

Shelburne Primrose Pastoral Charge

Christmas Newsletter 2022



Our journey towards Christmas is happening! Throughout our travels of Advent we light a candle each week in anticipation of this special day

The First Candle was lit in Celebration of **Hope** on November 27th.

The Second Candle will be lit in Celebration of **Peace** on December 4th.

The Third Candle will be lit in Celebration of **Joy** on December 11th.

The Fourth Candle will be lit in Celebration of **Love** on December 18th.

Hello Friends:

So, how many days before Christmas? 26 days! Twenty-six days to shop, wrap, cook, bake, decorate, and drop. What an incredible season this is! And in the middle of all this excitement, the church finds hope, peace, joy, and love.

Here at Trinity and Primrose, we have begun our walk toward Christmas. This season is one of the church's favourites. Even as the weather gets colder, we enjoy the warmth, familiarity, and beauty of the age-old traditions of the seasons of Advent and Christmas. We sing our favourite hymns and hear how the promise of the coming of Christ was told and celebrated in ages long gone.

We invite you to celebrate these traditions with us every Sunday at 9:15 a.m. in Primrose or 11 a.m. in Trinity.

Have a joyful and peaceful Christmas with your loved ones and families.

Rev. Valerie

Shelburne Primrose Pastoral Charge News

Dear Friends,

Another year is quickly coming to an end. I know some of us are still trying to miss or recuperate from Covid and other illnesses. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

I would like to thank the following people, our Care Group Leaders, for their dedication to those less fortunate who are in the Shelburne Residence, the Dufferin Oaks or their homes; Joe and Karen Bojin, Paul and Susan Boon, Bill and Ruth Cruikshank, Paul Sutcliffe and Shelley Doney, Grant and Faye Ferguson, Glen and Mary Laverty, Jamie and Ann McAlpine, Linda Moore, Darlene and Jerry Morrow, Marion Webb, and Al Widbur.

From Primrose: Shirley and Morley Farnell, Gord and Gail Brown, Ken and Gwynn McGhee, Karen Klouman and Wally Barr, and Sabine and Jeff Rohner Tensee.

The biggest thanks to Linda Moore who so faithfully has been busy taking pictures and finding stories to go in the newsletters all year.

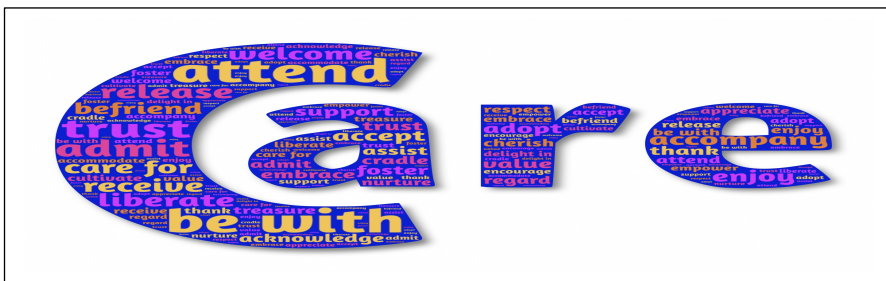
This is only a small part of who it takes to keep the church functioning. The following also deserve thanks: Reverend Valerie; Bruce Ley our Music Director; our technical people; Terry our custodian; the Sunday School teachers; our Greeters; the Fundraising Co-ordinators; Irene, our Secretary; the Committee Members for Finance, Property, Ministry and Personnel; and the United Church Women.

Finally, you the people, please spread the news! All are welcome to come to church, Sunday mornings. Primrose at 9:15 am, and 11 am at Trinity.

If you know of anyone who could use a visit, or phone call, please let Reverend Valerie know. For special birthdays or anniversaries please let Joanne Avison know, and she will send a card.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!
May God Bless you all with Good Health and Happiness in 2023.

Geraldine McComb Sherritt
Chair of our Pastoral Care Groups
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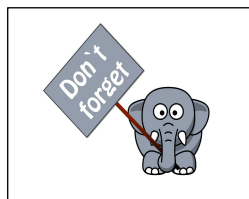


Please help our Pastoral Charge by donating toilet paper to be donated to the Christmas Hampers.



