

Shelburne Primrose Pastoral Charge

Fall Newsletter

October 2019

Special Sunday Services and Events October and November

October 13th, Thanksgiving and Communion Services,
Primrose United Church, 9:10, Trinity United Church 11 am.

Wednesday October 16th, 7 - 9 pm, Conflict Transformation as a Life
Skill with Rev. LeeAnn McKenna and Partera Local: How to Have
Difficult Conversations, YBH Room Trinity United Church - see notes

Friday October 18th, 7:30 pm, Trinity House Concert with
Gary Heaslip and Friends, Trinity United Church

Sunday October 20th, 9:10 Primrose United Church, 11 am, Trinity
United Church, Dot Klein to Speak on Parish Nursing, the current need
for it in both our church communities and the wider community.

Wednesday October 23, 7 am, Mary Margaret Fuller, Dufferin Child and
Family Services, speaking on role of Foster Parents in our Community,
YBH Room Trinity United Church

Sunday, October 27, Congregational Service after service

Wednesday October 30th, 7 - 9 pm, Conflict Transformation as a Life
Skill with Rev. LeeAnn McKenna and Partera
Local: Disrupting Unconscious Bias, YBH Room Trinity United Church

Friday, November 1st, Roast Beef Dinner, Trinity United Church

Sunday, November 10th, Remembrance Day Service, both churches
Tuesday, November 12th, 7 pm, Trinity Council Meeting

Wednesday November 13th, 7 - 9 pm, Conflict Transformation as a Life
Skill with Rev. LeeAnn McKenna and Partera Local: Peacemaking in a
Changing Neighbourhood and a Changing World, YBH Room Trinity
United Church

Wednesday, November 20, 2019, Primrose Council Meeting

Wednesday November 27th, 7 - 9 pm, Conflict Transformation as a Life
Skill with Rev. LeeAnn McKenna and Partera Local: Educating for
Peace. YBH Room Trinity United Church





Thanksgiving Message from The Minister, Rev. Dr. Candice Bist

Surrounded by the abundance of October, it is hard to remember that last March the ground was a cold, dark, frozen entity and the trees were without colour or life. If a person had only experienced the grey sky of late winter and the narrow pallet of the winter landscape, how then could they be expected to imagine the richness of the fall harvest or the searingly blue sky behind the yellow leaves of autumn?

But that is exactly what we as a community of faith are being asked to do right now: imagine the unimaginable. We are being called to be people of imagination, people who have faith in a future unseen and unknown to us, with only the sure knowledge that God wants only the very best for all people, not just for those who gather within the walls of the church, but for all people. God extends his blessing far and wide and embraces everything and everyone - that is the God we gather to worship each week, the God of the scriptures, and the one that Jesus adored.

As we stand surrounded by the extravagant beauty of the season may we remember that all manner of wonderful things are born in darkness and unknowing when we hold fast to a God can can conjure up wonder after wonder,

if only we will stay steady and stand and be amazed.

“Look at the nations, and see!

Be astonished! Be astounded!

For a work is being done in your days

that you would not believe if you were told.”

Habakkuk 1:5

May we continue to stand and be amazed at what God is doing beyond our own poor sight.

And be grateful for what we can see.



Thanksgiving Message from Ann McAlpine, Clerk of Session, Trinity United Church

Let's Be Thankful

I'm thankful for a wonderful church council and all the work they do on behalf of your church. It's not just attending meetings, and leading their committees, but much much more. It's patching up property, a continual challenge in our beautiful old building. It's helping with pastoral needs, visiting and caring for each other. It's adjusting finances to cover our needs, hiring for and reviewing employee positions, working with lawyers and discussing investments, planning for the future and most

of all working together as a team who care and want to keep our church doors open.

I'm thankful for those who took the time to complete the questionnaire this Spring. The results have been available to you and short summaries shared at church during the announcements. Anyone is welcome to the full summary, just ask me for a copy.

I'm thankful for the congregants who came out Sept. 8th to share ideas and participate in our discussions for future planning. Those results have been collated, combined with the survey results to create our Living Faith Story.

