

And now abide
Faith, Hope, Love,
these three; but the greatest of these is LOVE.
1 Corinthians 13:13

June
Newsletter
2022

Hi folks:

We've had quite a busy 50 days, haven't we? And I've discovered a few things amid this busyness. First, you people wake up bright and early. Yeah, if you want any baking from the Primrose Plant and Bake sale, you must be there at 8 a.m. because only two pies were left by 9:30 (when I showed up). I still got a lemon meringue pie, so I was happy 😊.

My second discovery is not a discovery but a reminder: never lose hope. The Gary Heaslip Concert tickets sale wasn't going well for Trinity, but a benefactor came out of the woodwork and paid the band expenses. You are so generous; you rock.

I am excited that the Youth Ministry has started again at Trinity and is going strong. Sometimes, you have to offer it, and they will come! Well, with a group of dedicated volunteers, the kids are having fun. They learn, sing, and get to know each other. I see the Spirit at work each time they come together.

Now, summer is almost there. A season of hard work on a farm, more leisure and relaxation for city folks who try to take a vacation trip or go out of town on weekends, and a time to slow down with a bit of church in the mix. In the summer, we walk Jesus's way to abundant life with a lot of love, support, and great memories to make and enjoy,

Have a Great Summer, everyone.

Rev. Valerie



Shelburne Primrose Pastoral Charge News



Reverend Valerie will be off for a well deserved summer holiday from July 17th to August 14th. The schedule for her coverage is still being worked on, so please pay attention to the weekly emails and announcements in church for more further updates. She will be back in the office beginning Tuesday, August 16th.

Enjoy your summer plans,
Rev. Valerie

SP Pastoral Care Report

Summer is right around the corner and I want to wish all of you a great one.

I know a few of you head for the cottage etc. The newsletter will be out before you go. If there is any of your flock that need some extra attention, please let me know.

Rev. Valerie is on vacation from July 17 - August 24. Let us know if any of you have ideas on the Sundays while she is away.

Blessings, Geraldine Sherritt



Trinity United Church News

Trinity held a very successful **Trinity Treasures Yard and Pie Sale**.
Thank you to all the people who donated their Treasures, Pies, or Time to collect!
The final tally shows a Profit of \$1693.50.
A special thanks to Ann McAlpine for spiriting
this very successful event for our Church!



On Friday, May 27th, Trinity hosted a wonderful evening concert
featuring **Gary Heaslip and friends!**

It was a fun filled evening with excellent music and as always, several fun jokes to tickle
our fancy! Thank you to special couple who paid for the band's expenses, the total
received by Trinity was \$1477.00.

Intermission was a great success with Ice Cream from Cam at the Canadian Creamery
who provided it at half price.

Trinity is truly blessed with the generosity of our community!





Happy **151st** Anniversary Trinity!

Trinity celebrated on Sunday, June 5th.

Guest speaker, **Gord Gallagher**, shared with us his background and the building of the **Dufferin Community Foundation**. We thank him and his dedicated group of associates for their continued hard work and support of many community groups in Dufferin County. Lots of foot tapping could be heard as Bruce Ley and the choir led us through some special songs during the service.

Following the service a potluck lunch with cake and ice cream was held downstairs. May we continue to reflect on what 'the church' is and model these beliefs within our community.



Trinity began a **Youth Ministry**, Sunday School, on April 24th, 2022. Thank you to these volunteers for helping out leading lessons for the children. Mary H, Linda M, Darlene M, Debbie M-F, Ann M, Shelley D-S, Susan B, and Maryam. Sunday, June 19th will be the last class before summer. It will be an intergenerational service with the children involved. This ministry will begin again on Sunday, September 11th.



Primrose United Church News



Spring
in
Primrose
Meditation
Garden



Primrose has had a busy spring. We hosted a very successful Plant and Bake Sale on Saturday May 7th. It is always a time to visit with neighbours and friends as they come to pick up their plants.

On June 11th, we are hosting a Garden Market. It is our first time to try this and we are hoping for a good turnout from the community. There will be vendors with various crafts etc., perennials, garden tools, and other articles for the patio or garden.

On Sundays we are enjoying Rev Valarie's messages and being able to have refreshments after the service.

I hope everyone has an enjoyable and healthy summer.