Deadline for collection is Sunday, December 11th.

To have a contribution to your church Included in the 2022 fiscal year, please ensure the treasurers have your givings *before December 29* for deposit *on December 30th, 2022.*



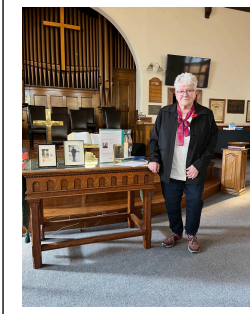
Trinity United Church News

For our Remembrance Day Services Anne-Marie Carmoy, (Rev. Valerie's Mother), shared with us her memories and experiences of her life in Belgium during WWII with her brother while her father was a prisoner of war in Germany. We thank her for her message and pray that the world will learn to live in peace one day!

Special music was presented by Murray and Ruth Irwin.

Mary Hawthorne read the poem, 'In Flanders' Fields'.

Al Widbur read the names from 'Roll of Honour'.



On Sunday, November 13th, Trinity celebrated the baptism of

[Morgan Edward Lloyd Poynter](#).

Son of Scott Poynter and Jennifer Crewson.

Little Brother of Scotlyn.

Dear Grandson of Edward and Wendy Crewson.



Merry Christmas

"Thank God for giving us Christmas and neighbours to share it with"



DEAR NEIGHBOUR:

WE WISH YOU AND YOUR LOVED ONES A PEACEFUL AND HOPEFUL CHRISTMAS.

WE INVITE YOU TO ENJOY A CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE OF CAROLS AND FELLOWSHIP.

DECEMBER 24 AT 7:30 P.M.



**THE CONGREGATION OF TRINITY UNITED CHURCH
200 OWEN SOUND STREET IN SHELBURNE**

ALL ARE WELCOME

WWW.SHELBURNEPRIMROSE.COM

A Friendly reminder, please ensure you have the correct number on your contribution envelope. If the number is incorrect, the contribution will be credited to someone else.

Gospel Socks Tree

They offer warmth and comfort, they are the most wanted items in the men's shelters. **Buy them or knit them, but offer them.** All the socks gathered will be donated to the new Men's Shelter when it opens.



Primrose United Church News

It was a busy fall at Primrose. We had two successful fundraisers, a Euchre and Crokinole Party and an afternoon of humour with Dan Needles.

We celebrated our 147th Anniversary on October 30th. Everyone took part in the service with their memories of days gone by at Primrose.

We observed Remembrance Day on November 6th. Our guest speaker was Anne Marie Carmoy who told us her memories of war time in Belgium.

We are looking forward to our Christmas Service on December 18th at 3pm. There will be music by the Pastoral Charge Choir with hot Apple Cider and goodies to follow.

Blessings to everyone and we hope you have a joyous holiday season and a happy and healthy New Year.

Shirley Farnell, Co-Chair of Primrose Council.

On Oct 15th, Primrose hosted an afternoon of euchre and crokinole that brought members of the community together for a fun-filled afternoon! We enjoyed some great games, laughs and fellowship, as well as homemade goodies and prizes for all!

The following week, Oct 23rd, Dan Needles took to the stage at Grace Tipling Hall, as he presented "A Guide to Rural Living". The hilarious tales of local people and events, as well as crazy antics on the farm and in small rural communities, brought roars of laughter and nods of agreement from those who could identify personally with his stories! Everyone came away with a smile on their face and snippets they will share with family and friends.

Primrose congregation would like to thank all those who helped make both events such a wonderful success. Your support is greatly appreciated!

Respectfully Submitted by Fundraiser Co-ordinator Gail Brown

***Worship
Sunday at
9:15 a.m.***

***Please wear a
mask!!!***

Bring a Poinsettia

On Sunday, December 11, 2022, please bring a Poinsettia or other Christmas plant to be given to those alone or feeling unwell.



Upcoming Dates for Primrose

December 4th – Communion Service

December 18th – Country Christmas at Primrose at 3 pm.