I'm thankful for our church, for the opportunity to serve, and reach out to others so they too can be nurtured by the Spirit. Happy Thanksgiving, and thanks be to God.



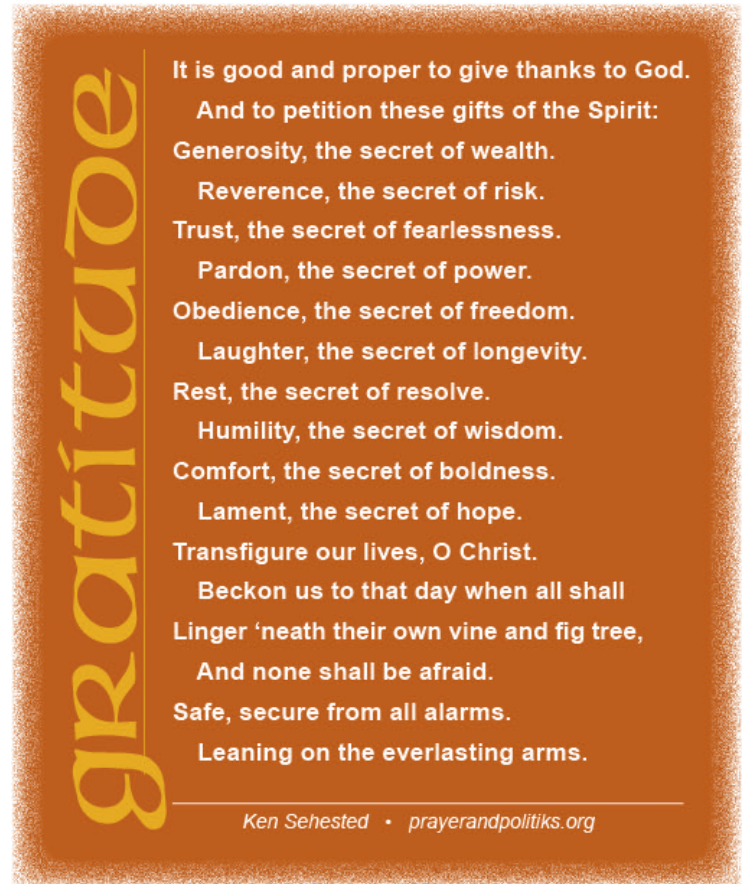
Thanksgiving Message from Gail Brown, Clerk of Session, Primrose United Church

As the evenings become cooler, the leaves turn more vivid colours, and the geese gather to head to warmer climates, we look around us and realize all we have to be thankful for. May we each take this time to give thanks for all our blessings.

“Gratitude unlocks the fullness of life. It turns what we have into enough, and more.

It turns denial into acceptance, chaos into order, confusion to clarity. It can turn a meal into a feast, a house into a home, a stranger into a friend. Gratitude makes sense of our past, brings peace for today, and creates a vision for tomorrow.” (Melody Beattie)

Wishing each of you a very Happy Thanksgiving!



Our Pastoral Living Faith Story, by Gail Brown, Shirley Farnell, Mary Hawthorne, Ann McAlpine, Fran Braiden

In recent months, a small team from our Pastoral Charge has been writing our 'Living Faith Story'. The Living Faith Story tells all about our Living Faith Community, or in olden days' terms - our churches. This is the new language from the United Church of

Canada, UCC. This document is the preparation needed for posting our demographics, telling others what we do and who we are. It is an important document as we prepare to call a Minister next Dec. 2020. Sadly, Rev. Candice will retire then and we need to secure another inspiring leader. The process can take over a year and a half. We have made an excellent beginning.

As a Living Faith Community, we have prioritized the UCC categories, describing all that we do including Future Goals. We continue to encourage partnerships, to extend comfort and help to the Shelburne and Primrose communities and offer musical concerts and dinners for social evenings. Arrangements have been made for a guest speaker to help us learn about the possibility of a Parish Nurse. Also, we are investigating the possibility of a part time Student Minister for 2020.



