



Shelburne-Primrose Pastoral Charge Newsletter

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Contemplative theologian Thomas Merton observed that paradise is the place where we understand everything to be gift. And this is so. When we come to understand that the morning light, the evening sunset, the movement of our hands, however slow, and our very breath are all sacred gifts, we live in a world of wonderment, and this, is to dwell in the kingdom of heaven. Our venerable leader, Jesus the Christ, did not speak of heaven as a flight of fancy from this world, but a world of delight situated right in the midst of the mud splattered battle field of the everyday. With each breath of gratitude we create for ourselves, and all those around us, a place of blessing and joy.

This Thanksgiving season, may you be blessed for the abundance that you recognize, seeing even in your struggles, the sacred hand of gift.

Rev. Candice Bist

Thanksgiving Message

Let us give thanks to God. Let us give thanks especially at Thanksgiving time for Trinity and Primrose United Church.

Reflection on the summer season, our Sunday services were full of interesting and educational speakers with a focus on Mission and Service. From all over Ontario, speakers who were ordained or lay, joined us to share their personal leadership experience in a range of outreach projects. Thank you to Rev. Candice for organizing and inviting such a brilliant lineup! They helped us better understand M&S from: various United Church of Canada levels, local First Nations, Peacekeeping internationally, Meditation Practices, Boarding Homes Ministries, Refugee settlement and many more. A continuing theme throughout was: There is one race, the human race. We need to connect with one another peacefully and with grace. Isn't that how Jesus lived? It is. It is how we work together in church and in Shelburne that makes the difference.

In preparation for the Fall season, our church councils continue to develop partnerships with others in the Shelburne community. We are looking outward to new people to better serve the needs of this community. As a council, we are open to new possibilities and changing attitudes. We continue to set goals and integrate them into the life of our church. Let us be grace filled and hospitable to others—all others.

I'm grateful for our steps project at Trinity. It will wrap up before winter and will symbolize our welcoming attitude and open doors to all of Shelburne.

Don't miss out on two concerts, October 20th and November 24th, and I'll see you at the Beef supper on November 3rd at Trinity.

Happy Thanksgiving
Ann McAlpine
Joint Council Chair



SOUP HAUS



Trinity is excited about our newest partnership with SoupHaus, headed up by Sohayla Smith and Josh Oatman. And it sounds like SoupHaus is excited about it too. Here’s Sohayla’s brief introduction to what it is all about.

Welcome! Soup Haus offers free homemade food. Our offerings change weekly depending on available produce and what the chef decides to cook! We aim to help people by offering the simple things that we can, fill bellies, treat sweet teeth, and make people smile. Please don't be shy! Soup Haus is for *everyone* to enjoy. Sometimes we all need a little something sweet to brighten our day, or a helping hand to alleviate some of the weight on our shoulders, and, sometimes... we just need a break! We'd like to help.

If you'd like to contribute, we happily accept canning jars of all sizes, new small & medium sized freezer Ziploc bags, new recyclable Tupperware, and fresh produce donations. There is always more than enough to give, so please don't hesitate to get in touch. We look forward to feeding you! Starting soon, we're very thrilled to be teaming up with Trinity United Church in Shelburne to offer free sit down meals during the cooler months.

Find us on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/souphausrestaurant>

Or our website: www.souphaus.ca or by email: souphausrestaurant@gmail.com

UCOBSERVER

United Church Observer magazine subscriptions are available for a cost of \$25.00 per year. If you are interested in a subscription, please let Kris in the church office know and she will get you signed up.

Trinity’s Financial Update to Aug. 31, 2017

Income		Expenses	
Offerings	\$62,250.00	Operating	79,615.00
Fundraising	4,037.00	Committees	784.00
Other Income	8,529.00	Total Expenses	80,399.00
Total Income	\$74,816.00		
		Deficit to end of Aug.	-5,583.00

Step Up

Trinity United Church is well underway with the renovation and beautification project of the east side of our building

Visioning Committee and Property Committee

The Visioning Committee and Property Committee have been working collaboratively in completing our stair replacement project. A lot of planning and work has gone into the stairs thus far; establishing the footings, laying up the walls, forming for the concrete, rebar reinforcement and light fixture rough-ins. Thank you to everyone who has volunteered their personal time to help with this exciting project. We are pleased to announce that the stairs are currently under budget however we admit that we are currently behind schedule. We are waiting on our concrete subcontractor to complete the first of two concrete pours. The remaining work is dependent on the concrete work being completed. Unfortunately contractors in this field are behind schedule due to the amount of rain we received this summer. It is expected that both concrete pours will be completed the week of October 3rd. After that, the bulk of the work will have been completed and then all that will remain will be the stone facing, new handrails and ground restoration for this year.

