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BEYOND SUNDAY: OUR SPACES SERVING OUR NEIGHBOURS AND COMMUNITY

Our building has been buzzing with life! Beyond our Sunday Services, our church home continues to be a vibrant hub for the community. This past season, we have had the incredible privilege of opening our doors to neighbours, local groups and organizations, and families celebrating milestone moments. Each rental is a wonderful opportunity for us to extend hospitality, share our beautiful space, and be a blessing to the community around us. It is a joy to see our facility being used so dynamically to support and connect people throughout the week.

Each year we host community events such as our January Breakfasts, a Movie Night, Spaghetti Dinners, our Chili Luncheon and Social Time, and our upcoming annual Christmas Choir Concert.

Throughout the week we have regular rentals: the Otago Exercise Program, Yoga with Jackie, Girl Guides, The Frontenac Women's Chorus, earlyON, The Trinity Quilters Group, and the Twisted Knitters Group.



Our church serves its own purpose through its weekly Sunday Morning Church Services, its weekly Church Choir practices on Thursdays, monthly meetings of the Stewards and Session on the 1st Tuesdays of the month, and Church Fellowship Potlucks on the 3rd Sundays of the month.

We are thrilled to report a fantastic response to our church rental invitations being advertised through our website as well as on our new facebook page. Our spaces are increasingly sought after by community members and organizations for meetings, birthday and anniversary celebrations, allowing us to maximize the potential of our facility while weaving ourselves deeper into the fabric of the neighbourhood.

OUR CHURCH ORGAN'S 25TH ANNIVERSARY

In 2002, Trinity United Church took the bold step of purchasing a state-of -the art Ahlborn-Galanti Angelus model organ, supplied and installed by Classix Organbuilders of Markham, Ontario.

The total cost of the organ was $ 30,015.00. We paid for it in one year with generous congregation donations and a vigorous fund-raising campaign. The homework required in deciding which instrument to purchase was managed by a Trinity Organ Replacement Committee comprised of Doug Boulter, Millie Cuthill, Bob and Betty Findlay, John McDougall, Ralph McInnes, Janiece Newton, Marg Smith and chaired by the amazing Carl Sole.

The organ has played a vital role in the worship life of our church and community, with no repairs, since its dedication on Saturday December 7th, 2002.



Pictured: Sharon Sole & music director Stan Stinchcombe



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!

Hilda Warren	**September 6th**
Ed Asselstine	**September 25th**
Linda Brown	**September 29th**
Margaret Carstensen	**October 7th**
Jane Mackay	**October 8th**
Jean Clair	**November 14th**
Bill Spain	**November 14th**
Maryl Hughes	**November 28th**
Inez Dartt	**December 2nd**

If you know of someone who could benefit from a card being sent to them, please call Leona Andrew at 613-214-0427 or leona_andrew@yahoo.ca



HAPPILY EVER AFTER STARTS NOW!



The church hall was filled with joy on Saturday August 1st, as Karla Coleman and Aaron Devries were united in marriage. Karla is the daughter of church members Don and Mary Coleman.

The ceremony and reception brought together family and friends to celebrate the couple's new beginning. Surrounded by loved ones, the newlyweds exchanged vows in a beautiful setting, marking the start of their life journey together.

We wish to extend a warmest congratulations and heartiest best wishes to Karla and Aaron for a lifetime filled with love, happiness and prosperity.

SMOOTH ACCESS STARTS HERE!



A sincere thank you goes out to David Shane, Terry Morey, Andy Adamson, and John McDougall for their time, hard work, and dedication in repairing and restoring the church's back ramp.

Thanks to their efforts, the ramp is now safer and more accessible for everyone entering our church, especially those who may have mobility challenges.

It is wonderful to see members of our church community come together to care for our building and, more importantly, for one another. Your willingness to share your time, skills, and helping hands has made a meaningful difference.

We're officially on Facebook!

Visit our page and hit "Like" and "Follow" so you never miss a service or upcoming event.



