



Trinity United Church

Good News! Letter

September—November 2007

Pastor Alan's Corner: Welcome back! and Welcome Forward!



I hope that you are looking back on a good summer full of rest and revitalization. It certainly has been that for me, and I am grateful. As the Coordinating Pastor and on behalf of the Congrega-

tional Board of Trinity, I am also eager to "Welcome You Forward" into some exciting plans for Trinity as the Fall season begins.

Over the summer months a lot of praying and planning has been underway and your church staff and elected leaders have been actively asking questions of God and one another. And after much deliberation, discerning and listening for God's voice, we have an important and (we think) exciting announcement to make: We believe that God is leading us as a church to *move for-*

ward into one, unified, creative worship celebration of our whole church family!

I am pleased to let you know that beginning on September 30th, we will be gathering our church family together for this new, creative, unified Celebration Service with a new time of 10:00 am. We will have a unified Children's ministry, a unified coffee hour following the service and a unified body of Christ gathered to offer our praise to God through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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Family Fun Day September 16th by Pastor Paul

We are having our Second Annual Fall Family Fun Day at Trinity this coming Sunday September 16th. Once again, we will be having one great combined worship service at 10:30 a.m., with the best of both our contemporary and traditional worship. We hope to showcase all of the best of what makes Trinity a great place to 'find a home in God's love'. We are closing First Avenue in front the church and we are creating a street festival to invite our

community to join us. There will be a free BBQ with fresh corn following our morning worship (beginning by about 12 Noon). We will have free ice cream, cotton candy and a giant-sized Super Man jumping castle. Last fall's Family Fun Day was well attended by the community and we are hoping to attract even more families from our community to come to our fall kick-off at Trinity. We have expanded our advertising to include our running

ad at The Roxy and we expect to have even more families join us at this year's Family Fun Day. We believe that if every member at Trinity each invited only one neighbour or family friend to join us on this Sunday, we will have possibly double the number of people who attended last year. So, come on everyone – let's all do our part and invite someone to our Fall Family Fun Day! It's going to be a great day of celebration!



UCW—United Church Women

We have a very big event to anticipate in September.

September 23rd is our annual UCW service when **Dr. Lois Wilson**, former moderator of the United Church, former chairperson of the World Council of Churches and avid outdoors woman will be our guest speaker. The music for the service will be presented by "Duo". "Duo" includes Beth Hamilton, granddaughter of Ron & Ruth Duckworth and Michelle Robinson, candidate for ministry in the United

Church. Both girls are graduates of the Music Therapy program at Wilfred Laurier University. We are very blessed to have these ladies as our guests and eagerly look forward to this special day. The names of UCW have changed over the years - we have been the "Women's Missionary Society" and "The Ladies' Aid" among others - but the fact remains that throughout our history, women in the church have always gathered to serve in Jesus' name with our unique talents and

considerable abilities when we join together in a common purpose. The purpose of the U.C.W. is "to unite all women of the congregation for the total mission of the church and provide a medium through which we may express our loyalty and devotion to Jesus Christ in Christian witness, study, service, and fellowship."

Women of all ages are invited to either of the two monthly meetings (September-May) which meet in the Rev. James A. Mills Chapel:

Afternoon Unit meets the 1st Thursday of each month at 2 p.m. Evening Unit meets the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7:30 p.m.



The Very Reverend, The Honourable Dr Lois Wilson

DOORS OPEN ONTARIO 2007



Trinity is taking a part in hosting locations across Ontario for Doors Open Ontario on

September 22nd, from 10 am – 4 pm. Please pickup the magnificent catalog that shows all the locations across Ontario, at the back of the sanctuary. For further info contact is Bob Kirvan 852-9176 .

TRINITY'S 2ND ANNUAL GOLF FELLOWSHIP TOURNAMENT

October 13th.....

Starting times beginning at 12 noon. (9 minute intervals) Location: Mill Run Highland Course.



Dinner following at Trinity. \$75.00 includes 18 holes of golf, riding cart, prizes and Dinner or \$20 for dinner and laughs. Mark your calendar and sign up by contacting Phil Carmichael 852-0170, Robert Wood 862-0203, Rob Croxall 852-0009 or Bob Kirvan 852-9176 .

Tithing Your Time

Have you considered tithing a portion of your week to Church or Community?

It works this way:

There are 168 hours in a week. (24 hours X 7 days = 168 hours)

Work	40 hours
Sleep	56 hours
Meals	14 hours
Exercise	7 hours
Travel	10 hours
Total	127 hours



Subtract 127 from 168 = 41 hours. Take 10% of 41 – 4.1 hours a week to tithe. Do your own calculation. It's fun!

