

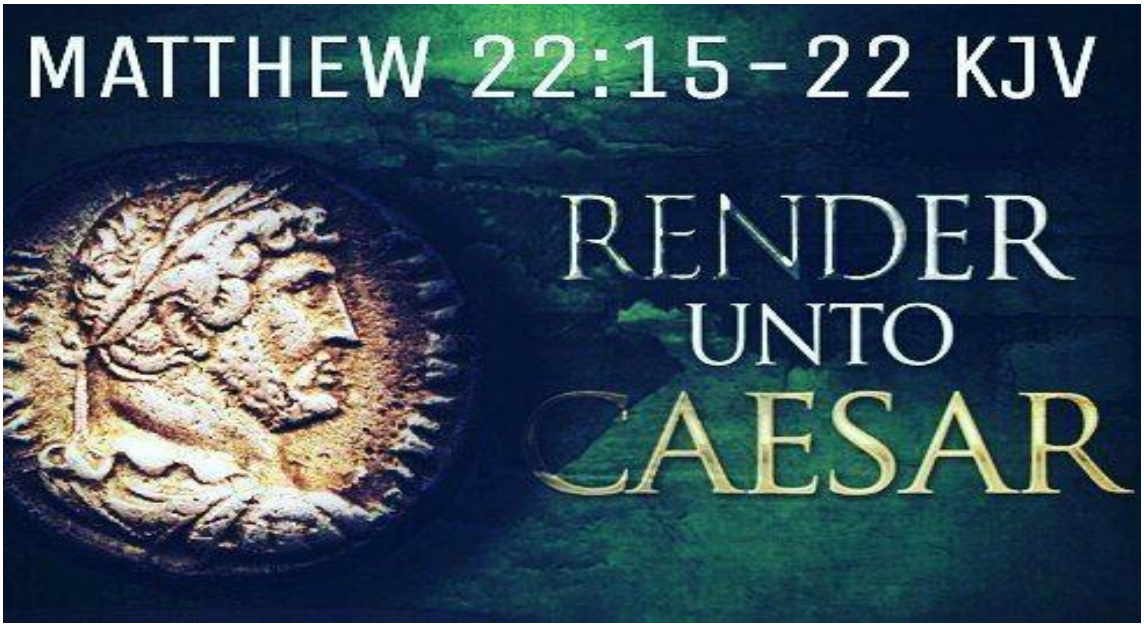
To be a compassionate, inclusive and joyful faith community

TRINITY HAPPENINGS FOR October 16th – October 23rd, 2020

Check out our you tube page for our live streams!

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCeACMPPU-V7ipIfCNRd94Nw

Sunday, October 18th, 2020



READING: Matthew 22:15-22
READER: Courtney Losey

SERMON: God's Stuff

IMPORTANT UPDATE ON OUR SEARCH FOR A NEW MINISTER

So, here is the latest on Finding a new Minister. The Committee to up-date the Church Profile and Job Description, has been completed. Everything is in order; however, the Church Hub is giving me angst on trying to post it, it is not a user-friendly site. We are in the process of fixing the glitches and hopefully by next week, the job will be there for all to see. As far as this committee is concerned, we have disbanded, Rhonda Porter, Juris Svistunenko, Pat Bruin and me, Sharon. We leave the rest to our Search Committee now, Rhonda Porter, Tom Irvine, Bob Weekes, Bill Just, Marlene Buwalda-Liao, Ardyn Todd, Mike Church, Jean Anderson, and Dave Trethewey.



For those of you joining us in person, please don't Forget to Bring

-your mask

-your name tag

-your offering

-your family and friends

-your glasses (if you want to follow along)



Saying Good-bye On **Sunday, October 25th** we are having a Clap Out with an opportunity for you to say goodbye to Allan & Colleen.

Since the Covid-19 restrictions, there have been some members of the church who have felt comfortable attending the church services regularly. For those of you who have not felt comfortable and have been watching the services online, you are invited to attend a Clap Out where everyone will meet outside. You are welcome to gather at the front of the church and along the sidewalk to the parking lot at 11:30 a.m. on the 25th as we say goodbye to Allan & Colleen.

This will be Allan's last day with us. The truck and car will be packed, and they will be leaving for Nova Scotia right after the service and Clap Out.

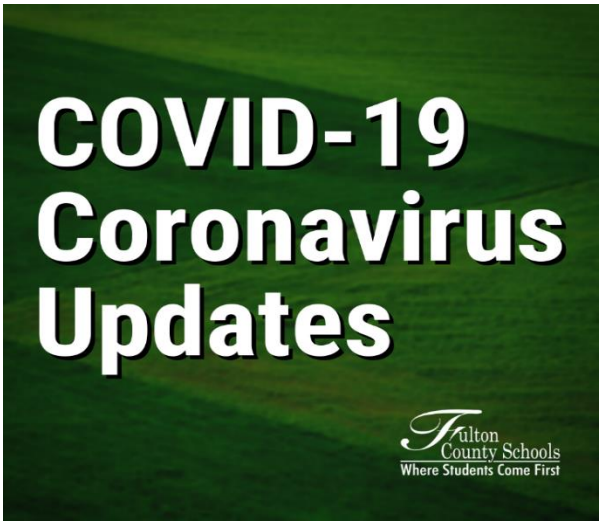
Please wear your masks and social distance to protect everyone.

