



# Trinity United Church

## The Life and Work of the Church



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### World Communion, Breads of the World, and Thanksgiving Sunday

October 7th, Worship Service  
Join us— there is so much to celebrate!



A variety of breads representing countries of the world and jams are needed for this event. Sign up sheets to bring bread or jam for this celebration are located in the Narthex. Plan now to attend!



### Marketplace: Vendor Sale November 17th, Trinity United Church

Save the date and share the news:  
Trinity's annual Marketplace is back!

The Marketplace is a wonderful opportunity to buy local, handmade products and cross some names off your Christmas shopping list!

We are currently seeking vendors and crafters of all types to support our sales! Please contact the church office for additional vendor information.



*All proceeds from the Marketplace support our Snowflake Tree— helping to provide a Christmas for children in our local community.*



### Congratulations Trinity!

Join us on October 21st as we celebrate **Trinity's 176th Anniversary** as a congregation and 38 years in our 750 Wellington Street building! Happy Anniversary!

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**From the Desk of Cheryl Kirk:**

September 2018

***Dear Trinity Friends,***

In the summer months when the work load is a little lighter, I make a commitment to look ahead to the coming year. It is a time to plan for upcoming events. It is also a time to think about emerging needs and to dream about new possibilities for our life together.

Discernment is the name for the spiritual practice of intentionally seeking God's will in our lives and in our church family.

How do we know what God wants us to do?

People have been asking that question since the beginning of time. Some people think that finding God's will is really difficult, like playing hide-and-seek. To them it could be compared to trying to hunt for small Easter eggs in tall grass. Yet the great spiritual writers have assured us that when we quietly and earnestly seek God's direction, we will find it.

In fact, we don't find God's will, God's will finds **us**.

What we need to do is to listen; to open ourselves to hear and see and feel what God wants to tell us. We need to connect to the energy of God's Spirit which is already at work doing great things.

Yesterday I read this quote written by St. Francis of Assisi:

***Start by doing what is necessary,  
Then what is possible,  
And suddenly you are doing the impossible.***

Most often we must simply begin at the beginning with what needs to be done. In the process, we will find God's voice speaking in the everyday things, leading us where we need to go. The results can be amazing!

This fall is a very different fall for me as I begin the final stretch to my retirement at the end of December. As I go through each Sunday and event, I am aware that it is the last time for me to do this as your minister. It makes each moment seem precious and holy – something to be savored!

This fall is a very different fall for you, as well, as you begin the process of searching for a new minister to walk with you in the next phase of your journey as a church. This is an important time of preparation, of thinking about what you value in Trinity and want to preserve. Also it is a time to be thinking about what new places God is calling you to go. I hope you can see this as an **exciting** time! A time to seek newness and change. I urge you to seek God's desire for this church family and our community. In this seeking we will find our true heart's desire.

Blessings,

***Cheryl***

Cheryl Kirk



**WE'VE MOVED**

**Website addresses, that is!**

[www.trinityunitedwallaceburg.com](http://www.trinityunitedwallaceburg.com)

We welcome you to visit our website and view some of our new features: online weekly bulletin, activities calendar, and a fresh new look! We hope the website will be a resource for those interested in attending Trinity and a great opportunity to stay connected for those who already call Trinity 'home'!



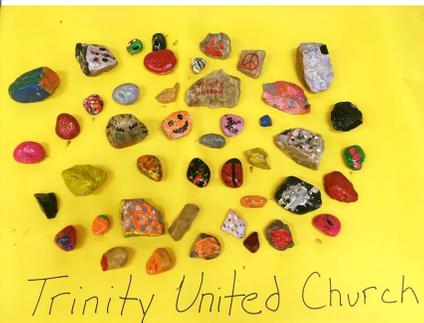
**Trinity thanks Veronika**

**Radomski Redfern** who

created and maintained our past church website. Thank

you, Veronika, for serving Trinity with your skill set and knowledge!

Trinity Kids painted rocks and have hidden them around the downtown core as part of the community-wide 'Downtown Wallaceburg ROCKS' scavenger hunt!



Now the hide and seek game begins! Have you found one of our hidden rocks?

**Trinity's Choir season has begun!** Choir Practice takes place **every Thursday at 7:15pm.**

We welcome you to connect with our Music Director, Laura Rintjema, to learn more about our music program and how you can get involved! Can you carry a tune? **The choir is always welcoming new members!**



**Did you know that Trinity is open midweek?**

Trinity plays host to a variety of weekly activities and new participants are always welcome!

