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Trinity Connected

Ebony & Ivory

Black History Month

Submitted by Linda Brown

"Ebony and ivory, live together in perfect harmony
Side by side on my piano keyboard, oh Lord, why don't we?"

Born in 1942, I grew up in a small town in Ontario, about 30 miles from Ottawa. My knowledge of "coloured" people came from an old Irish women who took care of me after school sometimes. She subscribed to an American church newspaper, and often showed me caricatures of "evil black boogey men" that would do bad things to children if parents weren't vigilant. This was some of the regular stuff of the paper. Wide-eyed, I believed my trusted baby sitter.

We have all seen those renditions of black faces with exaggerated lips, wild hair, popping eyes that used to inhabit comics and cartoons etc. But those weren't the only people I knew I should avoid. More subtly and mainly by omission there were the kids from the Chinese laundry in town; the Greek kids whose family owned a restaurant but whose English was "not Canadian," any Quebecois who ventured as far out of Ottawa as my town to go fishing on our river - and by the way the Catholics who were part of our schoolyard before the separate school was built. We just knew. None of them were ever invited to our homes or play groups. I don't even know the first name of the Jewish girl who attended our school. Only that her family owned a scrap yard, which always looked so junky.

When I was in grade 9, my only desire was to "fit in" with the tribe, to be accepted, to be a part of. Since I came from the poorer part of town, that

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*This man came to Jesus
by night and said to
him "Rabbi, we know
that you are a teacher
come from God; for no
one can do these signs
that you do, unless God
is with him."*

John 3:2

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All in the Family

By Linda Brown

CLARA CLOW

You may be one of the lucky families that keeps warm on cold days by tucking a colourful Clara Clow afghan blanket over your knees. No Trinity Christmas Craft sale happened without an amazing array of Clara's pastime produce. During a phone interview with Clara in January, she tried to count up the approximate number of afghans she had knitted over her lifetime – "so many" she said.

Clara (Lloyd) was born near Napanee in the hamlet of Sillsville, and as a young girl, attended Sillsville United Church, then on to Trinity United Church, Napanee. Clara proudly described being in a Christmas pageant in that Sunday School. Clara exclaimed, "It attracted such a big crowd they had to perform it twice in one night!" In later years, in a boy-meets girl scenario (familiar for some of us) Clara's girlfriend introduced Clara to Art Clow in Napanee. That was it. They married in Napanee in 1952 and moved to Art's home community in Verona. In fact, Art himself was baptised at Trinity before it got its latest name. Art promised, "I'll build our home under these two big maple trees." He did! Clara still resides there on Sand Rd. today. Eventually the Clow's five children - Mike, Bonnie, Randy, Darlene and Juanita attended Trinity's Sunday School classes. It was Art who made sure the kids all got there by driving them every Sunday without fail. Each of the five kids, in later years, were married in Verona at Trinity. Their parents participated in the many Trinity sponsored events where the church community collected for meals like BBQ's, Fish Fries, Pork Dinners, pancake breakfasts and Sunday fellowship, sometimes in company with good friends Arnold and Lois Goodberry.



In the larger community, the Clows spent 20 years at the Fairmont Seniors Home, volunteering to run the Bingo, and to work in the café. Two weeks before Art passed away Fairmount feted the Clows in appreciation of their tireless contribution to that community, complete with a lovely cake and a plaque

BONNIE BROWN (nee Clow)

Early on at Trinity, Bonnie enjoyed the Explorers Group that met in Alice Kennedy's rec room. Bonnie remembers, "We did some singing there like Kum Ba Yah and about grade 7 or 8 I began teaching younger children, in fact, for the next 8 years. In the 60's there were so many in Sunday School we met in various spots around the sanctuary an hour before church" before the CE addition went on to the back of the church.

Later Bonnie attended a youth group overseen by Sunday School Superintendent Glen Peters. They had movie nights, went bowling, skating, and played ping pong. Still later, (enter Willard Brown-literally) the boy next door on Sand Road. Bonnie and Willard were married in 1974 by Rev. Barnes Minister at the time. In 1997, Bonnie and Willard's daughter Stacy walked down the Trinity aisle to meet her bridegroom Jay Burt and presiding minister Rev. Barry Goodwin at the altar. Both Tracy and the Brown's other child Greg (sadly since deceased), had been baptized at Trinity. Greg's children were baptized at Trinity as well.



