

# Trinity Connected

*Wishing  
you and  
your  
family a  
very  
Merry  
Christmas  
and a  
happy  
healthy  
New  
Year!!*

## People of Trinity

Two of our Trinity families have been a presence in the United Church of Canada, and Trinity (in all its incarnations), in particular. Since the early 1960's, Alice and Norm Kennedy, Joan Steele and her late husband Boyce have collectively contributed more than 200 years of faithful attendance, time, money and energy for their own spiritual development - and as a wonderful by-product, the enrichment of us all.

A list (not all) of their involvement would include:

- Helping out or leading groups like Tyros (Norm)
- Explorers (Alice)
- Messengers - girls and boys (Alice , and Vera Brown)
- Sunday School
- Superintendent of almost 100 children (Boyce)
- SS Teacher - ask Darlene Nicol who her teacher was
- Substitute organist (Joan)
- Church Governance (all four at various times)
- UCW – Catering weddings and Lions dinners (Joan, and Alice)
- Steak BBQ's on an old barrel BBQ at the bottom of the steps (the Men)
- Ladies Styles Fashion Show Tyros & Leaders (a glowing bride in his wife Alice's wedding dress)

This list is incomplete of course. To learn more, have a Christmas phone call with Joan, Alice or Norm. We stand on the shoulders of our Elders like them and they have a lot of HISTORY to share.

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## Volunteer Award Nomination—Carl & Glenda Turner

Glenda plays an active role in Trinity United Church in Verona as a committee leader, a welcoming member and a thoughtful support for staff. She is a good listener who takes on challenges and supports those in need. This same effort is expended in the community to support those who are lonely or in need of assistance of any kind. Her days are spent helping shut-ins, connecting with community friends and working at Southern Frontenac Community Services.

She and her husband Carl, have recently been recognized for their decades of service to the Meals on Wheels program.

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“Be not afraid;  
for behold, I  
bring you good  
news of great  
joy which will  
come to all the  
people; for to  
you is born this  
day in the city  
of David a  
Savior, who is  
Christ the Lord.  
And this will be  
a sign for you:  
you will find a  
babe wrapped  
in swaddling  
cloths and lying  
in a manger.”  
And suddenly  
there was with  
the angel a  
multitude of the  
heavenly host  
praising God  
and saying,  
“Glory to God in  
the highest, and  
on earth peace  
among men  
with whom he is  
pleased!”

Luke 2:10-15

## Christmas Hampers: Pandemic Style

Not a cardboard box in sight! Due to the pandemic, our Christmas Food Hampers became Food Gift Cards this year.

We were able to assist 19 families in our area because of the outstanding generosity of our congregation. A simple “thank you” does not seem to be enough! We know there is need in our community and our congregation always rises to the challenge, this year being no exception. We also want to thank the good folk at Verona Foodland who have been with us through many campaigns.

Our Hamper Crew will be back at work in the spring!



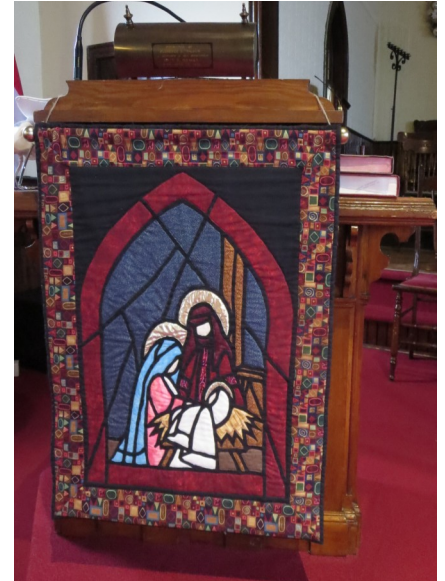
## Quilt Hanging

Barb Stewart has been a quilter for many years! In the last 20 or so years, she has taken part in numerous classes at Wilton Creek Fabrics; always interested in learning new techniques. It was there that Barb created this beautiful Christmas wall hanging in 2005.