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We will gather together the various gifts and worship styles present in our church to blend together an offering of our hearts, lives and devotion to our Saviour. There will be much growth and discovery; and joy, as well as 'give and take' in this new venture in our life together as the Body of Christ. (For more detailed information and background please see the attached congregational letter.)

I hope you will enjoy this Newsletter as you check out many of the other great things happening in the life of the church this month and beyond.

I welcome you forward into exciting new beginnings this fall!

Looking forward in faith,
Pastor Alan

Children's, Youth and Family Ministries This Fall by Pastor Paul

We are getting ready for great fall, winter and spring seasons for the children, youth and their families at Trinity! Building upon many of the program developments that we made last fall, winter and spring, we plan to offer a great program for the children, youth and their families.

Children

We began the Kid's Praise Project last fall, with the creative and dedicated help of some of our youth. With an expanded creative team of volunteers, we will offer the same fun and creative program this fall for children during our worship services on Sunday morning. The children loved the upbeat Hillsong praise music and engaging lessons from Group's Kid's Own Worship. We will be offering the same great music and activity-based, engaging lessons. We plan to now build upon the same vitality and excitement created by our summer V.B.S. program. There will be more puppetry, more drama and lots of special activities and theme days to draw the children into the lesson each Sunday. Our focus will be on engaging the children in worship and providing a good, solid foundation for their Christian faith and personal relationship with The Lord Jesus Christ.

If you would like to be a part of our creative chil-

dren's ministry team, please let Pastor Paul or Diane in the church office know of your interest in children's ministry.

Youth

Our youth program is going to be even bigger and better than ever this fall. We will continue to develop and grow our **Oasis After School Youth Drop-In** each Friday afternoon from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. We officially re-open on Friday September 28th with a new component. In addition to our great youth room and games room, complete with air hockey and 'mini-pool', we will now offer our gym for basketball and other sports. The Oasis is a safe and welcoming place for the youth of our community to come and experience the love of God in a non-threatening and relevant way.

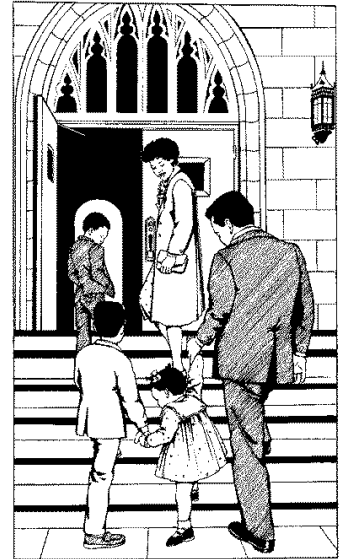
The Core, our fun and engaging sr. high youth night will also continue each Friday evening from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Most Friday evenings we will have something fun and unique to do with an engaging Bible – based devotion relating to the life of our youth. We hope to plan more social evenings out and fun events this year. We also plan to add a Youth Small Group on one evening of the week that will provide a place for many of the youth to go deeper into God's Word and prayer.

The Wave, our Jr. High youth program for students in grades 6 through 8 will resume on Wednesdays from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. This year we are going to try something a little unique. We will offer for this one year only a 'flex year' in which students in grades 8 and 9 choose to either stay in The Wave (Jr. High) or graduate to The Core (Sr. High). This will allow them a year to transition up to Sr. High with their younger friends, if that works better for them. Next year, we anticipate that our age groups will have sorted themselves out.

All of our programs will begin the week following our **Fall Youth Retreat Weekend** at Muskoka Woods Sports Resort from Friday, September 21st to Sunday, September 23rd. The cost of the weekend is \$140.00 per student, plus transportation costs. There are some student subsidies available upon request.

Furthermore, we plan to offer a Jr. High Christian Education class on Sunday morning.

We are ramping up for an exciting fall season for our children and youth. If you would like to be a part of our children's ministry team or would like to help out with any part of our youth programs, please let Pastor Paul or Diane in the church office know of your interest.



Alpha: Exploring the Meaning of Life

Starting Monday, October 22nd. Renew your Faith, Refresh your Faith, Discover Faith for the first time!

Alpha is a ten week series which explores the core teachings of the Christian faith, while inviting searching, questioning and sharing with others on the journey. Each Alpha session starts with a meal followed by a talk, and concludes with small group discussion.