There's not enough space to do justice to Bonnie's church involvement, including time on Stewards, organizing the quilt show

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

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

Ann McDougall February 6th

SFCS Foodbank Needs

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

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



In Case You Missed It!

If you were unable to attend our regular worship services or you wish to experience our services again, **we have recorded our worship services and have placed them online.**

If you would like a copy on DVD, or would like to receive a service bulletin and transcript of the sermon, please contact Rebecca in the office (613-374-2777 or office@h-vpastoralcharge.org) to request your copy. She can send you a paper version or a digital version of the bulletin and sermon.

To view the services online go to our website, either www.h-vpastoralcharge.org or www.trinityucverona.com and select the service you wish to view.



Church Finances

(The following numbers are an update from those included in the article in the January Newsletter. The amounts include 2021 donations received after the article was published.)



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 \$98,558.00 in donations from our members and supporters. This money was designated as follows:

Local Expenses - \$79,724.50 was allocated to our local operating budget.

Mission and Service - \$9,200.50 was allocated to the United Church of Canada Mission and Service Fund. While we fell short of our goal of \$12,000.00, we did remarkably well in spite of the restrictions.

Christmas Food Hampers - \$3,110.00 was donated to our Christmas Food Hamper campaign.

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

Bible Study for February

By Rev. Catherine Oxenford-Grant

Luke 9:28-36 Jesus' Transfiguration

The readings for February 2022 from the New Revised Lectionary feature a number of stories in which revelation and ending play a part. **Isaiah 6:1-8** (I saw God seated upon the throne); **1 Corinthians 15:1-11** (An account of Jesus' resurrection); **Genesis 45:3-11, 15** (Joseph reveals his identity to his brothers); Exodus 34:29-35 (Moses is radiant as he comes down the mountain) – all of these are worthy of study however, I have chosen **Luke 9:28-36**, the account of Jesus' transfiguration upon the mountain.



About a week after Jesus predicted his death to his disciples there is a great happening. *Jesus took Peter, John and James with him and went up onto a mountain to pray. As he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became as bright as a flash of lightning. Two men, Moses, and Elijah, appeared in glorious splendor [Lk.9:28-30].*

Moses and Elijah were important here for a number of reasons. Moses was the great Old Testament deliverer of Israel and giver of the law, and Elijah, the representative of the prophets. Moses' work had been finished by Joshua and Elijah's by Elisha. Interestingly here, Joshua and Elisha are both Hebrew forms of the name Jesus.

Both Moses and Elijah spoke with Jesus concerning the 'exodus' he was about to accomplish, by which he would deliver his people from the bondage of sin and bring to fulfillment the work of both Moses and Elijah. We can also read about this in 1Kings 19:16 and Matthew 17:3. The Greek *exodus*, meaning 'departure' is another way of speaking of Jesus' impending death. It might also link Jesus' saving death and resurrection with God's saving of the people out of Egypt.

We aren't sure what time of day this transfiguration happened though it was probably following dusk. Verse 32 says *Peter and his companions were very sleepy* (perhaps from climbing up a mountain) but

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was an uphill slog. I kept my head down, and tried to please. A substitute teacher appeared in our grade 9 English class. We couldn't believe our eyes - he was Negro, in fact had very dark skin! He had a cultured British accent. Our class, all classes set about making his life a living hell. Being disruptive, making rude noises behind our textbooks, slamming desk tops down, writing nasty things on the blackboard before class, defiantly coming to class late; in fact, anything we could get away with. Which we did. For one thing, he was a very gentle person, who probably should have been teaching Phd, students - he did have his doctorate - but what university would ever have hired a Black teacher in 1956? He was reduced to teach 14 year olds to earn a living, and lucky to get it. For another, if he had taken complaints to the principal he could not count on back-up as a white teacher might have. One day after school, I was in being Parent Helper to our local United Church minister's wife and their 4 children next door. She called me aside. "I hear you kids have been making trouble for Mr. X at school. He doesn't deserve such cruelty. We've had him here for dinner. Can't you see how you're hurting a good person? He's very lonely and discouraged". I protested, "it isn't me, it's those boys. They're only having fun. I haven't done anything". "That's just the point Linda - What have you said to stop them?" she asked gruffly.



