

"When we lose one blessing,
another is often most unexpectedly
given in its place."

C.S. LEWIS

Shelburne Primrose Pastoral Charge

Summer Newsletter 2023

Warm Greetings in Christ!

Yes, isn't it wonderful to use the word "warm"?

The Summer Months are here and many of our families are looking forward to their vacations as they pack up and head to various areas of the country. While there are many who tend to just enjoy being "homebodies", many do enjoy getting away if at all possible.

While we here at Primrose and Trinity meet on a weekly basis for service, we would like to encourage you to remember us both in your prayers as you ask God to move in special ways during the services, and of course, we ask that you remain faithful and consistent in your stewardship and giving.

The Summer Months can be a bit challenging for churches at times as the bills continue to arrive and must be paid. We are always thrilled (like you I'm sure) to be able to pay the bills on time. This helps us keep a good witness in our local community!

Please know that we do not take for granted either your prayers OR your giving!
2 Corinthians 9:7 says this; "Let each one give [thoughtfully and with purpose] just as he has decided in his heart, not grudgingly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver [and delights in the one whose heart is in his gift]."

When it comes to giving to God, we should have a joyful spirit. After all, He has given us every good thing we have.

We trust you continue to enjoy an amazing Summer and we definitely look forward to seeing you in church as much as possible!

Blessings in Christ,

Rev. Valerie

Shelburne Primrose Pastoral Charge News



Special
Thanks
to our
Music
Director,
Bruce Ley,
And the
Shelburne/
Primrose
Pastoral
Choir
for
their
Musical
Talents
And
Leadership!



The SPPC Choir were well represented at the first Community Choir rehearsal for the International Plowing Match (IPM). Rehearsals began June 15 at Tweedsmuir Presbyterian Church in Orangeville. 35 singers attended and 8 of us were from the SPPC choir. Do we like to sing? Yes!!

The church service is on Sunday, Sept. 17 at 2 p.m., in Bowling Green, Amaranth, ON. The service is in the big tent; the IPM will be closed at that time, but opens on Tuesday following the service. Admission and parking are free for the service. See you there!

Dear Church Family,

We are one big happy family. We need to start attending and supporting our church or churches will be closing.

We also have Sunday school as well. Please bring forward any of your ideas, and volunteer if possible.

Please notify us of any births, weddings, and deaths. The congregation will pray for you.

Birthday Blessings to Reverend Valerie on June 24th!

Enjoy the Summer!

Blessings,

Geraldine McComb Sherritt

Chair of our Pastoral Care Groups

519 943 5612



Trinity United Church News

CONGREGATIONAL Meeting on Sunday, July 9th at 11 am

Guest: Ann Harbridge

On April 25, Primrose Church shared with us that they had enough money to cover expenses for approximately ten months, not including the popular fundraisers they do each year. The Pastoral Charge would dissolve if Primrose cannot afford to stay open. After that meeting, conversations ensued, and we met on Tuesday, June 6, with representatives from Trinity United Church, Primrose United Church and Dundalk United Church and Reverend Valerie. Ann Harbridge and John Neff, Minister, and Congregational Support for Western Ontario Waterways Regional Council, were also present. They explained to us how different agreements/clusters have been formed with multiple churches so they can stay open. Each agreement is unique to its situation. John Neff meets with church representatives in the cluster and facilitates agreements. It is suggested that there be two representatives from each church. If there are more people, it takes longer to reach an agreement. For the agreements to be successful, some points are essential:

The congregation must be in agreement.

Each congregation will still be unique and continue to offer activities relevant to their respective communities.

The agreements are reviewed after 1 year to check in and discuss whether it works.

This information is being shared with the Congregation, so you know what is happening. Please plan to attend the Congregational meeting on Sunday, July 9th, at 11 am.

Submitted by

Darlene Morrow

Trinity United Church Council

Trinity Financial Update

The Toronto Welsh Male Voice Choir concert in April provided a welcome boost of approximately \$5000 to our financial position. However, expenses continue to exceed our income. As of the end of May our financial deficit at Trinity is \$9,618.00. This negative position is worrisome. This amount does not include the final amount of a bequest to Trinity United Church Trustee Fund which is held separately by the Trinity Trustees.

