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Trinity Connected

The Future of our Church Newsletters

Thanks to all who have taken the time to reflect back to your Trinity Connected team, your feedback on what you like about the publication, and how we can improve it.

One important way to make it more meaningful is to have more input from you the readers. What else would you like to see on these pages? What do you look forward to in each edition? How would you like to be involved?

When Session met in May it was decided to distribute our very popular newsletter quarterly instead of monthly. The four editions will be Spring/Summer, Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter. It was also decided that in order to reduce the cost of postage that we hand you your newsletter as you are leaving church on Sunday. The remainder will be sent out to folks on our mailing list who are unable to attend in person.

If you feel like you would like to assist financially toward the cost of the printing and mailing just write your donation to "Trinity Connected" on the front of an envelope with your name. All financial contributions gratefully accepted. We also welcome submissions from the congregation that might include favourite recipes, memories, stories or experiences.

Isaiah 61:11

*For as the earth
brings forth its
sprouts, so the
Lord God
will cause
righteousness and
praise to sprout up
before all the
nations.*

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Camp Quin-Mo-Lac Fundraiser

Submitted by Linda Brown



There will be a camp Quin-Mo-Lac fundraiser coming your way. As noted in the minutes of the April 5th Committee of Stewards meeting we set a goal of raising \$1,000 during the month of May to support our local United Church camp Quin-Mo-Lac. Some of us have been campers there. Some have been counsellors; some staff. Some have attended UCW weekends. Millie Cuthill and Linda Brown were both campers in the 1950's. Darlene Nicol and Glenda Turner have had some wonderful UCW weekends there. Ian and Jane Mackay's 3 sons were all involved there. Currently, we invite you to read the testimonials today of our younger generation who have also had Quin-Mo-Lac experience...

Amber: *"I have been going to Quin Mo LAC for 5 years before Covid hit. I always looked forward to going each year with my friends. Some of my favourite things to do there are definitely the rock wall and playing all the different games camp provided. This year at camp I am hoping to become a CIT (Counsellor in Training).) at Quin Mo Lac so I can help others have the same amount of fun I had at camp."*

Jocelyn: *"I have been going to Quin Mo Lac since grade 3. One thing I remember is that the Men In Black fun day, usually when at camp they have a theme day I have been to 2. One was a time travel day and one the Men in Black day. I love swimming and the polar plunge which is where you wake up early and go to the lake. I love Quin Mo Lac."*

Carmen *didn't write anything specific however she is super excited to go this year. She was registered to go her first year in 2020 and was beyond disappointed that she didn't get to go since her sisters both started when they were in grade 3. She has already decided she will be climbing to the top of the climbing wall.*

Our Trinity Quin-Mo-Lac Fund supports parents of our own congregation who would welcome some financial assistance to make camp possible for their children this summer. Two children from our congregation will attend Camp Quin Mo Lac on a "full scholarship". In addition, Trinity worked closely with Prince Charles Public School in Verona to identify children there who would benefit from a camping experience and to offer financial support where needed. Arrangements have been made for two grade 5 students from the school to attend camp alongside our congregational children..

In the broader picture, this 72 year old camp itself is working hard to meet all Covid protocols, and to update some much needed changes. Focus now is on completing the new roof over the Dining Hall Deck; bringing in water bottle filling stations to replace drinking fountains; installing touchless hand washing faucets and soap dispensers, and buying more picnic tables to accommodate outdoor dining and a cover for the swimming pool. Already 130 new vinyl covered mattresses have been bought to replace the cloth-covered ones.

How do we pay for all this? We care for our children, both our own and those in the larger Pastoral Charge community. Therefore we give what we can. Here's a suggestion brought by one of our congregants that you might consider... For those of us who have received a cheque from the Ontario Government in the mail (license plate sticker refund), perhaps you would consider donating a portion of your refund to Camp Quin-Mo-Lac. Or maybe, if you have the luxury of owning or

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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!**

