



Keeping in Touch

March 24, 2017



An Evening of International Foods, Music and Silent Auction

Friday, April 28, 2017

Doors Open at 6:30 p.m.

Food & Entertainment from 7:00 p.m.

This past year Trinity United Church successfully sponsored Mohamad and Heba Ghrir and family, who are doing well living in Cobourg.

With Flight to Hope 2.0, Trinity United Church has joined with Grafton and Castleton United Churches in fundraising to reunite the Ghrirs with relatives still in Lebanon, which is so important to their success in a new country.

Flight to Hope 2.0 will also include an additional family of three who were identified by Grafton and Castleton churches.

The sponsorship applications for these two families have been completed and forwarded to Immigration Canada.

We are now stepping up our fundraising to meet this next challenge.

With strong support from you, our United Church communities can continue a long history of leadership in helping people in need from all over the world.

Bring your family and enjoy an evening of Syrian and international foods, music, and a silent auction.

Tickets on Sale in Ryerson Hall following the Worship Service.

Adults - \$20

Children under 12 years - \$10

Children under 5 years - \$5

Call for Volunteers

Every year, the Human Resources Committee works hard to make sure that we have volunteers to provide the needed leadership in our congregation on the various divisions and committees. Many of our terms of office are for a specific period of time, and in June we need folks to step in to these roles. You have gifts and talents, and we would really appreciate knowing how you would like to help out in the life and work of our church family. If there is an area you are particularly interested in, please contact one of the following people: Kristiane Black, Darlene Brown, Rhonda Cunningham, Barb Swallow, Ron Swallow or David MacDiarmid. Please don't hide your light under a bushel; we need you!

Easter Sunday and Mother's Day Volunteers

Volunteers are needed to help with coffee hour on Easter Sunday, April 16th, and Mother's Day, Sunday, May 14th. Please contact Joan Cattell, joanroy1966@gmail.com or 905-372-2358 if you are able to help. Duties would include providing some cookies, helping with set up, serving and clean up.

Earth Hour Vigil

Earth Hour is a time set aside during which people around the world gather to celebrate the gifts and attend to the needs of the Earth. Over the past 11 years, this event has raised awareness and made a real impact on our global reality. All are welcome to join the Sisters of St. Joseph and friends for an Earth Hour Vigil prepared by members of the United Church and Roman Catholic Ecumenical Dialogue. Villa St. Joseph, 445 Monk St. Cobourg, Saturday, March 25th, 7:30 – 8:30 pm. A freewill offering will be collected. To register: villa@csjcanada.org or call 905-372-2741.

Living with Depression Forum

**April 10th, 7:30—9:30 pm.
Trinity United Church,
284 Division St.
Cobourg**

Living with Depression:

**A Forum Exploring the
Many Facets of Depression
from medical, psychological
and spiritual vantage points**

**An opportunity for information
and also a chance to ask
questions.**

Open to the public

Panelists:

Sabine Fischer , psychotherapist

Judy Bayer, physician

Kristiane Black, minister

Lent Series 2017 Continues

Worship in the Chapel: Canadian Landscapes
with Kristiane Black and Debbie Fingas

Featuring the Psalms, poetry and special music

12:00 noon followed by a brown bag lunch

March 29 – The Plains



Cold Dawn in Saskatchewan – William Kurelak

April 5 – Woodland



Woodland Waterfall – Tom Thomson

A Time of Reflection

Lent is a time of preparation for Easter; a time where we are intentional about practices that bring us closer to God. We invite you to join us in the chapel (rm. 220) each Sunday during the Lenten season before our regular worship begins for a time of quiet prayer and meditation: March 5, 12, 19, 26, April 2, 9 from 10 to 10:15 am.

Story Ministry Faith Study



I love children's storybooks! They are filled with messages of creativity and laughter and hope, and those messages often transcend the time of childhood. Join me for this 3-session series where we will enjoy the works of Max Lucado, looking at the messages of faith he offers, and then looking deeper into our own understandings of faith. Wednesdays March, 22 & 29, and April 5 at 7pm in the Reynar Room. To register, call Cheryl or Cindy, 905-372-7911 or cmcmurray@trinitycobourg.ca

Breakfast at Tiffany's Wimpy's

Each Monday, at 8 a.m. a group of men from Trinity gather at Wimpy's on Division St. to share breakfast. The Trinity Men's Breakfast Club usually has about 4 members and we would certainly welcome any men from Trinity to join us. The breakfast costs under \$5.00, and the conversation is free. For more info, call Lloyd Williams, 905-372-9763.

Congratulations to Debbie

We are delighted to congratulate Debbie on the successful defense of her thesis, Towards Harmony: Connecting to God through Participation in a Church Music Group, on her journey towards her D. Min. Many members of the congregation, and in particular our music groups, have been accompanying Debbie and acting as a resource to her, but she has been putting in a huge amount of work in her course work and the writing of the thesis that have led her to this point. We can't wait to celebrate the end of this journey with her.

Pancake Supper

Todd Davis would like to thank everyone who worked so hard to make this year's Pancake Supper a success. Approximately \$1000 was generated along with a lot of fun and good will. He would also like to acknowledge the generous support of Cobourg's Rosewood Estates for their provision of food supplies and for cooking the ham and sausages.

Getting Your Ducks in a Row

A special forum to help you plan your funeral, prepare your estate and consider gifts and wills.