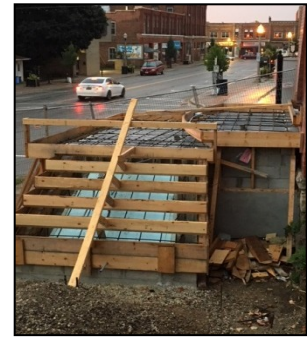
The Visioning Committee is currently planning for the reinstatement of the bell that was removed in order to permit construction of the stairwell. Plans have not yet been finalized however we have discussed that the bell will be relocated to the south side of the church under the large stained glass window and surrounded by a seating area and gardens. With the bell being located on the south side of the church, it will become a desired focal point of its own and be visible to those that visit our downtown core and the Farmers Market.

Please remain confident that this project will be completed successfully.

With Thanks,

Michael Hofman
Property Committee Chair

The Stairs Project Financial Update	
Budget	50,000.00
Raised to date	
Concert	3,246.75
Step it Up	6,544.30
Bldg Fund	10,000.00
Presb Grant	<u>25,000.00</u>
Total Raised	44,791.00
Still needed to raise	<u><u>5,209.00</u></u>





Trinity United Church Roast Beef Dinner

Friday November 3rd, 2017

4:00 - 7:00 pm

An evening of Country Music with Gary Heaslip, Kristin Scott, Bruce Ley and Friends on **Friday October 20th at 7:30 p.m., Trinity United Church.**

Come on out for some foot stomping, good old fashioned fun. Gary will make us laugh, Kristin will make us cry, and Bruce will keep the whole train moving.

Cowboy Campfire Drinks and Snacks.

Tickets \$20.00



Country Classics Music featuring Bruce Ley and Friends. Back by popular demand, Primrose U.C. presents a wonderful evening of hand clapping, toe tapping entertainment, performed by an amazing group of talented musicians and entertainers. **Friday, November 24th, 7:00 p.m. at Grace Tipling Hall.**

Tickets are \$15.00 each, available at Holmes Music and Appliances, Caravaggio IDA Drugs and any member of Primrose United Church. Bring family and friends for a fantastic concert of all your favourite country classics.

Look for these posters around Town. Details about both concerts can be found elsewhere on this page.

**Gary Heaslip
Kristin Scott
Bruce Ley
and Some Friends**

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Tickets on sale through Trinity United Church and at the door. If you want a set of tickets in a batch, send a note to contact@bruceley.ca or call Trinity United Church at 519 925 2233. You can also call Bruce at 705 817 2343. Or, send an email to Candice Bist at candicebist@gmail.com

Back by Popular Demand

**An Evening of
Classic Country Music**

**Bruce Ley and Friends
Nathan Smith
Ryan Hancock
Tom Griffiths
Scott Bruyea**

**Friday November 24th, 2017 @ 7:00
Grace Tipling Hall, Shelburne**

Tickets: \$15 Sponsored by Primrose United Church

If you missed this sold out concert last year you won't want to miss it this year. And if you attended you will remember what a great gathering it was. Come and sing along to all your favourite country classic songs from your favourite artists. And enjoy some excellent fiddling and sweet vocals.

Tickets are available from Holmes Music and Appliances;
Caravaggio IDA Drugs or members of Primrose United Church.
Contact Phone: 519 925-2397 Email: gailbrown.pharm@yahoo.ca

Worshipping Communities

You may have noticed or will notice that Trinity has become a very busy place. We are home to not only our own worship services, but we have two Faith Communities renting space from us.

We have renewed the rental agreement with the Seventh Day Adventists for another three years. Our first year has gone well, and we look forward to sharing our space with them on Saturdays and Tuesday evenings for another three years!



Beginning November 1st the Dundalk Parish of the Roman Catholic Church will be renting our Sanctuary on Sunday mornings for an early service. They will gather for worship and fellowship 8:00 am - 10:30 am each Sunday. You may run into them as they finish coffee after church in the meeting room downstairs. Let's make them feel welcome.

Partnering for Mission

Trinity and Primrose joint council has recently signed two partnership agreements that will contribute significantly to our ability to respond to God's call given to us in Micah 8:6.

Through our partnership with *First Line for Syria*, the Pastoral Charge will continue refugee support. Although the work is mainly carried out through those connected to the First Line for Syria group, all of us will have an opportunity to hear more about their work and to support it as we feel called, either with financial support or through offering our gifts of time and talent.



Partera Peacebuilders International provides us with the opportunity to help in building peace locally and globally, through the work of LeeAnn McKenna and her organization. Imagine being able to assist in hosting educational events on anti-racism, inclusivity and anti-bullying. This is only some of the work that LeeAnn does, that we will have opportunities to learn more about, and again to support through our offerings of time, talent and resources.

Pastoral Charge Mission & Outreach Committee: Both of these partnerships are only the beginning. The plan is to bring their work, along with other work we are doing or have done through Kairos, Truth & Reconciliation, Mission and Service, the Farmer's Market, The Quiet Garden Movement (Primrose) and more, under the umbrella of a brand new Pastoral Charge Mission & Outreach Committee. If any of this work interests you, then watch for opportunities to serve in these areas.