



Trinity Connected

January 2022

Church Finances: Thank You!

On behalf of the Committee of Stewards of Trinity United Church we would like to thank our members and supporters for their tremendous support in 2021. In spite of the closures and restrictions, both mandated and voluntary, we have received \$98,078.00 in donations from our members and supporters. This money was designated as follows:

Local Expenses - \$79,334.50 was allocated to our local operating budget. This money supports all the local operations of the church, including salaries, utilities and maintenance. With fund raising and rental revenue being curtailed because of pandemic restrictions, this is now our main means of support.

Mission and Service - \$9,170.50 was allocated to the United Church of Canada Mission and Service Fund. This is the outreach arm of the United Church of Canada, supporting projects both in Canada and abroad. While we fell short of our goal of \$12,000.00, we did remarkably well in spite of the restrictions.

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*I can do all things
through Christ who
strengthens me.*

Philippians 4:13

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Musical Memories

In the December issue of Trinity Connected, we invited people with present or past connections to Trinity to submit a recollection that has some significance for them. No doubt some of the responses will resonate with many others as well. Thanks to all who contributed the following.....



"Ann and I remember with great excitement the sell-out concert that was held in the church on June 21, 2003 to raise funds for our new Ahlborn-Galanti organ. The guest organist was the one and only Brian Jackson, the conductor of the Kingston Symphony. Other guests included Fred Newton as a 'surprise organist' taking advantage of the organ's CD capabilities. The other artists were Verona's Colleen Kendall and the Frontenac Women's' Chorus under the direction of Betty Wagner. The organ was paid for in one year." **Ann & John McDougall**

"I still have fond memories of the excellent choir created by Marg Smith and Carol Ramer. We had all sections covered, SATB, with good singers in every section. We tackled some amazing anthems and had a wonderful time. I remember Carol having "toque day" when she hadn't washed her hair, and Marg gamely walking back and forth from piano to organ depending upon what was needed. The Christmas choir, open to anyone, doubled our numbers and was legendary. There really was nothing like the music at Trinity, amazing for a small town. Love to all who participated or sat in the pews and enjoyed it." **Jennifer Bennett, B.C**

"I remember the Sunday School performing the Christmas story! We had all the costumes stored in the downstairs, and held one dress rehearsal in Sunday School. We even had a live baby as baby Jesus one year (Bea's Grandson, and Mary-Ann's son)! The kids always came through! I loved working with them!" **Marni Pedersen**

"Ah, those wonderful get-togethers with church friends and the community at large. I remember fondly Lynda and my early years in Verona in the 1980's when several of us met at the church just prior to Christmas and went carolling door-to-door in the village, especially visiting those who couldn't get out. Once the Verona Community Association came into being in the 1990's, carolling continued to be a special event along with other attractions at the "tree lighting", where many of us met with community friends and neighbours, visiting while warming around the fire pit and sipping on a hot chocolate. As the end of the 1990 decade approached, the church decided we needed a millennium project. An idea was put forward to purchase a new organ. We formed a committee, with visits to various churches in the area to view and listen to their instruments. Going further a field, several of us ventured off to Amherst Island, where we were entertained by a musician who had provided the organ for that church. We were impressed, and selected that model for what is currently our church organ, having the complete system installed by the supplier from Toronto. He used his expertise to locate and install the organ and electricals, then went on to precariously install the speakers in the rafters (a step ladder balanced on top of scaffolding) well into the wee hours of the night. Lynda and I provided his accommodation once the time passed midnight so he could complete the work the next morning. The congregation were prevailed upon to provide the finances and within a two-year span the \$20,000 figure was met, well ahead of schedule. A gala presentation was planned to present the new organ to one and all, complete with guest organists. The church

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Wishing **everyone** who celebrates in
January a very happy birthday!

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

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| Dorothy McCulloch | January 12 th |
| Kathleen Goodfellow | January 13 th |
| John McDougall | January 17 th |

SFCS Food Bank Needs

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



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| • Pasta Sauce | • Laundry Detergent |
| • Canned Pasta (Chef Boyardee, | • Jams and Spreads |
| • Alpha Ghatti, Zoodles, etc) | |
| • Canned Meats | • Canned Fruit |
| • Cheese | • Canned Vegetables |
| • Toilet Paper | • Deodorant (Men's & Ladies) |
| • Canned Tomatoes | • Shampoo & Conditioner |
| • Dish Soap | • Cleaning Supplies |

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases;
his mercies never come to an end;
they are new every morning;
great is your faithfulness.
“The Lord is my portion,” says my soul,
“Therefore I will hope in him.”

