



Shelburne Primrose Pastoral Charge

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From Reverend Valerie's Desk

The story of Moses has always fascinated me because it portrays an ordinary individual being called by God. God calls Moses to lead his people and Moses responds by asking God: "Who am I that you are asking me to do this?" (Ex 3)

God's answer to Moses is captivating and compelling. God never defends the decision, never explains why the choice. God answers simply, "I will be with you." Moses was right - who WAS he? He was not a great preacher; he stuttered when he spoke. He was an administrator, not a leader of men. He was old. And God simply says, "I will be with you."

And all this happens while Moses speaks to a burning bush. Too much sun, a candid camera moment? No! God.

God who meets us wherever we are. In the ordinariness of our ordinary days, God comes to us. God, takes what is ordinary, chipped and even broken to make extraordinary things. And God simply says, "I will be with you."

God calls us but does not burn us. Instead, God nurtures, feeds, supports, and transforms.

This bush is still burning today. God is calling us.

So, listen and hear: With God all things are possible. Amen.

*Blessings from
Reverend Valerie Vande Wiele*



Meet Our New Team

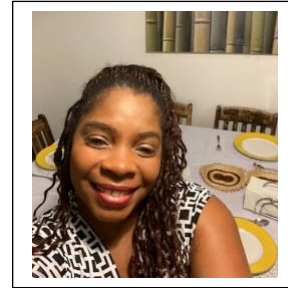


Welcome, Rev. Valerie Vande Wiele!

We are so grateful to have Rev. Valerie begin her position at SPPC. Once again thank you to the Search Committee for all their work in making this happen.

You may now contact Rev. Valerie directly at minister@shelburneprimrose.com or you can call or text her on her cell: **(519) 939-3286**.

Office Hours: Tuesday and Wednesday 9:30-12:30 & Thursday 2-5 p.m.



Welcome, Irene Chinyenze!

Irene joins us as the new Communications Technology Coordinator (CTC). Irene is married with 4 children. They are originally from Zimbabwe and recently moved to Shelburne from Mississauga where they just bought their first home. Irene is also working at Dufferin Oaks as a Personal Support Worker. She is looking forward to meeting everyone in the SPPC community.

Starting this coming week, you can contact Irene through our church email communications@shelburneprimrose.com or the church phone on 519 925-2233.

GOT AN ANNOUNCEMENT FOR OUR WEEKLY EMAIL?

When sending information to be shared in our weekly email, please send text directly in the email and send images as an attachment. Please do not send information in a document, pdf, or poster format. Thank you for your understanding!



Dear Members of the SPPC,

The Quartet would like to thank you for the opportunity to have provided spiritual nourishment to the congregations of Primrose and Trinity United Churches over the last eight months. It has been a journey of learning, sharing, and growing for each of us.

While there were challenges throughout this time, we appreciate the support we received from the SPPC community. We are pleased to have been able to fulfill the mandate given to us, as created by the council in November of 2020. With the arrival of Reverend Valerie, the job of the quartet has come to an end, and therefore we will no longer be an active committee. We join the congregations in welcoming Rev. Valerie and look forward to in-person services with her at the helm.

Please consider the members of the Quartet willing and able to answer questions or offer Rev. Valerie support as she transitions into her role over the next few weeks. Should our experiences as the Quartet be of use, please do not hesitate to reach out to us.

We feel richer for having worked through the last eight months leading worship through a pandemic and no minister. We look forward to seeing what the future of Primrose and Trinity United Churches will look like!

Sincerely,
Jill, Bruce, Darlene, and Sabine

*Thank you to the Quartet for your leadership and guidance throughout these last eight months!
Your hard work and dedication was always present and you have helped us to move forward stronger!*

Words of Appreciation

About 10 years ago, Presbytery appointed Rev. Ann Harbridge as Supervisor to the Shelburne Primrose Pastoral Charge. As we prepare to welcome Rev. Valerie (an ordained minister within the UCC) our requirements for a supervisor has come to a close. We want to take this time to recognize Ann for all her effort and support, especially over the last few months when we have been without a minister.

Rev. Ann delighted in getting to know church folks in both congregations over the years. At Trinity Centennial United in Rosemont, she loves to see and acknowledge her friends visiting from both Shelburne and Primrose as they attend and enjoy the lovely suppers and events offered there. Rev. Ann highlights the wonderful people she's met and with whom she's worked over the years. Rev. Ann admires the willingness of both church councils to try new things and give them a chance. She has seen many jump in and give new ideas the opportunity to thrive, and not to fight progress. Keen to do the work and make things a success, Rev. Ann recognizes those committed to their church life. For Ann, it's been her pleasure. She wants you to remember, she remains a friend of the Pastoral Charge - just down the road.