While we are enjoying the pleasures of summer just a gentle reminder that our church has regular recurring expenses. Please be generous with your talent, time, and monies.

Blessings!

Dave Hawthorne, Treasurer

Building Committee Update

On June 30th an inspection is scheduled for the fire extinguishers. Adjustments were made to the kitchen taps.

Submitted by,
Wayne Ferrier

UCW Report

Our group continued to meet on Tuesday at the church until June when we visited "The Topsy Fox" for lunch. We were so well fed that most of us had "take home packages". We will not meet again until September so watch, for the date in the weekly mail out or on the announcements. Enjoy the summer and "Dream Dreams"!

Submitted by,
Mary Hawthorne

Sunday School Report

There is a bag of crafts, books and goodies for young children who may wish a quiet activity during the church service throughout the summer. It is located at the rear south doors at the top of the stairs inside the sanctuary. Parents may help themselves if they are so inclined.

Recently, we've welcomed two new children who are attending Sunday school regularly. We hope to expand to a nursery for toddlers 2 and under, and older children can continue in the present Sunday School program. Many thanks to Maryam, Mathews, Stela and Samantha for being great helpers. Each Sunday, they take turns helping with the craft, and assisting the smaller children.

Thanks to Shelley, Mary, Susan & Ann for their help this year.

Sincerely,
Debbie McComb-Ferrier

Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Romans 12:12



Our Friends at the SHELburne RESIDENCE

Each month, Rev. Valerie leads a service of worship in the dining room of the Shelburne Residence. They love to sing the popular hymns and often make requests. There are usually 14 who attend the service and sing together.

Submitted by Ann McAlpine



Thank you, Steve Anderson!

On June 11, we celebrated the 152nd Anniversary of the congregation. Steve Anderson was the guest speaker and he shared with us a highly motivational message full of Christian hope.





Trinity hosted the
Toronto Welsh Male Voice Choir

on Sunday, April 23rd
to a sold-out crowd.

We were all enchanted by the choirs' talents and beautiful harmonies
under the leadership of
William Woloschuk.

Thank you to Ed Crewson for being our MC.

Thank you to the church ladies for hosting the lunch and all the sponsors
and donors for this to be such a wonderful afternoon of music.

Trinity Strawberry Supper



Remember in the olden days, before COVID, when we had huge sit-down strawberry suppers with smoked ham, a variety of jellied salads, coleslaw, potato salad, carrot salad and broccoli salad? Then, you could eat an endless supply of fresh, local berries smothered in whipped cream with white cake?

The return to the good old days is **Friday, July 7** with 2019 pricing still in effect. Make it a date night. Please purchase your tickets in advance or call 519-943-5255 to reserve them. There will be some tickets at the door but better be sure and reserve your spot now. There will be take out available, and delivery by request in advance of the date. But it's best to bring your friends, family and neighbours so we can gather together and enjoy this delicious berry event.

With thanks from the committee:
Paula Cameron, Diane Johnston, Shelley Doney, Ardith Dunlop, Linda Moore, Debbie McComb Ferrier & Ann McAlpine.



Thank you to **Ken Desjardine**
for your leadership of reading the
Scriptures during our Church Services!

Primrose United Church News

Primrose has had a busy couple of months with the Plant Sale and Kaleidoscopic of Talent Show. A big thank you to all who helped plan and execute those successful fund raisers. We continue to strive to be a welcoming and caring presence in the community of Primrose. We continue to support the local food bank and First Line for Syria.

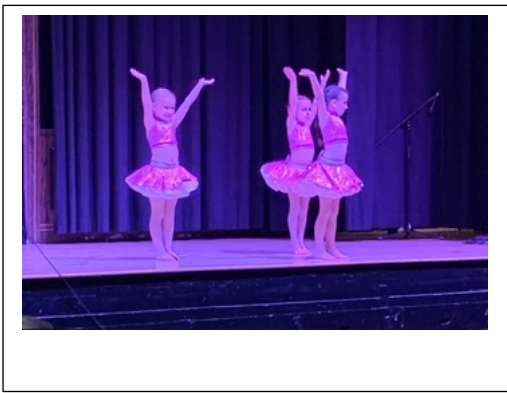
Blessings to all and I hope everyone has an enjoyable summer.
Co-Chair - Shirley Farnell

Mother's Day Plant Sale

Primrose held their annual Mother's Day plant sale on May 13th. It was held at Primrose Elementary School this year to include indoor vendor tables. It was the most successful sale to date. Plant orders were up, baking all gone, most perennials went to new gardens, and several garage sale items were gone.

