

TRINITY UNITED CHURCH

"KEEPING IN TOUCH" MAY 25, 2010

Hello everyone.

Tomorrow, **Wednesday, May 26**, is the **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** for Trinity in the C. E. Centre at 7:30 p.m. These things are sometimes seen as rather dry events, with annual reports from the various committees and divisions of the Church's organization. But at Trinity, nothing is ever dull! Even Annual General Meetings are interesting here, and of course very important. We certainly encourage everyone to attend to review the year just past, participate in discussions about various aspects of our church's life and work. The more the merrier!

On Sunday, May 30, the congregation will be provided with a presentation from our **Steering Committee on our planned renovations and improvements to the C. E. Centre and sanctuary**. This is a major project for Trinity, and so many members of the congregation have donated very generously, and so we are all eager to receive this report on the progress to date, and the projects which will soon be moving forward.

After the service on the 30th, the children of the congregation under the age of 7 are invited to stay for the **Teddy Bear Picnic from 12 noon to 2:30**. There will be a picnic lunch, games and a story time. Everything will take place on the front lawn at the church, presuming that the weather co-operates. Bring your Teddy Bear of course, and an adult. If you can offer any help (helpers age 8 to 12 are encouraged), or if you could donate sandwiches and/or dessert, call Kelly Robinson at 905-377-8976 or send her an e-mail at kkrobinson6@hotmail.com.

Sunday, May 30 is the last Sunday of the month, and of course that means it is your opportunity to purchase gift cards through our FundScrip program. You can purchase gift cards to use at a wide variety of stores in our local area, where you would likely plan to shop anyway. But by purchasing and using these gift cards, the merchants rebate a percentage of the purchase back to Trinity. So by participating in the FundScrip program, you buy the things you would normally buy, at the stores where you would usually shop – in other words, it costs you nothing, and Trinity is the beneficiary. I cannot think of an easier fundraiser for us all to support. So, on the last Sunday of each month, (the next being Sunday, May 30) you can fill in the order form for the gift cards – see Dave Upton after the service in the C. E. Centre – and provide cash or a cheque (payable to Trinity United

Church) for your purchase. The gift card will be available the following Sunday, the first Sunday of the next month (in this case on June 6).

Our **Drumming Circle** will meet on the evening of May 28 at 6 p.m. for their annual **Outdoor drumming circle and Barbeque**, to be held at the home of Ron and Sally Fingas in Cold Springs. Dinner starts at 6 p.m. to be followed by drumming around the campfire. No drumming experience is required and some drums are provided. Contact Debbie Fingas at Trinity if you need more information.

Thanks to everyone who worked so hard to produce, print and deliver the Spring edition of our **INSIGHT newsletter**. Our Insight editors **Barbara and Rodger Halligan** appreciated all the articles and photos from the various contributors. And those of us who found it in our mailboxes are thankful for all those who volunteer their time to get it delivered. As Chairperson of the Communications Division at Trinity, I offer my personal thanks to everyone for a job very well done.

The 3rd Annual Trinity **"LADIES NINE AND DINE"** day of golf and dinner will be held on **June 11, 2010 at the Old Mill Golf Course in Cobourg**. You do not need to be a good golfer – you really do not need to have any previous golf experience at all. Registration begins at 4 p.m., to be followed by a putting contest and the taking of team photos. The cost is \$60.00 which includes your round of golf and your post-game dinner. If your golf game is an utter embarrassment you can always join the group for dinner only for \$35.00. Register as soon as possible, as there is room for a maximum of 72 golfers, plus anybody who would like to come for dinner only.

The **Trinity Men's Breakfast Club** has been meeting for a few weeks now. Anyone interested can meet for breakfast on Monday mornings at Cap'N'Jack's Restaurant at the corner of Division Street and Elgin Street in Cobourg at 8:30 a.m. You can speak to Lloyd Williams, or call him at 905-372-9763 if you are interested or have any questions.

Don't forget a unique way to make note of significant events in your life by making a donation to **Trinity's "Celebration Fund"**. You can make a donation to Trinity to mark these special occasions, and we will be happy to spread the word to everyone.

The **Sunday Night Supper Club** is a gathering of people from whom Sunday night might be a lonely evening. The group meets on the third Sunday of every month from September to June at 5:30 p.m. in the church

parlour. Food is provided by volunteers from the group and expenses are taken from the club's \$5.00 charge for the meal. Anyone who would like to join in this get-together is most welcome.

It's probably not too early to plan for our annual **Vacation Bible School**. This year's edition is titled "*Loaves and Fishes*" and will be held at Trinity from **July 19 to 23, from 9 am to noon each day**. The campers are children ranging from those entering Junior Kindergarten to those entering Grade 6. There will be crafts, drama, music and snacks, all revolving around the camp theme. There are no set fees to participate in the camp. We invite the families of participants to make a voluntary contribution of whatever they feel they can contribute. Average donations in the past have been about \$25.00 for an individual child, to about \$40.00 for a family. Sign up began on May 16, but will continue each Sunday after the service in the C.E. Centre until the capacity of 32 children has been filled. If you can't sign up at church, you can request a sign-up form from the church office by calling 905-372-7911.

Our **Stewardship Committee** has launched our **Trinity's "Tree of Life" Quilt Project**. This magical quilt will come to life this fall as the Trinity Quilters work to piece together a part of our history. The beautiful design is in the form of a tree, with about 100 leaves. Each leaf can bear the name of members of the Trinity family. Leaves can be obtained by making a suggested donation of \$100.00 – that is just a suggestion and you can donate what you believe is appropriate. All funds raised go to the General Fund at Trinity. You can purchase a leaf for yourself, or perhaps as a gift to someone or to commemorate a particular event at Trinity – the options are so varied. We hope that this will be more than just a fundraising project, but will create a work of art and a unique historical record. If you want to participate, contact David MacDiarmid at 905-377-8411. There was also a "Leaf Order Form" in the recent edition of "Insight".

And talk about getting a jump on things – make sure you reserve the afternoon of **Sunday, September 19 at 3:00 p.m.** for a wonderful musical event. **Ruth Harcort** delighted a large, appreciative audience last fall when she celebrated her 80th birthday by presenting a recital of some of her favourite songs from a professional performing career covering several decades. The show was such a hit, and raised such a substantial amount for Trinity's "Here We Grow" renovation campaign, that Ruth has agreed to present an "encore" presentation this year entitled "**Ruth Harcort Sings More Favourite Songs from Her 81 Years**". Once again, Ruth will be accompanied by Brad Halls at the piano, and the afternoon will also feature The "Aah Men", the Trinity Men's Chorus. Tickets are \$15.00 and children under 12 can come for free. Tickets will be available at the church office or

in the C. E. Centre after church starting in August.

If you have items that you think need publicizing to the Trinity family, feel free to call or e-mail me and we will include the information in future editions of our e-mail newsletter "Keeping in Touch". If you know of others who would like to have their e-mail address added to our mailing list, then let me know that as well.

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