Thank you, Rev. Ann!

Special Thanks

A special thanks to Karin Klouman who has volunteered to join Shirley Farnell as Co-Chair of Primrose Council.

An additional thanks to Ann McAlpine who has agreed to stay on as Chair of Council at Trinity until the end of the year.

Thank you, ladies for your time and leadership. It is very much appreciated.



Respect.



Kindness.



Inclusivity.



A Respectful Congregation is one where all ministers, staff and congregants are treated fairly, difference is acknowledged and valued, and communication is open and civil, conflict is addressed early and there is a culture of empowerment and cooperation.

Respect

R. Take responsibility for what you say and feel without blaming others

E. Use empathetic listening

S. Be sensitive to differences in communication styles

P. Ponder what you hear and feel before you speak

E. Examine your own assumptions and perceptions

C. Keep confidentiality

T. Trust ambiguity because we're not here to debate who is right or wrong.



All life deserves
respect, dignity, and
compassion. All life.

Anthony Douglas Williams

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Trinity Council Brief with Gratitude

The Trinity governing body met with our new Minister, Rev. Valerie, on Tuesday, Sept 14. We discussed plans for the next several months keeping a focus on visiting members and adherents, particularly those who are elderly or cannot get out to church for worship. Rev. Valerie is keen to learn and lead us on this next stage of our journey. She clearly recalls receiving a very special call to come to the Shelburne Primrose Pastoral Charge. Settling into different living accommodations, new offices, 2 communities of faith, in an entirely new district will be full of challenges and excitement, but Rev. Valerie is up for all of this. This kind of change is never easy. Let's be patient and kind as she begins her ministry.

Our regular Sunday services will include Communion on Oct. 17 and on Nov. 14 -a special Memorial service at each of our church services will be held to honour those we've lost during COVID.

Welcome Rev. Valerie!
Prayerfully submitted,
Past Chair of Trinity Council
Ann McAlpine

Welcome Terry!

Trinity welcomes **Terry Ouellette** our new custodian. He is responsible for the cleanliness and physical maintenance of the church building and property. The custodian works together with Rev. Valerie, Irene and the Property Committee, to ensure that all is well maintained.



Returning to Trinity Protocol

Please:

1. Come to church 15 minutes early so required COVID protocols can be met.
2. Use designated entrance(s).
3. Use supplied hand sanitizer.
4. Wear a mask.
5. Have contribution envelope clearly marked with your name.
6. Allow usher to seat you.
7. Use designated exit.
8. Maintain required distance.

Washrooms will be available.

Thank you for your patience as we return to church!

Mary & Susan



Calling all Trinity Ladies,

Join us on Tuesday, October 12, 2021 at 12:30pm in the church basement for a time of fellowship. Please bring your lunch and beverage to enjoy as we get re-acquainted.

Hope to see you there!



News from Primrose United Church

The little white church at Primrose had a face lift this summer. New roof on the back part, new eaves trough all around, with paint and new flooring inside. A big thank you to all who worked on these projects.

Prayerfully Submitted by Shirley Farnell, Co-Chair of Primrose Council



Returning to Primrose Protocol

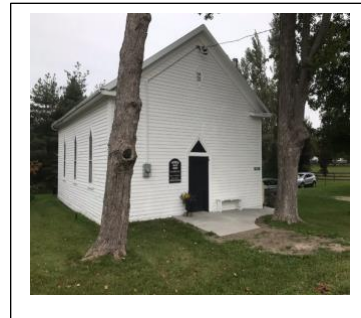
Primrose church has been renovating and will open for service to welcome our new Minister next Sunday, following all Public Health guidelines. Please come at least 10 minutes early! Everybody entering will have to be asked a standard health questionnaire before going into the sanctuary.

The congregation will be assigned places to sit, practicing social distancing protocol. Everybody will be asked to wear masks and there will be a sign-in sheet at the door for contact tracing and a hand-sanitizing station at the entrance as well.

We hope to see everybody there!

Blessing to you all.

Karin & Jeff



Sing-a-long!

Bringing in the sheaves, bringing in the sheaves,
We shall come rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves,
Bringing in the sheaves, bringing in the sheaves,
We shall come rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves.



Christmas in the Country



A little Christmas Market
In the historic Primrose United Church
Saturday, November 27th, 1-3 pm.
You are invited!

Homemade gifts for special people.
Preserves. Sweets. Seasonal Arrangements,
New this year Local Guest Artists!
Cash, cheques, e-transfer or debit.

Donations accepted for
Have a  for our Food Bank
and Rotary Quilt Raffle.

Don't forget your Market basket!

All current health requirements in effect.

Primrose United Church, Mono
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Thursday, September 30th was
Canada's 1st National Day for Truth and
Reconciliation.