Shirley Farnell
Co-Chair Primrose Council



*Thank you to everyone for making the plant and bake sale another success,
both financially and a wonderful community gathering!*

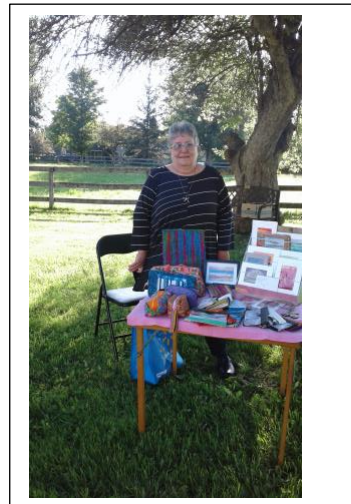
Sincerely, Gail Brown



Primrose Garden Market

Primrose U.C. hosted the Primrose Garden Market beside our Meditation Garden on Sat., June 11th. Thank you to all the vendors and craftspeople who hosted tables—what an amazing display of local talent! Thanks to all those who supported our event, whether by donating, working, or attending—all very much appreciated. The sun shone brightly, as did the smiles on the faces of all attending. We enjoyed a fun community event on a beautiful June day, where the garden, at its prime, exploded with colour. If you get a chance, take a drive out at any time and enjoy its beauty—it is there for all to enjoy.

Submitted by Gail Brown



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!

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Thank you in advance!

Warmly, Linda



Happy 70th Anniversary to

Ron & Eleanor Clark

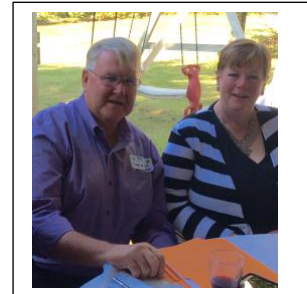
June 7th, 2022

and

Happy 35th Anniversary to

Paul & Susan Boon

July 25th, 2022



Happy 55th Birthday to

Rev. Valerie

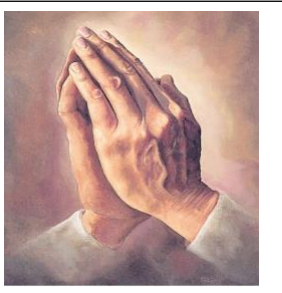
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Happy 49th Belated Birthday to

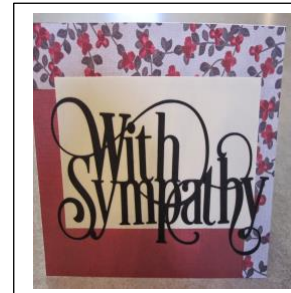
Irene Chinyenze

on June 5th.



Our Prayers and Sympathies to

*Rev. Norma Godbold and family
upon the death of Norma's son-in-law,
Ian McLean.*



First Line For Syria - Summer 2022 report to Shelburne Primrose Pastoral Charge

First Line For Syria has been busy helping our family as they adjust to life in Canada. Some of us are tutoring ESL, at least twice weekly, and we can report that the adults are making amazing progress! We drive them to dentists, to eye doctors and offer assistance with medical appointments, and we help with driving lessons. Most of all, we enjoy having social times together; going for hikes, visiting each other's homes, having meals together, plus letting the children interact with our dogs, pups, and our farm animals. We have sewing sessions and have done some gardening. Many of the children wanted to be signed up for soccer this summer too.

We also support the children in their school-environment, as needed. The young children in primary grades feel welcome in Alliston and have had a seamless transition to their schools. They are becoming proficient in English, plus they are making friends. However, the high school students have been exposed to some bullying, rooted in racism. Dealing with this has been a stressful time for the teenagers, and for their parents. We have been trying to advocate on their behalf and to work constructively with the school administration, to find a solution to this.

The mother in our family has signed up with the organization "Trust Yourself to Garden" which is held at AmBraith Farm. The farmer, Jamie Richards, has gathered 5 volunteers for a pilot project, where the participants will attend the farm once a week until mid-August. Ruwaida has planted seeds and seedlings in her own plot, these were provided for free from the farm. Everything the participants grow there belong to them. They even have a translator on hand. Ruwaida enjoys gardening and this project has connected her with other newcomers and likeminded locals. It is an obvious pleasure for Ruwaida to be growing vegetables for her family!