**Mondays:** Shuffle Board, Yoga

**Wednesdays:** Euchre

**Thursdays:** Shuffle Board, Choir



Call the office or visit our website to learn more about our weekly programming and to stay connected to our monthly events!

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Thankyou to all who donated and volunteered at our Yard Sale & BBQ on June 9th. **We raised a total of \$1180 for our general fund!** Special Thanks to our Coordinator Evelyn Mayo.



**Peace Garden Update:** Due to circumstances beyond our control, the spring installation of the walkway stones was delayed. We are working for installation just as soon as possible. Thank-you for your patience and we look forward to sharing good news with you soon!

# NEWS



**Your friendly reminder:** Daylights Savings Time ends on November 4th. Clocks 'fall' back an hour.

Trinity Junior Youth enjoyed an afternoon of learning how to bake scones and prepare blueberry jam! They tested their culinary skills on our very willing Euchre players. A special thankyou to Christine Button and Julie Forgie for assisting in the kitchen, and to our Trinity Junior Youth for joining in on the fun and learning something new!



*Pictured: Prepping fruit for a delicious blueberry jam recipe!*

Trinity United Church was able to assist in sponsoring three young students attend Kenesserie Camp this summer! The following are wonderful examples of how your donations towards the Benevolent Fund and the camp Walk-a-thon are used:

"Thank you for letting me go to Kenesserie Camp. I had lots of fun. I made lots of new friends. I passed the swim test. I like how we had campfires. They were fun. I liked to go to the pool. My friends and I played a candy game called Jelly Belly. We had good tasting ones



and bad tasting ones. We made lots of art. The ravine was fun! I love how you let me go!" ~age 10

"I made new friends, got to camp out in a cabin and have bonfires! I can't wait to go again!" ~age 10

"I loved swimming in the big pool and making lots of new friends. Thank-you!" ~age 11



**Interested in what more Trinity has to offer?**

Connect with one of the following groups, meeting occasionally throughout the year:

- Banner Group
- Book Group
- Trinity Women
- Widow's Group



Current members would love to welcome you and you are never 'too late' to join!

*"We would like to announce that Artsiom and I have bought a house! Thank-you very much to everyone at Trinity United for making this happen. Thank-you for helping us pay our debt. Special thanks to Dave, Tracy, Liz, Tom, Matthew, and Christopher Morrison for helping us fix up and move into our new place. We very much appreciate it!"*

*Krystina and Artsiom*



**Kenesserie Walk-a-thon:** Team Trinity raised \$520! Thank you to all who sponsored us— your contributions support programming for the growth of children at



# UPCOMING Events

Trinity's monthly **Community Meal** will begin after its summer hiatus on September 28th at 5:30pm. Trinity plays host to the 'Community Meal' on the **4th Friday of every month** (with the exception of July, August, and December). Community Meals are for all to attend and we welcome you to **join us, and bring a friend! Bon Appetit!**



**October 28th**, following our Sunday Service, **warm soup and apple crisp** will be served!

The perfect combo for an autumn day. Plan to join us for lunch!



A **freewill offering** will be collected by the Mission and Outreach committee in support of the **WDSS Bagged Lunch Program** (providing lunch to those without).

**Have you noticed our colourful chalkboard in the Narthex?** As we prepare the profile for a new minister, a quick exercise was completed to reflect on the core values of Trinity and the vision of possibility for our future church. Please look for the input on display in the Narthex. We welcome you to use the supplies provided to add your ideas to the mix as we reflect on 'what we get from Trinity', 'what matters to us', and 'what actions are important for our future church'. If you are unable to attend and would like to include your input, please email your comments to [trinity@mnsi.net](mailto:trinity@mnsi.net) and Alecia will ensure your thoughts are added to our board. *(Continued on page 7).*



**Youth Confirmation Classes for church membership** will take place on Wednesday evenings beginning **October 3rd through to November 14th at 6:30—8:00pm**. This is an opportunity for youth ages 13+ to explore their faith, spirituality, questions, and doubts together. Please contact the church office to reserve your spot!



As our minister, Cheryl Kirk, has announced her retirement plans, our congregation will be having a brief **Congregational Meeting following the Sunday**



**Service on September 23rd**. The purpose of the meeting is to approve the Ministry Profile and appoint a Search Committee. **Please plan to attend!** Your participation is essential in our search and we welcome your involvement in the process!