Congregants have expressed an interest in offering workshops in the areas of mental health and addictions, which we are planning to do. In the meantime, a support group for youth will be hosted at Trinity on Tuesdays and Thursday after school and we are partnering with the local high school in Shelburne to bring speakers to address mental health with our youth. Other partnerships include: an multi-faith discussion and dinner

group; music lessons for young children and their parents; a series of Peace keeping workshops in Oct. and Nov.; and in the New Year, a breakfast club will be offered early on Tuesdays and Thursdays mornings. Wanting to discover how we might use the Meditation Garden in new ways, members from Primrose attended a Spiritual Disciplines Retreat last weekend.

Our 'story' keeps getting busier and busier! This is what we need to do to offer Sanctuary to others and to continue to Embrace The Spirit. There is much to be grateful for this fall.



On Sunday September 8th, both Primrose and Trinity had short services led by the congregation followed by open conversations concerning the forward path of each church. Both gatherings were interactive and lively as members and adherents attempted to articulate the direction they felt the church should be taking, and therefore, the particular leadership that will be needed after Rev. Bist is finished her time here at the Pastoral Charge. Rev. Bist is on a very specific three year contract that allowed her to lead, but does not allow her to stay past this time. This is due to her being ordained in the Presbyterian church. These rules are laid down by the UCC.

Both churches returned again and again to the importance of compassion and serving the larger community, learning to face outward, rather than inward, and offering education in the areas of mental health and addictions.

Look What Happened Over the Summer!



An Afternoon of
Classic Country Music
Bruce Ley and Friends
Nathan Smith
Ryan Hancock
Tom Griffiths
Scott Bruyca
Saturday October 5th @ 3:00
Grace Tipling Hall, Shelburne
Tickets \$20
Includes refreshments and the final chance to
bid on the 'Primrose's Got Talent'
Silent Auction



Primrose United Church had another successful *Mother's Day Plant and Bake Sale*, gathering in the neighbours to pick up their spring bedding plants and chatting over early morning coffee. Later in the summer they tested out 'church as theatre' with their *Primrose's Got Talent!?* evening. This was followed by a *Primrose's Got Talent Two*, in the form of a silent auction. A concert and special service

helped celebrate their 144th Anniversary and the Fall Farm Tour kept everyone busy. Trinity served up a delicious strawberry supper on a warm

July evening and First Line for Syria hosted a farewell picnic for Helin, Sabah, and Khaleel. Both churches continued to work on their visioning, imagining new ways to serve the community.

Look What's Coming Up!



Starting SOON: Four Workshops on PEACE as Life Skill

1. **Wed. 16 October Difficult Conversations:**
How to Have the Conversations We Need to Have
2. **Wed. 30 October: Getting in the Way:**
Disrupting Unconscious Bias for the Good of Us All
3. **Wed. 13 November: Disrupting Hate:**
Peacemaking in a Changing Neighbourhood and a Changing World.
4. **Wed. 27 November: Educating for Peace:**
Nonviolence as Life Skill

ANIMATOR: LeeAnn McKenna
Partera International

LOCATION: 200 Owen Sound Street, Shelburne
From 7:00 – 9:00 / \$20 per session (or PWYC)
Go to www.partera for more information.

October 16th & 30th, November 13th, & 27th Managing Conflict as a Life Skill - Partera Local Offers Four Workshops

Often peace is mis-understood as the absence of conflict. Well, that's never going to happen! If we're human and engaged in any way with other human beings, we will find ourselves in conflict.

The question is, how do we address, confront, conflict before it breaks something or someone? Someone might ask, why bother? Because the failure to deal well with conflict ends up with pain, hurt, a work or personal relationship damaged. It can end up in death. We lose sleep; our health is compromised; we duck and dodge rather than dive in.

But it goes further. Social dis-integration begins at home, blossoms further in our schools, our

places of worship, workplaces, in our politics, and into our wars.

In these four workshops, we will be looking at four topics that overlap a fair bit, but each with its distinctive challenge and application of understanding and skills. Conflict is not going to go away. But we can learn ways to work with it, to understand it, and to better negotiate our way through the murky waters of new understandings.

Rev'd LeeAnn McKenna has facilitated trainings around the world in non-violence, conflict transformation, economic literacy, and in Canada and the United States on health equity and cultural humility, anti-bullying and anti-racism, de-colonization and difference, will be offering this series of four workshops every other Wednesday beginning on 16 October. While the sessions will be stand-alones, each session will be drawing from those that proceed it.