We received unexpected news in May that one of the families we were on the "approved UCC list" for upcoming sponsorship, (close relatives of the family we have recently brought over), had suddenly been granted entry into the United States. Their previous application to the US was rejected when President Trump took office but has now been approved after all. They arrived within days of their approval going through, and are now settling in Cincinnati, Ohio!

This mean that instead of bringing in two more brothers and their families this year, we will be only bringing in one. We are, however, moving forward in sponsoring Ruwaida's brother and his family, since they are also sitting in the very same refugee camp in squalid conditions. We are submitting this new application to the United Church of Canada shortly and hopefully this will also be approved soon. One of the children is suffering from Leukemia and we are hoping that since this is a matter of life and death, for a young child, that they will speed up the process.

Our fundraising process is therefore ongoing! During the Blues and Jazz fest in Orangeville FLFS was the main local charity featured and we had a busy booth there. Our next fundraiser will be **a samosa sale**. Please see the attached flyer for details. **Deadline for ordering is June 20th!**

We remain so grateful for our congregations' generous and steadfast support!
Respectfully submitted by Karin Klouman, for First Line For Syria.

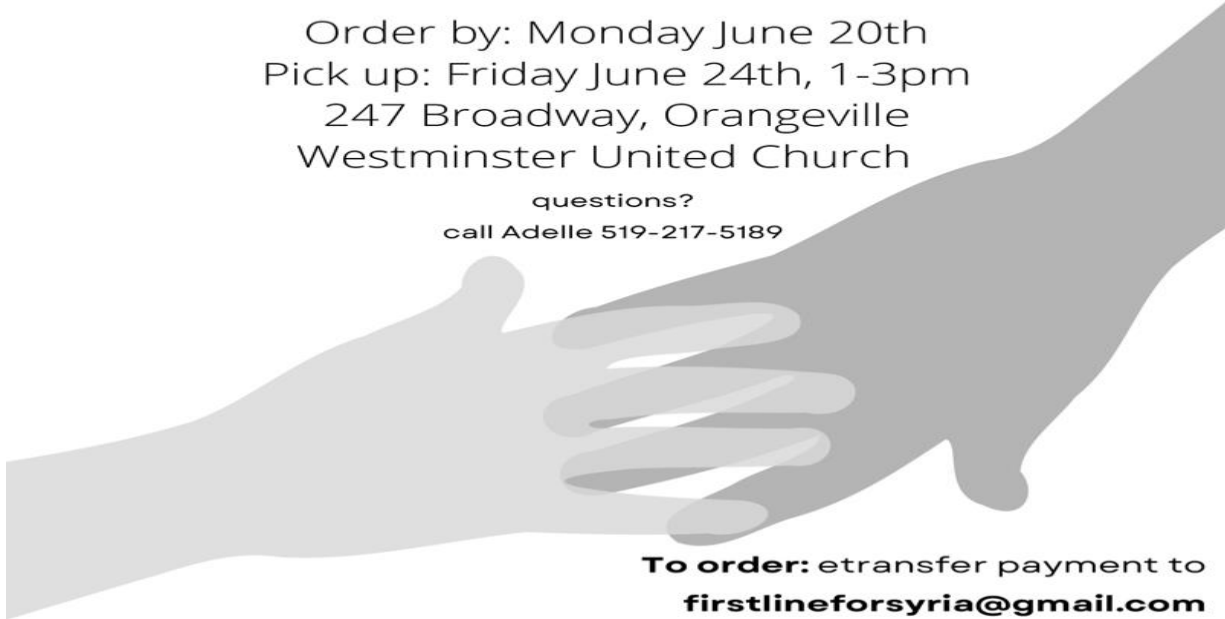
First Line for Syria in partnership with
Headwaters Refugee Sponsorship Group presents

Samosa Fundraiser

BEEF - VEGETABLE - CHICKEN
BAG OF 50 (PRECOOKED AND FROZEN)
\$60

Order by: Monday June 20th
Pick up: Friday June 24th, 1-3pm
247 Broadway, Orangeville
Westminster United Church

questions?
call Adelle 519-217-5189



To order: etransfer payment to
firstlineforsyria@gmail.com
include your name, contact info and order details in
message or send a separate email
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WOW Meeting, Spring 2022

Our WOW regional meeting was held May 6-7, 2022, via zoom with at least 125 in attendance at each session.