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SPICING UP THE SEASON: THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR CHILI LUNCH & CRAFT SALE

Good food and even better company were on the menu as friends, neighbours and families gathered for our recent Chili Luncheon & Social time on Saturday November 24th. From the first ladle of steaming homemade chilli to the last cup of coffee, the room was buzzing with laughter, lively conversation, and wonderful fellowship.

Guests enjoyed hearty bowls of chili paired with fresh rolls and coleslaw, and a tempting spread of homemade desserts. More than just a great meal, the day provided a relaxed and welcoming space for long-time friends to catch up and for newcomers to feel right at home. We served 75 hot bowls of chilli, and made a net profit of $491.87.

Only a short week following the luncheon, the spirit of the season was alive and well on Saturday November 7th as neighbours, friends and families gathered for the annual Trinity Christmas Craft Sale. From the moment the doors opened, the hall was filled with cheerful conversation.

Shoppers browsed a wide variety of unique, locally made treasures, getting a head start on their holiday gift lists while supporting talented local artisans. Between browsing the craft tables, guests warmed up with a wonderful lunch hosted by the church, featuring hearty bowls of soup and sandwiches.

Adding to the excitement of the day were the raffle baskets. Thanks to the generosity of our donors, the raffle tables were brimming with themed prizes, drawing plenty of hopeful ticket buyers and resulting in our most successful raffle yet. Our net profits for the lunch, bake table and raffle baskets was $1558.75.



Events like these are a wonderful reminder of what makes our community so special. A heartfelt thank you goes out to the dedicated volunteers who make these events happen :

- **To our organizers:** Thank you for coordinating the logistics, and keeping everything running smoothly.
- **To our chefs, bakers and kitchen crew:** Thank you for donating your time and talents to cook, prepare and serve such a delicious meal.
- **To our set-up and clean-up team:** Thank you for working behind the scenes to prepare and leave our space beautiful and spotless.
- **To everyone who attended:** Thank you for coming out, sharing in fellowship and filling the room with so much warmth and laughter.



If you have missed any of our church services, you can view them from our website online.

https://www.h-vpastoralcharge.org/onlineservices.htm

COVERED IN PRAYER : PRAYER QUILT PRESENTATION

A beautiful quilt presentation occurred during the church service on Sunday September 20th, officiated by Rev. Tracy Kent-Hillis.

Levi was hospitalized in August due to a severe injury sustained back in January 2026, and received life saving surgery on September 3rd.

As part of the service, Tracy explained that for 2 weeks during her services that she had been carrying around a bag containing a quilt, lovingly pieced and quilted by members of the East Camden Pastoral Charge and the Odessa Pastoral Charge. She continued to say that one of the most wonderful things about a Christian community is coming together when someone is not well or in need. And in the East Camden Pastoral Charge and the Odessa Pastoral Charge they have a quilt ministry where a number of very skilled quilters gather on a monthly basis and prepare these beautiful and unique quilts.

Tracy was brought aware of Levi's illness and hospitalization in August during the Trinity closure. So a quilt was chosen and has been blessed by 4 congregations, and in the service held at Trinity on September 20th, was presented to the congregation for it's final blessing, and to leave it with Levi and his family.

When Tracy first saw the quilt, she shared that she was shocked that those who chose it knew Levi, for the quilt chosen for him is covered in one of his most favourite things – vehicles. Also on the quilt are strings with knots, a very unusual trait for a quilt as most quilts do not contain dangly strings with knots. These strings with knots are the individual prayers of people over the last few weeks prior to the Trinity service who specifically prayed for Levi and his wellness.

The quilt was left on the front pew in the church, and at the end of the church service, the congregation was invited to lay hands on the quilt and tie knots in prayer so that when Levi and his family looked at the quilt, they know it was covered by prayer.



