

TRINITY UNITED CHURCH

"KEEPING IN TOUCH"

April 5, 2009

As the legendary songwriter Cole Porter once wrote - "It's spring again, and birds on the wing again start to sing again the old melody". With today's celebration of Palm Sunday, we know that spring truly is here, and the wonderful events and services of Holy Week are upon us. Our Palm Sunday service this morning included a variety of dramatizations of sections of the Holy Week biblical story. Thanks to all of those who participated in helping bring those stories to life.

Holy Week Services

We hope that as many as possible of you can participate in the following services this week:

Maundy Thursday on April 9. Our service will begin at 7 p.m. and will include the sacrament of Holy Communion. If you would like to come at 6 p.m., you can join in a "**Seder Encounter**", which will be modelled on the Jewish Passover.

Good Friday service will be on Friday (naturally) April 10 at 10:30 a.m.

Our **Easter Sunday** service, once again obviously on Sunday, April 12 at 10:30 a.m.

For extra-early risers, the **11th annual *Easter Sunday Sunrise Service*** will be

on **Easter Sunday morning, April 12, at 7:00 a.m. at Victoria Park** in Cobourg. In the event the weather is bad, the service will be held at the **Gazebo** at the park.

Maple Syrup - The Key to Happiness

Another certain sign of spring, far more reliable than any meteorological or astronomical observations that the world's great scientists may rely on is the fact that Lloyd Williams will be selling maple syrup. The syrup comes from the banks of the exotic Ganaraska River, somewhere on the outer reaches of civilization (defined as north of Port Hope). With the arrival of warmer weather, the sap is starting to flow, and so we hope is your appetite for the sweet, sticky goodness. The sale proceeds will be used toward the "**United for Peace**" initiative of the United Church. This program helps local agencies work for peace in various world trouble spots, especially in the Middle East. There is a form available after Sunday services to place your order, and you can also leave it at the Church office over the next few weeks.

Drum Circle

The next session of our **Drum Circle** under the leadership of our music director Debbie Fingas, will be tomorrow, Monday, April 6 at 7:00 p.m. Everyone interested is welcome.

"UNITED FUTURE" - Planning for the Future of our Church buildings

There will be another series of "drop-in sessions" with Ted Wilson, the architect from AECOM who is working with our Steering Committee on the proposals for alterations to the sanctuary and the C. E. Centre.

This second opportunity to meet with Ted and to look at and discuss the preliminary design drawings for these possible alterations will be held in the C. E. Centre on **Wednesday, April 8** and will be at three different times - **from 9 a.m. to 12 noon; from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., and from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.** We encourage as many people as possible to drop in and take this opportunity to participate in these important decisions on Trinity's future.

Our "LABYRINTH"

Everyone is welcome to walk the **Labyrinth** in the church basement until Easter Sunday. Feel free to experience the meditative qualities of the labyrinth on Monday to Thursday from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and on Fridays and Sundays from 9:30 a.m. to 12 noon.

OUTREACH COMMITTEE reaches out to our "FARE SHARE" foodbank

As a result of the recent downturns in the economy around the world, we here in Northumberland are of course not immune. And like most other trials and tribulations, those who were already in need are often hit the most. Such is the case with our local **Fare Share Food Bank**, who have been required to add about 5 new families every week to their client base. Unfortunately, we find our Food Bank to be a "growth industry" these days. So, we are asking members of the Trinity congregation to think even more often than many of you already do, by donating to the Food Bank. We have wooden "drop boxes" marked "Fare Share" at the back of the church sanctuary, and outside custodian Mike's office in the hallway from the C.E. Centre. I am sure this also may be available at many local grocery stores, but I know that the "Metro" (formerly the A&P) store at Northumberland Mall often has organized packages of food at their cashiers which you can simply pick up, add to your grocery bill (for about \$5.00) and then place in convenient bins right there in the store for Fare Share. Ask them about it, or ask at the store where you regularly shop. The list of food that the food bank would particularly appreciate included canned or fresh fruit, juice, powdered milk, instant rice, peanut butter, canned ham, rolled oats,

pasta or rice side dishes, tea and instant coffee. You can also consider baby formula (without added iron) and junior baby foods. Our **Outreach Committee** has made a donation to the Food Bank from our "Special Appeals" fund.