LAMENTATIONS 3:22-24

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Christmas Food Hampers - \$3,110.00 was donated to our Christmas Food Hamper campaign. Because of the restrictions, this year we gave out gift cards to the recipients instead of actual food hampers.

McMullen Fire Relief - \$3,515.00 was donated in support of the residents of the McMullen Housing Residence after the complex was destroyed by fire in January 2021 leaving over 30 families homeless.

Haitian Earthquake Relief - \$550.00 was donated to assist with relief efforts for the earthquake that occurred in Haiti on August 14, 2021.

Other Donations - The remaining \$2,398.00 was donated to other areas including our Building Fund, Memorial Fund and donation for projects at Camp Quin-Mo-Lac.

Again, we thank everyone for their generosity and look forward to their continuing support in 2022.



"For I know the plans I have for you,"
declares the Lord...

*"plans to give you hopes
and a future."*

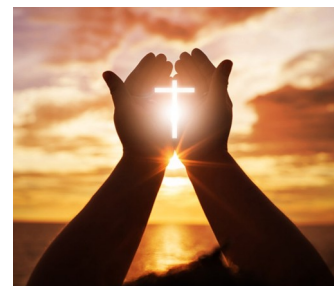
Jeremiah 29:11



A Prayer for the New Year

Submitted By Rev. Catherine

Widen our minds, we pray, O God, to take in more your world; more of its beauty, more of its joy, more of its burdens, more of its possibilities. Stretch our hearts so that we can love more of our neighbors, more of those who are like us and those who are not. Strengthen our free creative will so that our longing may become our actions and our devotion may truly draw us closer to you. Amen.



Musical Memories

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was packed. Who could forget Fred Newton's academy award performance as MC? All in attendance were astounded when he strode to the bench and struck up a rendition of a recognized classical favourite. Although I was not a choir member, I thoroughly enjoyed assisting and listening to the numerous concerts put on by the church and especially the gift to the community of Christmas concerts when the invitation was extended to other community residents to join the choir. On a few occasions, someone would dare to request that I accompany a special event on my tuba. Now that was flirting with the definition of a "musical presentation. Best wishes to all at Trinity United Church as you continue to provide wonderful musical experiences for the congregation and the community to enjoy." **Doug Boulter**

"What enjoyed about being in the choir, was just getting together and practising." **Diane Vickery**

"Recollections invoke such nostalgia and delight. My tenure with H-V charge was the zenith of my musical experiences to this point. Assuming duties held by the venerable Carolyn Brown and the sometimes delightfully irreverent Marg Smith was a daunting task. Fortunately both stayed close, they probably felt sorry for me and knew I would need their help - which was the case. Our combined efforts with our neighbours were gratifying and allowed all of us to 'fling wide the gates' with joy and confidence. As often in the new year, I would choose again for introit : 'Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the hand of God' and anthem: St. Richard 'know Thee more clearly. love Thee more dearly, and follow Thee more nearly.' Remarkably appropriate for 2022. God bless us everyone." **Annabelle Twiddy**

"In our choir we were more like friends, in fact family. I was teaching in Verona and somehow I heard that Trinity was recruiting people in the community to be in the Christmas choir; I'm not sure if I read it in the Frontenac News or heard that elsewhere but I decided to take part and stayed for 40 years in Trinity's choir. We had such a good time at rehearsals. We might rehearse for an hour or more, then have a break and rehearse some more. Dorothy McCulloch and Alfleda Watson would bring in goodies. We had quite the spread sometimes. Alfleda made a tasty lime punch. I wish I knew what was in it!" **Lynda Boulter**

Editors Note: If anyone happens to have Alfleda's punch recipe, please send it to Rebecca at the office (office@h-vpastoralcharge.org or 613-374-2777). We will publish it!

Crock Pot Beef Tips

Ingredients:

- 2lbs stewing beef
- 1 can cream of mushroom soup
- 1 packet brown gravy mix
- 1 packet lipton onion soup mix
- 1 can of sliced mushrooms
- 1 cup water
- Egg Noodles or Mashed Potatoes
- Green onion for garnish



Directions:

1. Mix mushroom soup, gravy mix, onion soup mix, and water together.
2. Add the stewing beef and mushrooms to the crock pot, then add the soup mixture over top.
3. Give a good stir, place the lid on the crock pot and set temperature to low and cook for 7 hours.
4. Serve over the egg noodles or mashed potatoes. Sprinkle the green onion over. Enjoy!