I was so angry with her in my humiliation. Didn't she understand that I would have been rejected by the group if I had befriended the teacher in any way? But I also felt ashamed because I knew in my heart she was right. I knew my mother and father wouldn't be happy with me either. A month or two later, the teacher was replaced. Problem solved as far as I was concerned.

Only it wasn't. Years later having taught in the Greater Toronto area in classrooms of Sri Lankans, Jamaicans, Japanese, Guatemalans, Macedonians, Ugandans, Nigerian, Chinese, Dutch, Israelis, and on and on I still carried the memory of that English teacher's ordeal in our town. Long after I had met and married my husband Carleton and had been accepted into the Black community of Buxton Ontario (from which he came) and even after we had lived amongst First Nations people in Arctic Canada, that early encounter lingered in the back of my mind.

I was at a Teaching Conference one day and sat beside a Black man who had the same last name - a most unusual last name as Mr. X my 50's teacher. I tentatively asked him if he knew anyone by that name who had taught school in Ontario. "Yes," he said, "he's my brother."

If you've read this far, you know what I did next. I wrote my former teacher a letter of apology for my complicity by silence. Long retired but gratified to have heard from me, in his gentle way, he responded with his forgiveness.

Back to the beginning question posed by the Paul McCartney and Stevie Wonder song. **WHY DON'T WE?** What is your response?

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

All in the Family

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with Jean Claire, Ann McDougall and others, and serving as long-time member of the Property Committee with Millie Cuthill, Carl Turner and Gord Ramer. During the 1985/6 renovation of the CE Hall (now fellowship hall), Bonnie worked alongside the 10 or so men involved, cutting and laying floor tiles, painting, hammering and tearing out insulation. Carl Turner confided, "When a new skill was shown her like cutting floor tiles, Bonnie was a very quick study." He laughingly related also that Bonnie indicated one time she wouldn't be in the next day to work.. She was going deer hunting. To his surprise, Bonnie appeared around 10:30 AM. "I thought you were going deer hunting today," he said. "I did" she said, "and I got one too!"

While serving as one of the so named "celebrity chefs" making double-crust pie crusts year after year for the annual pie sale, Bonnie recalls, "it was busy, it was tiring by the end of the day, but it was fun!" Carleton Brown used to send his wife in early to the annual spring Bake Sale every year, to buy up Bonnie's raisin pies, before they got snapped up by the general public!

DARLENE

Bonnie's younger sister gave so much of her time volunteering at Trinity, that in the interest of conserving space, her accomplishments must be listed, rather than elaborated on .

Spanning 50 years of involvement, some to this day (Stewards, UCW, Funeral Committee, Regional Rep.), Darlene has participated as Sunday School teacher; in apple peeling bees; on Session; as Chair of Student Minister Erin Mills support committee; feeding hungry parishioners at numerous Fellowships, Teas, church suppers; Elder visits to shut-ins; dynamic fundraiser for the Sisters-in-Spirit Campaign; and most recently, fundraiser for Camp Quin-mo-lac on behalf of area children. She also ran Euchre and Bridge nights with Sandra Asselstine for a few years.



When asked what has stood out to her, one memory popped up right away. "I played the role of Mary in the Christmas Pageant. James Watson was Baby Jesus, and James' mom Alfleda Watson passed the baby to Mary (me). I still get a Christmas card from (adult) James every year."

Another living memory, "Rev. Elaine Smith phoned me and said she needed an angel for the Christmas concert." "No," I responded, "I can't do that. I'll fall down" (too shy). "Angels do sit down you know", insisted Elaine. "I had no excuses left. Doug Boulter was a Wise Man. "We all sang the Christmas Carol together." Doug commented, "I've never sung with an angel before." "I've never sung with a Wise Man either," Darlene retorted. "We still joke about that whenever we see each other!"

BRIANNA, 4th generation of Clow origin

In January 2022, Brianna celebrated her 21st birthday. As a toddler at Trinity, Brianna stood on the pew beside Grandma Bonnie, mouthing the words, pretending, singing our hymns along with the congregation. Early introduction to karaoke maybe??

We leave the final word on the Clow family to Darlene whose message speaks for all...
"Keep on believing. Have faith. Have hope. Spread your love out into the world."
 Through the generations this family has made their lives their message. So may we do!

