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WE'RE EXCITED TO WELCOME YOU

In a special part of the communion worship service held on Sunday October 5th, the church was pleased to receive and welcome Rev. Dr. Peter Bartlett and his wife Maureen into the church.

Maureen Bartlett

Hi! I am looking forward to joining the Harrowsmith-Verona Community of Faith at Trinity United Church. I am originally from Windsor, ON, but after marrying and moving with Peter to 6 different communities in 12 years, we decided to stay in the Kingston/South Frontenac area. We have lived here for almost 30 years and the last 17 have been at our current property in Hartington. We have two boys, Daniel and Michael, who are raising families with their beloved partners, Kathlene and Jessica. We have 3 beautiful grandchildren. I have entered my third year of retirement, following 25+ years as an educator at the secondary level with the Limestone DSB. I enjoy spending time with our grandchildren, travel, nature walks, baking, sewing, reading, riding my bike, and walking our 18 months old Leonberger dog, Freya.



Rev. Dr. Peter Bartlett

Greetings neighbors! After almost two years in retirement, I am very thankful to have “landed” with Maureen in your vibrant faith community, only minutes away from our home in Hartington. Indeed, we have come full circle, given that my very first pulpit supply was at Harrowsmith-Verona during my early days as a student at Queen’s Theological College. Thank-you all for welcoming us back! St. John’s, Newfoundland is my hometown. I discerned a call to ministry following a first career in the Canadian Armed Forces, where I served as an infantry officer in the Royal Newfoundland

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Regiment, the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry, and the Canadian Airborne Regiment. I retired from the Army at the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel in 2001, following 24 years of service, having served in many different capacities and in many different places, throughout Canada and abroad. I am a graduate of the Royal Military College and Queen's University in Kingston, and McCormick Theological Seminary at the University of Chicago. I was ordained by the former Bay of Quinte Conference in 2007 and served in various ministry capacities before retiring from active ministry in 2024.

Given that you have invited me to lead worship from time to time, perhaps it is helpful to know a little about my faith beliefs:

I believe that Christians are called to act upon our faith, and we nurture our relationship with God by self-empowerment through prayer and action, experiencing God's presence in everyday occurrences.

I believe that God's Grace is the tie that unifies our local community together with the distant, as we walk the road into right relationship with one another.

I believe that we best serve one another in God's all-embracing global community when everyone brings their unique gifts together to share them in love.

I believe in having a sense of humour.

Maureen has shared the many things that we both enjoy in retirement. I would like to add one more thing - I really enjoy homemade pie.

Again, thank you so much for having us!

IS THIS THE POSITION FOR YOU?

Due to a scheduled turnover in members of our regional Pastoral Relations Commission, the Commission is now lacking lay members.

All meetings are via Zoom on the 3rd Tuesday of each month. It is interesting work and gives you an opportunity to have a say in regional matters. If anyone is interested, or would like more

information, please let Nancy Moore-Carr know, and she will forward your name to our regional representative, Sharon MacDonald. Sharon will be happy to answer any questions you might have regarding the work done by the Pastoral Relations Commission.



WHO DOES WHAT 2025

Over this past year, we have been coming to grips with the tasks that are a part of our very busy church lives and the persons who have accepted responsibility for their success.

The Session, Stewards and the Membership and Personnel Committee have published a '**WHO DOES WHAT 2025**' document describing our church roles along with the name of the person responsible for the activity. Copies are posted on the bulletin board at the back of the church and in the Memorial Room. If you would like either an electronic or hard copy for yourself, please get in touch with Rebecca Peters in the church office.

All the **MANAGEMENT MATTERS** such as furnace cleaning, sump pump and fire extinguisher maintenance etc. will be monitored as part of the job description of Rebecca Peters, our Office Administrator, in partnership with the Stewards, the Property Committee and the team of volunteers that manage these responsibilities.

Thank you to you all for the many dedicated hours you spend to make our church function successfully.



CONGRATULATIONS AND PRAYERS

The Rev. Dr. Kimberly Heath was nominated by EOORC to be the 45th Moderator of the United Church of Canada. Rev. Heath was elected from a pool of five candidates.

Kimberly shared : “As Moderator I will help to build up the church by deepening faith in Jesus, strengthening what is small and encouraging life-giving connections.”

EOORC sends our blessings with Kimberly as she embarks on this new call. We are grateful for Kimberly and all five of those who were nominated for the election of the New Moderator.

In a speech following the announcement of her election, Heath said that many of her calls, including the call to allow her name to stand for moderator, have been akin to a dandelion seed, that lands on one’s shoulder, almost without notice.

“But dandelions are tenacious,” she said, explaining that once that seed grows into your heart and gut, it is challenging to pull out. “When you choose to follow Jesus, you choose to follow that nudge and that call.”





