

Shelburne Primrose Pastoral Charge

Summer Newsletter

June 2018

Services and Events June - August

June 17th Father's Day Service

June 24th Contemplative Service

June 24th 1 – 4 pm. Quiet Garden Day,
Primrose United church

July 2rd Regular Sunday Service

July 6th 4 – 7 pm, Trinity Strawberry Supper

July 8th Regular Sunday Service

July 15th Baptism Service

July 15th 3 – 8 pm, Partera Fundraiser

July 22nd Guest Minister Jill McPherson

July 29th Picking in the Park at the Fiddle Park

bring your instruments and your voice. All proceeds to
the Shepherd's Cupboard Food Bank

August 5th Guest Minister Rev. LeeAnn McKenna

August 12th 10 – 12, Heritage Music Festival
Community Service

August 19th Regular Sunday Service

August 26th Regular Sunday Service



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MESSAGE FROM THE MINISTER

That was a long, cold winter, without much spring, but summer is here at last, and with it a breath of new life and a lifting of our collective spirits. For me personally, I am glad to have completed my doctoral work.

The last few months were overly full with the combination of church service and in depth studies. I am happy to be heading into the summer with a more open agenda. There is lots to put in place for the fall, and the summer months are perfect for planning.

It is my hope and prayer that we all have many quiet afternoons to be still and reflective, to consider our many blessings, and to wonder how we might live more fully in the moment in order to be present to others.

Learning to be attentive in the moment is a life time work. May it be work that unfolds as a grand adventure.

Blessings,

Candice



MY WORK

Many people have asked me what exactly I was doing down in California these last three years. And the answer is, I was undertaking a Doctorate of Ministry. This is a professional degree which must include a piece of original work. It was undertaken at Claremont School of Theology. <https://cst.edu/> The particular cohort in which I was called was entitled, “Spiritual Renewal, Contemplative Practice and Strategic Leadership.” I was one of five of the first graduates of this international program. Here below is a brief description of my thesis.

Contemplation. Compassion. Creativity. The Sacred Trinity of Possibility.

The thesis concerns itself with Western culture in the early part of the third century. It regards this time in history as one concerned with a shifting human consciousness, wherein humanity is beginning to understand itself as intrinsically connected to all people, all sentient beings, and all natural elements of the universe.

It proposes that this shift in consciousness requires human co-operation to be fully realized. As such, the thesis offers a lens as guide during this time of realignment. This new viewing proposes that humanity begin in a place of contemplation, setting aside what it claims as certitude, for an exploration of what has not yet been revealed.

Alongside the discipline of contemplation, comes the intentional spiritual discipline of compassion as an active engagement with others, and within oneself. When these two practises work together, an original creativity may emerge to offer solutions not yet imagined. These solutions are always in service to the greater good, providing portals through which grace may flow.

COVENANTING SERVICE

Last Sunday afternoon, we gathered to enact the covenant between Rev. Dr. Candice Bist, the congregations of Trinity and Primrose, Northern Waters Presbytery and Toronto Conference. A covenant is a promise and a partnership where each one of us lifts up the other, using our gifts of the spirit to serve our one true God. Each time a new minister is called or appointed to a church, the covenant is renewed.

Symbols of the ministry were presented, reminding all those present that Candice has been called to a ministry of word, sacrament, pastoral care, education, service and hospitality. Blessings as together you serve one another and the world.

Rev. Ann Harbridge

Prayers of the People from Covenanting Service

Heavenly Father, hear our prayers. We offer thanks for today's gathering as we make a covenant with Rev. Candice. Thank you for bringing her to us and letting her stay to do your work with us together. We ask that you keep her safe and healthy as she leads our congregations to serve You within our Shelburne and Primrose communities. You've blessed us with the guidance of Rev. Ann for several years. For her we also offer you our thanks



God, forgive us when we forget to be humble, and make church work about us and not you. Remind us to love one another as Jesus showed his disciples, that we love one another despite the differences in appearances, backgrounds, politics, economies, wellness or faiths.

Grant us compassion oh gracious God, for one another. Help us extend our hospitality to others outside this lovely House. Guide us as we seek to support our special partners: Partera, first line for Syria, Souphaus, and the Farmers Market. Also, we ask for your blessing on our friends sharing this place of worship, the Seventh Day Adventists and the Catholic Diocese.

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Most of all God, help us love one another and continue to share that love after we exit this building. Having found some Sanctuary in this place, help us go out into the world energized to offer that same peace, friendship and true love to all.

