smith

January

2 Marion Meyers
 2 Diana Houston
 7 Mary McLaren
 8 Austin Hudson
 8 Robert Jamieson
 12 Ted Meyers
 13 Julie Clark
 14 Lloyd Grose
 14 Joyce Leek
 19 Jodi Bussiere
 20 Nate Mills
 21 Doug Chant
 21 Laverne Elliot
 22 Doreen Bainbridge
 23 Stewart Annand
 23 Jake Bragan
 25 Jake Houston
 26 Carl Cornell
 27 Jason Cole
 27 Dawn Ferguson
 28 Marilyn Bell
 29 Nancy Jennings

February

2 Bryan Houston
 4 Ashley Meyers
 5 Annette Forkun
 5 Laura Neatherley
 6 Charles Card
 6 Laura Lapp
 6 Jean Tomlinson
 8 Susan Bendell
 8 Barb Rance
 10 Susan Dubasz
 12 Morgan Finlay
 12 Richard Forkun
 15 Colleen Bragan
 15 Aant Koonstra
 15 Donna Shier
 19 James Hewitt
 21 Phil Carmichael
 22 Jo Anne Alberti
 26 Zack Mills
 28 Doris Muckle

Anniversaries

December 18
 Peter & Donna Shier
 December 27
 Paul & Sharon Butchart
 January 3
 Bryan & Diana Houston
 January 30
 Ron & Kathleen Monkman

Remember—a little goes a long way!

Mark Your Calendar

Nov 27 Advent I 10:00 a.m.
 Dec 4 Advent II 10:00 a.m.
 Dec 11 Advent III 10:00 a.m.
 Dec 11 Heart to Heart Service 7:00 p.m.
(for those who find Christmas difficult)
 Dec 18 Advent IV 10:00 a.m.
Dec 24 Christmas Eve Services:
 4:30pm Informal Family Service
(with potluck supper to follow)
 7:00pm Formal Family Service
 10:00pm Candlelight Service
Dec 25 Christmas Day Service:
 10:00pm Worship Service

Hello God, I called tonight

To talk a little while
 I need a friend who'll listen
 To my anxiety and trial.
 You see, I can't quite make it
 Through a day just on my own...
 I need your love to guide me,
 So I'll never feel alone.
 I want to ask you please to keep,
 My family safe and sound.
 Come fill their lives with confidence
 For whatever fate they're bound.
 Give me faith, dear God, to face
 Each hour throughout the day,
 And not to worry over things
 I can't change in any way.
 I thank you God, for being home
 And listening to my call,
 For giving me such good advice
 When I stumble and fall!!!!!!
 Your number, God, is the only one
 That answers every time...
 I never get a busy signal,
 Never had to pay a dime.
 So thank you, God, for listening
 To my troubles and my sorrow..
 Good night, God, I love You, too,
 And I'll call again tomorrow!

We have begun a new and unique fundraising opportunity for Trinity United Church, with Boston Pizza Uxbridge. We hope that you will support this "fun"draiser by sharing your receipts with us after you dine at Boston Pizza. Here's how it works. You dine at Boston Pizza and enjoy as you regularly would, but when you get your receipt, don't throw it out, or take it home with you, just pop it into the bin, marked Trinity United Church, at the entrance of the restaurant. The bin is located just before the big double doors as you enter or exit the place, on the ledges of the windows to each side of the doors. By sharing your receipt Trinity gets 5% cash back for the local fund at our church. This fund helps to pay the day to day expenses of operating the church. In addition, Boston Pizza will also give 5% store credit to Trinity which can be used by the Youth Groups to eat in the restaurant. We think this is a great fundraiser because you don't have to spend any more money than you regularly would and the church still benefits. Consider celebrating your next special occasion or get together at Boston Pizza in Uxbridge – your church will thank you!
 By Kirsten Clark

A Cup of Tea with..... Pastor Ralph Garbe

Rev. Ralph Garbe's first connection with Trinity was when he came to officiate at the funeral for Rev. David Clark. We have been very blessed to have Pastor Ralph with us at Trinity on a quarter time basis since 2005. When Rev. Bill Fritz concluded his one year term with us a few months ago, Pastor Ralph kindly offered to step up from quarter time to three quarter time to help us out until our new minister, Rev. Kirby Constable, arrives on July 1st.

