

Trinity United Church

Good News! Letter

June—August 2011

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MINISTRY AT TRINITY

What an exhilarating year this has been for me. I have thoroughly enjoyed my ministry among you the people of God. You are a vital and vigorous congregation. I have much appreciated your warmth and responsive readiness to roll up your sleeves and serve in the Lord's work. Joan and I have both been blessed by your responsiveness.

It has been a thrill for me to work with the various children's ministry leaders. Slowly our ranks are increasing as you maintain faithful, caring and creative serving leadership. The two youth groups have been an absolute joy. Now a healthy contingent of youth will journey to a life transforming ministry with Kingdom Bound. It's gratifying to witness new and younger families seeping into the fabric and framework of our church's life – always a sign of healthy growth.

The renewal and vigour of the music ministry continues to attract more voices in joyful praise. And what a delight are the several ministry guilds now in place.

The Friends Ministry so ably lay-driven surely receives the applause of heaven. And certainly the signature ministries in the Women of Grace, the UCW and the Men's Fellowship reflect this church's lively ministry and mission. The recent acquisition of the Smith property also signals clues for the church's future outreach.

At the end of June I shall step down from ministry here. Our brother in ministry Ralph Garbe will continue strong to give of his time and wisdom for your care.

An exciting new chapter awaits to be written as you continue the journey with Jesus and call the new Pastor for this People of God. My prayer is that great blessing from the Apostle Paul:

Now dear people be strong and steady always thriving in God's work. And know this, that in God your labour is never in vain. (I Cor 15: 58)

I love you dear friends,



Bill Fritz

TRINITY UNITED CHURCH WOMEN *PRESENT*

The 41st Annual Tour of Homes

Saturday, June 4th

12 noon to 5:00

Advance Tickets \$15 or \$18 at the door

(adults only, slippers must be worn in homes)

Tickets available at Shoppers Drug Mart, Pharma Choice

Pharmacy, Luke's Country Store (Port Perry) & Trinity's office.

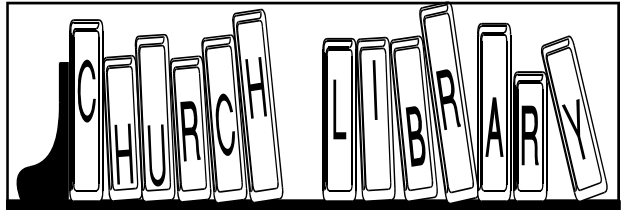
TRINITY UNITED CHURCH WOMEN

by Joye Cornell, Chair of UCW

All work and no play – NOT the motto of Trinity UCW. Yes we are busy!

- We are preparing for our 41st annual Tour of Homes
- We continue to serve food for various functions and we have very interesting and informative meeting
- In April we had a speaker from the Cancer Society give us up-to-date info of their organization.
- We also celebrated the Royal wedding with a High Tea. Great fun was had by all
- In May we enjoyed a travelogue to Antarctica and a speaker from CBM telling us of the amazing work that they do around the world
- In June we look forward to everyone getting together for a pot luck supper which will be followed by some interesting activities – the highlight being a speaker from the Stephen Lewis Foundation telling us more about 'The Grannies'
- We are having guests from 3 churches and hope that all women at Trinity try to join us.

These varied activities keep us physically active and at the same time growing in our faith.



BOOKENDS by Joan Fritz, Librarian

In the last few weeks, your library has acquired a number of new books. Many of these have been purchased from CBM Canada and have been previously recorded for the blind.

I have chosen several works of fiction as they seem to be popular here at Trinity. As well, we have some fine devotional and study materials.

There are always new books out on a coffee table in the lounge and we hope you will sample one or two and tell us how you liked them.

We owe a great debt of gratitude to Jess Garbas, one of our senior youth who has been typing out our catalogue cards. Jess has gone over and above her required volunteer hours and says she will finish the job! Thank you, Jess!