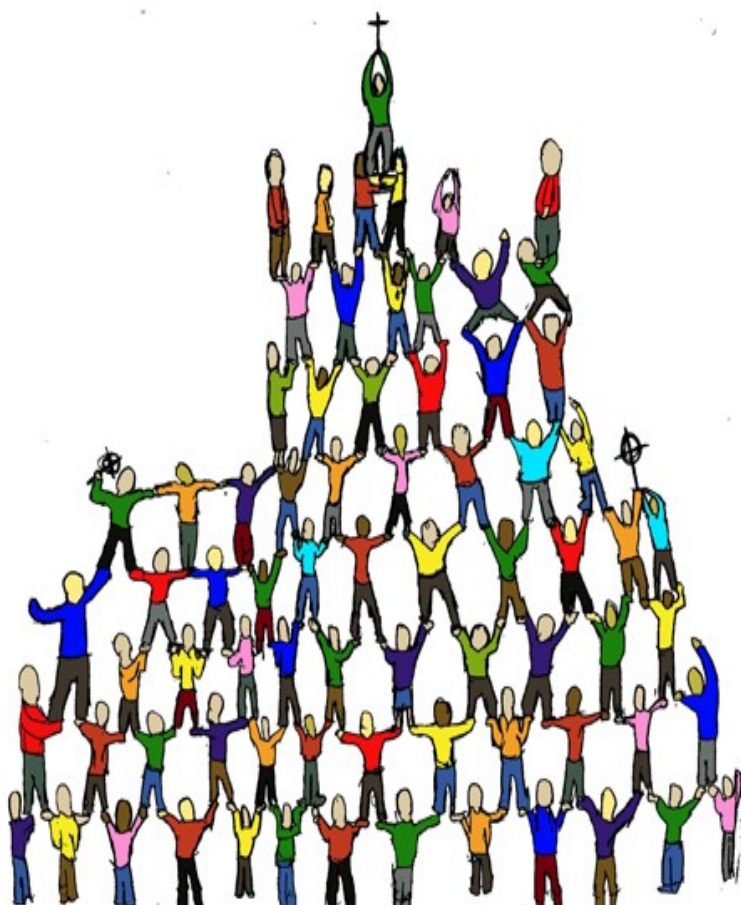
<i>Ian Mackay</i>	<i>May 1st</i>
<i>Lois Goodberry</i>	<i>May 4th</i>
<i>Joan Steele</i>	<i>May 13th</i>
<i>Carl Sole</i>	<i>May 22nd</i>
<i>Barb Joyce</i>	<i>June 11th</i>
<i>Carl Pritchard</i>	<i>June 11th</i>
<i>Alice Kennedy</i>	<i>June 16th</i>
<i>Marg Campsall</i>	<i>June 19th</i>
<i>Frank Goodfellow</i>	<i>July 11th</i>
<i>Ruth Brown</i>	<i>July 15th</i>
<i>Clarence Shepherd</i>	<i>July 16th</i>
<i>Ardith Wolsey</i>	<i>August 14th</i>

What is the Church?

Submitted by Rev. Ian Mackay

I think that I shall never see
A church that is all it ought to be;
A church whose members never stray
Beyond the straight and narrow way;
A church that has no empty pews,
Where pastor never has the blues;
A church whose elders always speak,
And none is proud and all are meek.
Such perfect churches there may be,
But none of them are known to me.
But still, we'll work and pray and plan
To make our own the best we can.

Author Unknown



Spring Greetings from Brampton

To Trinity United church

I look forward to receiving your newsletter every month and am beginning to know some of the members like Darlene Nicol (I went to camp with her a few years ago). I also know Carl and Glenda Turner and just received an email message from them near Gananoque.



Our church in Brampton has opened last weekend to all members and welcomed them back. It is still called "North Bramalea United Church" but we must still wear a mask, even in my condo and any place outside my door.

The sunshine has been beautiful this week and one day the temperature climbed to 14C. What a joy!! It reminded me of an old hymn, thus: "Turn your eyes upon Jesus. Look full in his wonderful face. And oh the things of this world will grow strangely dim, in the light of his Glory and Grace."

I look forward to the summer cottage time when I can see you once again.

Blessings to you all.
~Shirley Ellison



"For lo, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone; the flowers appear on the earth; the time of the singing of birds is come, and the voice of the turtle is heard in our land; the fig tree putteth forth her green figs, and the vines with the tender grape give a good smell. Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away."

Song of Solomon 2:11-13

Camp Quin-Mo-Lac Fundraiser

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renting a cottage, you would think of donating the equivalent of a tank of gas to and from the cottage so that kids who don't have access can experience a love of water, the out-of-doors, the starry nights and campfires. Please mark any donation you make to "Trinity Quin-Mo-Lac Fund" clearly on your envelope, along with the amount. Every amount counts and we thank all of you for your continuing support of our beloved Quin-Mo-Lac!

Church Finances

Local Expenses - Our income for this period was \$23,098.07. Our expenses for the same period was \$42,308.09 leaving us with a shortfall of \$19,210.02. Because of the winter weather was colder this year than in previous years with more snowfall, our expenses for heating and snow removal have increased significantly over previous years.



Mission & Service - Our givings to Mission and Service for the same period was \$2,645.50. Our projected target for 2022 is \$12,000.

With the winter and its associated expenses behind us and with our regular renters starting to return, we can look forward to an improvement to our financial situation.

Just the Answers to the Facts

Submitted by Linda Brown

As promised in the March Newsletter, below are the answers to your **Just the Facts quiz**. Now you'll be able to engage in conversations on a different level based on new knowledge of the person in the pew beside you. The winner will be announced at the June anniversary service with presentation of the prize at that time.



