

TRINITY UNITED CHURCH

"KEEPING IN TOUCH" MAY 5, 2010

Hello everyone.

Just a note about some upcoming services and events at Trinity.

This **Sunday, May 9, is Mother's Day**, and for several years the service on Mother's Day has featured a **musical presentation by our youth choirs and other young people of the congregation**, and this year is no exception. Under the leadership of Nancy Lester and Debbie Fingas, with a hard working group of adult volunteers, they will be presenting the musical **"The Rock Slinger and His Greatest Hit"**, a retelling of the David v. Goliath biblical tale. I have had the privilege of playing for a couple of the rehearsals, and I can tell you that you are in for a treat – wonderful performances matched with a great message.

A reminder to all Committee chairs that reports for inclusion in the **Annual Report** should be submitted to Cindy at the church office before Sunday, May 9. You can e-mail them to Cindy as well at choffman@trinitycobourg.ca

Sunday May 9 is also the deadline for submissions to be included in our spring edition of our newsletter **"INSIGHT"**. Our *Insight* editors, Roger and Barb Halligan invite you to submit information about upcoming events, reports on recent activities and any news about members of our church family that you may wish to share. Please e-mail photos or articles to Barb and Roger at blhalligan@cogeco.ca, or you can leave them in the Insight mailbox beside the glass display case in the passageway from the C.E. Centre to the hallway where the church offices are located.

Spring means it's time for **Trinity's 3rd Annual Perennial and Plant Sale** which this year will be held on **Saturday, May 15 from 8 to 11 a.m.** Donations of both plants and your time are needed. You can contribute plants by bringing them to the church from Monday, May 3 to Friday, May 14. They can be left, in pots or containers, in the outside area between the sanctuary and the C. E. Centre, as in previous years. Volunteers are needed to assist with set-up and to help on the day of the sale. You don't need to be Luther Burbank or some other noted botanist to be of help. If you can assist, please call Jean Lander at 905-342-5450, or speak to anyone on the Stewardship Division.

The 3rd Annual Trinity "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 gold 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 (where do I sign up for that?), you can join the group for dinner only for \$35.00. You can sign up to participate after church on May 9, 16 and 23 and can provide your cheque payable to Barb Dinnage. 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 next opportunity to participate in our "**FundScrip**" fundraising activity is next Sunday, May 30. "*FundScrip*" is an ongoing project of our Stewardship Committee, which enables you to purchase gift cards to use for your everyday purchases at many local stores. When you purchase these gift cards, each of the merchants involved refunds a percentage of the amount (varying from about 2% up to about 7% depending on the store) right back to Trinity United. This program does not require you to buy anything you would not normally buy anyway, and does not require to shop anywhere that you would not shop in the normal course of your usual habits. Even if you just bought gift cards and used them to purchase the same groceries you were planning to buy in any event, you could easily generate about a \$300.00 annual rebate to Trinity. Multiply that by the number of people in the congregation and you can see that the use of the gift cards could deliver a substantial financial boost to Trinity, without really costing you a thin dime. Many local stores provide gift cards which are eligible for this program, including Metro, Foodland, Your Independent Grocer, Valu-Mart and NoFrills grocery stores, M&M Meat Shops (for groceries); gas stations Esso, PetroCanada and Ultramar; restaurant chains like Swiss Chalet, Pizza Pizza, Casey's, East Side Mario's, Subway; retail stores like Best Buy, Blockbuster Video, Canadian Tire, Chapters/Indigo/Coles, Zellers, Mark's Work Warehouse, Home Hardware, Home Depot, Shoppers Drug Mart, Rona, Sears, Staples and many, many others. If you are interested in participating in this program, then you can order these gift cards directly at Trinity. On Sunday, May 30 Dave Upton of the Stewardship Committee will take orders after church in the C.E. Centre. You can fill out the form, and provide your cheque for the gift cards payable to "Trinity United Church", and the gift cards themselves would be delivered to you the following Sunday, which would be June 6. Dave advises that if you go to FundScrip's web site at http://www.fundscrip.com/Material/Spring_en.pdf, there is some information about special April promotions and some news about some stores which have increased the percentage of your purchases which can be rebated back to Trinity. If you have any more questions, you could call Dave Upton for

further information, or call me at 905-372-7537.

Trinity is always a busy place with church activities, and we always welcome the opportunity to welcome the wider community to use and enjoy our facilities. So Trinity often becomes a popular place for public concerts and other community events. The **Northumberland Orchestra and Choir** will be presenting their spring concert "**Victoria**" at Trinity on **Sunday, May 16 at 3:30 p.m.** Tickets are available through the Box Office at the Concert Hall at Victoria Hall or by phone at 905-372-2210, at George's Guitars and Music on Swayne Street, or at Gould's Shoes in Port Hope, or at the door prior to the concert.

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.

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.