Pork Loin with Carmelized Onions and White Wine-Dijon Sauce

Ingredients:

- 1/2 cup Dijon mustard
- 1/4 cup whole-grain mustard
- 1/4 cup dry sherry
- 6 tbsp softened butter
- 1 tsp thyme
- 1 tsp cayenne pepper
- 5 1/2 tsp salt, divided
- 1 (4lb) boneless pork loin roast
- 1/4 cup canola oil, divided
- 2 medium sized red onions, cut into 8 wedges each
- 1lb sweet onion, peeled
- 6 large shallots, peeled and halved lengthwise
- 3/4 tsp black pepper
- 1/4 cup dry white wine
- 2 tbsp brown sugar
- 4 thyme sprigs plus more for serving
- 1/2 cup water



Directions:

1. Whisk together Dijon, whole-grain mustard, sherry, 2 tbsp butter, thyme, cayenne, and 1 tsp salt in a large bowl until combined. Add pork loin to bowl, turning to coat. Cover and chill for at least 4 hours or up to overnight.
2. Preheat oven to 350F. Remove pork loin from the marinade, reserving 3 tbsp marinade. Discard remaining marinade. Season pork on all sides with 2 tsp salt. Heat 2 tbsp oil in a large skillet over high. Add pork, and cook until browned on all sides (about 4 mins) per side. Remove from skillet and set aside. Toss together red onions, sweet onions, shallots and 2 tsp salt, 1/2 tsp black pepper, and remaining 2 tbsp oil. Add half of onion mixture to skillet and cook, without stirring, until browned on one side (about 2 mins). Remove onion mixture from skillet and place in bottom of a heavy duty metal roasting pan. Repeat with remaining half of onion mixture.
3. Place a roasting rack over onions in roasting pan, and place browned pork on rack. Bake in middle of preheated oven until a meat thermometer inserted into center of pork registers 130F (about 1 hour). Remove pork from pan, and transfer to a cutting board. Let rest (about 20 mins) before slicing. Using a slotted spoon, transfer onions to a plate.
5. While pork rests, place roasting pan on stovetop. Add wine, brown sugar, thyme sprigs, reserved 3 tbsp marinade, remaining 1/4 cup butter, remaining 1/2 tsp salt and remaining 1/4 tsp black pepper; stir to combine. Cook over medium until butter is melted and mixture reduced by half (about 2 mins). Transfer wine mixture to a small saucepan. Add 1/2 cup water and any accumulated pork juices on cutting board. Bring to a boil over medium-high heat, and cook for 5 minutes. Remove from heat.
6. Arrange pork loin (sliced or whole), roasted onions and fresh thyme sprigs on a serving platter. Spoon wine sauce over the top, and serve. Enjoy!!

Comments Made in the Year 1957

- “I’ll tell you one thing, if things keep going the way they are, it’s going to be impossible to buy a week’s groceries for \$20.”
- “I’m afraid to send my kids to the movies anymore. Ever since they let Clark Gable get by with saying ‘damn’ on ‘Gone with the Wind,’ it seems every new movie has either ‘hell’ or ‘damn’ in it.
- “Have you seen the new cars coming out next year? It won’t be long before \$5,000 will only buy a used one.”
- “If cigarettes keep going up in price, I’m going to quit. A quarter a pack is ridiculous.”
- “Did you hear the post office is thinking about charging a dime just to mail a letter?”
- “If they raise the minimum wage to \$1, nobody will be able to hire outside help at the store.”
- “When I first started driving, who would have thought gas would someday cost 29 cents a gallon. Guess we’d be better off leaving the car in the garage.”
- “Kids today are impossible. Those ducktail haircuts make it impossible to stay groomed. Next thing you know, boys will be wearing their hair as long as the girls.”
- If they think I’ll pay 50 cents for a hair cut, forget it.”
- “I never thought I’d see the day all our kitchen appliances would be electric. They are even making electric typewriters now.”
- “I read the other day where some scientist thinks it’s possible to put a man on the moon by the end of the century. They even have some fellows they call astronauts preparing for it down in Texas.”
- “Did you see where some baseball player just signed a contract for \$75,000 a year just to play ball? It wouldn’t surprise me if someday they’ll be making more than the president.”



