

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

SUNDAY 9<sup>th</sup> AUGUST

Pentecost XI

8:00am Holy Eucharist

Traditional (BCP). Said service

10:30am Holy Eucharist

Contemporary (BAS) with Music

Refreshments & fellowship follow in the Parish Hall

WEDNESDAY 12<sup>th</sup> AUGUST (Chapel)

10:30 am Holy Eucharist



UPCOMING  
EVENTS

|                             |                               |              |
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| SAT 8 <sup>th</sup> AUGUST  | Prayer Shawl Ministry         | 9:00 am      |
| TUE 11 <sup>th</sup> AUGUST | Tai Chi Foundations           | 9:00am       |
| WED 12 <sup>th</sup> AUGUST | Contemplative Prayer          | 9:15am       |
| THU 13 <sup>th</sup> AUGUST | Caring for the Core           | 11:30am      |
| THU 13 <sup>th</sup> AUGUST | Migrant Farm Workers Ministry | 2:00-8:00 pm |
| FRI 14 <sup>th</sup> AUGUST | Tai Chi Foundations           | 9:00am       |
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NOTICE

A Special Vestry Meeting will be held on Sunday August 23<sup>rd</sup> at the end of the 10:30 service to record the change in Rector’s Warden.

Thank you,  
The Wardens

What They’ll Say At Your Funeral



*I believe it was George Burns who used to say, “The first thing I do in the morning is read the obituary. If my name’s not in there, I’ll have breakfast.” That old gag came to mind the other day as I read the obituaries of two old friends. It’s just the sort of thing we laughed together about.*

*Both were retired priests who had served faithfully in my diocese. They had died only days apart. And my role as their bishop includes presiding at their funerals.*

*When I prepare to preach someone’s funeral, I spend a lot of time remembering who the person was. I mean, who they really were. Sometimes, obituaries help me do that. Mostly, they don’t. That’s because so many of them provide a list of the person’s accomplishments. And what I focus on is their character. Because it’s in their character that we can see what Jesus had made of them over a lifetime. Let me explain. I’ll start with what I mean by character.*

*Our character is comprised of our habits of thinking, feeling, and acting. These are not inherent personality traits like quick-tempered or even-keeled, introverted or extraverted. Instead, they are the patterns of how we navigate the various contexts of our lives.*

*We know a person’s character when we see how they are at work and with their grandchildren. What they’re like at church or at dinner with friends or in the gym. In other words, character is formed over time. We’re not born with it. And there are broadly speaking two very different views about how our characters are shaped.*

*In his book The Road to Character, David Brooks subscribes to what he calls the crooked timber tradition. It goes like this. Each of us is born with gifts and flaws. We are crooked timbers. The character we end up with is a result of how we have dealt with those gifts and flaws.*

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Week of Aug 11

**Psalms For Praying: An Invitation to Wholeness**

by Nan C. Merrill  
Psalm 125

Those who put their trust in You are like giant trees standing firm and rooted deep.

As the trees grow strong in fertile soil, so we mature in the garden of Love, nourished by the Word of Life.

For the weeds of fear, the tares of ignorance, find no home here; they are soon cast out.

As each flower in its uniqueness blesses the garden, the interconnectedness of all brings it to fulfillment.

Those whose lives reflect goodness and integrity, become mirrors to Love’s way.

They are like fragrant blossoms that bring joy to all around them,

like open invitations for others to come.

Come! Enter the Garden of Love!





### THE PRAYERS FOR THE SICK HERE AT TRINITY

Here at Trinity we take seriously the power of prayer and the biblical injunction to pray for one another. This is particularly important when one of our members is facing medical emergencies or suffering from longer term ailments. You have probably noticed that during the Prayers of the People or Intercessions, we have two categories for these prayers, short term and long term. The names of the lists reflects the intentions of the prayers. When we put someone onto the prayer lists we make pastoral notes about the reasons and who has referred this person. This helps the clergy to provide pastoral support if required and also for the office to follow up and enquire if the person is still in the critical stage of the medical problem. If we find that the crisis has passed we remove people from this short term list. In some cases people will still have ongoing needs for prayer and we move their names to the long term list. It is sometimes a challenge for the office and clergy to know everyone's status and sometimes we will make mistakes. We deeply appreciate it when someone contacts us and helps us keep our records and prayers on track. We want to honour our commitment to hold one another in prayer and thank you for your support in doing this ministry. Rick+

### Check your Closets and Purge.

It is once again, time for our Migrant Workers to come back to Ontario to work in our fields and greenhouses to plant, prune and prepare our crops for the season. Most come back unprepared and need help with work clothes. Huron Farmworkers Ministry offer the workers a free warm dinner on Thurs & Fri nights plus a table of good used clothing. If you could donate any clothing that you no longer need, we would be very grateful. We need **MEN'S AND WOMEN'S CLOTHING**, SIZES SMALL – LARGE. Coats, shoes, boots, hats, socks, rain protection, whatever you have they will use. If you can't help with clothing, we sure could use some help serving the dinners and setting up and down the tables and chairs. If you can't help by volunteering, a cash donation would also be gratefully accepted. Check your closets and purge. It is such a good feeling to clear out unused stuff and it goes to such a good cause. **THANK YOU!**

Donations can be dropped off at the church, **TUESDAY-FRIDAY** mornings or **THURSDAY & FRIDAY** afternoons **FROM 3-7 P.M.**

Judy Bannister.