The cost per workshop is \$20 at the door or PWYC (pay what you can) including refreshments and all hand-outs. If you're a parent, a teacher, a student, a neighbour, a leader or a follower, a human, you will hear your stories, your questions and your answers in these workshops. Come for the series or the sessions of your choice, interest and passion.

**Friday October 18th Gary Heaslip,
Kristin Scott and Friends Gather
Together for another fall House Concert**



Gary Heaslip is coming back to Trinity to bring us a fun evening of country music with his special brand of humour that always warms the heart. The lovely Kristin Scott is coming too along with other musically talented friends.

So, grab a buddy and come on out for a fun evening of local entertainment. Tickets \$20 on sale at Trinity United Church, with Trinity members and at the door.

**Thursday - Saturday, October 15th, 16th,
17th: ReImagine Conference in
Hamilton**

Our Pastoral Charge is delighted to be sending a contingent of folk from both churches to attend this exiting new conference to learn more about the new ways church is emerging in 2019.

"On October 18-19, 2019, we will gather in Hamilton to celebrate what God is already doing in our midst and to plot towards what is possible. Our imagination for what it means to be the Church in Canada is changing... dramatically! The Reimagine Conference brings together a multitude of networks, organizations, churches, and grassroots groups whose unique passions and callings converge in the local parish and who are practicing what it means to be a life giving presence in, with, and for the neighbourhood."



We will also be attending two important workshops on the Thursday: Re Imagining Church Property and Re Imagining Church Leadership. Your visioning groups will have much to report back as they spread out and take in as many workshops as possible.

It is also an opportunity to connect with others who are attempting what we are - to feel connected to the larger church movement that is spreading from parish to parish. For more information: <http://reimagineconference.ca/> and <https://parishcollective.org/>

Sunday October 20, Dot Klein, Parish Nurse Coming to Speak



Dot Klein first worked in this area as a VON when she graduated in nursing. All these years later, with much experience serving in rural areas, she has answered the call to parish nursing. On October 20th, Dot comes to speak at both churches about the wonderful work a parish nurse can do in the community as she recognizes and responds to community needs, following in the healing ministry of Jesus.

A parish nurse is a unique combination of a registered nurse and called minister. They would work closely with the lead minister in determining the needs of the congregation and

community, and then set about offering workshops, training, and experiences that would offer compassionate healing. This is a unique ministry that combines physical, mental, emotional and



spiritual wellness.

The visioning groups at both churches are exploring the possibility of having a parish nurse in our pastoral charge. Mary Hawthorne and others have formed a small task force to

investigate this possibility. So, if you have any nursing friends, encourage them to attend this informative Sunday service and see if this is a calling that speaks to them.

Wednesday October 23rd, 7 pm, YBH, Trinity: Mary Margaret Fuller from Dufferin Child and Family Services

Mary Margaret is coming to speak to us about the urgent need for foster homes in our community. She will be speaking about why there is this need, why it is increasing, and how and why you might want to consider offering foster care in your home.



Providing foster care, however temporary, is a vital part of the fabric of child care in Dufferin. As the needs continue to increase for emergency child care, so does the

need for people to step forward. Come out to hear about this important work and how it all works to keep children safe in your neighbourhood.

Sunday October 27th, Short Congregational Meetings to Approve the Living Faith Stories

Both Trinity and Primrose will be gathering for short congregational meetings so that the congregations can approve the Living Faith Stories that must be part of the search process in seeking out new leadership. This on going work is important, so please come out and be part of the conversation.