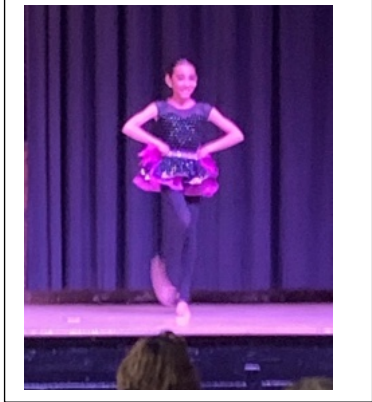
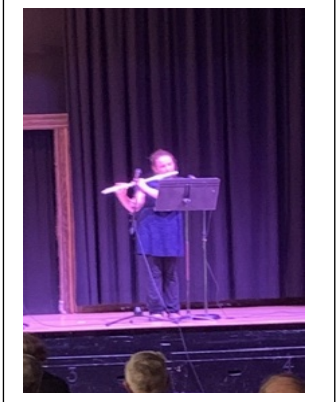
Submitted by – Shirley Farnell





A
Kaleidoscope
Of Talent

A Kaleidoscope of Talent was held on June 9th at CDDHS. It was a huge success. The talent was community wide including the High School Band, the local Dance Studio Turn It Out, singers and musicians. There was excellent talent from 6 years old to 94 years old.



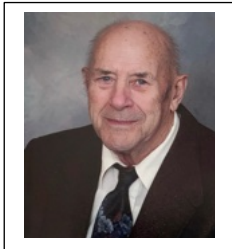
News About the People in Our Congregations!

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

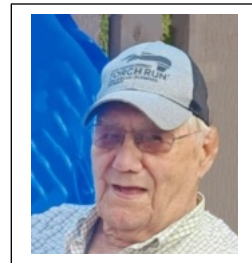
Congratulations to **Brigadier General James Hawthorne** was awarded the Order of Military Merit on May 12, 2023 by Governor General Mary Simon at Rideau Hall. Dave & Mary Hawthorne, accompanied by their grandchildren, enjoyed a visit to Ottawa so Rhys could attend the presentation with his uncle. Elyse loved the tulips as we toured the city.



**Our Prayers and Sympathies to
Donna and her family in the loss of**

Cornelius Van Poelgeest.

**Our Prayers and Sympathies to
Norma, Pat, Karen and their families, and
Marie Gray and her family
In the loss of
H. Allan Armstrong.**



**Our Prayers and Sympathies to
Cheri, Barbara (2019), Julie and their
families in the loss of**

Lois Allen.

Al Widbur would like to extend a big **Thank You** to everyone for their kind inquiries, calls, and prayers during his hospital stay! He is now home and working on his recovery!

Blessings to All!



Western Ontario Waterways Regional Council

Rev. Valerie and I headed to the Unifor Centre in Port Elgin on a lovely spring day, May 26, 2023. After checking in and finding our room we headed to the assembly hall for the opening worship based on our "Dreaming Dreams" theme.

Rev Valerie will outline the upcoming Category 3 remit.

Jacob Shaw works for the cluster of six churches starting with himself and a student minister. The minister now is looking after the six churches on his own as the student was gone with Covid. Lay leaders are there to help. The core element of this bold discipleship is a minister available for all the meetings. Each church maintains its own autonomy and governance. The pastoral council consists of two or three members from each church. There are benefits to this arrangement. The financials are easier to bear. There's a bigger, talent base; it's much easier to work with confirmation of youth, and it is easier to develop a Sunday school curriculum. The individual churches support the endeavors of their cluster churches. Of course, there are challenges as the ministry personnel are stretched to cover the services and pastoral care. Once a service/slide presentation is prepared, it will work/can be adapted for each of the churches and can be shared without a minister being there. Jacob is able to sit on two ministerial groups in his area and can share with other congregations what works for him.