Wednesday, May 3, 2:30 – 4:30 pm
Ryerson Hall, Trinity United Church

Wills – Alison Lester, lawyer
United Church Annuities – Paul Sales, UC staff person
Financial Planning – Karen Chalovich, investment advisor
Funeral Pre-planning – Rev. Kristiane Black

For more information, please call the church office at 905-372-7911

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Cobourg**

**A Special Forum to help you plan your funeral, prepare your estate
and consider gifts and wills.**

Cost: Free-will donations

The forum will include a presentation by each of the specialists, a Q&A, and a time of conversation and refreshments

This forum is especially geared for people who wish to make their plans in accordance with their connection to a church family.



HOSTED BY THE STEWARDSHIP DIVISION OF TRINITY UNITED CHURCH

FEATURING THE FOLLOWING PLANNING SPECIALISTS:

WILLS — ALISON LESTER, LAWYER

UNITED CHURCH ANNUITIES — PAUL SALES, UC STAFF PERSON

FINANCIAL PLANNING — KAREN CHALOVICH, INVESTMENT ADVISOR

FUNERAL PRE-PLANNING — REV. KRISTIANE BLACK

For more information, please call the church office at 905-372-7911

Fare Share

The Outreach Division would like to thank the congregation for their generous donations to Fare Share. Last month, Trinity donated 185 pounds of food to the food bank. They are currently in need of instant oatmeal packets, Side Kicks, jam, canned fruit, vegetables & juice, white rice, granola bars and juice boxes. (They have lots of pasta and kraft dinner!). Our thanks to Carole Quinn for making weekly deliveries in February and Kathleen Clark for volunteering in March.

New Members

We will be receiving new members to Trinity on Sunday, April 30th. If you are interested in joining the congregation through Adult Baptism, Confirmation or Transfer of Membership, please contact Kristiane.

Vacation Bible Camp

**Trinity United Church
Vacation Bible Camp 2017
July 17-20**

“Living in God’s Garden”

Morning program—9am to noon

Entering grades SK-6

Afternoon program—noon to 3pm

Entering grade 7 and up



**TO REGISTER
OR FOR MORE INFORMATION
PLEASE CALL 905-372-7911**

Save the date for Vacation Bible Camp, July 17-21, 2017. This year’s theme is *Living in God’s Garden*. The morning session (9 am - noon) is for children entering SK – Grade 6 and the afternoon session (12 noon – 3 pm) is for youth entering grade 7 and up. More details to follow. Please call the office if you would like to reserve a spot.

Food Bank Easter Program

The Food Bank is having an Easter Program to provide families with a "Ham Dinner." For \$20, you can buy a ticket for a family to have Easter dinner. Tickets can be purchased at What's in Store, Quinn's Blooms, Leclerc's Butcher Shop and eagle.ca. An income tax receipt will be issued by Fare Share if requested.

Easter Flowers

If anyone would like to make a contribution towards Easter Flowers for the Sanctuary, please put it on the offering plate, or bring it to the church office by Monday, April 10th. Donations can be made in memory of, or in honour of someone, and names will be published in the Easter Sunday bulletin. Please put your cash/cheque in an envelope clearly marked Easter Flowers and who you would like to remember/honour.

University Ave. Properties Update

The University Avenue Properties Directions Committee was created last year to examine various options for the future of our two rental properties at 22 and 24 University Ave W. and to recommend a course of action. At a congregational meeting held in December of last year, the congregation voted in favour of the recommendation of the committee to sell the two properties to Habitat for Humanity of Northumberland for a total price of \$150,000. The congregation also voted to accept the committee's recommendation to allocate 1/3 of the proceeds to the capital reserve fund and 2/3 of the proceeds to the housing allowance fund. Any decisions of this nature are always subject to approval by Presbytery, and such approval for both decisions was received in January of this year. This week the agreement of purchase and sale with Habitat was signed. The agreement is still conditional upon Habitat receiving the approval it needs from the Town of Cobourg to develop these properties including the addition of several more units. The proposed closing date is July 17, 2017 but may be subject to change depending on how quickly Habitat obtains the necessary permissions.

The following is a bit of history regarding the University Avenue properties which you may find interesting. Twenty years ago, the University Ave. properties were made available to us through the generosity of Walter and Mary Barron who, because of our earlier Trinity Housing project (corner of James and John Streets,) understood our interest in community outreach. Half of the value of the properties was gifted and the other half was secured through an interest-free mortgage held by the Barrons. Over the past 20 years we have paid off the small mortgage and provided two affordable housing units. At no time has any cost or expense been incurred by the church and in some years there was even a small amount of income realized.

While this housing project has worked very well over the past 20 years, it was nevertheless time to examine what its best future might look like. The resulting agreement with Habitat for Humanity of Northumberland is an excellent outcome for several reasons. When Mr. Barron approached Trinity in 1996, it was not his intention to simply add assets to our portfolio, but

rather to find a way to join forces with us to contribute to the community in a more effective way than he could have done on his own. The agreement with Habitat for Humanity allows us to move forward in a similar way. Just as the 1996 sale did for the Barrons, this new sale relieves us of the burden of managing and maintaining the properties, but at the same time it allows us, through the subsidized sale price, to continue be a significant contributor to the provision of affordable housing in Cobourg. Under Habitat's mandate, the properties can be developed to their full potential and thereby maximize their impact. At the same time, while the sale price is below market value, it nevertheless provides us with a significant infusion of cash for our investments. The committee will continue to provide updates as this exciting project progresses.

Ride to Church

For a ride to church in March, please call Gord and Mona Mavin, 905-373-4429

For a ride to church in April, please call David Lester, 905-372-0308

