

When we ladies agreed to submit Ramblings for the summer I had one topic that I knew I wanted to talk about and another I thought might be of interest to our congregation. Well, you heard about trespassing at Eugenia Falls, a bill for \$15,000 has been dispatched. The matter for me is at rest for the moment. My second idea was to do a column on what I call “Shameless Self-promotion”. When I told others, they laughed at me until I explained myself. “Shameless Self-promotion” is simply telling others what Trinity does in house, in the community and in the world.

In-house

Mike, under the guidance of the Building and Grounds Committee, has installed automatic dispensers for hand soap and towels in the washrooms; hands-free hand sanitizers at every entrance; and made sure we have emergency masks for those of us who forget ours. All of the above are to follow health and safety guidelines from the province and the local health unit.

Mike has also painted walls in the lobby (where the Celebration Tree is) and the long corridor in a colour called ‘Calm White’, with black trim and dark grey doors. He has also put two coats of urethane on the gym floor. You will be amazed at the difference the paint has made; it is so welcoming and looks so BIG.

In the community

Barbara Sneyd and her crew of 5+ have continued to feed about 100+ people on the third Wednesday of each month. She shared with me that: the crew is sufficient (there are others willing to make themselves available when needed), even though it puts great pressure on the people who prepare and serve the meal (this is to avoid helping Covid 19 spread through this community); having take-out meals has increased the cost of the meals as she is limited in the menu when considering the type of food and the packaging. She shared that it costs almost three times as much for the dinners because many of us are not able to sign up to donate the ingredients.

Barbara also co-ordinates the meals for the Out of the Cold program, which continues for those who are homeless. Three ladies make meals for 16 people twice a month. This is the commitment Trinity made for the winter meals. Planning and preparing 16 meals that can be put in sealers, frozen and delivered to the staff to be offered when needed is a vital service.

A plea: those who are able to assist with the cost of either of these programs may do so by dropping your cheque in the secure mailbox on the north side of the church or sending by mail, earmarking your donation to the Community Dinner Outreach program.

Lori Forsythe shared that the Pantry has been very busy this summer and shows no sign of easing. People who call for food are asked what they need and a staff member or volunteer packs up a bag with a variety of items and puts it on the back porch for pick up. Occasionally staff have delivered a bag to the porch or door of the person in need. Our pantry is getting low; the greatest need at the moment is canned meat – like chicken, turkey, ham, -yet there is a need for everything. With so many people getting fewer hours at work more people are in greater need. To help you may send a cheque – marked ‘Pantry’ - or shop and bring to the church when Lori or Mike is in the building.

In the world

Please continue to give to the Mission and Service fund. Those dollars spread good news and good feelings to churches and people in need at home and around the world.

These are the things that Trinity does; we need to remind ourselves, our friends, and our neighbours, for they may need the help we offer or may be willing to assist us to continue this valuable work in the community.