In October of 2008, the Trinity Quilters chose Barb to be the featured quilter at our quilt show. Here she displayed over 35 of her quilts in the choir loft, most of which she has gifted to her family members.

More recently, Barb has spent her time encouraging new quilters, sharing her expertise and love of quilting with patience and passion.

Thank you, Barb, for sharing with us your love of quilting and especially this lovely addition to our church for the Christmas season.



## Church Finances

Our revenues for November were \$7,432.00, including \$7,246.00 in givings. Our expenses for the same period were \$8,668.00 leaving a shortfall of \$1,236.00. In spite of the shortfall, we still have a surplus of \$1,373.00 in our local expenses fund.

Our Mission and Service givings are currently at \$8,707 which is about 73% of our target of \$12,000. We have about 2 weeks left to reach this target. Mission and Service is the outreach arm of the United Church of Canada, providing support for many programs throughout Canada and around the world.

The support for our Christmas Food Hamper program was outstanding. We received \$3,925.



## People of Trinity

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When asked why these three drive all the way out from Kingston each Sunday, they shared the following comments.

“We enjoy the fellowship”

“As long as the church is there, it keeps us connected”

“It’s pretty all-inclusive. I wouldn’t go anywhere else”

“We need our young people back”. We have excellent Sunday School teachers.”

“The choir is so good”

**“IT JUST FEELS LIKE HOME”**



### REMINDER:

Annual reports are due in 5 weeks.

Please have your reports submitted to the office no later than January 17th.

## Services at Trinity

Due to high demand, we are now having two Christmas Eve services. Service times will be at 5pm and 7pm. If you are wishing to attend one of these services, **please call the church office (613-374-2777) to reserve your space, and to indicate which service time you would like to attend.**

Our regular services will resume on December 27th.

For those who wish to join our services online (either for Christmas Eve or for Sunday morning services), we have set up a link on our website ([www.h-vpastoralcharge.org](http://www.h-vpastoralcharge.org)). The connection is through Zoom. If you do not have Zoom installed on your computer or device, you will have the option of connecting through your web browser. **The link will be activated 30 minutes before the start of service.** If you have any questions or problems connecting, please call Don Coleman at 613-483-2450.

## Christmas Greetings

To All my friends at Harrowsmith/Verona UC

We have had 2 big snowstorms and I have been contained in my condo all year, but I can still see the baby Jesus as the best gift to our world.

I wish for Christmas all the hope, peace, joy and love that the Holy Spirit offers to those who believe in this miracle of our Saviour and Lord, for each and every one of you in Verona and area.

