

Trinity Connected

Greetings from Brampton

Letter sent to Trinity from Shirley Ellison

To all my dear friends at Trinity United Church

Thank you so much for sending me the news of the church in Verona, which I have begun to call my church every summer. It makes me feel close to all of you and anxious for summer to come. I know it is very hard to carry on and complete projects when the people cannot leave their homes. We have the same situation here in Brampton with our North Brampton United Church very close to my condo but it is closed and I can not go there unless I arrange it with a friend.

Rev. Jamie Horton and Rev. Debbie Johnston are two of our wonderful ministers. Jamie's daughter Leah and her friend do most of the music and I really enjoy the online services every Sunday at 9am. I have known the Holton family for over 20 years, and Debbie for about 15 years.

Most of my guests at the Cragghead cottage on 13 Island Lake come to church with me, but I am getting frail; I will be 87 in December, so I don't go alone.

I am amazed at how well you run your church and I love to be there when I can, and listen to your wonderful ministers.

Thanks and love to all
Shirley Ellison

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Why Send Cards or Letters?

Why send cards? Why not send a text or email instead?

Science has shown that receiving a handwritten note or card has a far greater emotional impact and makes people feel far more special and cared about than receiving emails or texts.

Have you ever watched the face of a child who receives a letter in the mail? The idea that someone sent a personal communication usually puts a sparkle in the eye and a very wide smile across the face.

It's a realization (conscious or unconscious) that someone cares.

Person-specific notes, letters, and even cards help make and strengthen human connections. That paper with a message is something that can be read and re-read many times over - something to take out and read when alone. The receiver of the original mail has a feeling of validity from and an authentic connection with the sender. Most people find a place to save those letters, cards, and notes to pull out and read time and again. Many of us save notes, letters and cards we have received over the years. For many of us it is a validation of who we are and our connections. If we receive an email that does the same, we save. It is not quite as personal as it becomes part of many emails that are in a folder. Perhaps a hard copy is the answer.

Remember that notes, letters, and cards are part of personal history. The people behind those letters are the people that affect you somehow. They respond to your thoughts and actions and share in like kind.

We have all experienced the pleasure of receiving a personal note, letter or card as children and adults. This is a simple idea to give a "virtual" hug and make a connection with a child or older citizen through a handwritten note, letter, or card. Especially in these days of Covid and isolation.



Belated Easter Information from the VCA



Many came together from Verona and surrounding area to put together Easter baskets to share in loss and support needs of the community.

Numerous local businesses and organizations donated, a great many neighbors, friends and concerned citizens far and wide also contributed. Homemade cookies for the Easter baskets were donated by 18 ladies throughout our community; 6 bakers were from Trinity.

Thanks to Diane Revill's impetus in organizing this, and to all who contributed. You made someone's Easter extra special (and tasty)!

Trinity's Reopening Status

The church reopening committee chose not to meet on May 10th in light of the Provincial Stay at Home Order, however it was decided that should the order be lifted, they would meet on June 7th to discuss matters further. There was also a brief discussion on having some outdoor services which would take place at the Lions Pavillion. All depends on that status of our province and local restrictions. We will keep you informed.

Meanwhile, services will remain online. Starting at Easter, a team consisting of Catherine, Ian, Sheila, Marg and Stan have gathered in the church sanctuary every other Wednesday to record a worship service for the following Sunday. The recorded service is placed online on YouTube with a link to the service on our website at www.trinityucverona.com.

The participation for these services has been encouraging, with over 100 views on the Easter service and close to 50 views on the following services. We invite everyone to join us on-line at www.trinityucverona.com and follow the links. For the other weeks, there will be a recorded message on-line from either of our worship leaders. Here is a list of dates for the next few weeks (which can be adjusted for outdoor services at a later date):

May 16th audio message by Rev. Ian

June 6th live recorded service by Rev. Ian

May 23rd live recorded service by Rev. Catherine

June 13th audio message by Rev. Catherine

May 30th audio message by Sheila

June 20th live recorded service by Sheila

For those unable to view these services on-line, a DVD copy of the service can be obtained by contacting Rebecca at the church office (613 374-2777).



But those who hope in the Lord
will renew their strength.
They will soar on wings like eagles;
they will run and not grow weary,
they will walk and not be faint.

Isaiah 40:31

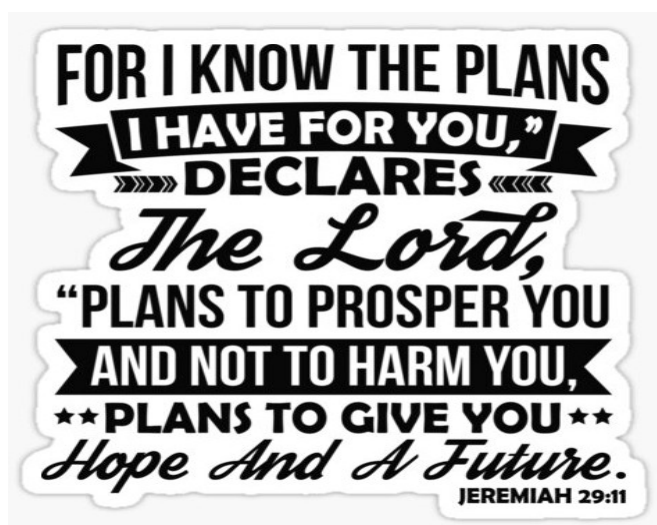


A Little Fun About Jane and Andy Adamson



How about a little fun challenge to see how much you know about Jane and Andy. **Mark the following statements as True or False, and check your answers on page 7. Goodluck!**