So, Pastor Ralph, where were you born and tell me a little about your family? I was born in Frankfurt Germany and have one brother. My mother was Jewish and my father Christian. My grandfather was a Symphony musician. Do you want to know what year I was born?

Sure, if you want to give it!!1938

Wow, that was right before the war. How was that growing up as a child at that time? For safety reasons my brother and I were sent to live with another family on a farm, but about three months later my parents took me back home because I was homesick and I wasn't being treated well. As dwellings were being destroyed via the bombings taking place, my parents had to give up their apartment to a Nazi family, and we had to double up with another family in their apartment. That apartment got bombed, and we lost our possessions. My father however risked his life to go back into the burning building and recovered a suitcase containing important papers and our family photo albums. I still have those albums today. During the early part of the war, my mother, being a Jew, had to report to the authorities. But she was able to avoid being transported to the concentration camp. Toward the end of the war when she did receive a notice to report, her doctor arranged for her to have an appendix operation which she didn't need, so that would stop her being able to travel and report, and so helped save her life. My father's life was also spared. Before the war began, he had had the "honour" of being recruited for the SS. But when they found out he was married to a Jew, they didn't want him. With the SS he would likely have been sent to the Russian front where the German army was decimated and might very well have been killed.

So how did you end up living in Canada? My family immigrated to the United States in 1950. I went to City College in New York and then to The Biblical Seminary in New York- where I met Marj, my wonderful sidekick. We married in 1963. I was first an assistant minister at the 1st Presbyterian Church in Ottumwa, Iowa where Marj established a Nursery School. Then in 1966 we moved to Sas-



Ralph & Marj Garbe

katchewan, Marj's (a farm girl) home province. We knew they had need of ministers there and that is where I started my ministry within the United Church.

What led you into the ministry? I had a conversion experience when I was 17 at a Christian camp being confronted with the need to make peace with God. I accepted Jesus Christ as my personal Lord and Saviour. The resulting experience was one of tremendous peace. A speaker at our daily chapel service indicated that it was important to read the Bible in order to grow as a Christian. So I began by reading a chapter in the book of the Acts each morning before going to the dining hall where it was my job to wait on tables. This morning I was rushed for time and felt I could not read my Bible before going to work. But on the way, the Lord convicted me. So I went back for my Bible, turned to my chapter for that morning, and while reading it on my way to the dining hall, came to verse 2 of chapter 6 which said: **"Then the twelve called the multitude of the disciples unto them, and said, It is not reason that we should leave the word of God and serve tables."** (KJV) !!! From that moment on, I knew I was going to be a minister! God was real to me and I wanted to share the Good news of Christ with others. A couple of decades later, when I was attending a special meeting at Alderwood United in Etobicoke, I had a new experience of

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being filled with God's Holy Spirit. At that point, "God got hold of more of me than He had before". As a result I was able to share the Gospel more effectively as there were so many people wanting to know Christ.

Where and when did you meet Tex? Tex was sent to me as a Christmas present by our son Scott who was working at Disneyworld at the time. Tex might have been born in Texas, but his background is rather cloudy! He has been my sidekick since 1985 and he has been responsible for my getting the better jobs – I just tag along!!

So Scott is one of your sons – what other children and grandchildren do you have? Scott is married to Jen and they have two children, Jeremy and Julia. We have another son Neil married to Kelly and their children are Blake and Caleb. Our daughter's name is Lisa.

I haven't even asked you about your hobbies or your travels yet! I enjoy golf and photography and yes, we've had the opportunity to lead a number of travel tours. We have been all across Canada, in the States, to Europe, the mid-East and to Egypt.