1. **Darlene Nicol** climbed 3 mountains in the Adirondacks.
2. **Joyce Casement** was the writer/photographer for a small newspaper for 5 years
3. **Rebecca Peters** had her first paying job as a cashier at the age of eight.
4. **Linda Brown** had lunch with Canadian author Margaret Laurence.
5. **Mary-Anne McNutt** played the judge in a production of The Trial of Jesus.
6. **John McDougall** attended the same school and church as Andy Adamson in TO.
7. **Marg Smith** hitch-hiked to Cape Cod and back.
8. **Rev. Catherine** was the model used for fitting Mila Mulroney's tailored outfits.
9. **Jane Mackay** sold 350 cc's of her blood for \$27 in Madrid.
10. **Andy Adamson** drove a limo for a summer job at a resort.
11. **Bea Moffitt** had chicken pox at Christmas, followed by mumps at Easter.
12. **Diane Revill** drank from a common dipper in her one-room school days.
13. **Ian Mackay** took his first date to a topless go-go joint (innocently).
14. **Sheila Anthony** had her Canadian citizenship presented her by Prime Minister Lester Pearson.
15. **Don Coleman** was born August 14, 1945-VJ Day, amid international celebrations
16. **Stan Stinchcombe** snorkelled around the shipwreck Congestoga in the St. Lawrence.
17. **Jean Clair**, at age 9, cooked vegetables on a grill in a cut-down 45 gallon drum.

Mama's Bible

Submitted by John McDougall

One evening, four brothers chatted together after dinner.

They discussed their 95th birthday gifts they were able to give their elderly mother.

The first said, "You know I had a big house built for mama."

The second said, "And I had a large theatre built in the house."

The third said, "And I had my Mercedes dealer deliver an SL600 to her."

The fourth said, "You know how Mama loved reading the Bible and you know she can't read anymore because she can't see very well. I bought her a parrot who could recite the entire Bible. It took ten preachers over 8 years to teach him. I had to pledge to contribute \$50,000 a year for five years to the church, but it was worth it. Mama only has to name the chapter and verse, and the parrot will recite it."

The other brothers were impressed.

After the birthday celebration Mama sent out her "Thank You" notes.

She wrote:

"Milton, the house you built is so huge that I live in only one room, but I have to clean the whole house. Thanks anyway."

"Marvin, I am too old to travel. I stay home; I have my groceries delivered, so I never use the Mercedes. The thought was good. Thanks anyway."

"Melvin, you gave me an expensive theatre that can hold 50 people, but all of my friends are dead, I've lost my hearing, and I'm nearly blind. I'll never use it. Thank you for the gesture just the same."

"Dearest Michael, you were the only son to have the good sense to give a little thought to your gift. The chicken was delicious. Thank you so much."