Our president elect, Mark Laird, opened the meeting leading to worship centred on the word “Mission”. This word has many meanings and to the indigenous people the negative connotations are significant. What word would you use to replace ‘mission’? Did you know that the word “mission” does not appear in the Bible? Words do matter. We must learn to use them wisely.

Anti-bullying was addressed on Saturday morning. Based on the story of David in the books of Samuel the skits presented bullying in biblical and present times. Resources are available if anyone feels there is bullying in the church, Contact the region office for more information.

Next topic, presented by King Jules, dealt with personal pronouns. What are your pronouns? Mine are she/her. Did you know you are “cisgender” if you identify yourself with the gender that corresponds to your birth sex?

Using the story of Jacob and Esau, the division of Korea for the last 70 years was presented. The United Church is seeking 10,000 signatures on a petition to end this injustice.

Since it is the 60th anniversary of UCW this year the UCW leaders did the worship after lunch. “Women for change in Zambia” provides educational opportunities for women there and so far over \$81,000.00 has been raised. Sydney, Nova Scotia will be the host for the anniversary celebrations.

All the staff were commended for their service through the past year. In Memoriam time was held as well as recognition of multiple years of service.

There will be a new edition of the hymns coming soon.

Closing motions and courtesies followed the covenanting of the new commissioners, new executive, and present commission members.

Our next meeting will be held November 18th & 19th, 2022. May 26 & 27, 2023 will be the next spring meeting.

Prepared by Mary Hawthorne – Rep for Trinity



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Pastoral Charge Upcoming Events

Sunday, June 19th – *Happy Father's Day*

Sunday, June 19th, 11 am, *Intergenerational Service* at Trinity United Church.
Last day of Youth Ministry until September.

Friday, June 24th, 1-3 pm – *Samosa Fundraiser for First Line for Syria* – orders due by Monday, June 20th. See flyer in report for more info

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

Sunday, June 26th, 12 – 1:30 pm – *Strawberry Dessert Dash* at the Trinity United Church – more information to come. Watch your weekly emails.

Sunday, July 2nd, 8 am – *Men's Breakfast hosted by Trinity* – at Country Cabin.
All are welcome!

Sunday, July 17th – Sunday, August 14th – *Reverend Valerie will be away on summer holidays*. Coverage is still being worked out. Watch your weekly emails for updates for both Trinity and Primrose.

Saturday, July 30th, 9 am - *Ladies Breakfast hosted by Trinity* – at Main Street Café. All are welcome!

Sunday, August 6th, 8 am – *Men's Breakfast hosted by Trinity* – at Country Cabin
All are welcome!

Tuesday, August 16th - *Reverend Valerie will be back in the office.*

Saturday, August 27th, 9 am - *Ladies Breakfast hosted by Trinity* – at Main Street Café
All are welcome!

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

Sunday, September 11th, 11 am – *Youth Ministry begins again at Trinity* – Bring your kids and/or grandkids! All are welcome!

Shepherd's Cupboard Foodbank

The Foodbank continues to be a busy place. Numbers continue to rise with new clients arriving each week. High housing/rental costs, rising costs of food and a myriad of other issues all impact the financial ability of individuals and families to get enough to eat. We continue to serve every week everyone who arrives, but with ongoing issues of supply. The summer is what we call our 'lean' times - donations both financial and food, seem to dwindle and we struggle to pay for and stock the increasing demands each month.

With county services re-opening, we've had to move from the space available we had during COVID times. That, coupled with increased client numbers, has forced us to continue using the model of serving clients outside the building and has us now contemplating whether we need to consider a bigger space/building as we move forward. The rise in the cost of food is quickly causing a dent in our financial reserves and we are anxious about what the future holds.

We greatly appreciate the interest and the prayerful support of this congregation. We are very happy to have had Rev. Valerie step into the role of chair of the Food Bank Board as we enter the summer.

We are currently posting on our Facebook page each month our greatest needs for the month ahead and you can follow us at The Shepherd's Cupboard Foodbank.

At this time, we are looking for donations of diapers - size 4,5,6, canned fruit, and cooking oil. Donations can be left at the church or in the front containers at either grocery store. Financial donations can be made through the church or by e-transfer and tax receipts provided as requested.

Many thanks for your continued support!!

Submitted by Ardith Dunlop



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