Where will your next trip be? To Ireland, with the Presbyterian Chorus, to which Marj and I belong. By the way, the Chorus is singing here at Trinity on April 15th. That is the group that was founded by your and Richard's friend, Ian Woods, whom we met up with when we were touring Switzerland with our chorus.

Yours is only the second interview I've done for Trinity's newsletter, but my signature is to ask the interviewee for their favourite scripture. Mine is Proverbs 3:5-6 "Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight." It is so important for people to know the reality of God in their lives and that He will lead them.

I also have a favourite scripture for the church: Ephesians 3:20, 21 "Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever! Amen"

Many thanks Ralph, and on behalf of the congregation of Trinity, I thank you for serving us so faithfully over these past few years and during this transition year. We wish you and Marj all the very best for your future, and God's Richest Blessings!

By Annette Forkun



New Church Family Album—Say Cheese!

With the upcoming arrival of our new minister, Rev. Kirby Constable, we are busy getting things into place and organized to give him and his family a proper welcome. As part of this, we the church board and congregation of Trinity United Church, are compiling a photograph directory for his use while he is getting to know us. We would like to include each family and individual who are a part of our church family.

To complete this project, we are looking for a recent/current family or individual picture to include in this booklet along with the correct spelling of each person's name. We are looking for 4x6 pictures with a clear image of the individual's faces. We would like you to choose a picture that represents your family well and demonstrates a good likeness of you. Your picture can have been taken anywhere, by anyone. It does not need to be a professional picture.

Please bring your picture into the church, or mail it. Pictures can be given directly to Kirsten Clark or dropped off to Diane at the church office. Please send in your pictures as soon as you are able to complete with names; deadline is April 1, 2012. If we do not receive a picture from your family we will work to schedule a time to meet with you to take a picture of you and your family in the spring. We would like to give this to Pastor Kirby before he joins us July 1st. Thank you in advance for helping us with this project.

By Kirsten Clark

RUTH ELEANOR LAW 1920–2011

A long Time Member of Trinity United

Ruth was born July, 30th, 1920 in Bowmanville, the daughter of William Claude Ives and Cassie (nee Black) Ives. Ruth Attended Queens University where she met Bert. They graduated in 1949 and were married June 11, 1949 in Bowmanville United Church. For two summers they taught on an Indian Reservation in Northern Quebec. For years Ruth sent boxes of clothing to the First Nations people. After two years in Durham Ontario teaching they moved to Uxbridge.

Ruth was very active in the community and her church, Trinity United. She was on the Church board for many years, also very active with the United Church Women's Group (U.C.W.), the Visiting Committee and with the Cottage Hospital Auxiliary where she was especially involved with the Gift Shop.

Ruth was also a member of the Uxbridge Seniors Citizens Club.

After her husband's passing in 1996, she continued to live in her home. Ruth loved their cottage on Howes Lake near Verona. They spent many summers there.

She was very appreciative of all the visits and phone calls from Trinity friends as well many others from outside of Trinity.

More recently due to her health conditions she was confined to her home. Her son Chris and his wife Christine kept daily contact with her.

Ruth passed away October 31st, 2011 at The Cottage Hospital in Uxbridge.

We will all miss Ruth.



Ruth Law on the occasion of her 90th birthday last year



By Maxine Augustine

One Voice
Uxbridge Singers

Tickets: \$15
(children under 12 n/c)
available at "Presents, Presents, Presents"

Saturday, December 10, 2011
at 7:30 p.m.

Trinity United Church, 20 First Ave. Uxbridge

June 14th was a GRAND FINALE for the UCW year's worship and work. Guests from Zephyr, Epsom, Mount Albert and Sacred Heart joined us for a potluck supper, some line-dancing, worship in story and action and a dynamic speaker. For several years Trinity UCW, with the help of others in the congregation has supported "Grandmothers to Grandmothers" of the Stephen Lewis Foundation. We've filled many film canisters with loonies and toonies.

On June 14 our speaker was from the "G Moms" in Port Perry. Tinie Evans who has been to Africa twice to see African grannies in action, is a wonderful story teller. She made us aware of the struggles, the strengths and the joy of some fine women. Tinie took home our canisters and other offerings- altogether \$601. She was delighted as are we. This evening was a wonderful kick-off for summer.

