

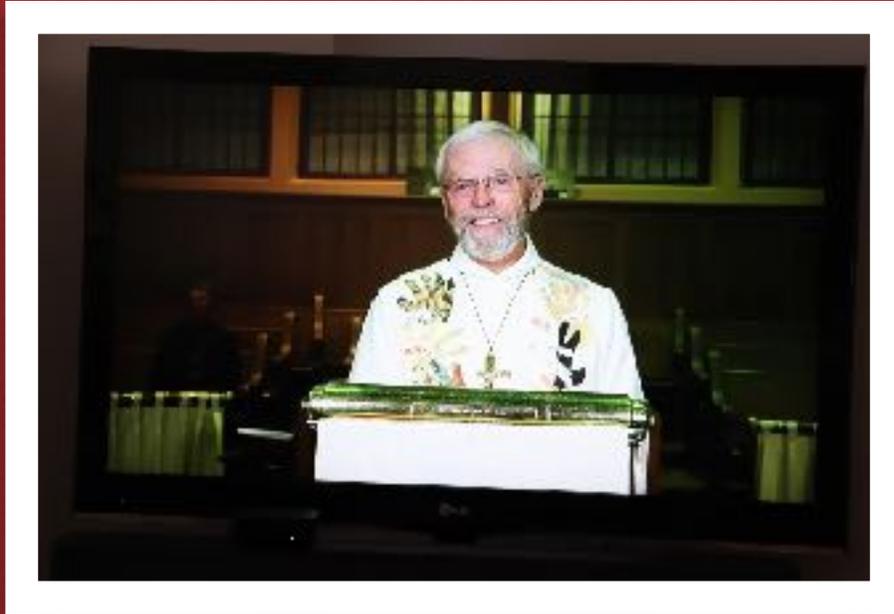


Trinity News

May 14, 2021

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Rev. Dr. Brian W. Goodings



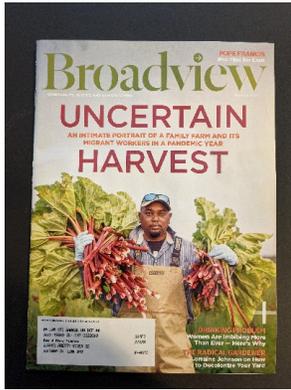
Why is Rev. Brian smiling in this recent photo taken by George Czerny? Is it because he knows the Thanksgiving service he will do on October 10 will be his last before retirement or is it because he recently learned there will be a banquet to celebrate his decade with us? Perhaps it's both.

We are a community of faith so we pray that come the fall we will be back in the sanctuary for worship which would also mean we can have a banquet. As Rev. Paul Boughton would remind us, "In May, everyone is an optimist."

Trinity will be the venue (this is a change from the original announcement) on Friday October 15 (also a change) in the evening. A catered dinner by Jim Hockley will be served probably in both the banquet hall and Hunter Hall followed by a tribute to Rev. Brian in the sanctuary.

Tickets will be available once all the details are finalized and we have the green light from the health authorities.

Committee: Patti Watson, Phil Watson, Heather Ferguson, John Brown, Dawn Myers



Thinking about Broadview?

This award winning magazine covers life from a faith perspective and the United Church specifically through its 'In Focus' section.

Our Church gets a special church group rate at \$25 for eight issues.

Renewals are underway and **new subscriptions are welcome.**

Please make your cheque payable to "Broadview" and along with your detailed mailing address, place in an envelope and deliver to the church office or drop in the church mailbox on the Maple St. side of the building. Cash is also accepted.

Deadline for both renewals and new is May 19.

For more information contact the church office 705-445-3901 or

Ray Piercy 705-445-4740.

Our Daily Bread

Our Daily Bread is a daily devotional guide with a simple scripture reading and message for each day.

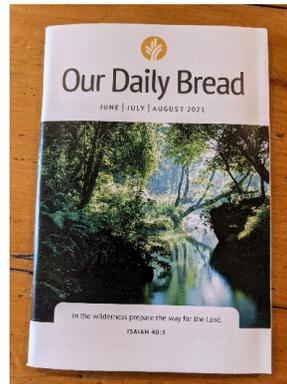
The June / July / August 2021 Edition

is now available in the outer church office area.

The office is open most mornings Tues. to Fri.

Please phone ahead to arrange to pick one up.