1. Jane (Zealley) Adamson and Linda Brown both attended Bloor St. United in Toronto? _____
2. Andy Adamson and John McDougall both attended Manor Road United church in Toronto? _____
3. Jane was an elementary school teacher, and Andy was a nurse? _____
4. The Adamsons moved to Verona in July 2000 and joined the Anglican church? _____
5. Jane and Andy shared a special bond with Barb and Charlie Stewart? _____
6. On the Adamson's first Sunday at Trinity, Andy's sister stood up and introduced them? _____
7. Over time, Andy has served on: Stewards, Session, UCW, M&P, worked on November 11th pancake breakfasts, Trinity Beautification Competition, Pig Roasts, Winter Breakfasts and Painting Bee (just to mention a few)? _____
8. Jane headed up the Funeral Reception committee for many years? _____
9. Jane was a Trinity Presbytery Rep that spanned two name changes? _____
10. Jane is a crackerjack pastry maker? _____
11. The Adamson's grandchildren, Sophie and Brock were baptized and attended Sunday School at Trinity United church? _____
12. Jane and Andy have moved to Kingston and we will see them no more? _____



If you know of someone who could benefit from a card being sent to them, please call Diane Revill (613-384-4415 or 613-328-7491)

Ministers Corner by Rev. Catherine

A little background: My Godmother, Diana Mackenzie Blench was an English midwife, in fact she delivered me! She and my mother trained together at the Royal Free Victoria Hospital in London, England and afterward came to Canada for adventure. Mum stayed and married while Diana returned to England. A devoted Anglican, she began to write poetry and published several volumes, one of which is called *The Dripping Tap*. I would like to share the title and poem with you.



The Dripping Tap

I planned to be a channel for you
Instead I'm a dripping tap,
But drippers have their uses Lord
And can penetrate any gap.

The continual drip can wear away
A small channel of its own
Not a full grown waterway
But steadily it will grow.

The little tap so patiently
Has dripped its way for years
And now a little channel of
Its own, has made appear.

When a tap is turned on fully
It makes a mighty rushing sound.
But the little background drip replies
"In the night I louder sound!"

The Lord said, "Just keep on dripping
And people will listen and count.
They'll await each splash eagerly
And that's what the drip's about!"

Church Finances

We have received excellent support for the month of April. Our Local Expense givings for last month was \$6,966.00. Our expenses for the same period was \$5,947.37 leaving us with a surplus for the month of \$1,043.63. We find this increasing support encouraging however, we still have a deficit from previous months of \$7,057.95 in this fund. Mission and Service givings for the same period were \$2,600.00.

We welcome all donations either by cheque or by Etransfer to don@donaldcoleman.com. We express thanks to all who have continued to support us either through PAR other donations.





Wishing everyone who celebrates a birthday in May a very happy birthday! Happy birthday to you, happy birthday to you. May God's richest blessings fall upon you!

Joan Steele
Alice Kennedy
Clara Clow

May 13th
May 16th
May 17th

Spring Pasta Salad

Ingredients:

- 1/3 cup olive oil
- 2 tsp Dijon mustard
- 1 tsp honey
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 1 lemon, zested and juiced
- 12 ounces cavatappi pasta
- 4 ounces asparagus, blanched and thinly sliced on the bias
- 1 cup frozen peas
- 12 ounces yellow pepper, chopped
- 1 pint grape tomatoes, halved
- 1 shallot, minced
- 1/2 fresh dill, chopped
- Ricotta salata or Feta cheese for garnish



Directions:

1. For the dressing: In a small bowl, whisk together the olive oil, Dijon mustard, honey, garlic, lemon zest and juice, and season with salt and pepper.
2. For the pasta: Toss the pasta with the asparagus, peas, roasted peppers, tomatoes, shallots and dill. Pour the dressing over the salad, tossing to coat. Let the salad hang out for a bit to soak up all of the flavour.
3. When ready to serve, bowl it up and shave some ricotta salata or crumble feta cheese over the top to seal the deal.