**PETER FINDS HIS FAITH TO BE MUCH
STRONGER IN THE WINTER**

Newsletter Quiz

You still have time to read through those back issues of Trinity Connected and “memorize” the relevant details of each family we have featured. The quiz is delayed a while, as we wind our way through January and February, keeping ourselves and others safe and in good health and spirit. You’ll get plenty of notice through our church bulletin and subsequent newsletters about the new quiz date. And how did you like the “Ladies with Typewriters” in the December issue? I am closely related to a guy who almost fell off his chair laughing at that page!



Let Us Be Magi: Lessons for Epiphany

Submitted by Rev. Catherine

"But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are small among the clans of Judah, out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from of old, from ancient times." [Micah 5: 2]



Christmas is a collection of 12 feast days beginning with Christmas day. The connection between the Incarnation and the 12 days after is the Revelation of the Magi or wise men from the East. This revelation is called Epiphany, or the unveiling of God in the flesh. It's an incredible story that these foreign seekers knew enough to look up and use ancient writings to analyze the skies. It's also amazing to realize that God has come in human form to save all people. The Magi may not have understood all the theology here but we know from Matthew that they came to worship the baby born *"king of the Jews," [Matthew 2: 2b]* following the star to Bethlehem, with Micah 5:2 as their guiding verse. So what can we learn from the wise men? One thing is that the foreigner, someone not like us, is made our friend. Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar are the traditional names given to the three wisemen. The eastern reference is probably Persia, and, more specifically, the Babylonian area (or modern day Iraq). Wherever they came from and however many arrived on Jesus' doorstep, the importance is the foreigner is made friend to the king of kings *"Do not mistreat or oppress a foreigner, for you were foreigners in Egypt" [Exodus 22:21]*.

The Magi studied books and astrology and it's where we get our word 'magic'. The ones who came to Bethlehem were probably believers in **Zoroastrianism** (I can't pronounce it either), the faith that believes in co-equal powers of good and evil.

Numbers 24:17 says, *"I see him, but not now; I behold him, but not near. A star will come out of Judah; a scepter will rise out of Israel."* Psalm 147:4 says, *"He determines the number of the stars and calls them each by name."* These astrologer wise guys connected the dots of Scripture to the signs in God's natural world! I mean, how often do we pay attention to what Joel 2:30 (quoted in Acts 2:19) says: *"I will show wonders in the heavens and on the earth below"*? It's also interesting that Jesus says of himself, *"I am the Root and the Offspring of David, and the bright Morning Star" (Rev. 22:16)*.

Let us bring our gifts. Our lives are purposed to be living sacrifices, holy and acceptable to God. That's our reasonable service and our *"true and proper worship" [Romans 12:1]*. The wise men demonstrate giving as sacrificial and on purpose. It doesn't just happen.

Let us have faith enough to look up again. Let us follow Jesus wherever he leads, backwards or forwards, inward or out. Epiphany means revelation. Let's use this time, this moment, to celebrate and learn from the pilgrims who traveled from afar to uncover the Truth of God made flesh. Let's never get over the Incarnation or explain it into something palatable to our modern ears. Let's never be smug about the death and resurrection of Jesus. Let us be Magi instead, believing in the magic, in the great magician, in the grand miracle of God made flesh.

Let Me Sit With You Awhile, Oh Lord

Written By Michael Traveler

Submitted By Sheila Anthony



Just let me sit with you
While the world is far away
While the troubles of the day
Fade, fade away

Let me tell you 'bout
all the things I meant to do
but never got around to

Let me tell you 'bout
my hopes and dreams
and things that never came to

Let me ask you why
you loved me
when all I ever did
was fail you

I know you'll say,
that's not true

Maybe it is
Maybe it isn't

What I do know
is that you love me, Lord.
by all the times you
came through for me
when you didn't have to

And I know you already know
every word I'm gonna say
every thought I'm gonna think
every feeling I'm gonna feel
before the words leave my lips
before I can put two thoughts together

or break a tear
or crack a smile

Just the same
Thanks for sittin' here with me
In the cold of the night
And lettin' me ramble

Nice hangin' out
With a friend

Just watchin' the snow