**Looking ahead...** If you have important information to share with the congregation or a December event, please provide your information to the church office **by November 18th** to ensure it is included in our **Advent Newsletter**.



*(Continued from page 6)* The following is a summarization of the current input:

### **WHAT DO WE GET FROM OUR CHURCH?**

- learning – relatable, new perspectives, thought provoking questions, social awareness
- spirituality – calm and peaceful atmosphere, sense of belonging to something bigger, grounding and strength
- community – a sense of family, support, friendliness, welcoming, fun and humour, communion
- fulfillment and purpose- service both locally and in the world

### **WHAT MATTERS TO US HERE?**

family/friends; relevancy; personal/spiritual growth; inclusion/acceptance/support; liberal and progressive behaviour/music/theology; safe environment/forgiveness/love; generosity kindness; honesty and integrity

### **WHAT ACTIONS ARE IMPORTANT FOR OUR FUTURE CHURCH?**

Growth; flexibility; progression with music and worship (without excluding tradition and retaining current attendance); creative ways to draw in younger population; programming and services other than Sunday morning (for the working moms, bereavement, grief and loss); liberal message and progressive behaviour (taking steps to become an affirming congregation); welcoming, inclusiveness, open-minded; pastoral care, compassion; enthusiasm; congregational involvement- "having a say"; inclusion of pets as family

*Here is another question we can ponder...*

### **IS THERE A NEED THAT IS NOT BEING FULFILLED IN THE CHURCH OR WIDER LOCAL COMMUNITY?**

Thank you for those who have offered their thoughtful voice. Please continue to do so.

### **Dedicated in 1980, Trinity United Church was built on Wellington Street with community in mind.**

More than thirty years later, Trinity continues to have 'open doors' for weekly activities and events. Our hope is that you, and our broader community, will find friendship and sense of community amongst those who call Trinity 'home'. Trinity welcomes the following groups to make use of our facilities and to encourage a greater sense of community well-being. We hope our facilities remain a welcoming place to all who visit!



#### **This Fall, we welcome:**

**House of Sophrosyne's Envision Recovery Program:** To register or for more information please contact Jacquie at 226-627-0621.

**Wallaceburg Adult Activity Centre's 'Breath and Balance' Fitness Class:** New participants are always welcome! The cost is \$2 for W.A.A.C Members and \$5 for non-members. Please join us on Wednesday\* afternoons, 2:30-3:30pm. For more information, please contact Jill at 519-627-6224. \*Day may change as winter approaches.

**Wallaceburg and District Arts Council's Ukulele Music Class:** For more information please contact Barry Betts at 519-627-8611.

**VON Canada's SMART Fitness- 'FUN-ctionally Fit' Class:** A free 60 minutes exercise class suitable for active, independent older adults 55+ meeting on Tuesday mornings at 11:00am. For more information please contact Steven Bottrill, 519-352-5515 X 5222.

## Save the Date

### September

Wednesday, September 19th  
Sunday, September 23rd

Trinity Council Meeting , 7:00pm  
Congregational Meeting following service (*Please see page 6*); First Day of Fall

Friday, September 28th

Community Meal at Trinity, 5:30pm

### October

Sunday, October 7th

World Communion, Breads of the World, and Thanksgiving Sunday (*Please see page 1*)

Monday, October 8th

Thanksgiving Day—*Church Office Closed*

Sunday, October 14th

World Food Sunday

Sunday, October 21st

Anniversary Sunday, Celebrating 176 years!

Friday, October 26th

Community Meal at Trinity, 5:30pm

Sunday, October 28th

Celebrate Stewardship Sunday; Soup and Apple Crisp Lunch (*Please see page 6*)

### November

Sunday, November 4th

Celebrate Stewardship Sunday and Thank-you Coffee

Sunday, November 11th

Remembrance Day; Remembrance Sunday

Saturday, November 17th

Christmas Marketplace: Vendor Sale (*Please see page 1*)

Wednesday, November 21st

Trinity Council Meeting, 7:00pm

Friday, November 23rd

Community Meal at Trinity, 5:30pm

Sunday, November 25th

Reign of Christ Sunday

**Minister:** Cheryl Kirk

**Pastoral Care & Youth Ministry:** Sandra Maltby-Mills

**Music Director:** Laura Rintjema

**Administrative Assistant:** Alecia Atterbury

**Caretaker:** Ana Nogueira

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### Trinity United Church Office Hours:

Monday to Thursday 8:30am—4pm with the church closed from 12-1pm for lunch.