Make plans to attend the Introductory Dinner (no cost) on Monday, October 22nd at Trinity. Spaces are limited. Please call the church office for details & to register, or look in the church bulletin. Bring a friend and have a great time! You will be enriched and changed for the good!

Vacation Bible School—VBS Summer 2007

We held a very successful Vacation Bible School children's program at Trinity this summer from Monday, July 16th through Friday, July 20th. The theme of our week was Avalanche Ranch, developed by Group Canada Curriculum. Our Sanctuary was transformed by our creative volunteer team into a western ranch complete with a forest of trees (artificial Christmas trees) in the choir loft. The James A. Mills Memorial Chapel became our imaginative Bible Adventure Zone, becoming the Biblical city of Jericho, a leper hospital, and the site of the empty tomb. With the help of 29 dedicated volunteers, we were able to provide an exciting V.B.S. program for 50 children. We hosted 18 families who were new to Trinity. On Sunday, July 22nd many of the participants came back to Trinity for a V.B.S. Celebration Service. It was well attended by 136 people who enjoyed the fun and upbeat V.B.S. praise music. The leaders and children shared all that they learned through the week, about the fun crafts and of what an awesome time they had learning about God and growing in their faith.



As this was our first time running a program of this size at Trinity for quite some time, we had a lot to learn as we went along. This week could not have gone as well as it did without the creativity and dedication of the many volunteers who sacrificed a week of their summer in addition to all of the preparation time. A special thank you needs to be made to Diane Duncan, our Church Office Administrator, who gave above and beyond what could ever have been expected, to give leadership with Pastor Paul and all of the volunteers. A special thank you goes out to Cathy Boone—Fortune, who worked closely with Diane and Pastor Paul. She also provided excellent leadership for our V.B.S. Moreover, we must say a huge

thank you to our many of our volunteers, who together were a big part of delivering a fun and creative summer program for the children of our community. It could not have been a reality without you. We also want to thank each person who made a financial contribution to our V.B.S. program. Most of our costs were covered by the sacrificial giving of members of our family. Through your giving, you were an important part of our V.B.S. week.

We look forward to having another great V.B.S. children's program in the summer of 2008, with another great theme and awesome team of volunteers.

by Pastor Paul

Memories

Mrs. Nichols, an amazing woman of Trinity many years ago, would each summer bring a poor, under-privileged child from Toronto to spend a holiday with her family in Uxbridge. This was a big thing for this young boy who did not have the opportunity to otherwise leave Toronto. Mrs. Nichols was loved by everyone. When the Sunday School children needed costumes they always went to her.

by Dorothy St. John

Men's Breakfast

We plan to start our Men's Breakfasts on Sept 15th. We had 8 Men's Breakfasts in the past 8 months and plan to have them the 3rd Saturday of the month in the future. A guest speaker will be in attendance. Mark your calendar. Watch Wazzup for further details or contact Bob Kirvan 852-9176.

Update on PAR by Bob Kirvan

I am pleased to report that since sending out our PAR (Pre-Authorized Remittance) brochure to the congregation we now have 25 families signed up and they are now using PAR as a way to make their monthly offerings to Trinity.

This helps Trinity as it gives us a flow of funds to pay our bills particularly in July and

August when a lot of members are away at their cottages or on summer holidays. It also helps us during winter months when so many of our congregation go south for the winter.

Please consider PAR. It works this way. Once a month around the 20th day of the month your monthly offering is deducted from your Bank account and it is placed directly into Trinity's Bank account.

A benefit to you is that you never have to play CATCH UP with your offerings if you are away on holidays, not feeling well or the weather is not pleasant for you to come to Church.

We would like to have 50 families on PAR by year end. Please consider PAR For more information call Diane at the Church Office or Ivan Martin at 705-228-8778.

Roxy Theatre

We are currently running ads for Trinity United Church in both Theatres at the Roxy. These ads appear just before the feature film begins. We also plan to have special ads inviting people to come to our Christmas and Easter services.

Call Diane Duncan at the Church Office or Bob Kirvan 852-9176 with your thoughts or comments.

A Conversation with Donna Shier



This is the first of an ongoing series of articles where we hope to introduce various members of our congregation who you may know, may have heard of or don't know at all. We're all part of the Body. We each have a place in His church. By taking a few minutes to read these articles, the varied parts of His body will be able to get to know each other a little better.

The first words from Donna was "Why me?" In other words she did not feel worthy of being a featured person in this new article, not to mention being the very first! That was quickly diffused when she noted she has been with Trinity United Church for 40 years. Donna talked of how it was almost exactly 40 years ago when her family moved into Uxbridge after selling the family farm on the 6th Concession north of the Ashworth Road. Her parents and five siblings, Donna being the "middle girl" and the "middle birth", she has 3 sisters, 2 being a set of twins, and a younger brother.