What's New and In Development



November 9th and December 14th - Second Saturdays - Interfaith Dinner and Dialogue in the YBR, Trinity

Bella Carter and Rev. Bist inaugurated a monthly dinner and dialogue gathering in October that will continue to gather on the second Saturday evening of each month. Our first gathering welcomed people of all faiths to share the struggles they face, and how their particular faith practices help them. It was a lively and informative discussion as we all discovered our commonality and left with a blessing for one another. For more information and to rsvp for this gathering, contact Bella Carter shailacarter@gmail.com

Coming Soon - Bi-Monthly Youth Gathering Thursdays 3 - 5 with Jenny Hanley and Mellissa Gailbraith, Trinity

Jenny Hanley from The Hanley Institute out of Flesherton and local therapist Mellissa Galbraith are teaming up to offer a twice mostly youth drop in at Trinity from 3 - 5 on Thursdays. We are currently fine tuning the specifics of this community offering and the communication

details to be released later this fall. <https://thehanleyinstitute.ca/>

Thursdays, 5 - 8, Music for Mom's and Tots with Noni Thomas, YBH, Trinity

Noni Thomas is offering music lessons for



moms and tots every Thursday afternoon in the YBH room at Trinity. A gifted musician and performer in her own right, Noni is also a new mom and desirous of spreading her love of music

and children to others. We are delighted to partner with Noni Thomas Music. In Noni's words:

"Exposure to music education has been a beacon in my life and I am committed to

supporting others along their journey of creativity. Whether through private instruction, group sessions, workshops, theatre programs, chorales, I endeavour to:

- nurture a flourishing arts community
- encourage students to find their "voice"
- promote musical literacy
- advocate for future artists

With Noni Thomas Music, I hope to serve as a bridge connecting those who have a desire, regardless of means, with an opportunity to explore and create." <https://nonithomasmusic.ca/>

Working with Central Dufferin District High School to Co Ordinate Talks Around Mental Health and Youth



Jack.org is the only charity training and empowering young leaders to revolutionize mental health in every province and territory across Canada. We are co ordinating with the local high school in Shelburne to bring this organization to the high school and the church. The afternoon speaker will talk directly to the young people. The evening gathering will be open to all community members - parents, care and thought leaders, teachers, all those who care about the critical mass of youth suicides in our county and want to do something about it.

With their mandate to "create a world where we can all better support one another" the young

speakers can teach us simply how to Be There for one another. Have a look. <https://bethere.org/Home>. Watch for the dates

And here in 90 seconds, is what [jack.org](https://youtu.be/uR6DdzKnV6E) does. <https://youtu.be/uR6DdzKnV6E>

Coming in January - Just Come For Breakfast, Tuesday and Thursday 7:15 - 8:30 am - Watch for It!

An advertisement for a breakfast event. At the top left is a photo of hands holding a white mug. To the right of this is the text "Just Come for Breakfast. . .". Below this is a 2x4 grid of eight small images showing various breakfast items: muffins, a smoothie, a bowl of fruit, a stack of pancakes, a burrito, a smoothie bar, a sandwich, and a coffee cup with a heart. Below the grid is the text: "Complimentary breakfasts and lunches for you. Delicious. Healthy. Environmentally Responsible. Grab and Go or Stay and Chill. Either way, you are welcome. Tuesday and Thursday Mornings 7:15 am - 8:30 am You Belong Here Room. Trinity United Church 200 Owen Sound Street, Shelburne".

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Affirming Churches in the United Church Family

Both Trinity and Primrose councils voted to begin the process of investigating becoming affirming churches. We have able leaders for this in the persons of Trish Yeates and Beth Halstead. They are currently reading through the materials pertaining to this process and will come to us in the new year with a plan of how to reflect and converse around this forward move in a way that includes everyone and allows all to have a voice. If you are unsure

what this is all about, here is a one sheet that may help below. And of course, you may always come to speak to Candice about this one on one. <http://affirmunited.ause.ca/affirming-ministries-program/>



What's On Going

Soup Haus

Soup Haus is a volunteer run, sponsor and donation funded community initiative, welcoming anyone and everyone for a complimentary supper every Tuesday evening from 6 pm - 8 pm at Trinity United Church. Delicious meals are offered to anyone who wishes one. For more information, and the weekly menu visit Soup Haus at <http://souphaus.ca/> Contact: Sohayla Smith



UCW Friendship Group

The UCW meets at Trinity United Church the second Monday of each month at 12:30 for



lunch and/or dessert to enjoy a time of conversation, with various visitors and outings. "The UCW's mission is to love God; foster Christian

commitment, faithfulness, and spirituality; and promote respect and love for all God's creation." For more information visit <https://www.united-church.ca/community-faith/being-community/united-church-women-ucw> Local Contact: Mary Hawthorne

KAIROS

KAIROS meets the third Wednesday of every month at 9:30 at Trinity United Church. KAIROS "unites Canadian churches and religious organizations in a faithful ecumenical response to the call to "do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God" (Micah 6:8).