New Members at Trinity

On Sunday, April 19, we will welcome new members to Trinity, through transfer of membership from other congregations, and by adult confirmation/baptism. For further information, contact Kristiane Charlton or Nancy Lester at the church office 905-372-7911.

Our Spring issue of "INSIGHT"

The deadline for contributions to our spring issue of our invaluable newsletter "**INSIGHT**" will be Sunday, April 26. Our editors, Barb and Rodger Halligan, invite you to submit information about upcoming events, reports of recent activities and any news about members of our church family that you wish to share with us. You can e-mail your contributions of articles or photographs to Rodger and Barb at or you can leave them in the *Insight* mailbox beside the glass display case in the hall leading from the C. E. Centre. Thanks again to Barb and Rodger and to all our contributors for making *Insight* such a valuable part of getting out the news here at Trinity.

Service of Baptism

Our service on **Sunday, May 3** will include the sacrament of baptism. Anyone who wishes to have their child baptized on that day should contact Kristiane or Nancy at the church office 905-372-7911.

Our Perennial Sale

Trinity will be holding its second annual **perennial sale** on **Saturday, May 9** from 8 a.m. to 12 noon. As soon as you are able to get out in your gardens, we are asking for donations of perennials in containers or pots to be dropped off any time outside the doors on Division Street between the sanctuary and the C. E. Centre. This event was very popular last year, and every plant was sold, resulting in a profit of about \$1,000.00, so the more plants, the better. Please call **Wilf Quigley** at 905-372-4432 for more information.

Annual "Vacation Bible Camp"

Our annual **Vacation Bible Camp** will be held this year from July 20 to 24. Registration is open to all children of the congregation, who will be entering Senior Kindergarten to Grade Six, as well as their friends and family. Young people who will be entering Grade 7 and up are welcomed as "junior counsellors". Everyone interested should call **Christine McKague** of our **Christian Development Division** at 905-373-4922 to register or to volunteer your help.

The Future Quest Summer Youth Program

The **Future Quest Summer Youth Program** will be held this year at Queen's University Theological College in Kingston from August 8 to 22. This program provides young people ages 14 to 17 with a creative and challenging "hands on" approach to spirituality and personal growth, exploring theology, leadership, social justice and community. The cost is \$750.00 which includes accomodation, meals, a 3-day canoe trip in Frontenac Park, seminars, art, drama, music and recreation. If you are interested in participating, call Nancy Lester at the church 905-372-7911.

Trinity Ladies "Nine and Dine" Event

This years **Nine and Dine** event, allowing Trinity women and their friends a wonderful opportunity for fun and friendship, will be held at the **Mill Golf Course** in Cobourg on **June 19**. Everyone who participated last year enjoyed a round of golf (no particular experience required), and a fine dinner afterwards, and spoke of little else for the ensuing weeks about how much fun it was. They are hoping for an even bigger crowd this year. For information, you can contact Barb Dinnage (by e-mail perhaps at

Celebration Donations

Our **Stewardship Committee** asks you to remember your opportunity to make special **"Celebration Donations"**. If you want to mark an anniversary, a birth or any other special milestone or event, why not consider making a *celebration donation* to Trinity to mark the occasion. Many of us have enough "stuff" and you know a donation will be put to good use. Stewardship chairperson Dave Upton advises that there are special "Celebration Donation Cards" available at the church office that you can use to mark the special event, and pass on confirmation of your donation to the person being "celebrated". Keep this "Celebration Fund" in mind with a donation to Trinity to mark the special milestones in your life.

Chauffeur Service to Sunday Services

For a drive to church in April, please call Edna Waldie at 905-372-9410.

While we now have well over 100 individuals and families receiving "***Keeping in Touch***" through their e-mail, I ***know*** there must be many more members of the Trinity family that have e-mail addresses that we are missing. If you know someone who is *not* receiving "Keeping in Touch", but would like to, please simply provide me with the e-mail address, and we will add them to our growing list. We would really like to reach even more people to keep everybody up to date on the many activities at Trinity. So, if you have other items that the Trinity family should know about, please let me know

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