Levi states he was very surprised by the quilt presentation, and was also very touched. It was a long journey to find answers to his health issues, and an incredibly scary time for him and his family while he was in hospital. Levi says thank you to everyone who prayed for him, and continues to pray as he continues on his road to full recovery. The quilt has pride of place on his bed, where he covers himself every night when he prays.

If you would like to view the quilt presentation, it can be viewed on the church website for September 20th at time marker 18:17-21:29

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=po9i6DIqoL4

EXPERIENCE THE JOY OF THE SEASON AT OUR ANNUAL CONCERT: "A CHRISTMAS BLESSING"

As the holiday season approaches, the community is warmly invited to pause, reflect, and celebrate together at Trinity's upcoming annual Christmas concert, "A Christmas Blessing."



This beloved holiday tradition promises an unforgettable evening filled with festive cheer, timeless carols, and inspiring seasonal music. Featuring the harmonious voices of the Trinity United Church Choir and Friends, the program will blend classic Christmas favourites with moving choral arrangements designed to capture the true spirit of the season. Whether you are looking to sing along to favourite carols or simply sit back and let the music wash over you, this concert is the perfect way to welcome the holidays with family, friends and neighbours.

In keeping with the spirit of giving, admission to the event is completely free. Guests are kindly asked to bring a non-perishable food item for the local Foodbank. Every contribution will go directly towards supporting families in our community during the winter months, turning an evening of beautiful music into a meaningful act of generosity.

Everyone is welcome to attend - bring your loved ones, invite your neighbours, and share in the warmth of the season on Friday December 4th at 7:30 pm.



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday November 29th	Advent 1 - Communion Rev. Ian Mackay	10:00 am
Friday December 4th	Annual Trinity Christmas Concert	7:30 pm
Sunday December 6th	Advent 2 Rev. Ian Mackay	10:00 am
Thursday December 10th	Foodbank Open at the Verona Free Methodist Church	10:00 am
Sunday December 13th	Advent 3 Rev. Tracy Kent-Hillis	10:00 am
Sunday December 13th	Potluck Fellowship following Service	11:00 am
Sunday December 20th	Advent 4 Rev. Catherine Oxenford-Grant	10:00 am
Thursday December 24th	Christmas Eve Service Rev. Micheline Montreuil	5:30 pm
Sunday December 27th	Rev. Nancy Clarke	10:00 am
Sunday January 3rd	Rev. Job VanHartingsveldt	10:00 am
Sunday January 10th	Rev. Tracy Kent-Hillis	10:00 am
Thursday January 14th	Foodbank Open at the Verona Free Methodist Church	10:00 am
Sunday January 17th	Rev. Ian Mackay	10:00 am
Sunday January 17th	Potluck Fellowship following Service	11:00 am
Thursday January 21st	Annual Congregational Meeting Reports Due	10:00 am
Sunday January 24th	Rev. Micheline Montreuil	10:00 am
Sunday January 31st	Communion with Rev. Catherine Oxenford-Grant	10:00 am
Sunday February 7th	Rev. Tracy Kent-Hillis	10:00 am
Thursday February 11th	Foodbank Open at the Verona Free Methodist Church	10:00 am
Sunday February 14th	Rev. Ian Mackay	10:00 am
Sunday February 21st	Rev. Chris Walker	10:00 am
Sunday February 21st	Potluck Fellowship following Service and Annual Congregational Meeting	11:00 am

Lord, as we enter this season of Advent and look toward a new year, quiet our hearts and fill our homes with Your hope, peace, joy, and love. Prepare us to welcome the light of Christ, and guide our steps with grace and wisdom in the year ahead. Amen.



Christmas Advent Services

November 29th	**Advent I Communion** *(Rev. Ian Mackay)*
December 6th	**Advent II** *(Rev. Ian Mackay)*
December 13th	**Advent III** *(Rev. Tracy Kent-Hillis)*
December 20th	**Advent IV** *(Rev. Catherine Oxenford-Grant)*
December 24th	**Christmas Eve 5:30 pm** *(Rev. Micheline Montreuil)*