Informed by biblical teaching, KAIROS deliberates on issues of common concern, striving to be a prophetic voice in the public sphere." For more information visit <https://www.kairoscanada.org/> Local Contact: Ruth Cruikshank

First Line for Syria

The work of FLFS is on going, providing drives for ESL classes, shepherding refugees through paperwork and adjusting to living in Canada. Regular gatherings take place with our new Canadians to celebrate their various milestones. Follow them on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/First-Line-for-Syria-1636412359958098/> Contact: Karin Klouman

Meditation Garden

The Primrose Meditation Garden continues to provide a quiet place for contemplation and prayer throughout the year. With its recently added serenity walk and thoughtful sign posts, it offers the community a place of welcome rest. The meditation garden is part of the international Quiet Garden Movement that "nurtures access to outdoor space for prayer, reflection and rest in a variety of settings. . . creating opportunities for people to experience silence, restfulness and contemplative practices." <https://quietgarden.org/> Contact: Beverley Parker/Sharon Holmes



Pastoral Charge Choir

The choir continues to meet every Thursday at 7 p m in the sanctuary. When Bruce is away, Ann McAlpine often takes over practice. If you like to sing, and want to join, just show up and keeping showing up, and the next thing you know you will be in the choir.

Note from the Trinity Visioning Group, Jennifer Crewson

The Visioning Group met to discuss next steps and new projects - we are very eager to test out the possibility of obtaining grants to fund our projects so we will be experimenting with this over the next while. In the meantime we will be putting the finishing touches on the newly renovated You Belong Here room, formally known as the Small Sunday School room. Michael and a group of eager volunteers renovated this room over last winter and spring and we had a grand unveiling of the room and repositioning of the Bell on Sunday May 2, 2019.

This fall in the YBR we are hosting a monthly interfaith gathering, weekly music lessons, a series on conflict, and a speaker from Dufferin Children and Family Services. In the new year we will be teaming up with Youth for Christ and launching a breakfast club, where students and families will receive complimentary breakfast and a bagged lunch so they can thrive during their day.

We are interested in furnishing this room differently than the rest of the church and so we are in the process of costing chairs, window treatments, pieces of technology and art; Wayne Ferrier has generously donated his time and is building a table from locally sourced wood. We are excited to continue with our projects, foster more partnerships and transform our church.



Thanksgiving Financial Report from Dave Hawthorne, Trinity Treasurer

With the completion of the relocation of the church bell to the south side the church and the tuck pointing of the church foundation the stairs project is now nearing completion. The capital building fund has decreased considerably with the above projects and the work that has been done on the "You Belong Here" (hospitality) room. The next things on our list of improvements are replacing the

furnace and the windows in the church office and the minister's office.

As of August 31, 2019 our Trinity operating position shows a surplus of \$2594.00 for the year but our insurance bill remains to be paid. Fundraising has netted approximately \$4000.00 for funeral lunches; the pie sale at the Street Festival slightly over \$900.00 and the strawberry supper around \$3000.00. Many donations of time, effort and food allowed us to make this kind of profit. We would like to thank everyone who helped in any way with these events.



We are looking forward to the Friday, October 18th concert featuring Gary Heaslip and friends for an entertaining evening and our roast beef dinner on Friday, November 1. Hopefully these events will help stabilize our finances. At our annual meeting in February 2019 we set a goal of \$7500.00 for M&S to support the United Church of Canada. As of August 31, 2019 \$3968.00 has been raised.

We continue to form partnerships within the community of Shelburne to enhance the use of our church and would be delighted to have everyone participate in these events.

With Thanksgiving fast approaching let us all realize our good fortune and consider a special

thanksgiving donation to help the work of the church as we celebrate at this special time.



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