Ann McAlpine

Report on Past Spring Events

KAIROS GATHERING

KAIROS gathered in Camila in late April for a Sub-Regional collective - A Feast of Gifts - a community building adventure with indigenous and newcomer neighbours. They told one another their stories. Here are a couple of samples.

“In 1991 I was a soldier. A missile came very close to where I was and killed 22 people. I could feel god asking if I was ready to die and I said I was not ready to die,so I fled. I had to walk 12 hours to Turkey with a child on my shoulders. I stayed for six months as a hostage in Turkey in a camp with over 1 000 people. The Canadian Embassy brought me to Canada after four years. I was fiest in Ottawa, then to Toronto and now Orangeville. Jesus died for me. I now have three kids, two in university.”

“It was awful in Syria to see all the dead people. We moved to Turkey for three years where I didn’t go to school. We applied to go to Germany because I had an Uncle there. They said we could go Canada instead, so we said ok. The only two words I knew in English when we got to Toronto was OK and Go. It was hard because I started high school. I learned english and we have been here for two years.”

“KAIROS believes Canada’s future can be strengthened by building relationships of respect and solidarity between newcomers and Indigenous peoples.”

If you wish to know more about the wonderful work of KAIROS go to: <https://www.kairoscanada.org/>



Interfaith Dialogue

Also, in April, we gathered with our friends from Jamiat-ul-Ansar for an evening of conversation around our shared humanity and spiritual practices. Thirty congregants from the Shelburne Primrose Pastoral Charge and thirty guests from the Muslim mosque in Brampton, paired up to share with one another on questions that we might all ask ourselves: Why are we here on earth? What are the special gifts we feel we have to offer? What are the challenges of our faith? We had dinner together and in the evening explored the Five Pillars of Islam and their corresponding practices in the Christian tradition. It was a fascinating evening of conversation and companionship. If you would like to explore the larger themes of interfaith dialogue that we were undertaking, you may find a fuller exploration at: <http://myanchorhold.com/five-pillars-in-lent/>



11th JWMHT Tournament

The 2018 Jennifer Widbur Memorial Hockey Tournament is proud to announce that the proceeds from the 11th annual tournament were an amazing \$65 000.00 this year.

This brings the total donated to the Headwaters Health Care Foundation to grand total of \$510 000.00.

The tournament also supported Honeywood Minor Hockey and the Humbolt Hockey Team memorial fund.



New Clerk of Session at Primrose United

We welcome Gail Brown as the new Clerk of Session at Primrose United Church. Gail takes over from Glen Thompson, who has served for the last several years with his ever cheerful presence. Now Gail steps up to lead us with her wonderful organizational skills and farm girl know how. We look forward to Gail's leadership knowing that she will handle the job with ease and grace.





Trinity House Parties

Our Trinity House Party with The Barrel Boys was a fun family evening out - great music and great homemade food. We will be having several more Trinity House Parties in the fall with local musicians and entertainers. Our first one in September will be with Gary Heaslip and Kristen Scott and that amazing country band that entertained us last fall. You won't want to miss it.



Primrose's Annual Spring Plant Sale

The Annual Spring Plant Sale at Primrose United Church on Mother's Day Weekend was a joyful gathering of flowers, friends and a scramble for butter tarts and pies. Primrose's next offering to the community will be its Quiet Garden Day on June 24th from 1 - 4. See later in newsletter for details.



Shelburne Farmer's Market

The Shelburne Farmer's Market is back again this year and busier than ever with new vendors, more local prepared food for a quick take out dinner, and a bounty of produce and products - all from familiar faces and local farms. 3 - 7 every Thursday afternoon beside Trinity United Church. It is a lovely outing with the children and a chance to encounter old friends and meet new ones.



United Church Women



The UCW has long been a tradition in the United Church, and the Shelburne/Primrose Pastoral Charge. They usually meet on the second Monday of the month at Trinity United for dessert at 12:30pm. They are planning an outing to Orangeville in June and another in September. All are welcome to attend our meetings. Contact Jean Cheyne, Mary Hawthorne, or the church office if you have questions. The UCW does not meet in July and August.

Soup Haus Continues on into the Summer Months

Throughout the winter months Soup Haus has been serving up delicious complimentary dinners to the community every Tuesday evening from 6 - 8 at Trinity United Church. It has been such success that Sohayla Smith and Josh Oatman and their team of volunteers have decided to continue on through the warm weather months as well.

Come on out for a lovely meal served with generosity and grace.

