



Trinity News

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Rev. Dr. Brian W. Goodings

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Planning To Attend Church?

If you plan to attend service on any Sunday, you will be required to PRE-REGISTER on the website at www.collingwoodunitedchurch.ca. The REGISTRATION link will be available each Monday for the upcoming Sunday. If you are not able to access the website, please contact your Pew Pal Leader or the office for help to add your name to the list. Please note, we are limited to the number of people who may attend, therefore, if you register and are unable to attend, please cancel your registration.

Trinity United Church supports the Provincial mandate that people entering public spaces should be fully vaccinated. We encourage everyone to follow the provincial guidelines.

Tribute Night For Rev. Brian - Oct. 15

Although the banquet planned had to be cancelled, we will still pay tribute to Rev. Brian on Friday Oct. 15 at 7:30 p.m. The evening will be televised on YouTube since attendance will be limited to participants. Committee of John Brown, Heather Ferguson, Patti Watson (Chair), Phil Watson and Dawn Myers are planning the evening which will be a fun filled fond farewell.

Part of the festivities will be the presentation of a "Love Gift" from the congregation to Rev. Brian in the form of cash. To contribute, please drop off your cash donation to Lori at the church office. You may want to call the office to let Lori know you will be coming to the church with a gift. 705 445-3901.

Dear Trinity Stroll for the Soul Participants,

I hope the summer has been well for you and you are looking forward to the fall season ahead. I am just e-mailing to let you know that The Prayer Bench (Janice MacLean) is offering a shorter version of the Stroll for the Soul she offered in the spring. She is calling it Autumn Rambles. The notice will appear in the coming Trinity newsletter but I thought I would reach out and let each of you know. Again my membership includes me inviting anyone who would like to participate to do so through me. Please let me know as before and I will submit our names. Here is the write up.

Blessings in the Journey,
Mary Elizabeth

Saturday September 25 to Friday October 8, 2021.



Autumn Rambles offers 14 days of fall inspiration through a brief e-mail delivered early each morning to your inbox. Each email will offer a practice, or a reflection, or a poem, or a photograph giving direction and encouragement to take into your day as fall unfolds around us. Whether you spend time walking or jogging or biking or appreciating the view out your window there will be something to inspire you to connect to the wisdom this season offers in our journey of faith.

Autumn Rambles is written and hosted by United Church minister Rev. Janice MacLean. It is a new program (much like Stroll for your Soul in the spring) and part of the materials she offers on <https://prayerbench.ca/about/> to help seek the sacred in the ordinary. The Prayer Bench is an on-line resource Mary Elizabeth has enjoyed for several years. They offer many different programs and I thought some folks at Trinity might enjoy too.

If you would like more information or to sign up to participate, please contact maryelizabethpiercy@gmail.com or 705-445-4740 (please note there is no cost)



If anyone knows of someone who would appreciate receiving a shawl please contact Brian, the church office, anyone on the Spiritual Committee or anyone involved with the Shawl Ministry. If anyone would like yarn and instructions to knit/crochet a shawl please contact Mary Elizabeth Piercy, Beth Theis or Barbara Downey. All contacts can be reached through the church office 705-445-3901.



Our Daily Bread

September, October, November 2021

Our Daily Bread is a daily devotional guide with a simple scripture reading and message for each day. The September, October, November 2021 edition is available and can be accessed on a table in the outer area of the church offices.

Please feel free to come in and pick one up and take an extra one for a friend if you think they would be interested.

Church office 705-445-3901

Recorded Services On YouTube

As they adapted to our new streaming equipment, our team of AV volunteers appreciated your patience as they worked out the kinks. Don't they deserve a huge thanks! If you have feedback regarding online streaming please send an email to daniellekyork@gmail.com

Prayer Chain Ministry

Trinity has a Prayer Chain ministry, a group of people who include in their regular prayers anyone on our "Special Prayers List".

The List is shared with members of the Spiritual Committee, and often also shared in our worship service. In the worship service only first names are read out.

Details shared with the Prayer Chain and Spiritual Committee can be Name, or first name only, or you can request prayers without a name (listed as "Anonymous")

Details (such as a named injury, illness, bereavement or other difficulty),

or

prayers can be requested without details,

or with a general statement like "health issue".

To request prayers for yourself or someone else, please get in touch with our Prayer Chain contact:

Ramona Van Slyke

705-445-3702

ramonajvs54@gmail.com

Help Wanted - No Experience Necessary!

Spiritual Committee thanks Heather Ferguson for looking after our scripture readers for several years but Heather has served notice she is ready to pass the torch. If you can help, please let me know at johnbrown5@rogers.com or 705 446-0767. If you think you might be able to help but want more details, then give me a call. If you just want to chat, that's fine too.

Introducing... Trinity "Welcome Cards"!

All members are encouraged to drop by the church during office hours, to pick up your hot-off-the-press Welcome Cards! This is an initiative by the Spiritual Outreach Committee, in an effort to grow our membership at Trinity. Each member is asked to take 5 cards and keep them on-hand in your purse or wallet. Then, when a neighbour, friend, or new-to-the-area acquaintance, mentions that they are seeking a new church, or you just feel it's the right time to invite someone, you pass on the card, and be sure to follow up so that you foster the connection, and they feel very WELCOME to join us. Easy-peasy!