By Corinne Croxall



Tinie Evans

A Word from our Treasurer

Roast Beef Dinner Profit (after expenses) this year reached \$4,800.00 and it could not have been done without the help of each & every person that volunteered their time & effort! Well Done People! The entire evening went on so smoothly and everyone seemed to be having a great time too!

The evening of song with the York Regional Police Male Chorus was a glorious night of melodies from Traditional Hymns to songs from the oldies (for some of us anyway). The Sanctuary Photo Draw was won by Mary McLaren. After expenses Trinity profited approx. \$1,300.00 and a wonderful new bunch of friends. Pastor Ralph even got to be reunited with one of the first couples that he married! Great Fun! Great Fellowship! Great Music! Can life get any better!?!? Special Thanks to John & Jan Wilson, Kirsten & Richard Clark, Bob Kirvan, and especially to Jo & Steve Alberti, "Thanks for putting up with me for the last 3 weeks from you know where!"

The Anniversary Offerings total for the Anniversary Sunday Service was \$3,480.00. These funds will help reduce our deficit caused by the increasing costs of our operating expenses.

By Karen Alberti

ALPHA SMILES

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The Alpha Course has been underway for several weeks now at Trinity.

The weekend of Nov 4-6, we headed up to the Jackson's Point Conference center, where we were together with those taking the course at Uxbridge Baptist.

It was a great time of fellowship, learning, worship, and growing deeper in our faith.

Here are some photos on page 7, so you can see what the weekend was like and feel a part of the experience with us, plus a photo of our dedicated weekly kitchen crew!

Thank you so much again for your prayers for Alpha - you are making such a difference in people's lives.

By Annette Forkun



Heart to Heart



A Remembering Service

In this service we embrace memories of those we have lost in death . . . —a loved one; a family member; a colleague; or, a companion.

♥ A time of thanksgiving, reflection and release.

♥ A time of healing as hearts reach out in love.

♥ In this Christmas Season of hustle, "busy-ness" fills the air, yet we quietly hurt for those we have lost. Our Remembering Service will lift up hurting hearts.

♥ A reception with refreshments and fellowship will follow in the Friendship Hall at Trinity United Church. Bring yourself, your family, your friends.

For more information call 905-852-6213. We would love to have you join us.

Evening Bible Study For Working Women

We will be meeting twice monthly on the 2nd & 4th Monday, 7:00pm-8:30pm, in the Lounge at Trinity starting January 9th.

There is limited space, so if you are interested and would like to sign up, please call Marilyn Card at 905-852-6903 or email her at marilyncard@powergate.ca.



Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things. Phil 4:8



TRINITY UNITED CHURCH - JUNIOR AND SENIOR YOUTH GROUP UPDATE:



Jake, Nathaniel, Andrew, Nadia

The Trinity United Church **SENIOR Youth Group** (High school aged up to young adults – early 20's) is led by Mike and Colleen Bragan and meets every Friday night at 7:00 pm in the Youth Room. The **JUNIOR Youth Group** (Grades 6-8) is led by Richard and Kirsten Clark and meets on the 1st, 3rd and 5th Fridays of each month unless otherwise indicated, from 4:30 – 6:00 pm in the Youth Room. The Youth room is located in the lower level of the church, next to the gym. Every week we cover different topics as we explore our Christian faith together. We start off with a time of discussion (which usually includes lots of media clips, hand-outs and visual reinforcements), followed by snacks, group activities (games/sports) or we simply “hang out” together in the Youth Room.

The grand “re-launching” of both the **JUNIOR & SENIOR Youth Groups** took place on Friday, September 16th and it's been “full steam ahead” ever since !!! Ted Wood (*who assisted Mike and Colleen with the Senior Youth Group for a few months last year*) has kindly offered to help them with the Senior Youth Group again this year. Welcome aboard Ted!