After Grade 12 Donna and husband, Peter moved to Toronto where Peter went to Radio College. Several moves later saw them return to Uxbridge, buying a house,

where they have called home since, for some 25 years.

Donna has 2 sons, Troy 25, Curt 22. The family values fostered in both Donna's family and Peter's family saw Donna becoming a stay at home mother. Donna then got involved with the local banking scene where she is still a member of the Customer Service team at the local TD Canada Trust branch.

Donna's involvement with Trinity United includes being a member of the Senior Choir, teaching Sunday School, "Young Peoples" (the precursor to the youth group) the UCW, bible studies and other aspects of the church's life. Donna's involvement in the church has seen a number of Bible studies which she has led and taken. These include the 2-year study, "Bethel" which Donna committed to with her mother, Laura Lapp leading. This got Donna involved in numerous ministries throughout the church's life. This trait was a natural occurrence as her mother was very active in the church's activities. We can see the family values and commitment we all should be standing for, through the example Donna, and her family, provides. In our conversation, Donna pointed out that, a great amount of activities a person is involved with and/or has a passion for, are activities that really meant something to their parents or other "authority figure." It is obvious by Donna's activity in the church that her parents had a passion for serving in God's church.

Having children brought Donna "back to the church." She desired her children to have the Christian values that can only be learned through involvement in a solid church. During her time away from Uxbridge, a church that served her need could not be found. It wasn't until they returned to Uxbridge that she returned to church. Trinity is really the only church she has had any formal involvement with as a Sunday School teacher or other type of leadership. It truly is her "home church."

Donna's dreams for Trinity include seeing us continue to grow as we maintain the sense of family between all. In Donna, we are blessed with a person who has a unique history with Trinity, has dreams for her church and is taking action to see some of these dreams come to bear fruit.

Donna's church life and family life are key to her being. Prayer and study are huge parts of Donna's Christian walk. She noted how she uses "popcorn prayer" when lifting up the needs of others to God in prayer. Donna finds this to be the most beneficial means for her to provide prayer as it is immediate and current, providing those in need with a connection to the Father.

Donna can most often be seen in the choir loft praising God through her voice. She is involved with our church at a leadership level as an elder and as chair of The Development Committee.

by Rik Hudson

Humour & Inspiration

Give me a sense of humour, Lord,

Give me the grace to see a joke,

To get some humour out of life,

And pass it on to other folk.

A new pastor moved into town, and he went out one Saturday to visit his parishioners. All went well until he came to one house. It was obvious that someone was home, but no one came to the door even after he had knocked several times. Finally he took out his card, wrote "**Revelation 3:20**" on the back, and stuck it in the door. (Rev. 3:20—"Behold, I stand at the door, and knock; if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me"). The next day, as he was counting the offering, he found his card in the collection plate. Below his message was written "**Genesis 3:10**" ("I heard thy voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself").

"The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched. They must be felt with the heart".

~Helen Keller~

"Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven."

Matthew 5:16

WHAT'S THE POINT OF FINGER NAILS? by Ralph Garbe

What's the point of having finger nails? Sometimes they split. If we don't cut them, they grow out of control. Dirt gets caught under them and we have to clean them. So what's the point?

Do you ever get an itch? Wow, do finger nails ever come in handy then. They are great at getting out a sliver or that piece of dirt that can get into our eyes! Ever pound a

nail and hit your finger instead? That little finger nail acts like a helmet.

We don't often think about finger nails or appreciate them, but it is sure nice to have them around! They are important to the welfare of our body after all!

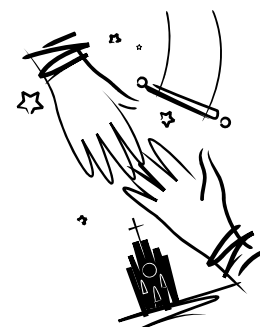
Scripture compares the church to a body—the Body of Christ, as a mat-

ter of fact. It states that each part of the body, no matter how insignificant it may seem, contributes to the welfare of the whole and makes the whole body work effectively.

Check it out for yourself – See I Corinthians 12:14-27. It also says this: "Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it."