December 25th and January 1st –

No services at Primrose

January 8th, 2023 – Service returns to Primrose

February 26th – Annual Meeting for Primrose at 2 pm. via ZOOM.



YOU ARE INVITED
TO A

COUNTRY CHRISTMAS

SUNDAY DECEMBER 18, 2022
3PM

PRIMROSE UNITED CHURCH

486281 30TH SDRD MONO

SPECIAL MUSIC

REFRESHMENTS TO FOLLOW

News About the People in Our Congregations!

Before you read any further, I am begging forgiveness for any special occasions or people that I may have missed compiling these lists. For our next newsletter, please let Reverend Valerie, your Care Group Leader, or Irene in the church office know the details of your special day or event! communications@shelburneprimrose.com

Thank you in advance!

Warmly, Linda

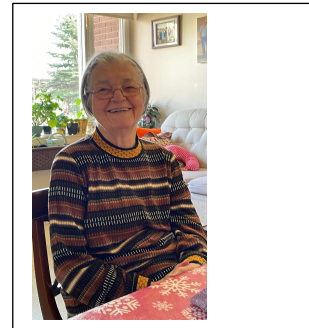
Congratulations to
Debbie and Wayne Ferrier
on their 45th Wedding Anniversary
on Sunday, November 27th.

Wishing you many more happy and healthy years ahead!



Happy **83rd** Birthday to
Al Widbur
on December 11th.

Happy **94th** Birthday to
Betty McCabe
on December 16th.



Our Prayers and Sympathies to the Families of



**Ron Fazackerley
And
Dave Smiley**

For Your Loss.



New Home

Congratulations to **Margaret Staveley** on her move to
Shelburne Residence.



Western Ontario Waterways Regional Council

Western Ontario Waterways Regional Council met Friday, November 18 and Saturday, November 19, 2022, via Zoom. We were welcomed by President Mark Laird and began our meeting with worship based on the scripture: Matthew 18:19-20, “Where two or three are gathered”.

The purpose of the meeting was to connect, support and transform while discussing the work of the church. In our breakout groups we discussed what helps us focus on God and what helps us to not lose heart. Following the worship service based on our theme we were shown a video of General Council 44. The commissioners to GC 44 had their meetings via Zoom starting six months before the actual conference took place again via zoom. They indicated it was very interesting, but they missed the personal touch of being able to gather together. We viewed videos from the various commissions. If you wish to see a full written report from the various commissions, please contact me and I can provide it. You do not have to be the elected representative (like me) to serve on a commission and each commission would be happy to have some help. “Where do you feel called to serve?”

We had another breakout session where we discussed how we are getting restarted and what we are doing in the community.

On Saturday morning there were comparisons as to how much snow had fallen; nothing to 12 inches! Good thing it was a zoom meeting!

We had a short welcoming worship and then we carried on with a breakout room of “What helps keep you calm?” & “What more do you need?” Often, we need a time to reflect, to pray, to have patience, to probe for more understanding and find a common ground. The 23rd Psalm is a calming source.

During our time together we had In Memoriam, recognized community of faith changes such as closures, name changes, amalgamations, and collaborative ministry agreements. As well we celebrated those who are retiring this year.

Brianna Baker, minister in charge of Stewardship gave a presentation reminding us of the resources available. ‘Call to be a Church’ is a free resource at the United Church website: united-church.ca The bookstore ucrdstore.ca” also has many resources. churchx.ca is a new e-learning resource. Check it out!

John Neff of the Covenant Commission reminded us of the tool kits available.

Anne Reuber representing UCW presented a short video of the work the UCW has been doing over the past while and what went on at the 60th anniversary celebrations this past summer. Other commissions had short videos of their work. There were close to 130 participants at each session. Rev Jennifer Irving was introduced as our president elect. Jenn is the daughter of Glen & Mary Laverty.

I am looking forward to our next WOW meeting to be held May 26 – 27, 2023 in Port Elgin at the UNIFOR Centre. Plans are to have a hybrid format: in person and via zoom.

Respectfully Submitted by Mary Hawthorne



WOWRC
Western Ontario
Waterways
Regional Council

First Line for Syria Update- Christmas Newsletter.