For more information and to make a reservation go to: <http://souphaus.ca/>

“Welcome! Soup Haus offers free homemade food. Our offerings change weekly depending on available produce and what the chef decides to cook! We aim to help people by offering the simple things that we can, fill bellies, treat sweet teeth, and make people smile.

Please don't be shy! Soup Haus is for **everyone** to enjoy. Sometimes we all need a little something sweet to brighten our day, a nice meal, some company, a little bit of help stocking the pantry with some homemade goods, freshly baked treats to make life a little sweeter, or a helping hand to alleviate some of the weight on our shoulders, and, sometimes... we just need a break!



Upcoming Summer Events

June 24th



Primrose Quiet Garden Day

Sunday June 24, 2018

Time: 1 - 4 pm

Spend a quiet Sunday afternoon discovering the June garden and serenity circle at the Primrose Meditation Garden.

Explore the spiritual practice of attentiveness in yoga, meditative walking, flower arranging, and mindfulness meditation

Alex Leikmoser - hands on breathing and gentle yoga inspired movement

Kerstin Stinson - flower arranging as spiritual practice

Rev. LeeAnn McKenna - walking as a practice of presence

Rev. Dr. Candice Bist - mindfulness practice as attentiveness

Light Refreshments Tickets \$10 Primrose United Church

Tickets available at the Shelburne Library, Trinity United Church, 200 Owen Sound Street, I.D.A Pharmacy, Shelburne, or from members of Primrose United Church as well as on site on the 24th. For further information, go to our website: <http://shelburneprimroseunited.weebly.com/>

July 6th



Trinity's Strawberry Supper

Date: Friday July 6th Time: 4:30 to 7:00

Cost: \$15 per adult, \$7.50 for children 7-13,
young children free

Menu: Smoked ham, assortment of summer
salads, butter & buns. Desert includes
freshly grown local strawberries with or
without white cake and real whipping

July 15th



Partera Fundraiser

Partera is holding a barn dance and picnic on Sunday afternoon, July 15th! There will be games, food and drink, music and dance (featuring our own Bruce Ley as well as the Campfire Poets), and a silent auction.

You will not want to miss this gathering of the community. Tickets are \$20 at the gate. Please call or write LeeAnn if you would like to donate a silent auction item. 519 925 1612 or lee@partera.ca. See you there! For more information about Partera visit: <http://www.partera.ca/>

Sunday, 15 July 2018
3:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Barn Dance and Picnic for Partera

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July 29th

Pickinginthepark

Please note that this summer the Shelburne/Primrose Pastoral Charge is supporting Pickinginthepark by attending their Sunday morning Gospel jam in place of gathering at our respective churches. All proceeds go to the local Shepherd's Cupboard Food Bank. It takes place at the Fiddle Park. **Fiddle Park Forever.**

Pickinginthepark takes place over the weekend from July 26th - 29th. For more information contact Greg or Heather Holmes at 510- 925-3037 or gregholmes2696@gmail.com.
Or visit the website at: <http://pickinthepark.webs.com/>
Bring your musical instruments for a weekend of music and fellowship.



August 12th



Non-denominational Church Service Heritage Music Festival

The Shelburne/Primrose Pastoral Charge will be supporting this community gathering at 200 Fiddle Park Lane from 10 am - 12 noon. The Barrel Boys will be there as well as the Shelburne Fiddlers. For more information visit: <https://heritagemusicfestival.ca/events/>

July and August - Summer Camp at

STREAMS

C O M M U N I T Y H U B

Creative Arts Summer Camp 2018

If you are looking for a place to send the children or grandchildren this summer, look no further than the eight marvellous creative confessions offered up by Streams Community Hub. Over four weeks this summer Andrew James has imagined a variety of opportunities for children to engage in the arts at the same time they learn the value of compassion and the shared experience of the collective, where community life is enriched, as the individual life is deepened. For information on all the camps go to:

https://streamshub.org/?page_id=721

These camps are funded almost entirely by fundraising and donations. No one is turned away from the camps due to financial inabilities, so if you wish to support a child attending these wonderful events, please consider donating to Streams Community Hub by calling or emailing: 289 203 8202 • info@streamshub.org

BROADWAY BOUND AGES 8 - 13 JUL 9 - JUL 13 	JOIN THE CIRCUS! AGES 7+ JUL 23 - JUL 27 	
SNAPSHOTS! AGES 13 - 17 JUL 16 - JUL 20 	DIGITAL STORYTELLING AGES 12 - 17 JUL 23 - JUL 27 	
CREATIVE CODING AGES 8 - 10 JUL 16 - JUL 20 	IMAGINARIUM AGES 6 - 12 JUL 30 - AUG 3 	ART ATTACK AGES 5 - 7 JUL 9 - JUL 13 
KINDERPREP AGES 4 - 5 JUL 30 - AUG 3 		