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1 Corinthians 12:14-27



Dates to Remember

SEPTEMBER

- Aug 31-Sept 3—Sparrow Lake Family Camp
- Sept 15—Men's Breakfast
- Sept 16—Fall Family Fun Day
- Sept 21-23—Youth Fall Retreat
- Sept 22—Heritage Tour of Trinity, 10-4pm
- Sept 22—Breakthrough Worship 7pm
- Sept 23—UCW Sunday
- Sept 29—Outreach Dinner followed by World Vision Concert Fundraiser

OCTOBER

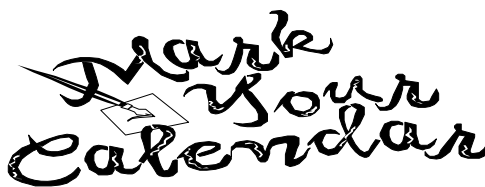
- Oct 13—Trinity's Golf Tournament
- Oct 20—Men's Breakfast
- Oct 20—John Sands in Concert
- Oct 22—Alpha Introductory Dinner
- Oct 26—Beef Dinner
- Oct 27—Outreach Dinner
- Oct 28—Anniversary Sunday, Guest speaker Rev Jeff Loach, Cdn. Bible Society

NOVEMBER

- Nov 5—Celebrate Seniors
- Nov 9-10—Rummage Sale
- Nov 17—Men's Breakfast

John Sands in Concert

Trinity is pleased to have arranged a musical experience for you by John Sands who is on tour in October. He presents music, arranged and orchestrated by him, that fosters an ambiance of peace and gladness, and tells stories that will have you laughing all the way home. October 20th, at 7:00 pm, tickets \$15.00 including desserts and refreshments. For tickets and information call Diane at the Church office, 905-852-6213 or Ivan Martin, 705-228-8778



There's More to Church Than Sunday Morning

I have been an occasional Sunday morning churchgoer most of my adult life, even though my parents raised me with regular Church and Sunday School attendance and I raised my son the same way. My 2007 New Year's Resolution was to become even more committed to Christianity and more involved with the Church. Last spring I decided to attend the *Small Group* sessions to meet new people and see if I could get involved in a 'small' way. I was warmly welcomed by the *Small Group* leaders: Julie Clark, Donna Shier, and Rik Hudson. I learned that there is a vibrant life and 'behind the scenes' pulse to Trinity that I was not aware of. I was delighted when Pastor Alan asked if I would like to help with the church newsletter. This is my first attempt and I hope everyone finds it interesting and informative. If you have any ideas for improvement or if you have an article you would like to put in the next newsletter, please feel free to contact me at 905-852-6903 or by email, marilyn@scm.ca. My sincere thanks to everyone who contributed to this newsletter, I appreciate your help. Thank you. Marilyn Card

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**Finding a home
in God's love**

*Starting Sunday, September 30th
there will be one, unified
service at 10:00 a.m.
Join us for refreshments
afterwards in the
Friendship Hall downstairs.*

We would love to hear from you:

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Life at Trinity — A Warm Place to Find Yourself

The Choir

If you like to sing and make a joyful sound unto the Lord, please consider joining the Trinity Choir. Every Thursday at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday at 9:30 a.m., the choir, directed by Tom Baker, prepares beautiful music for the Worship service on Sunday.

The Praise Band

If a band is more your style and gifting, please consider joining the Praise Band - vocals, drums, bass guitar, saxophone - whatever! They practice on Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m.

The BOBS

(Men's Friendship and Bible Study)

In the fall of 2000, several men approached Pastor Alan about starting a Men's Bible Study. Since then, several men meet weekly in the Church Lounge on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. during the school year to learn, share and have a good time! The Men's Bible Study has helped the men to gain a better understanding of the Bible (the first study was on John's Gospel), to grow in prayer, and to develop friendships with one another. So what does BOB stand for? Answer = Boys of the Book. To find out more, call Doug Alexander at 905-852-7794 or Don Thomas at 905-852-5823.

The Sisters in Grace (Women's Friendship and Bible Study)

What do you get when you combine Bible Study with...

- ladies of all ages and various churches ?
- laughter ?
- opportunity for spiritual growth ?
- delicious munchies ?
- a sense of belonging ?
- encouragement ?
- caring babysitting ?

You get the "Sisters in Grace!" Every Thursday from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. during the school year, women of all ages gather together in the Church Lounge.

This group provides an opportunity to grow in the grace and knowledge of God and equips women through support and encouragement to put their faith into action in all areas of their lives. It is also a great opportunity to make and deepen friendships. We open with music, and we close with refreshments in the kitchen... Come and join us! Any questions? Call Bev Squires at 905-862-0529

