

TRINITY UNITED CHURCH

"KEEPING IN TOUCH" DECEMBER 3, 2010

Hello everyone.

Many of you may be familiar with the "**TEN THOUSAND VILLAGES**" store on King Street West in Cobourg. *Ten Thousand Villages* is an organization which provides retail opportunities for artisans from all corners of the globe who make wonderfully attractive, often unique items. Ten Thousand Villages is a non-profit organization which attempts to ensure that the creators of these products receive a fair price for their work, and by doing so the organization encourages the work of these individuals and promotes the economies of their home communities and regions.

While this may sound like a crass, commercial announcement for our Cobourg *Ten Thousand Villages* store, it is in fact an invitation to all of you, and your extended friends and family to think about doing some of your Christmas shopping there, particularly on one specific occasion - on **MONDAY, DECEMBER 13 between 6 and 9 p.m.** The store will donate 10% of the gross sales during that period to the **Mission and Service Fund** here at Trinity United Church. Trinity has set a goal of contributing \$50,000.00 this year to the Mission and Service Fund, and the money received from Ten Thousand Villages could go a good way toward reaching that goal.

Our Chair of our **Outreach Division**, Shirley Moebus, describes this as a "win-win-win" situation. You get to purchase beautiful and interesting Christmas gifts at Ten Thousand Villages; by doing so, you support the work of the artisans around the world who have created these items; and Trinity's Mission and Service Fund gets a big financial boost too. And all you have to do is to purchase some of the gifts you planned to buy anyway, so in most cases this mutual enterprise doesn't cost you a nickel extra!

All you need to do is to let that Christmas money burn a hole in your pocket just a little longer - wait until Monday, December 13 between 6 p.m. and 9 p.m. and we will see you all (or let's hope lots of you) at Ten Thousand Villages.

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