First of all, we would like to give you a recap of what the **SENIORS** have been up to, and then we will summarize the activities of the **JUNIORS** for you.

We had an absolute blast at the **SENIORS' re-launch party** where we had the youth design mascots for our youth group out of all sorts of miscellaneous craft supplies and then describe why their mascot should be chosen as “THE” Senior Youth Group Mascot. Well, needless to say, all of the creations were amazing and came with compelling stories so now we have 5 Senior Youth Group mascots! Afterwards, we broke out our homemade (thanks to Mike) wooden marshmallow launchers and had marshmallow wars in the gym. It was so much fun to watch 20 kids in various stages of marshmallow wars ... soon they were using their hands as well as their wooden launchers! In my humble opinion (Colleen's), I think the girls won!!!

During the rest of September and October we focused on topics such as “**OUR WORDS** – how they build up or tear down”, “**TIME** – how we use it or waste

it / how times have changed - for the better or worse? and how we can make a difference”, “**FEAR AND WORRY** - how to leave our worries and fears behind and go forward in confidence and faith”, and “**MASKS** – What masks do we wear and **WHY** do we feel we need to wear them?”. We reminded the youth that “*God loves parties, but His are always “**COME AS YOU ARE**” parties ... not masquerade balls!* The youth enjoyed lots of activities including glow-in-the-dark basketball, badminton, mini sticks, dodge ball and many other group games!

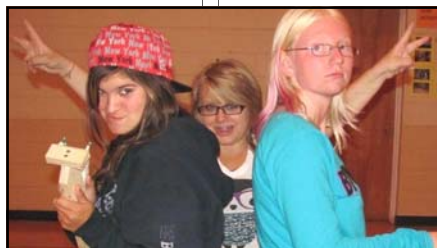
On Friday, October 14th, we had a special guest, Blair Banks, from St. Andrew's-Chalmers Presbyterian Church take both our **JUNIOR & SENIOR youth** out on a geocaching expedition. (*Definition of Geocaching: it's a real-world outdoor*



Blair Banks

treasure hunting game. Players try to locate hidden containers, called geocaches, using GPS-enabled devices and then share their experiences online). We all had a blast together and after finding 3 hidden treasures within walking distance of the church, we ended up at Coffee Time Donuts, where Sung, the owner, surprised the youth by kindly donating free donuts to all of our participants! Wow! We headed back to the church with our treasures in hand and after enjoying a brief discussion about **what we actually TREASURE** in life, and singing happy birthday and offering birthday cupcakes to 3 of our participants, we enjoyed winding down and hanging out together in the Youth room. We also decided as a group to start collecting treasures and goodies for the **SAMARITAN'S PURSE CHRISTMAS BOX** program ... an opportunity for all of us to bless others who don't have as many “treasures” as we do.

The following week Ted and Nancy Wood kindly volunteered their time and accompanied us with the **SENIORS** as we set out in groups into town. Each group was given a set of clues and had to figure out which clues matched which signs on the buildings on Brock Street. For example, one clue read “who is the angriest woman in town”? Well, of course the answer was “Mad Millies”. After figuring out which buildings matched which clues, and going in a few wrong directions, we all returned to the Youth Room to discuss our adventures, and then we went a little deeper by discussing our own lives. We asked questions like - **What is the meaning and purpose of your life? In which DIRECTION are you going with the choices that you are making? Are you reading the signs correctly and making good choices?**



Victoria, Holly, Cayla

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Lindsay, Liliana, Alicia

We had also mailed out one piece of a jigsaw puzzle to all the members of the youth group and so part of the night's event included each youth adding their piece to our growing puzzle. We were able to talk about how important each individual youth member is to the youth group, (when they're missing, part of our puzzle/group is missing), and at the same time we were able to discuss what parts of their own personal life's puzzle

might be missing – which could include having a FAITH. We pointed out that God created each one of us with a hole or a puzzle piece that only HE can fill, yet we often try to fill that emptiness or that hole with so many other things, and end up going in the wrong direction. We enjoyed some very thought provoking discussion around this topic.

