

TRINITY UNITED CHURCH

"KEEPING IN TOUCH" OCTOBER 27, 2010

Hello everyone.

Just a short note to remind you about a few upcoming events.

Our **Stewardship Division** is bringing you "***auction fever***" on **Saturday, October 30 between 9:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.** when we will enjoy "***TRINITY'S HALLOWED BIDS***". This is both a **live** and **silent** auction of quality goods and services donated by local merchants and many members of the Trinity family themselves. There is still time to contribute to this event by donating something to be auctioned – how about hosting a dinner for a group at your home, or donating tickets to one of our area's many cultural or musical events – or perhaps you have your own ideas. Everyone is then invited to attend the auction on October 30 to either participate in a live auction with our auctioneer, or to submit "silent" bids on some of the items. For more information, you could contact Ron or Barb Swallow. Thanks to them and other members of the Stewardship Division for all their efforts on this wonderful fundraising project.

Later that same day, **Saturday, October 30 from 7 to 9 p.m.** its time for our **3rd Annual Pre-teen Dance** for all the young people ages 8 to 12 in the congregation and any of their friends who would also like to attend. This event has a "***Hallowe'en***" theme, and you are welcome and encourages to attend in costume. Tickets are \$5.00. here will be prizes for best costume, spot dances, a canteen to buy refreshments, and of course a "haunted house" to visit. The organizers would still appreciate a few more volunteers to help with set up, chaperoning and clean up. If you would like to be involved in this fun event, call Kelly Robinson at 905-377-8976.

Then a week later, we have the **UCW HOLLY TEA AND BAZAAR** on **Saturday, November 6 from 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.** Donations for the bake, craft and "new" and "nearly new" tables will be appreciated (although they are *not* looking for donation of books). Wrapped items valued at \$1.00 marked for adult, boy or girl, can be donated to the "Surprise Table". Tables are available for those who might wish to sell their own crafts. To volunteer to help or for more information, contact Barbara Williams at 905-372-9763.

Are you participating in our "**FUNDSCRIP**" fundraising opportunity. It is a completely painless way to raise money for Trinity's many activities. On the last Sunday of each month, you have the chance to order **gift cards** for use in many local stores. These are grocery stores, department stores etc. etc., where you would in all likelihood do much of your shopping in any event, but the difference is – if you purchase a gift card through Trinity and then use the gift card to make your purchases, these various merchants pay a rebate back to Trinity which varies from 2 to 3 to sometimes as high as 7% of your purchase. This is an especially great opportunity as we look forward to Christmas, as you could consider purchasing these gift cards as Christmas gifts for your family and friends. As I say, you fill out your order form on the last Sunday of the month (so that would be this coming Sunday, October 31), and you pay for the cards with cash or a cheque payable to Trinity United Church, and then you get your gift cards delivered to you on the next Sunday, the first Sunday of the next month, or in this case on Sunday, November 7. If you have any questions about how this works, you could talk to our "FundScrip" captain, Merle Gingrich, who will be in the C. E. Centre to take your order after church this Sunday.

While on the subject of fundraising – are you on "**PAR**" yet? "PAR" stands for "pre-authorized remittance" and it offers you an opportunity to support Trinity's activities financially by simply authorizing your bank to make an automatic monthly or weekly contribution to Trinity. You benefit in a variety of ways – no more scurrying around on Sunday morning wondering where you put your church envelopes, your wallet or your chequebook. No more missing your contribution on Sundays when you are away from Cobourg, and then trying to "catch up" on your donations at the end of the year. Trinity benefits too, because the church can budget much more accurately and efficiently when we have a better grasp on what our income from donations will be, week in and week out, and our cash flow becomes more "reliable" rather than again wondering if one Sunday's giving's will be "lean" and the next week's more substantial. We all need to assess how best to financially support our church family, and making your contributions through "PAR" is one great way to do so. If you would like to participate, all you need to do is contact Cindy Hoffman at the church office (905-372-7911) and she can get you set up. If you choose a specific weekly or monthly donation, you can change the amount of your donation at any time, again by notifying Cindy, either to increase or decrease your commitment as your particular financial situation might allow or require.

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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