Uxbridge Messiah Singers President George Pratt (centre), presented a \$2,000 donation to Trinity United Church on Wednesday May 4th. The funds were raised at the Messiah Singer's performance at the church in December and will be put towards new carpeting at the front of the sanctuary. Receiving the gift are Rev. Dr. Bill Fritz and Bob Kirvan.



YORK REGIONAL POLICE MEN'S CHORUS

will be singing at Trinity United Church
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2011
7:00PM TO 9:00PM

FOR TICKETS CONTACT

Church Office - Diane 852-6213,
 Karen 852-7515, or Bob 852-9176

Our Annual Roast Beef Dinner will be
 Friday October 21st, 2011 4:30 pm to 7:30 pm

163rd Anniversary of

Trinity United Church in Uxbridge.

Anniversary Sunday Celebration

Oct 23rd, 2011 at 10am

TRINITY'S SPARROW LAKE FAMILY WEEKEND

It is time to book Sparrow Lake. Many many families over the years have enjoyed the time at Sparrow Lake with wonderful fellowship, swimming, plenty of food and worship. Please see the bulletin board display along with the sign- up sheet by the Sunday School office. We are looking for at least 10 families who would like to go to Sparrow Lake on Sept Labour Day weekend. Your friends are welcome. If you wish to attend this year please speak to Bev Squires. Thank you.

FUNDRAISING WITH OTTER GREENHOUSES

It will soon be time to prepare and to plant your gardens and we are fundraising with Otter Greenhouses to raise money for Trinity's funds. This is really easy, simply buy your flowers and garden supplies, between April 1st – June 10th at Otter Greenhouses 315 Medd Road (852-4187), and let the cashier know that you would like your purchase to go towards the Trinity United Church Fundraiser. Then 10% of your purchase will come directly back to us! So spread the word! Tell your family, neighbours and friends!. Thank You for all your support!!!!



Men's Breakfast speaker Bruce Smith

Mission & Service Fund

Don't forget to give to our M&S Fund. Our target for 2011 is \$25,000.00. We currently stand at \$5,872.25 so we are running behind of achieving our target for 2011. Please contribute. Thank You



May 15th Youth Bake Sale Left to Right: Far back row: Ryan and Jake H.; 2nd grouping: Tara, Alexey, Hannah; 3rd grouping: Mike, Colleen, Lena; 4th grouping: Nathaniel, Isabel, Jess, Victoria, Cayla, Rosie, Arthur; 5th grouping: Jake B., Rob. Colleen Bragan wrote: "According to my records, the NET proceeds of the bake sale, including some Sunday a.m. offering that was designated to YOUTH, was **\$953.05**. Amazing !!! God is good!!!

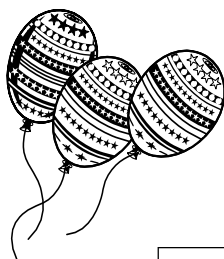
Birthday Greetings

JUNE

2 Fred Bendell
 2 Ross Snodden
 4 Troy Shier
 4 Alisa Stirling
 5 Karen Croxall
 7 Anne St John
 8 Mary Alexander
 8 Shannon Squires-Porter
 8 Euliah Shier
 10 Eileen Warren
 11 Jessie Boudreau
 12 Marie Forsyth
 13 John Leonard
 14 Arnold Winter
 18 Owen Bussiere
 22 Dave Boudreau
 23 Linda Chant
 23 Bob Kirvan
 24 Paul Butchart
 27 Muriel Dawson
 28 Ruby Paradine
 29 Kate Clark

JULY

2 Ron Monkman
 8 Leona Moore
 8 Sue Carmichael
 15 Marg Barton
 21 George Christenson
 22 Olivia Croxall
 23 Ali Carmichael
 30 Ruth Law
 31 Dave Streeter