Church Office 705-445-3901



Honourable Murray Sinclair
May 28 @ 1:30
 Speaking on the 'Calls to Action'
 for the Church from the
Truth & Reconciliation Commission Report
 by Zoom and in **April & May** :

- Witsat Tour of former Algonquin Institute Residential School
- UCC Residential Schools and TRC 101
- THE KAIROS: virtual Blanket Exercise

Trinity Finances

Your Donations to Trinity mean a great deal.....

A big thank you to all who are continuing their regular givings to help keep our church building, our staff, our programs all functioning and effective during this pandemic. Lights, heat, repairs and upkeep of our premises remain necessary even though we are unable to actually be here in person ourselves.

(Did you know that our insurance costs are over ten thousand dollars a year.....our fees to Western Ontario Waterways Region are over ten thousand a year ?)

Thanks also to those who have included Christmas and Easter special donations. Thanks to those who have taken up online giving with E-transfers and PAR. For those who prefer to give via envelopes, just ask if you would like some more envelopes with your number on them. (will deliver!)

We all appreciate the dedication of Lori, Mike, Brian, Whitey, and Paul in bringing our services into our homes. There are so many more who continue to contribute and be the voice of Trinity to us and to our community. A huge thank you to everyone from the board!



Food Pantry

Our popular food pantry is well funded at this time so the board asks us to hold off monetary donations to it until further notice. Instead, direct those funds to any account you may specify. Funds not specified go to the general account.

Community Dinner Pick-Up & Delivery May 19, 4:30 - 6 p.m.

Delivery option will continue in April. All you need to do is email office@collingwoodunitedchurch.ca or phone the church office at 705 445-3901 to be on the list. Make sure you tell us your address and how many there are in the house. Also, if you are able to deliver meals, please contact the office at 705 445-3901. Thanks from Barb Sneyd.

With no sign-up sheets in the Banquet Hall, we have had to adjust to our “take-out dinners” and purchasing all of our ingredients and packaging. However, the congregation has really stepped up and accelerated their givings to support the ongoing Community Dinner Program.

There have also been a large number of community sponsors who have come on board as our program has moved from 80 dinners to the 120 dinners (and growing) recently.



Our masked chefs Barb & Donna.

Spiritual Committee Reaching Out To The Community Ideas

April 7, 2021

Prepared by: Linda Murphy

Summary: The Spiritual Committee had two meetings during February and March. At the first meeting, the history of, and our current rate of church membership growth were discussed, and 14 questions provided to the committee were divided among the committee members to be researched. At the second meeting, each member presented their findings, and it was agreed that given our current situation, we should plan on "quick and easy" actions that could be implemented as soon as the church is up and running in person once again. The following list represents a culmination of ideas that the Outreach Committee is confident will bring about some new membership, with the least cost, time, and difficulty for all involved. We have dubbed them, "5 Quick Wins":

- 1) Create a Nursing space, where the adult and child can have a bit of privacy, and still enjoy the service.
Action: privacy partition, and two chairs placed on one side of the Narthex
- 2) "Bring a _____ Sundays", will introduce a variety of people to our church, one visitor at a time.
Action: Every first Sunday of the month is Bring a *Somebody* Sunday, such as grandchild, grandparent, friend, sister, brother, co-worker, niece/nephew, neighbour, etc.
- 3) Our opening statement at every service welcomes all, but our website does not.
Action: Add a specific welcome, along with the recognizable insignia of the LGBTQ+2 community, the rainbow, to our landing page.
- 4) Ensure everyone feels welcome to join, and IS welcomed once they arrive, at Coffee Time following the service.
Action: Ushers add to their "Good Morning" greeting... "and, I'd like to invite you to join us after the service for Coffee Time in the hall." The minister would also extend a special invitation to guests when mentioning Coffee Time at the end of the service. Ushers would ensure visitors are introduced, and not left standing alone in the hall – this is KEY!
- 5) Extending an invitation to new residents to the area before they go "church shopping".
Action: provide all current members with a handful of "Welcome Cards" (essentially, business cards), with the photo of Trinity and the words "ALL are WELCOME" on the front, and the address, phone number, email, and website on the back. To be distributed by current members to new residents they meet, or any other interested individuals.