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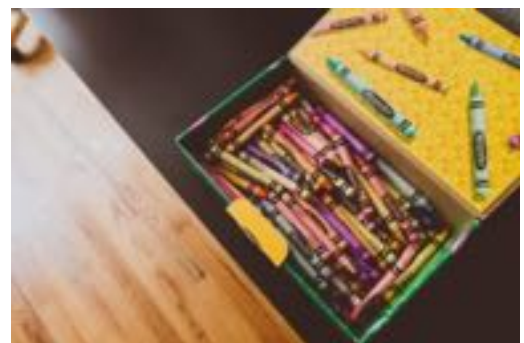
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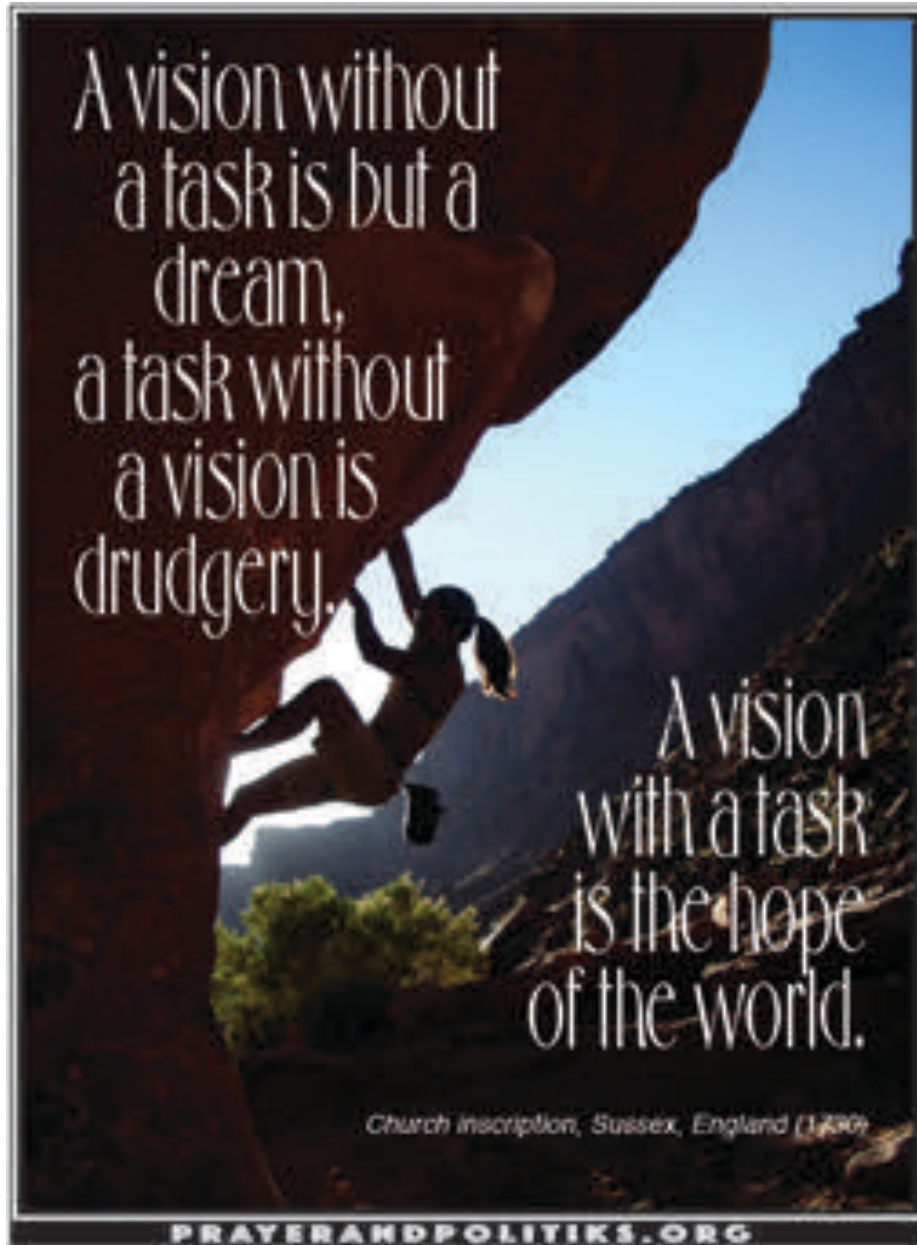
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