Wishing **everyone** who has celebrated and will celebrate a birthday in the upcoming months a very happy birthday!

**Happy birthday to you, happy birthday to you.
May God's richest blessings fall upon you!**

Hilda Warren	September 6 th
Ed Asselstine	September 25 th
Linda Brown	September 29 th
Jane Mackay	October 8 th
Jean Clair	November 14 th
Bill Spain	November 14 th
Maryl Hughes	November 18 th
Eileen Manson	November 24 th

CHURCH FINANCES

Financial Statement to September 30, 2025

Local Expenses (Operating Budget)



<u>Income</u>		<u>Expenditures</u>	
Givings	42,283.29	Administration (Salaries,etc)	33,951.50
Rental	11,907.50	Insurance	5,012.36
Fund Raising	3,790.35	Utilities	7,463.54
Other Income	3,521.58	Maintenance	6,102.85
	-----	Other Expenditures	4,286.46
Total Income	\$61,502.72		-----
		Total Expenditures	\$56,816.71

Mission and Service Givings \$3,961.00

We would like to thank everyone for their generous support during the year.

NEWEST PASTORAL RELATIONS MINISTER IN THE EASTERN ONTARIO OUTAOUAIS REGIONAL COUNCIL

Rev. Victoria Andrews will become Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council's next Pastoral Relations Minister effective November 15, 2025.

Born and raised in Newfoundland, Victoria comes to us with a depth of experience at both the Bay of Quinte Conference and the Pacific Mountain Regional Council. Ordained in 2007 by the Montreal and Ottawa Conference, she has served in multiple pastoral charges in our part of the country and in Alberta. She has served as Pastoral Relations and Community of Faith Support Minister since 2014, first with BC Conference and then Pacific Mountain Regional Council.

Having worked in the Seaway Valley Presbytery, Victoria knows our region and looks forward to

getting to know us even better.

Her passion for the evolving church, her broad perspective and her deep understanding of pastoral care will make

her an excellent addition to the team, particularly as we begin the work of transformation in our regional council with the Towards 2035 efforts.

We are pleased that there will be an opportunity for a little overlap with Rev. Whit Strong before he retires.

We welcome Victoria to the EOORC team!



UPDATE FROM THE STEWARDS

The Committee of Stewards have had a busy summer of 2025.

On June 15th the United Church of Canada celebrated 100 years with a service in Ottawa which was attended by members of Trinity Congregation.

June was the anniversary month! On June 8th Trinity celebrated our 139th Anniversary with Rev. Peter

Bartlett as minister. It was followed by a time of fellowship.

On August 4th to 6th we organized a group of volunteers to paint the upper hall walls, trim and doors and both hallways. It was a great social time as the work was being finished. Food and beverages magically appeared for the volunteers. We saved over \$3200.00 by doing this ourselves!!

Plans are being made for the Craft Sale to be held on Saturday. Nov 1st.

We now have a planned date of October 25th for our Spaghetti Dinner. We are now organizing our list of volunteers.

Work repairs continue to be done on the wheelchair accessible ramp by members of the Stewards Committee.





What's Happening!

LOOKING AHEAD - WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Thursday October 16 th	Trinity Christmas Choir Practice Begins	1:30 pm
Saturday October 25 th	Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser	4:30 pm
Saturday November 1 st	Christmas Holiday Sale at Trinity	9:00 am
Tuesday November 11 th	Remembrance Day Service at the Verona Cenotaph	10:45 am
Sunday November 16 th	Fellowship Potluck Sunday	11:30 am
Saturday November 29 th	Frontenac Women's Chorus Christmas Concert at the Verona Free Methodist Church	7:00 pm
Sunday November 30 th	First Sunday of Advent and Communion Sunday with Rev. Micheline Montreuil	10:00 am
Sunday December 7 th	Second Sunday of Advent with Rev. Ian Mackay	10:00 am
Friday December 12 th	Trinity Christmas Choir Concert	7:30 pm
Sunday December 14 th	Third Sunday of Advent with Rev. Peter Bartlett	10:00 am
Sunday December 14 th	Fellowship Potluck Sunday	11:30 am
Sunday December 21 st	Fourth Sunday of Advent with Rev. Catherine Oxenford-Grant	10:00 am
Wednesday December 24 th	Christmas Eve Service with Rev. Peter Bartlett	5:30 pm

PRAY

*All-knowing God, open our hearts and minds,
Grant us your wisdom,
Encourage the pursuit of best practices,
Inspire collaborative solutions,
Motivate teachers among us to learn,
And learners among us to teach.
Move us to adopt large, flexible worldviews,
Turn us into good role models,
Grow compassion in all lessons and
learnings
Deepen awareness of your Spirit,
Clarify a path that truly honours all.
Amen.*

~Rev. Trisha Elliott



Christmas Holiday Sale

**Crafts, Baked Goods,
Delicious Lunch, Raffle Baskets
And much much more.....**

**Saturday November 1, 2025
9 am to 2 pm
at
Trinity United Church
6689 Road 38
Verona, ON**

A FOUNDATION FOR THE FUTURE

Last spring several improvements and repairs to the church building were reported to the property committee to investigate.