AUGUST

1 Jean Hyndman
 5 Betty Dalrymple
 7 Jamie Clark
 8 Robert Ferguson
 11 Melissa Alexander
 13 Winnie Acton
 13 Omar Olson
 15 Majorie Fotheringham
 16 Muriel Sparks
 20 Doug Barton
 21 Peter Shier
 24 Katie Bendell
 25 Karen Alberti
 25 Taylor Bussiere
 27 Hanna Cole
 28 Michael Carroll

Our Vision Statement

Joining together in the lifelong journey of finding our home in God's love;

Celebrating God's love revealed in Jesus through Christ-centred worship and vibrant music;

Extending opportunities to grow in faith, fellowship, and loving care for one another and the community;

Inviting others to join us in this adventure with Jesus who makes this a church to call home.

Anniversaries

JUNE

1 Philip & Anita Alexander
 9 Burt & Leona Moore
 9 William & Ivy Gibson
 11 Phil & Sue Carmichael
 12 Jim & Sandy Barton
 17 Aant & Hanneke Koonstra
 24 Robert & Eleanor Jamieson

JULY

4 Robert & Dawn Ferguson
 8 Jason & Lisa Cole
 18 William & Eleanor Bagshaw
 20 Doug & Dianne Barton
 22 George & Marian Christenson
 25 Jamie & Gayle Hewitt
 29 Richard & Kirsten Clark
 30 Rik & Cathy Hudson

AUGUST

3 Brooke & Christine Acton
 14 John & Jan Wilson
 20 Keith & Joan Lamont
 23 Edwin & Connie Wells
 31 Richard & Annette Forkun



Canadian Girls in Training (CGIT)

is a program developed for girls ages 12 - 17. Girls and leaders participate in activities based on the needs and interests of the girls in keeping with the 4 elements of our purpose:

1) Cherish Health; 2) Seek Truth; 3) Know God; and, 4) Serve Others.

Some activities CGIT groups enjoy include: music, games, Bible study, drama, banquets, parties, bike hikes, camping, guest speakers, discussions, conferences, and participation in worship services.

CGIT:

- ACCEPTS girls as they are, recognizing that every girl is unique.
- CHALLENGES girls to develop their leadership skills through participating, learning, planning, and camping.
- ASSISTS girls to grow in their faith while learning to Cherish Health, Seek Truth, Know God and Serve Others.
- LISTENS to girls in a supportive way through small group discussions.
- LINKS girls with a leader who will be their friend, help them to understand their problems, and share in their dreams.
- ENCOURAGES girls to build on their strengths and to be proud of being who they are.
- PROVIDES girls with opportunities to discover ways of helping others.
- HELPS girls develop a network with others across the country... a lifetime of support to help them live a life with a purpose.
- SHOWS girls how to center their life in Christ, so that they can become the girls God would have them be.

by Charlotte Mills, Former CGIT Leader, Trinity United Church

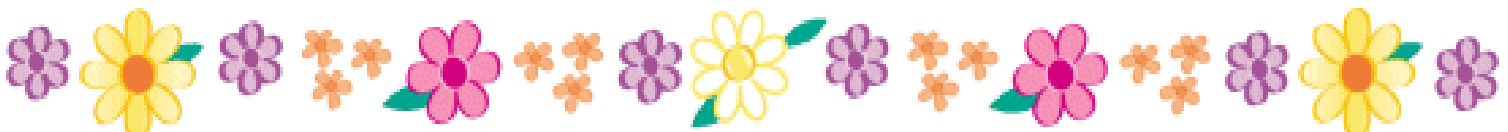
Editor's Note: CGIT is active across Canada! For more information visit their website at www.cgic.ca. If anyone is interested in starting a CGIT Group at Trinity, contact Marilyn Card, Chair of Development, at 905-852-6903.



Senior Youth Group Paintballing Night: Justin, Dhillon, Arthur, Carl, Mike, Alexey, Scott, Ryan, Jake H., Jake B., Rob



Baptism on May 8th, Mother's Day: Kale, Karl, Rebecca and baby Kashton Oldham (grandparents Warren & Laura Westlake); Lukas, Craig, Krista Volkmann, and baby Carson Volkmann in Bill's arms (grandparents Peter & Mary Volkmann). Richard & Geraldine Oldham are grandparents of both babies.