On October 31st, Richard and Kirsten invited any interested **JUNIOR and SENIOR** youth to come to their place for Halloween to go trick or treating for canned goods and food items for the **LOAVES AND FISHES FOOD BANK**. The following week they invited the **SENIOR** youth group to join the **JUNIOR** youth group as they took their donations to the **FOOD BANK** and saw first hand where their donations went, how the food bank operates, etc. Thank you Richard and Kirsten for covering for us on Friday, November 4th, so that we and some of the youth who are attending ALPHA on Monday nights could attend the ALPHA WEEKEND RETREAT together.

The **JUNIOR YOUTH GROUP** are definitely ramping up to another wonderful year together. As the word gets out, more and more youth are coming to check out our exciting **JUNIOR** youth group program. The **JUNIORS** were definitely the winners in the **MASCOT** making contest – they showed

up with “**Andrew**” and won the competition hands down!

This year our **JUNIOR** youth are focusing on ourselves as unique and special creations of God. We are also talking about what God wants us to do. That includes being good citizens and helpful people. Our talks have focused around being well rounded, responsible and compassionate people. Knowing that God loves us, no matter what, will help us through everything! One of our fun nights included a “photo shoot” of things that we were thankful for and for the many things in God's world that we enjoy.

Our re-launch of **JUNIOR** youth was a fun night that reminded us all that we can always find a home in God's love. Each night together we have played some great games, had some super talks, yummy snacks and all around had some great hang out time and enjoy being around each other. Don't forget to keep track of our **JUNIOR** nights so you can come and join our fun. There is always room for one more!

CHRISTMAS IS COMING!!!! JUNIOR and SENIOR Youth groups are looking forward to another exciting joint event before we break for Christmas – we're planning our Christmas party for **Friday, December 16th**. So please stay tuned for further details and don't forget to invite your friends!

Thank you for your support and most of all, for your prayers.
Mike and Colleen Bragan, Senior Youth Group Leaders
Richard and Kirsten Clark, Junior Youth Group Leaders



Front Row: Morisa, Aubrey, Carl, Jordan; Second Row: Jess, Isabel, Richard, Colleen, Alexey; Third row: Mike, Rosie, Lindsay, Nadia, Nathaniel, Jake, Kirsten, Ryan; On stage: Liliana, Alicia, Abby, Victoria, Cayla, Cody, Holly

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**Finding a Home
 in God's Love**

**Join us for 10:00 Worship
 every Sunday morning.
 Our Celebration Service
 is a Unique Blend of
 Traditional & Contemporary
 Worship and Music.**

Mission & Service Fund stands at \$17,953.00 as at October 31, 2011. Our objective for the year 2011 was set at \$25,000.00. We have two months left November & December to reach our objective. Please make an offering to the Mission & Service Fund before the end of 2011.

We would love to hear from you:

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Life at Trinity — A Warm Place to Find Yourself

'Handicapable Ministry', better known as **'Friends'**, meet each Wednesday evening @ 7:00 p.m. for one hour. The group was formed over a year ago & began with minimal guests which has grown continuously to 35-45 each week. Our 'friends' are from Newmarket, Stouffville, Port Perry as well as Uxbridge. Many valued friendships have been formed in this time-frame.
 Singing is the primary focal point, followed by Bible

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EVERY WEDNESDAY 7 P.M. TRINITY UNITED CHURCH
INFO: 905-852-6213

lessons & drama, prayers, games, heart-warming interaction, refreshments resulting in thank you's and hugs galore.

We hold many special events throughout the year; such as, a fashion show, Halloween party, pizza nights, monthly birthday celebrations, special guests, Christmas banquet (planned for Dec. 7th with a bountiful meal and a visit by Santa).

Our mentors are so proud of each individual and treasure them all regardless of their abilities and share in their joy, tears and life struggles. Everyone has hopes and dreams and these men and women are no exception. Our door is 'open'.....Come In !

If you would like more information or would like to speak personally with any of the mentors, please call the church office - 905-852-6213.

By Dianne Morris