Since we are always looking for volunteers to serve on any of our commissions, there was an appeal made to fill vacancies. Several indicated their willingness to serve.

Following grace, we were served a bountiful supper in the dining hall. We had the opportunity to meet with the WOW President, Mark Laird, President elect, Jennifer Irving, and the commission chairs.

We had a nice vesper service with a bonfire outside on a lovely evening.

After a bountiful breakfast the next morning we were welcomed back to hear our moderator's inspirational taped message. Following the opening music and prayers, Adam Creswell, who is involved with HUB at a church in Kitchener, spoke of their work, which is to live in right relationship with people; connect the young and the community where all are welcome. This was started by a group of camp counselors, who wished to continue their work during the rest of the year. Presently they are involved with working with youth and advocating for a proper plan of housing and the chance to inform and connect with those in the community. They are always in need of leaders, who are willing to challenge and build relationships and partnerships, to help the youth.

Tim Reaburn and Sarah Charters from the UCC Foundation indicated that there are grants available to help with indigenous work, justice and inclusion work, youth programs, music programs, tech support and student scholarships.

Following a break, we were introduced to the ministry candidates; Stacey Mortson, who is serving at Rosemont, Craig Bartlett, and Wonder Chimvinga. These candidates for admission to United Church each gave a short video presentation. Craig Bartlett had ministered for another church in Korea and China and Wonder was ordained in Zimbabwe. Mary Savage of Guelph, talked about "Forest Church", a story of deep spirituality. The group meets twice a month in the Arboretum at Guelph University at 1 PM on Sundays, where they encounter the divine presence in outdoor experiences. The questions to ask were: Can we use outdoor experiences? How can a "Forest Church" be adapted to our situation?

We had the In Memoriam, Lifecycle Changes in our Community of Faith, the anniversaries and recognized the Jubilands of our region.

After grace and another filling lunch, we were welcomed back to a video by Brenna Baker who gave us information on stewardship programs. There are videos and programs available from the United Church. After the courtesies, and the covenanting with the newly elected executive and commission officers, the meeting was closed.

When we had arrived at the meeting, there was a packet of coloured paper strips on our table with the enclosed instructions challenging us to create a star. These were used to create star trees/mobiles, which were given to each of the candidates that were recognized at the celebration of ministry service.

The worship services and the music for all the meeting were nicely designed by a small group of talented people including Jennifer Irving.

We stayed for the celebration of ministry service where Stacey Mortson was ordained and Craig Bartlett, and Wonder Chimvinga were admitted to the United Church of Canada.

The new WOW President, Jennifer Irving, will preside over the fall meeting the last weekend of September. The next spring regional meeting will include 3 regions gathering at the Unifor Centre May 24th to 26th, 2024.

A bag lunch was provided by the kitchen for all delegates who attended the celebration of Ministry service. The food was excellent. Thank you for the opportunity of attending this regional meeting.

Submitted by Mary Hawthorne,
WOW Rep for Trinity



WOWRC
Western Ontario
Waterways
Regional Council

At the end of May, Mary Hawthorne and I attended in person the Spring Meeting of the Western Ontario Waterways (WOW) Regional Council.

One of the pieces we started working on is a Level 3 Remit on Establishing an Autonomous National Indigenous Organization in the United Church of Canada.

A Level 3 Remit is a proposal that needs to receive a majority of votes from each of the 3 levels of government in the UCCan (the congregations/pastoral charges, the regional councils and the General Council).

From mid-September to the end of October 2023, the pastoral charge council will work on the land acknowledgement declaration and prepare to vote on this remit.

Keep us in your prayers.

Rev. Valerie

First Line for Syria Update

For the Al Diri family it has been another season of gaining independence while navigating life in Canada by learning English, dealing with car problems, practicing driving, applying for jobs, attaining part time jobs, having wisdom teeth extracted, getting children to and from school, going to doctor's appointments, and preparing for Fatina's grade eight graduation!