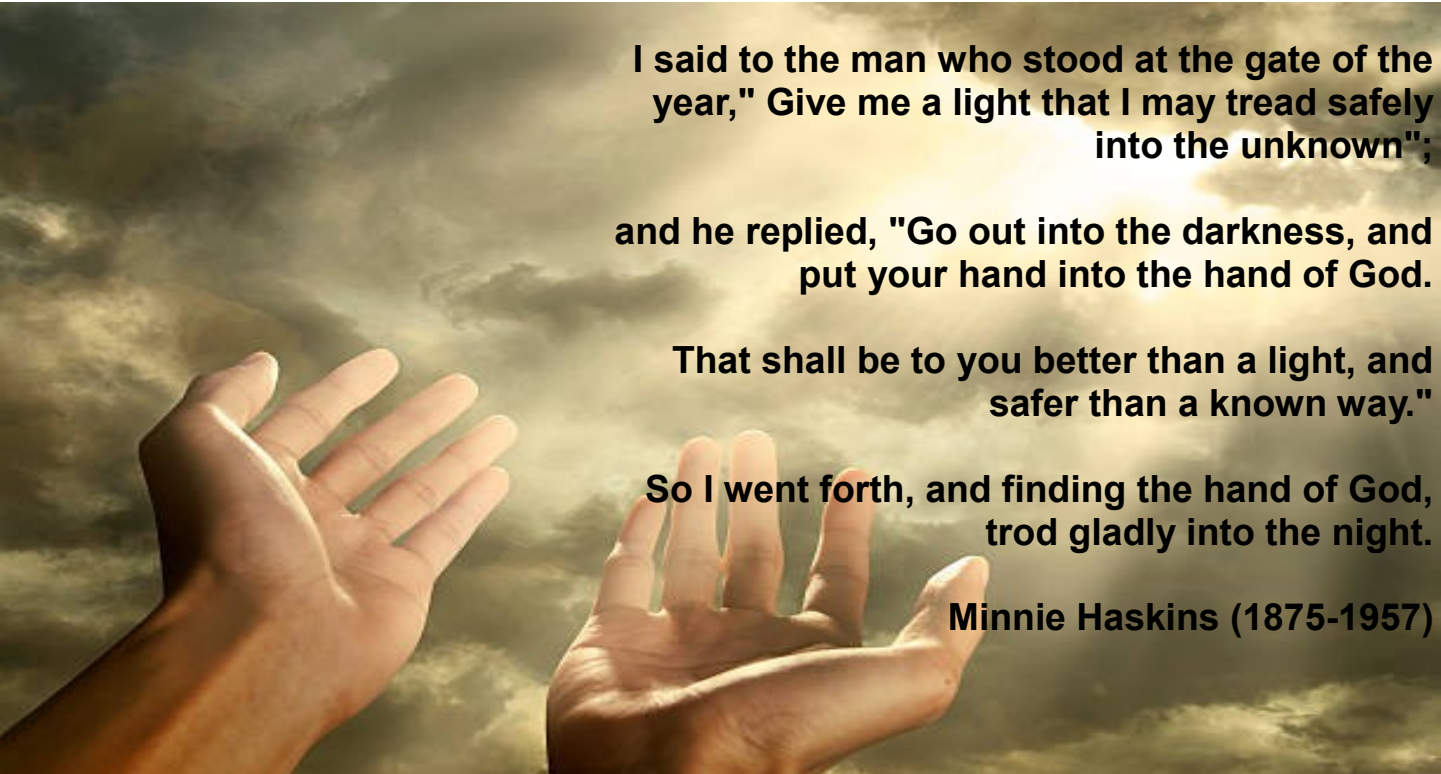
I am already looking forward to spring and 13 Island Lake.

I will celebrate my 86th birthday in 10 days with a quiet time but already many cards from friends have arrived. My new Mac computer gives me a new email thus; [scellison@bell.net](mailto:scellison@bell.net) but I have no copier so cannot send finished letters this year.

Be safe and healthy in 2021. Love and hugs to all

Shirley Ellison

## THE GATE OF THE YEAR



**I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year," Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown";**

**and he replied, "Go out into the darkness, and put your hand into the hand of God.**

**That shall be to you better than a light, and safer than a known way."**

**So I went forth, and finding the hand of God, trod gladly into the night.**

**Minnie Haskins (1875-1957)**

## Volunteer Award Nomination

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Carl is a skilled carpenter, a technologically savvy mechanic and a tireless supporter of the property needs of the church. He is the first call for any challenges that occur. His most recent contribution was as the project manager for Trinity's new accessibility ramp.

He makes himself invaluable as a consultant and ready project volunteer to the Verona Community Association, the Verona Lions Club, the South Frontenac Museum, The Fourteen Island Road Association and the many other groups that contact him.

It is our joy to nominate Glenda and Carl Turner for the South Frontenac 2019 Volunteer Award.

### A Prayer for Christmas

The day of joy returns, Father in Heaven, and crowns another year  
with peace and good will.

Help us rightly to remember the birth of Jesus, that we may share in the song  
of the  
angels, the gladness of the shepherds, and the worship of the wise men.

Close the doors of hate and open the doors of love all over the world....

Let kindness come with every gift and good desires with every greeting.

Deliver us from evil, by the blessing that Christ brings, and teach us to be  
merry with clean hearts.

May the Christmas morning make us happy to be thy children and the Christ-  
mas evening bring us to our bed with grateful thoughts, forgiving and for-  
given, for Jesus' sake.

Amen