SENIOR YOUTH GROUP UPDATE:

The Trinity United Church SENIOR Youth Group (High school and young adults) meets every Friday night at 7:00 pm in the Youth Room, 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.

During the past few months, the SENIOR Youth Group have enjoyed a “Girls Only Movie & Make-Your-Own Ice-Cream Sundae Night” at the Bragan’s house, and a “Boys Only Paintball Night” at NEXT PAINTBALL in Pickering.

The SENIOR and JUNIOR YOUTH groups thoroughly enjoyed two events together: attending “JOSEPH and the AMAZING TECHNICOLOR DREAMCOAT” at the Music Hall, and having a MOVIE and POPCORN night at the church which featured the latest Narnia movie.

Some of the topics that the SENIOR group has discussed in the past couple of months include: Body Image and Peer Pressure (what types of peer pressure teenagers face, why they give in to peer pressure, and what they can do to resist it).

Our Christian Faith journey (the benefits of having and actually living out our faith in Jesus Christ, how God can reveal Himself to us in many different ways – even using things like dreams, visions, etc.; how we can know the Bible is the true and inspired Word of God, etc.)

Addictions (types of addictions, why people suffer from addictions, what we can do to help ourselves or others fight addictions). There are lots of reasons for addictions – one of those we refer to as the “God Factor”. God created us and there is a spot in our heart that only He can fill. When we don’t fill it with Him, we try to fill that void with drugs, sex, extreme sports, or anything else that gives us the momentary rush that fills that void, but it’s not permanent. But when you have a relationship with God through His son Jesus - who was meant to fill that void - it’s permanent and that void no longer needs to be filled by “external” sources. God can not only meet ALL of your needs, but He WANTS to, simply because He LOVES you.

Special Guest Night – We invited two guest speakers to share their personal stories about their struggles with addictions. These talks were both eye-opening and inspirational.

We invited the SENIOR Youth to join the REBELUTION (a teenage rebellion against low expectations). In 2005, The REBELUTION was launched by 16 year old twin brothers – Alex and Brett Harris. REBELUTION is a combination of “rebellion” and “revolution”. But it’s not a rebellion against God-established authority, it’s a rebellion against the low expectations that society places on our youth today, and unfortunately many of them are “living up” to those LOW expectations. Alex and Brett encourage teenagers to

“do the hard thing”. REBELUTION is not just saying that hard things happen and you can grow from them. It’s not even just saying that you have the ability to do “hard things”. It’s telling you that you SHOULD do “hard things” because doing “hard things” causes you to:

Challenge and stretch yourself

- Step outside your comfort zone and do something difficult
- Grow. Without doing “hard things”, you will never grow

We can’t really avoid doing hard things. We can only decide when to do them and how prepared we will be to handle the hard things life brings our way. You either do the hard thing of getting prepared, or you deal with the harder thing of being unprepared.

We either “do it” now, or we end up having to “deal with it” later. For example, resisting the temptation to take drugs is a hard thing, but not as hard as having to deal with an addiction later.

C.S. Lewis has another way of explaining it: “We are like eggs at present. And we cannot go on indefinitely being just an ordinary, decent egg. We must either be hatched or go bad.”

We still have many exciting topics to cover before we break for summer holidays and we are looking forward to another joint JUNIOR/SENIOR event in June. Three homes (within walking distance of each other) will be hosting a progressive dinner for us. We’ll be enjoying appetizers at one, a delicious main course at another, and a yummy dessert at the final home. A fun and refreshing swim will also be available at two of the homes. A big thank you to all of our host homes – The Stirling’s, Wood’s and Dubasz’s!