Bottom Line: we are all capable of growing one plant, but think of how many individuals it takes to farm a few hundred acres – the farmer would be at a loss, if left only to his own pair of hands. If we want to grow our membership, we ALL have to be prepared to chip in a bit to that growth. The above Quick Wins can be easily-implemented and measured, once in place. The Spiritual Outreach Committee is keen to hit the ground running with these Actions, as soon as church is in LIVE session, once again.



Saturday May 15 to Friday June 4, 2021

Stroll for Your Soul offers 21 days of accompaniment through a brief email delivered early each morning to your inbox. Each email will offer a practice, or a reflection, or a poem, or a photograph giving direction and encouragement to your time spent walking or jogging or biking or even skate boarding.

It takes 21 days to create a habit. Use these daily emails as motivation to get outside. They will help you notice the green and growing glories of Spring. If you are a regular walker, they offer practice at paying attention and being in the present moment. Weave silence and mindful reflection into whatever minutes you have to give to yourself. Deepen your awareness of seeing the Divine in the ordinary and practice being in the present moment with these daily emails.

Stroll for Your Soul is written and hosted by United Church minister Rev. Janice MacLean. It is part the materials she offers on <https://prayerbench.ca/about/> to help seek the sacred in the ordinary. It is a daily practice that Mary Elizabeth has enjoyed participating in for the last few years and thought others might appreciate also.

If you would like more information or to sign up to participate, please contact maryelizabethpiercy@gmail.com or 705-445-4740 *(please note there is no cost)*

Clothing Donations

Thank you for the kindness and generosity shown by your continued support of the Warming Closet. Although it is Spring, the Warming Closet has not been shut down and will continue through the summer.

The pandemic has shut down other sources of free or inexpensive clothes and so there is a need for summer clothes.

Please look through your closets and bring any lightly used but unwanted clothes to the church for distribution to those in need.

Please call the office at 705 445-3901 or call Mike on his cell at 705 344-5757.

Throughout the pandemic Trinity's bells continue to be rung on Sunday mornings thanks to Beth Theis. Beth is reminding us it is time to turn to YouTube for this week's service. In actual fact more people tune in at times other than 10:30 a.m.





If anyone knows of someone who would appreciate receiving a shawl please contact Brian, the church office, anyone on the Spiritual Committee or anyone involved with the Shawl Ministry. If anyone would like yarn and instructions to knit/crochet a shawl please contact Mary Elizabeth Piercy, Beth Theis or Barbara Downey. All contacts can be reached through the church office 705-445-390.

Prayer Chain Ministry

Trinity has a Prayer Chain ministry, a group of people who include in their regular prayers anyone on our “Special Prayers List”.

The List is shared with members of the Spiritual Committee, and often also shared in our worship service. In the worship service only first names are read out.

Details shared with the Prayer Chain and Spiritual Committee can be Name, or first name only, or you can request prayers without a name (listed as “Anonymous”) Details (such as a named injury, illness, bereavement or other difficulty), or prayers can be requested without details, or with a general statement like “health issue”.

To request prayers for yourself or someone else, please get in touch with our Prayer Chain contact:

Ramona Van Slyke
705-445-3702
sewjoyce@hotmail.com

Help Wanted - No Experience Necessary!

Spiritual Committee thanks Heather Ferguson for looking after our scripture readers for several years but Heather has served notice she is ready to pass the torch. If you can help, please let me know at johnbrown5@rogers.com or 705 446-0767. If you think you might be able to help but want more details, then give me a call. If you just want to chat, that's fine too.



Need assistance registering for your vaccination for Covid-19 or transportation to the vaccination centre?

Contact Marg Holroyd at 705 445-6227. Registration assistance is also available through the office. Call Lori at 705 445-3901. Some have been successful booking through MPP Jim Wilson's office at 705 446-1090.

Jason Whyte

Contrary to last month's *Trinity News*, Jason is still involved in bringing us our service which is now live at 10:30 a.m. on Sundays. We also thank Tim Cook, Steve Czerny and Danielle York for bringing us the live production.



Live Services On YouTube

As we adapt to our new streaming equipment our team of AV volunteers appreciate your patience as we work out the kinks. If you have feedback regarding online streaming please send an email to daniellekyork@gmail.com



If you remember the CBC in the fifties, this might look familiar.

Trinity Coffee Time Zoom Chat Following The Service

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86525215904?pwd=SIRwZHhkSWgrdk1SMUdPeFpyQXlvQT09>

Meeting ID: 865 2521 5904

Passcode: 265736



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