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Psalm for a Winter Day

by Joyce Rupp

Creator of all seasons and ages,
I praise you for all that is beautiful
in this winter day of February coldness;
the strong, black patterns of trees standing tall,
utter whiteness of snow as it layers the lawn,
stillness broken only by the sound of the furnace
and maybe a brave cheep of the snowbird,
blue sky with morning pink still on its cheek,
the bush under the rainspout drenched in ice.

All the winter world, whose beauty we so often miss,
whose weather we so often condemn,
praise the Creator,
for our world has wonders and tiny miracles
if only hearts and eyes are open to see.



He had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd.

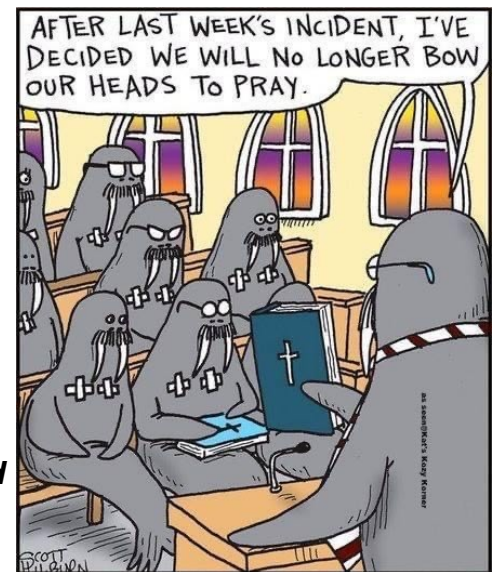
Mark 6:34

Reopening (again!)

At a joint meeting of the Stewards and Session which was held on Tuesday February 1st, the following two motions were passed:

1. That in-person Sunday worship services resume on **Sunday February 27th** (with appropriate restrictions)
1. That the annual congregational meeting be held on **Sunday March 27th** after the Sunday worship service (with appropriate restrictions).

For those who have reports to be submitted, ***please have them submitted to the office no later than Thursday March 3rd.*** Thanks



Belated Greetings from December

To all the people at Trinity UC.

I miss you already but spring is only 6 months away.
I turned 81 yesterday (December 17th).

I spent Christmas with my family as I spent my birthday. Snow has fallen overnight and is still peacefully still coming down this morning.

May you all be safe , healthy and happy in the New Year - 2022. Many blessings.

Love and hugs
Shirley Ellison



Bible Study for February

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when they were fully awake they *saw his glory* [v.32]. There is an interesting connection here to Exodus 33:18. Then Moses said, '*Now show me your glory.*' Now, all that God has done for Israel through Moses has made him very bold. At his first meeting with God he was afraid to look at *God's glory in the burning bush* [Ex. 3:6]. Now he asks to be shown God's glory without a veil and God promptly tells him that he asks too much.

We also aren't sure of the location of this extraordinary happening. Mount Tabor is the traditional site of the Mount of Transfiguration however nothing is specified in the gospels. Mount Tabor was quite a distance from Caesarea Philippi which is where the previous gospel scene is set, it wasn't very high (about 1,800 feet) and there was a fortified village at the top in New Testament times. Mount Hermon fits the context much better by being both closer and higher (about 9,000 feet). It was a landmark which was usually visible from the Sea of Galilee.

Jesus' transfiguration is much more than a story or misplaced apparition of sleepy disciples. The tremendous and mysterious content of this revelation is so overpowering that it can be described only in vision.

The vision that Peter, John and James had of Jesus' transfiguration and seeing him in all his glory is a gift that only the most trusted friends of the man from Nazareth were honored to experience.

Comments Made in the Year 1957

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- "It's too bad things are so tough nowadays. I see where a few married women are having to work to make ends meet."
- "No one can afford to be sick anymore; \$35 a day in the hospital is too rich for my blood."
- "It won't be long before young couples are going to have to hire someone to watch their kids so they can both work."
- "The drive-in restaurant is convenient in nice weather, but I seriously doubt they will ever catch on."
- "Marriage doesn't mean a thing anymore; those Hollywood stars seem to be getting divorced at the drop of a hat."
- "I'm just afraid the Volkswagen car is going to open the door to a whole lot of foreign business."
- "Thank goodness I won't live to see the day when the Government takes half our income taxes. I sometimes wonder if we are electing the best people to congress."
- "There is no sense going to Lincoln or Omaha anymore for a weekend. It costs nearly \$15 a night to stay in a hotel."