First Line for Syria presented at a service at Rosemont United Church in the hopes of gaining some much-needed support - financially and or physically. The response was one of interest, and we await news as to how they would like to help. Reverend Stacey, and the congregation were most welcoming! On that note, if there is anyone interested in becoming involved in the hands-on work we continue to do with Ahmad and Ruwaida and family or would like to become involved with the next family coming over, please reach out to any of us at First Line for Syria.

The next Al Diri family's application with Immigration Canada has reached the level of "in progress". We have no idea if that means they may be set to arrive in one month, or four, or more...., however, it is a step in the right direction. Furniture is being collected and stored, as we continue to monitor the progress of the application status and fundraise.

The Samosa fund raiser was a fantastic success. We were able to raise over \$5,000.00!! Also, at the Primrose Plant Sale, Ruwaida and two of her daughters, Fatina and Malak, hosted a table where they sold lots of yummy homemade treats. They were very happy with their earnings!

The newcomer garden program has started again at Ahbraigh Farms, and the family have been a few times already, tending their plot. Now that some very frustrating and expensive car issues have been resolved, they are once more independent to get themselves to the farm and back, as they like.

Thank you to all of you who continue to show interest and support in this important work of getting families out of overcrowded demoralizing refugee camps and settling them into our communities.

Submitted by
Sabine Rohner-Tensee





Ham and Strawberry Supper

Trinity United Church
200 Owen Sound Street, Shelburne

Friday, July 7th, 2023

Two Sittings

1. 4:30 – 5:45 pm

2. 5:45 – 7:00 pm

Adults \$15 Children \$7.50

call (519) 943-5255



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Pastoral Charge Upcoming Events

Saturday, July 1st, 8 am – *Men's Breakfast hosted by Trinity* – at Country Cabin.
All are welcome!

July 3rd – 17th, *Rev. Valerie will be on Vacation* – For Pastoral Emergencies during this time, contact Rev. Rebekah Duncan at rebekahjane73@gmail.com .

Friday, July 7th – *Trinity Strawberry Supper* – Two sittings 4:30 – 5:45 and 5:45 – 7:00 pm, Adults \$15 and Children \$7.50. For tickets call (519) 943-5255.

Sunday, July 9th, 11 am – *Trinity United Church Congregational Meeting* - Guest Ann Harbridge

Sunday, July 9th & 16th – *No services at Primrose United Church.*

Sunday, July 16th – 11 am – *Joyce Kelly guest minister at Trinity* – Special Music by Gary Heaslip

Tuesday, July 18th - 7:30 pm – *Trinity Church Council Meeting* – Chair – Jennifer Crewson

Saturday, July 29th – 9:10 am - *Ladies Breakfast hosted by Trinity* – at Main Street Café. All are welcome!

Saturday, August 5th - 8 am – *Men's Breakfast hosted by Trinity* – at Country Cabin.
All are welcome!

Sunday, August 13th – 5 pm – *Early Morning Rain – The Legend of Gordon Lightfoot* – Drive in Concert in Fiddle Park – Sponsored by Shelburne Rotary Club – Tickets are available at Pazazz – Cost for the concert is \$60 / car or \$20 / person for walk in plus tax.

Thursday, August 17th – *Council Meeting at Primrose*

Saturday, August 26th - 9:10 am - *Ladies Breakfast hosted by Trinity* – at Main Street Café. All are welcome!

Sunday, August 27th - 11 am – *Hymn Sing at Trinity for Shelburne Primrose Pastoral Charge*

Pastoral Charge Upcoming Events – Continued

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

Sunday, September 3rd – *No services at Trinity or Primrose United Churches*

Saturday, September 9th – *Fall Plant Sale and Corn Roast at Primrose*

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

Sunday, September 17th – 2 pm – *Community Church Service at the International Plowing Match* – Bowling Green, Amaranth, ON

Saturday, September 30th – 9:10 am – *Ladies Breakfast hosted by Trinity* – at Main Street Café. All are welcome!

Saturday, October 1st – *Primrose United Church 148th Anniversary*

From mid-September to the end of October 2023, the pastoral charge council will work on the land acknowledgement as well as learn and vote on the remit about the creation of an autonomous indigenous organization in the United Church of Canada.

In November 2023, we will work on a triennial planning for Trinity United Church.

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