As the fall is coming to an end, we can report that our family is doing well and adjusting fine to life in wintry Canada. Finally, there are now official ESL classes in Alliston and the parents are signed up. They go every single day, and their English is improving vastly. They must walk to classes, which takes a good half hour each way, but they bundle up and face the Canadian winter with good cheer. Once Ahmad is fluent in English, he will then also be working - and hopefully also get a car, but for now the parents are concentrating on ESL. This advice has been given by all settlement advisors. The hope is that this will ensure their future is better, in that Ahmad eventually should be able to find a good job, and not have to work for minimum wages.

Our sponsorship period for our family has now officially ended, so we are no longer contributing to them financially. Instead, they are getting a very minimal amount from welfare to tide them through these next few months. Sadly, this is nowhere near enough (only covers about half of their monthly rental payment). Thankfully our family is very good at money management and hopefully this situation will only last for a short time.

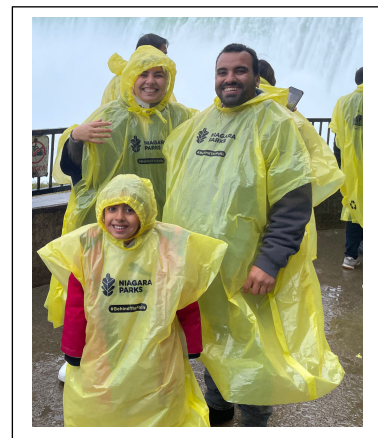
The money we have set aside in our bank account is earmarked for the next two families' arrival and sponsorship. It must therefore remain there, so that we can prove to "Immigration, Refugee and Citizenship of Canada" that everything is ready for our next families. We have, however, not had any further updates from IRCC in this regard, which is so very frustrating for us - and for their relatives here. The two other families have now been lingering in the appalling Azraq refugee camp for the past 9 years(!), which is a horrifying situation. We are praying that we will get some news in the new year, so that these extended families can finally be reunited.

The Al Diri children in Alliston are doing well in school and the parent teacher interviews gave glowing remarks on everybody's progress. The oldest daughter, Fatima, is volunteering at a local church's used clothing bazaar and the oldest son, Dia'a, is volunteering by helping little kids learn soccer-skills, every weekend. Malak, (the 2nd youngest daughter), was selected for her school's volleyball team and Alla'a is on the high school soccer team. So far there have been no reports of the previous year's bullying of the high school children.

Although we are no longer financially responsible for our family, we continue to stay heavily involved. Several of our FLFS members are helping with driving to and from doctors' appointments, taking them grocery shopping, going on school field trips, sports events and for hikes – as well as having them for gatherings in our homes. They have become our good friends and are truly enriching our lives. This fall we took them to Niagara Falls on Thanksgiving weekend, also to a farm tour, plus we celebrated their one-year anniversary with a fabulous potluck get together at Jeff and Sabine's home.

We are blessed by the continuing support of Shelburne Primrose Pastoral care. Without you, we would not be able to do this incredibly important and most rewarding work.

*In gratitude and respectfully submitted by Karin Klouman, on behalf of **First Line for Syria.***



News from the Foodbank
Respectfully Submitted by Ardith Dunlop



The 12 Days of Christmas Giving!!

A great idea for individuals or families to do for others this holiday season! Grab a box and each day put in one of our most needed items in it. At the end of the 12 days, bring your box to the Foodbank as your holiday donation!

Day 1- Box of Cereal

Day 2- Peanut Butter

Day 3- Canned Fruit

Day 4- Pasta Sauce

Day 5- Cooking Oil

Day 6- Canned Pasta

Day 7- Canned Vegetables

Day 8- Condiment - Mayonnaise or Ketchup

Day 9- Kids Snacks

Day 10- Cookies

Day 11- Laundry or Dish Detergent

Day 12- Pancake Mix and/or Pancake Syrup

Boxes can be dropped off at the foodbank at the Mel Lloyd Centre 167 Centre St. Shelburne Door A downstairs on Wednesday's 10am- 12:30 pm and Thursday's 6 - 7:30pm.