Thank you, Al Widbur for showing your
support and compassion by wearing your
orange shirt!

May we all take time to listen and learn!



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

Happy Anniversary to

Bruce & Jean Cameron – 63 years
Mary & Dave Hawthorne – 50 years
Karin & Wally Barr Klouman – 47 years
Jill & Scott McPherson – 25 years

Grandbaby Congratulations to

Dianne & Bruce Irwin – Baby Maverick
Jackie & Martin Warmelink – Baby Lilly

Happy Birthday to

Helen Lyon – 98 years young
Lois Allen – 95 years young
Alice Porter – 95 years young
Ron Clark – 90 years young
Janet Anderson – 80 years young
Jeff Rohner Tensee – 50 years young
Scott McPherson – 50 years young
Jill McPherson – 50 years young

Don't forget your donation in honour of your special event for our little white churches.

The contributions go to the Mission & Service Fund!

Our Prayers and Sympathies to the Families of

Marjorie Stone
Howard Smith
Jim Montgomery
James Foster
Kathy Tudhope
Don Stewart
Islay Besley

For your Loss.



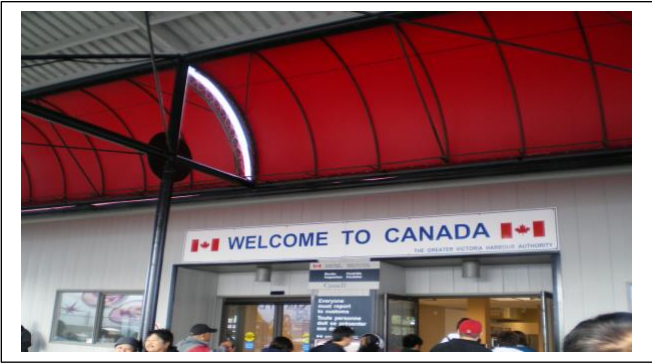
Prayers to Get Well Soon to

Pat Irwin, suffering from a broken hip.
Jennifer Schafer, suffering from a stroke.

Congratulations on Your Achievement to

Helin, from the Syrian family, that First Line for Syria welcomed in 2018, has passed her Canadian Citizenship Test to become a Canadian Citizen.

She is about to start her second year of University at Western University in London.



First Line for Syria Report

Greetings, Primrose and Trinity United Churches!

First line for Syria would like to share **some very good news**: As of October 21st, our refugee family is arriving in Toronto! Upon arrival, they will stay in a Toronto hotel for 3 days to have COVID testing completed and their paperwork processed.

The 2nd item of good news, is that we have found a place for them to live- in Alliston- near schools, close to shopping areas, and where the family already have relatives! Plus, they will be able to quarantine in their own home, for the first two weeks.

Everything seems to now be falling into place. We have also raised all the funds for our family! **We do welcome gift card donations so that a few new essentials can be purchased.**

We are currently focusing on getting their new home ready. We are setting up their home with all the donated supplies and furniture. As well, we are going through all the donated used clothing for them. We are so grateful for the kindness of our two church communities and feel very blessed that so many of our prayers have been answered!

Thank you!
Karin Klouman



All Things Bright and Beautiful

*All things bright and beautiful
All creatures great and small
All things wise and wonderful
The Lord God made them all!*

Pastoral Charge Upcoming Events

Sunday, October 3rd, at 2 pm., Trinity United Church Concert featuring *Leisa Way, Bruce Ley, and Friends*. \$25 / Ticket

Sunday, October 10th, Thanksgiving Sunday

Tuesday, October 12th, at 12:30 pm., All Ladies from Trinity United Church are invited for a time of fellowship. Meet in the church basement with your lunch and beverage to enjoy as we get re-acquainted. Hope to see you there!

Sunday, October 17th, Communion Sunday at both Primrose and Trinity.

Sunday, October 17th, At Primrose, the service will start at 9 am., as we are celebrating their 146th Anniversary.

Tuesday, October 19th, SPPC Pastoral Care Team Leaders meet at Trinity from 7 to 8:30 pm.

Friday, November 5th, Trinity will be hosting **Take Out beef on a bun** for donations only. For Pre-orders call (519) 925-5974.

Pies will also be on sale for \$20 / pie.



Sunday, November 7th, Remembrance Sunday

Sunday, November 14th, Our Memorial Sunday. A Time for the congregations of Trinity and Primrose to honour those who passed while our churches were closed.

Saturday, November 27th, 1 – 3 pm., Christmas in the Country, A little Christmas Market in the Historic Primrose United Church.

Sunday, December 5th, Trinity will be hosting a Concert with **Gary Heaslip and Friends** featuring Seasonal selections and more!
\$30 / tickets in advance only. More info to follow.