Last, but not least, many members of the SENIOR Youth Group are excitedly looking forward to our “end of the year” trip (July 31-Aug 4) at Kingdom Bound, Six Flags Darien Lake, New York. This promises to be a fun-filled 5 day/4 night Christian Festival that will feature many incredible Christian bands, inspirational speakers, and include daily theme park access/rides. Kingdom Bound is expecting up to 50,000 attendees during this 25th Year Celebration! Thank you – members and friends of Trinity United Church - for your prayers and financial support of this trip, and for your encouragement, prayers and financial support of both the JUNIOR and the SENIOR youth groups since we re-launched our YOUTH programs on Friday, October 29, 2010. We thank God for a wonderful year together!

Mike and Colleen Bragan
Senior Youth Leaders

If you have an interesting story, article, poem, prayer, testimony, quote or anecdote that you would like to share with others at our church, please feel free to email it to Marilyn Card at marilyncard@powergate.ca, or phone her at 905-852-6903. The due date for the next newsletter is August 13, 2011.

JUNIOR YOUTH GROUP UPDATE:

Kirsten and Richard temporarily stepped down as Junior Youth Leaders earlier in the year to await the birth of their beautiful baby boy – Andrew. They are thoroughly enjoying parenthood with their new bundle of joy. We are so thankful for the new Junior Leaders who stepped forward to help us out (Roger Bullock, Tracy Karkheck, Sharon Butchart, Daniel Butchart, Olivia Croxall, Rob Croxall, Jennifer Pilkey and John Wilson) during this transitional time.

Our Trinity United Church JUNIOR Youth Group (Grades 6-8) meets every Friday night at 4:30 pm in the Youth Room. They follow a similar format to the Senior Youth, but we have implemented a new, exciting curriculum specifically tailored to their age group, followed by snacks, sports, games and fun activities. The JUNIORS continue to have fun joining up with the SENIOR Youth Group about every 6 weeks or so. All in all, they are thoroughly enjoying their time together – but they still have room for more friends! Please come out and try our new program. We're sure you'll enjoy it!

What a power-filled year this has been for the Youth Ministry at Trinity. Whereas in September of 2010 we had no youth groups. This summer 2011 we finish strong with two youth groups!

Every ministry needs leadership and I salute Mike and Colleen Bragan who simply saw the need and invested hundreds of person hours to breathe life and excitement into our Senior Youth Fellowship. It is sheer joy for me to come by the church on a Friday night to discover shouting, laughter, and excited discussion of issues germane to any young person embarking on the thrilling journey of life with Jesus.

In addition Colleen and Mike provide off hours "open house" to the youth who need that "second touch." What dedication!

Our Junior Group received the skill and leadership of Richard & Kirsten Clark. I observed the meaningful bonding which took place as they met weekly with younger youth – exploring the Christian faith and enjoying sports activities and

fun. Richard & Kirsten saw the need to bring in a new member to the group. This they have done with the birth of Andrew who will shortly join the group! With their leave of absence I salute Tracy, Roger, Sharon, Daniel, Olivia, Rob, Jen and John who have maintained the momentum with their leadership with the Junior youth.

Surely there is applause in Heaven when Jesus and His Holy Angels observe young lives turning their hearts toward him.

With joy I salute all of our Youth Ministry Leaders for adding mightily to the life mission and outreach with young lives. As our youth grow in stature and in years they are being provided with a foundation at once durable and lasting as they take their place in becoming helping and helpful members in God's World of blessing.

In the bonds of Jesus Love
Bill Fritz



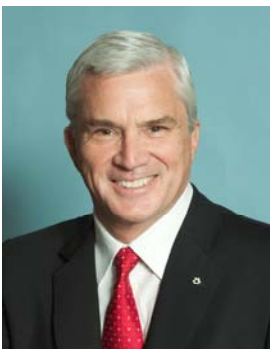
Youth May Birthdays: Arthur Noble and Katie Fortune

1st Annual Uxbridge Prayer Breakfast was held on Wednesday, May 11th, and was well received by 109 people who attended. Mr.