### Archaeologists May Have Found One of the Most Important Churches in Christian History

Source: Popular Mechanics <https://share.google/ZKrnpIApeMW6k7hD>

Here's what you'll learn when you read this story:

- The discovery in 2014 of an ancient basilica in Turkey later revealed the remains of an even older church beneath it.
- The smaller church, identified as the Church of Saint Neophytos, was likely the location of the First Council of Nicaea in 325 C.E.

An earthquake destroyed the original church 43 years after the council meeting, leading to a second church being built on top of it.



Submitted by Gerry Sheppard

NORFOLK HALDIMAND COMMUNITY HOSPICE  
PRESENTS



## HEALING *through music*

Experiencing the death of a loved one is difficult.  
We are here to help.  
"Healing Through Music" is a 4-week group offering coping skills using music, discussion, and self-care.  
Sessions include music activities, guided relaxation, and helpful tools you can use every day.  
**No music experience needed—just bring yourself.**

Tuesday August 11, August 18, August 25, and September 1, 2026  
3:00 pm - 4:30 pm  
23 Market St. W., Port Dover

Preregistration is required and space is limited.  
For more information or to register please contact us at 519-410-0881  
or email [kyla@norfolkhaldimandhospice.ca](mailto:kyla@norfolkhaldimandhospice.ca)



A virtuous character emerges from a long struggle of self-control. We admit our flaws, resist our worst impulses, and devote ourselves to acts of service again and again. Among others, Dwight Eisenhower and Dorothy Day serve as Brooks' examples. I've tried to live that way. Fought my own crookedness, called it discipline, called it grit. It got me somewhere. But it never got me to beloved.

The Gospel offers us a radically different view of character formation. Instead of looking within for our gifts and faults to find the source of character, the Gospel teaches us to look beyond ourselves. We are not first and foremost either our abilities or our worst impulses. Instead, we are Jesus' beloved. Because, well, Jesus. That is our root identity. And yes of course we are born with various personality traits, and we will wrestle with desires and impulses, fears and fantasies. But our starting point is the realization and acceptance that we are the beloved of Jesus.

We habitually open ourselves to that love through our spiritual practices in the community of the faithful. Through prayer, worship, and works of mercy. Jesus' love shapes the pattern of our lives through these practices.

Paul calls this love-formed pattern of life the fruit of the spirit. He writes, "The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control."

Consider the story of Peter walking on water. The disciples are at sea in a pitched storm. Jesus approaches their boat walking across the waves. Peter says, "If that's you, call me out there with you."

And sure enough, Jesus invites him over the gunwales. Peter makes it a few steps before sinking. Jesus then says, at least in my reading, "I know you hesitated there. Just keep believing."

In other words, Jesus wasn't inviting Peter to have self-confidence about his water-walking abilities. He was teaching him, and teaching us, that he can make us what we cannot make of ourselves.

And that is the sort of thing I try to convey in funeral homilies. I don't look to celebrate a life of personal achievement. But I do intend to highlight and celebrate a life. A life of gracious humor and tender affection for all of God's people. A life formed by the power of Jesus' love.

From the Woodlands ~ Bishop Jake Owensby



Branch 79, SIMCOE  
**Wednesday, August 12**  
**4:30-7pm**  
**Fish & Chips**  
**Coleslaw, Rolls & Butter**  
**1 piece—\$11**  
**2 pieces—\$14**  
**Chicken Fingers—\$14**  
**In the Memorial Hall**



**PATIO THURSDAY'S**  
**LIVE ENTERTAINMENT**  
**6PM TO 9PM**

JULY 9TH - Shane Pinchen  
 JULY 16TH - Dan Fewings and Mike Catarino  
 JULY 23RD - TRIVIA NIGHT IN THE CLUB ROOM  
 JULY 30TH - Marco and Tony  
 AUG. 6TH - Maddie Ball and Jesse Murphy  
 AUG. 13th - R and R - Mercer and Harten  
 AUG. 20TH - TRIVIA NIGHT IN THE CLUB ROOM  
 AUG. 27TH - Amber Banks and Nolan Gibson

Food Available

**Legion** 100 1926 - 2026  
 Br. 79 Simcoe, On.  
 200 West Street

**MR. MUSTARD**



We Can  
 Provide  
 the jars.

If anyone is doing any jam making or canning over the summer, please consider doing a bit extra for the bazaar. Things like pickles, chutney, jams, marmalade, salsa, pasta sauce, lemon curd, etc. We would be most grateful. For more information please talk to Deb Vankerrebroeck at church or give her a call at 519-428-6474.

**We can supply the jars if needed.**

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**Parish Office Hours: Tuesday - Friday**

**9:00am-12:00 noon**

Visitors always welcome.



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