Jane and Andy Adamson Answers

1. **TRUE** Jane and Andy were in fact married at Bloor St. United, the church out of which the first moderator of the United Church of Canada issues. Long after the Adamson's had moved (1969) to Battersea, Linda Brown and family attended Bloor St. UC where Linda was 1.acquainted with Jane's parents.
2. **TRUE** There are many coincidences in this world. They both also went to North Toronto High School before moving east, and working for the same Board of Education (Kingston).
3. **FALSE** Reverse the order.
4. **FALSE** Andy reportedly said "I don't know which of the 4 churches in Verona we will attend." To which Jane responded, "Trinity United Church are doing a photo directory right now and I have signed us up for it." And was kidding of course. Jane was not. Lucky us!
5. **TRUE** Barb and Charlie Steward's grandson Jason married Jane and Andy's daughter Sarah.
6. **FALSE** On the first Sunday Andy's sister's good friend Glenda Turner, whom she had known from the days when Glenda was boarding in Toronto stood up and introduced them, and told the congregation, "If we want them to stay with us, we'd better welcome them."
7. **FALSE** At no time was Andy a member of UCW. All the rest are true though.
8. **TRUE** And Jane also was an organizer of the annual craft sale, has sat on Stewards and she was a member of UCW.
9. **TRUE** Jane along with Darlene Nicol attended Kingston Presbytery as reps, then continued through the name and area change to Four Rivers Presbytery and moved on to the now Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council (EOORC). They both enjoyed getting to understand more about how the national church operates and were thrilled to make new acquaintances from towns all over Eastern Ontario. At the inception of EOORC, Jane stepped down and thankfully Darlene is continuing.
1. **FALSE** Jane says, "I was no pastry maker," but she was happy to peel apples at the annual apple pie making bee, and contributes her share of food to any other enterprises like Sunday fellowship, special dinners and more.
1. **TRUE** Jane notes that Sophie and Brock are the fourth generation to attend a United Church and she and Andy have been grateful to attend their baptisms at Trinity.
2. **FALSE** Jane says, "To everyone at Trinity, you are a warm, welcoming group of people. We would not want to go anywhere else. We have shared all the joys and sorrows and interesting times that families at Trinity share. ***We love you very much. We're here to stay.***" (Note, in fact, Andy is our present Chair of the Committee of Stewards!)



South Frontenac Community Services Foodbank

Food donation items that we are in need of currently include:

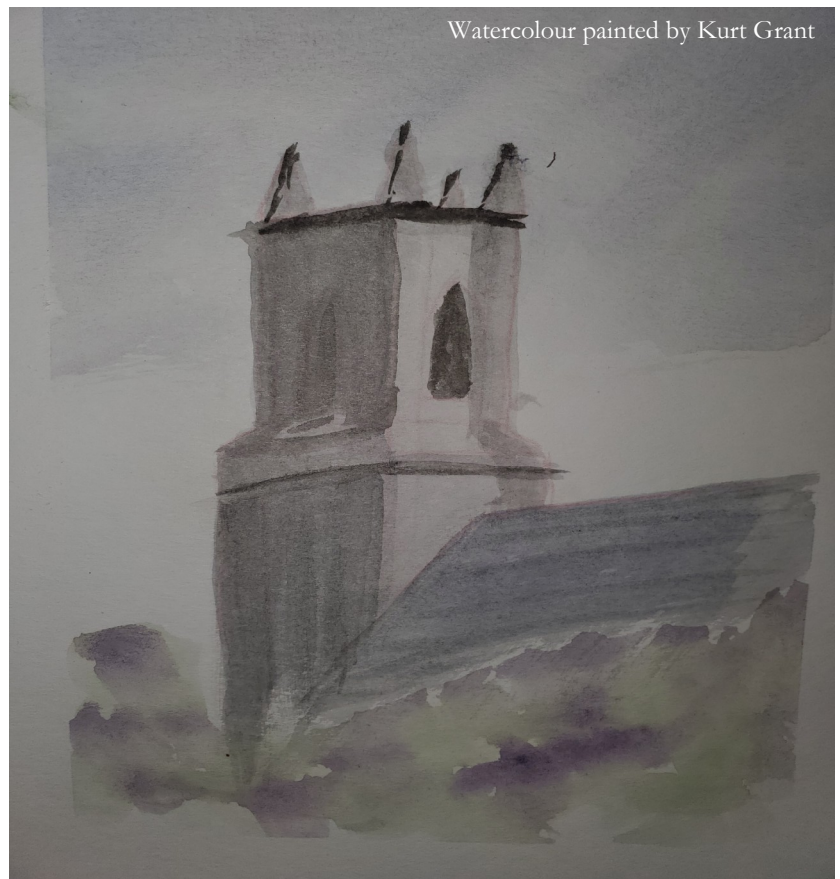
- Boxed cereal
- Salad Dressings
- Fresh produce and fresh meat
- Granola Bars
- Crackers
- Miracle Whip
- Tea (black)
- Jams and Spreads
- Cookies
- Instant Coffee (regular and/or decaf)
- Canned Vegetables
- Dairy products (milk, yogurt, sour cream)

Praying for Light

Truth-telling, wind-blowing, life-giving spirit
May we present ourselves now and always
For care and guidance;
Breathe your truth among us,
Breathe your truth of deep Friday losses,
And your truth of awesome Sunday joy.

Breathe your story of death and life
That our story may yield to your will for life.
We pray in the name of Jesus
Risen to new life
And him crucified.

By: Rev. Catherine Oxenford-Grant



If you have an idea for the newsletter or would like something published, please submit to the church office by email or call to make arrangements for pick-up or drop off

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