Thomas Caldwell shared his own Christian journey which resonated deeply with the audience. A big bouquet of appreciation for all who prayed and pulled mightily from our Church to bring about this important community event. Those who helped from our church are: Jim Campbell (ticket sales), Marilyn Card (secretary), Julie Clark (local arrangements), Rob Croxall (treasurer), and Bob Kirvan (publicity).

Thank you to all.

Bill Fritz, Chair of Steering Committee



PAR = PRE-AUTHORIZED REMITTANCE

PAR is for you if:

1. You don't attend church on a regular basis.
2. You take the summer off to go to cottage.
3. You go South for the winter.
4. You play golf on Sundays.

Trinity has expenses 12 months of the year so we need your support 12 months of the year. Contact Bob Kirvan at 905 852 9176 or see Bob at church and he will explain how simple it is to enrol in PAR.

Easter "Sonrise" Service, Breakfast & Easter Egg Hunt



UCW Celebrates the Royal Wedding with “High Tea & Hats”



Joan Fritz



Charlotte Mills



Beryl Dean



Tracy Karkheck



Maxine Augustine and Jean Hutchison



Kirsten Clark and Corinne Croxall

A Seventeenth Century Nun's Prayer

Lord, Thou knowest better than I know myself that I am growing older and will some day be old. Keep me from the fatal habit of thinking I must say something on every subject and on every occasion. Release me from craving to straighten out everybody's affairs. Make me thoughtful but not moody; helpful but not bossy. With my vast store of wisdom, it seems a pity not to use it all, but Thou knowest Lord that I want a few friends at the end. Keep my mind free from the recital of endless details; give me wings to get to the point. Seal my lips on my aches and pains. They are increasing, and love of rehearsing them is becoming sweeter as the years go by. I dare not ask for grace enough to enjoy the tales of other's pains, but help me to endure them with patience. I dare not ask for improved memory, but for a growing humility and a lessening arrogance when my memory seems to clash with the memories of others. Teach me the glorious lesson that occasionally I may be mistaken. Keep me reasonably sweet; I do not want to be a Saint—some of them are so hard to live with—but a sour old person is one of the crowning works of the devil. Give me the ability to see good things in unexpected places, and talents in unexpected people. And, give me, O Lord, the grace to tell them so. Amen

Paint the Steeple this Summer

The painting of the church will start in July and take 6 to 8 weeks to complete at a cost of \$40,000. There are 2 parts to this job. The high work will be done by a painter, Dave Connell. The lower windows will be painted by volunteers who are able to climb a step ladder. If you can help please call or email Ted Meyers at 905-852-7235 or emeyers@sympatico.ca.



April 2011

<u>Offerings for:</u>	<u>April 1 - 30</u>	<u>Year to date</u>
Local Givings	\$17,319.89	\$59,834.26
Projected Givings	\$20,666.67	\$82,666.68
Operating Expenses	\$20,610.41	\$85,685.10
Projected Operating Expenses	\$20,666.67	\$82,666.68
Mission & Service Fund	\$1,104.75	\$5,872.25
Projected M&S Givings	\$2,083.33	\$8,333.33

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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.**

*Welcome Home to Nancy and Martin Barret. After relocating to Picton last August, they have moved back to Uxbridge. They said they missed us--well, we missed you too! What a wonderful **Cascade Concert** they gave us on Sunday May 15th.*

We would love to hear from you:

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Life at Trinity — A Warm Place to Find Yourself

Our church family picnic is June 5th following our Sunday morning worship from 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. It will be held at Bob Kirvan's farm, 7500 4th Concession (on the west side) phone #905-852-9176. Please mark your calendars. We hope the whole church family will come out to the country and bring food to share for our potluck picnic. Coffee, tea and juice will be provided along with hot dogs and condiments. Bring your own lawn chair, hat, sunglasses, sunscreen. There will be games for the young at heart and a nature walk to Bob's sugar bush.