Financial donations are always helpful. E-transfers can be made at shelburnefoodbank@gmail.com. Tax receipts are available for donations made to Trinity United or Compass Community Churches by writing for Shepherds Cupboard Foodbank in the memo line.

ALL support is MOST appreciated!!!!

 **Sprinkles** 
and
sparkles

Afternoon Tea

SATURDAY 10 DECEMBER

 Ag Hall, 377 William St. Shelburne
1 pm to 4 pm (timed seatings) 

**Tickets at Pazazz or see
contact information below.**

\$20 PER PERSON

*50/50 RAFFLE TICKETS FOR A
CHANCE TO WIN \$1,500 & PRIZES* 

 IN SUPPORT OF THE



QUESTIONS? 519-278-4578 OR

SHELBURNECHRISTMASHAMPERS@GMAIL.COM

Pastoral Charge Upcoming Events

Saturday, December 3rd, 8 am – *Men's Breakfast hosted by Trinity* – at Country Cabin.
All are welcome!

Sunday, December 4th, Communion Services – 9:15 am at Primrose and 11 am at Trinity

Sunday, December 4th – *The Second Sunday of Advent* - Celebrating Peace

Saturday, December 10th, 1 – 4 pm – *Sprinkles and Sparkles Afternoon Tea* – in benefit of Shelburne Christmas Hampers - At the Shelburne Agricultural Hall - \$20 / Person – Tickets available at Pazazz or call (519) 278-4578

Sunday, December 11th – *The Third Sunday of Advent* - Celebrating Joy

Sunday, December 11th – *Bring a Poinsettia or Christmas Plant to Primrose* – to be given to those alone or feeling unwell.

Sunday, December 11th – *Deadline for toilet paper donations* – in support of Shelburne Christmas Hampers

Tuesday, December 13th - 12:30 pm - *UCW Fellowship Time* – All ladies are welcome. Bring a brown bag lunch and enjoy a time of social fellowship.

Tuesday, December 13th - 7:30 pm – *Trinity Council Meeting* – Chair – Rev. Valerie

Sunday, December 18th – *The Fourth Sunday of Advent* -Celebrating Love

Sunday, December 18th - 3 pm – *A Country Christmas Service* - at Primrose

Saturday, December 24th - 7:30 pm – *Christmas Eve Service* – at Trinity

Sunday, December 25th – *Merry Christmas One and All!* – Wishing many blessings and much happiness as we celebrate Christ's Birthday!

Sunday, December 25th – *No services at Primrose or Trinity*

Saturday, December 31st - 9:10 am - *Ladies Breakfast hosted by Trinity* – at Main Street Café. All are welcome!

Sunday, January 1st - *No Service at Primrose*

Sunday, January 1st - 11 am – *Carolling Service at Trinity*

Pastoral Charge Upcoming Events – Continued

Saturday, January 7th - 8 am – *Men's Breakfast hosted by Trinity* – at Country Cabin.
All are welcome!

Sunday, January 8th - 9:15 am – *Service returns to Primrose*

Saturday, January 28th - 9:10 am - *Ladies Breakfast hosted by Trinity* – at Main Street Café. All are welcome!

Saturday, February 4th - 8 am – *Men's Breakfast hosted by Trinity* – at Country Cabin.
All are welcome!

Sunday, February 5th – *Communion Services* – 9:15 at Primrose and 11 at Trinity

Sunday, February 5th – 12:30 pm – *Annual Meeting at Trinity* – following the morning service

Tuesday, February 20th – *Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner at Trinity*

Wednesday, February 21st – 7:30 pm – *Ash Wednesday Service at Trinity*

Saturday, February 25th - 9:10 am - *Ladies Breakfast hosted by Trinity* – at Main Street Café. All are welcome!

Sunday, February 26th – 2 pm *Annual Meeting for Primrose* – via ZOOM

Saturday, March 4th - 8 am – *Men's Breakfast hosted by Trinity* – at Country Cabin.
All are welcome!

Saturday, March 25th - 9:10 am - *Ladies Breakfast hosted by Trinity* – at Main Street Café. All are welcome!

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