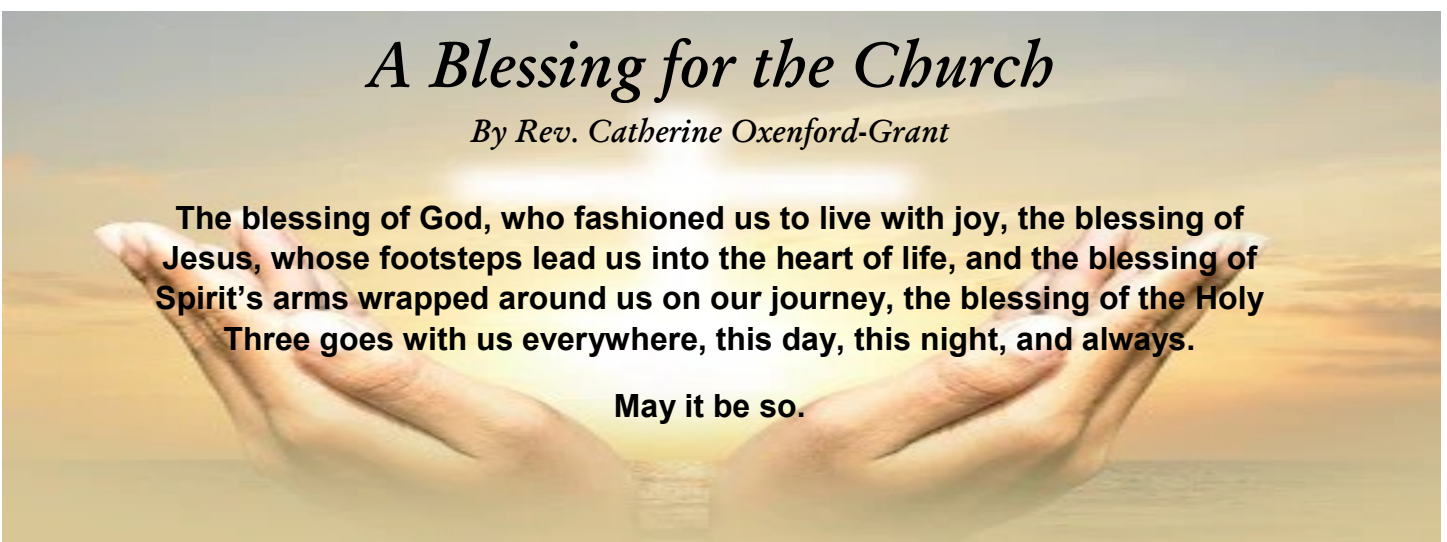


A Blessing for the Church

By Rev. Catherine Oxenford-Grant

The blessing of God, who fashioned us to live with joy, the blessing of Jesus, whose footsteps lead us into the heart of life, and the blessing of Spirit's arms wrapped around us on our journey, the blessing of the Holy Three goes with us everywhere, this day, this night, and always.

May it be so.



Bible Study for

Acts 2:1-21 and Proverbs 8:1-4, 17

Both of these Scripture passages are first among those that provoke a sense of 'where' and 'why' for both Pentecost and for Trinity Sunday. Acts 2 is the story of how the Holy Spirit came on the day of Pentecost and Proverbs speaks of Wisdom's part in creation.

Wind is a very common image of the Spirit. When that Spirit wind blew through those first disciples, they had no idea where it was going to take them, but they didn't fight it; they let the Spirit lead. Can you imagine that happening in our church now? Would we trustingly follow? I doubt it very much.



The disciples were assembled for the day of Pentecost, the 50th after the Sabbath of Passover week. Pentecost is also called the *Festival of Weeks* [Deut. 16:10], *Festival of Harvest* [Ex.23:16] & the day of *Firstfruits* [Num. 28:26] In Judaism, Pentecost was traditionally seen as the day Moses received the law. Now it will be seen as the day the Spirit came to fulfill God's promise as given in the Law and the Prophets. "They" were all together (11 apostles plus Matthias) *in one place*, most likely the temple precincts as they were "*continually at the temple*" [Lk.24: 53] when it was open.

Breath or wind is a symbol of the Spirit of God and the coming of the Spirit is marked by (audible) wind and (visible) fire signs. These two signs were fulfillment of Jesus' promise and the spirits of all the apostles were completely under the control of the Holy Spirit...their words were his words. This has huge significance where people of different nationalities and languages were gathered in Jerusalem for the festival – and what happened here involved more than the apostles as the phrase "*whole house*" may indeed refer to the temple; as referred to in Acts 7:44-47 and the building of a dwelling place for the *God of Jacob* and the *tabernacle of the covenant law*.

Wisdom was the first of God's creations. Wisdom, aka Sophia, danced with God, drawing a circle on the deep and bringing delight to God's work. As wind and fire came to those assembled within the house (probably the temple), Wisdom *takes her stand where the paths meet beside the gate leading into the city*. [Pro. 8:2-3] *and she cries aloud*. There is a clear relation between Wisdom (God's first creation) and her *raising her voice to all mankind* [Pro. 8:4]. We are instructed further to choose her instruction instead of silver, knowledge rather than gold, as wisdom is more precious than rubies. Her continuing lessons are echoed in those of Jesus, as fearing (respecting, loving) God means hating evil. Proverbs 8:17 is the clearest of all – "*I love those who love me, and those who seek me find me.*" Jesus taught that to seek is to find, and here we find Wisdom exhorting us to do the same, many years before Jesus was incarnated on this earth. As Psalm 8 cries "*How glorious is God's name!*"

SFCS Foodbank Needs

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



- **Pasta Sauce**
- **Canned Fruit**
- **Rice or Pasta Sides**
- **Cookies**
- **Macaroni**
- **Salad Dressings**
- **Dish Soap**
- **Applesauce**
- **Laundry Soap**
- **School Safe Snacks**
- **Pancake Mix & Syrup**
- **Shampoo & Conditioner**
- **Body Wash**
- **Deodorant**

Lucky Leprechaun Lime Drink

Submitted by Alice Kennedy & Lynda Boulter

Original Recipe served by Elfleda and Dorothy

In our January issue, in response to a comment made in our Musical Memories section, we issued an appeal to you the readers to send us the recipe for Alfleda Watson's Lime Punch Recipe. Thank you!!

Ingredients:

- 1 quart lime sherbet, softened
- 1/2 cup frozen limeade concentrate
- 2 tbsp sugar
- 2 (12 ounce) can carbonated lemon-lime beverage, chilled
- 1-2 cups crushed ice



Directions:

1. In a mixing bowl blend sherbet, limeade and sugar. Stir in soda and ice. Pour into glasses and garnish if desired. Enjoy!