Happy Trails!

Linda Murphy

Direct: 705-351-1420



BARBARA'S MITTEN RACK

The days are getting shorter and cooler weather is on the way and it is time to think about our **Mitten Rack**. For many years Trinity has supported Simcoe Muskoka Family Connexions (formerly Children's Aid Society) with warm items like mittens, hats, gloves, scarves and toques.

Items do not need to be hand knit, purchased items are also gratefully received.

Please leave any items for the Mitten Rack at the church office marked 'Mitten Rack'.

We have patterns for 2 needle and 4 needle mittens and some yarn available for those who would like to knit mittens.

Please call Barbara Downie 705-444-1519 or email barbarae.downie@gmail.com to arrange delivery.

OUTREACH



Last night's delicious fare and some of the masked volunteers involved in the preparation and distribution of 133 dinners.

Items Gleaned From Recent Outreach Meeting

- 1. Outdoor food box.** Ray had earlier circulated, at Barbara Sneyd's request, a photo and an idea for an outdoor food box similar to the one in the photo, outside Collier Street United Church in Barrie. Ray took the idea to Board's August special meeting, and the Board approved the idea. All present for our Outreach and Social Action meeting gave their enthusiastic support. People could access it any time and unlike our Food Bank it wouldn't involve appointments with staff. We will still maintain our Food Pantry and could initially stock the box with some of our current Food Pantry oversupply.
- **Box building and design.** Ray volunteers to donate the materials and build it, dimensions about 3 feet high, 2 feet wide and 1 foot deep, as in the Barrie example. Probably support by the two side walls (rather than the post in the Barrie example) and attach to the outside of the church wall, maybe to one of the brick buttresses because of the softness of our exterior bricks. Plexiglass window in the front door (Ralph can get some plexiglass), "raccoon-proof" latch. Sign will say "Take what you need" but not "Give what you can" as in the Barrie example.
- **Location.** Some discussion about this. Beech Street side of the church would be best: better for checking and stocking it, that side of the church is well watched by our neighbours and not so public as to be potentially embarrassing for users, community members are used to coming to that door for take-out dinners. Mustn't interfere with snow removal or Montessori activities. Mike feels a location near the minister's parking spot might be best and he can shovel snow for access.
- **Stocking.** Barrie's five outdoor food boxes are located at churches but managed and stocked by food bank people. Lori and Mike could stock it when they're there but we must be mindful of their work burden and will need volunteers to check and stock it when they're absent. **ACTION: Barbara Sneyd** will phone the Barrie food bank about how often their boxes need restocking.
- **Publicizing.** At least one school administrator is distributing food to students' homes where needs have been identified.

- **Contents.**

- **Nonperishable food.** Danger of some items freezing in the winter? Things like Kraft dinner, oatmeal packets, pasta, would all be fine. We could make up a list of suitable foods. Lori, Mike and Brian know what people are asking for.
- **Cutlery** could be added, Lori suggests. We have a large supply of plastic cutlery and could ask for donations of metal spoons (not knives or forks – weapon potential). Once our plastic cutlery has been used up it would be good to use a greener alternative. **ACTION: Bev** will investigate compostable alternatives.

2. Project reports

- **Out of the Cold.** Jane looked at the website, which now has a calendar posted for September. (We did not contribute during July and August.) They will be collecting meals September 21 and 24, and are requesting meals that serve 10 people, in a freezable Ziploc bag; so, soups, stews, chili, etc. Jane is having Trinity helpers at her house to discuss on September 23, and they will probably make a simple meal on September 24. She has five people in her group, who can provide 10–12 meals. **ACTION: Jane** will try to find out whether the request for October is going to be similar. Our Community Dinner menus don't work for Out of the Cold's current needs.
- **Community Dinner.** Barbara Sneyd reported that we have been maxing out at 120, selling out by 5:30, with no leftover food from the summer meals. September and probably October will still be take-out and pickup; hard to know when we can go back to having guests indoors.
- **Food pantry.** Mike reported that we have a backlog, which is a good reason for moving to the outdoor food box.
- **Warming closet.** Cathy reported that the closet is well supplied with clothes at the moment but we will want outerwear for winter. Barbara Sneyd will be receiving some winter coats for the closet.
- **Shawl ministry** had some activity earlier in the summer. We have seven or eight shawls ready to go and are likely to have more as people return to crafting in the fall. We had three blessings as part of taped services and hope to have some for an in-person church blessing. Mary Elizabeth has finished her dissertation on this topic. She interviewed six groups and there's information that's transferrable to other church programs. (Mary Elizabeth has also identified some good resources in UCRD, the United Church on-line bookstore, on digital processes in ministry, and in general what's working in thriving churches.)
- **Christmas gift program** preparation usually begins in October. **ACTION: Jane** will pull some things together and circulate them.

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