- 1) Repairs to the bell tower
- 2) Repairs to cement steps to fellowship hall
- 3) Painting the walls of the fellowship hall
- 4) Fixing and polishing floor tiles in fellowship hall



Items 1,2 and 3 were put out to tender and several quotes were received.

At a congregational meeting, it was decided to award the projects 1 and 2 to Rob Smith Construction.

Trinity stewards with the leadership of David Shane under took the task of completing project number 3 with a considerable cost saving .

Item 4 was completed by local trades people.

Other projects completed

- Kick plates installed on front doors
- Loose board and screws on back ramp repaired (A big thank you is extended to David Shane and Terry Morey for these repairs!)

Project to be completed

- Repairs to outside well cover.

The Road Ahead

We know that the road ahead is already very different from the road to which we have grown accustomed in years gone by.

A massive amount of change has altered the workings of our United Church within every function and level of its operation. As well, our own congregation has been tossed into the present mix and confusion of it all. How should we think of it? Are we now caught in a typical traffic slow-down, a temporary annoyance caused by needful repair work and improvement of our present roadway systems? Or, are we being forced to take a major detour leading us on unfamiliar roads with our bearings awl, disorienting our sense of where we are? Or is it possible that the road we have known and used for a long time is now getting narrower and narrower, leading us to wonder if we are heading onto some kind of cul de sac? Naturally, we care to ask ourselves some searching questions. Where are

we? What do we do? What comes next?

Following through with this image I am led to believe that we, as a denomination and as a congregation, now find ourselves on a new kind of road. It is not a multi-lane, freshly paved super highway. It is a smaller road that is leading us slowly into new regions, new directions as yet not well known. Yes, this road is new to us, but it is serviceable. Reserves and resources are at hand available for us to use according to our needs. We always have our Sunday morning service station ready and eager to fuel us up. Our engines are kept in mighty good working order with regular weekly choir practices, monthly meetings of session and stewards, times of fellowship and caring that are all bound together and energized by Godly Spirit. We offer much willing service to others who also need support along the way. We continue to be about the Godly business of good will



and good spirit.

The road ahead is one that will be new and different. We resolve to move forward along this new road because we know we have the energy and the equipment we need. Our United Church and our congregation are not stagnant. We are on the road. It is the road of Godly faith-living. We dare to do it with pioneer spirit, as frontiersmen, voyageurs, as travellers with vision, with an endless resolve to give it our best in every good way. Let us not be afraid. Let us take heart in travelling this new and different road that lies ahead.

We do it proudly! And we do it together!

Submitted by Ian R. Mackay



For those interested, each month the minutes from the Session, Stewards and Property Committees have been printed and posted on the bulletin board at the back of the church, should you wish to read them.

A STEWARDSHIP STORY

Not long ago there was a man and a woman who gave a sizable donation to their church. They did it to honour the memory of their son who lost his life in a recent war.



When this gift was announced in a church service, another member of the congregation whispered to her husband, "Let's give a similar gift for our boy!"

Her husband muttered, "What are you talking about? Our son wasn't even in the war."

"That's the point!" she replied, "Let us give it as an expression of our gratitude to God that he is with us now, alive and well!"



A THANKSGIVING PERSPECTIVE

If you haven't all the things you want, be grateful for all you don't have that you don't want!

ONE LINE HUMOUR

"Old age comes at a bad time." (**Ed Sullivan**)

"The older I get, the more clearly I remember things that never happened." (**Mark Twain**)

"I'm at that age where my back goes out more than I do." (**Phyllis Diller**)

"First you forget names, then you forget faces, then you forget to pull your zipper up; then you forget to pull your zipper down." (**Rob Reiner**)

"The older I get, the better I used to be." (**Lee Trevino**)



"The important thing to remember is that I'm probably going to forget." (**Martin Scorsese**)

"Looking fifty is great, if you're sixty." (**Joan Rivers**)

"Old people shouldn't eat Health foods. They need all the preservatives they can get." (**Bob Hope**)



Trinity United Church
Verona, Ontario



A NIGHT IN OLDE VERONA

Saturday October 25, 2025

Trinity United Church

6689 Road 38, Verona

Menu

Pasta and Sauce
(meat & vegetarian options),
Garlic Bread, Dessert & Drink

\$12 per person
\$6 for children under 10

Time:
4:30pm to 6:30pm

Reserve your spot by email: office@h-vpastoralcharge.org
or by phone: 613-374-2777

Tickets also available for purchase at the door.

All proceeds will benefit Trinity United Church Community Outreach Projects