Masks for Sale **Effective Monday, July 13, 2020 it is mandatory to wear a mask in the church. You are required to wear a mask if you come for service on Sunday as well. For those of you who come but forget your mask or don't have one, we have some for sale at $1.00 each. Please ask at the table at the door if you need one. Thanks!**



Can't be at Church on Sunday? Great news! Now you can join our live stream or catch the sermon at your convenience from wherever you are! All you need is an internet connection on your device. Go to www.youtube.com and search Trinity United Gravenhurst Live church service. There is also a direct link in the upper left corner (the red play symbol button) on our website www.trinityunitedgravenhurst.ca!

IMPORTANT – COVID 19 Update Please read the message from Allan below, which outlines our procedures and policies regarding a safe return to in-person services. If you have any concerns/questions, please call Allan or myself.



Dear friends,

As you may know, we have received permission from the Ontario government to open our church for worship on Sunday at 30% capacity. That means we can handle, using the balcony, choir loft and main seating with proper social distancing, 75 people.
I understand that many of you are not prepared to come back to church yet. I encourage you to stay home and watch online if that feels safer for you. Please exercise caution and personal care.

For those of you who wish to return to church there are some protocols we will be following which have been recommended by the Local health Unit. These will be strictly adhered to in the following outline.

1. Masks will be worn entering and leaving the church.
2. Congregants will ENTER and EXIT by the **Narthex Door**. There is hand sanitizer available for use at the entrance. Names of those in attendance will be recorded as per Health Unit guidelines. The elevator is also available to you at the North door if required.
3. Congregants will be directed to a seat in the sanctuary which will be marked in advance for safe social distancing. (Obviously people who live in the same home will be sitting together)
4. We will not be moving around during the service; people are asked to respect each other's space. People are asked to refrain from using or touching hymn books or Bibles.

I realize that this is a rigid start, but it must be so to protect those who are most vulnerable.
If you have any questions or concerns, please call Courtney or myself anytime.

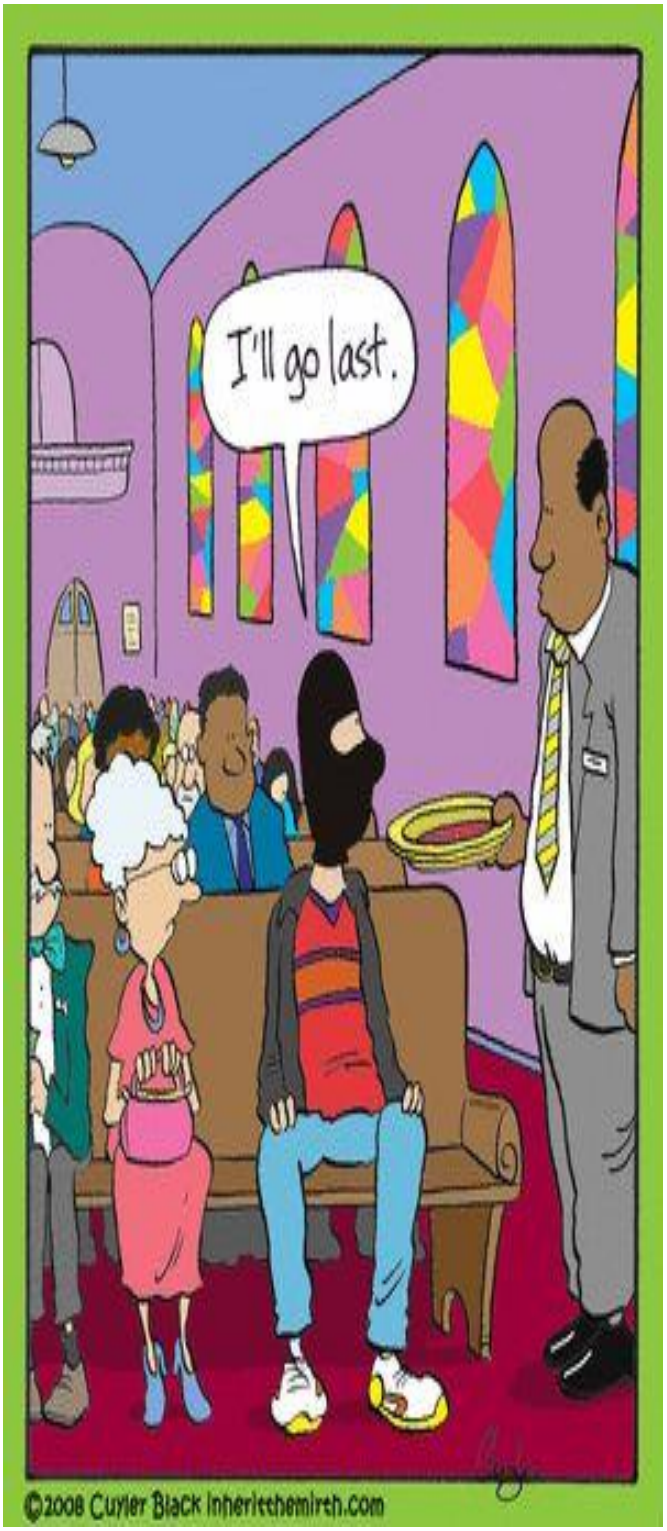
Peace
Allan

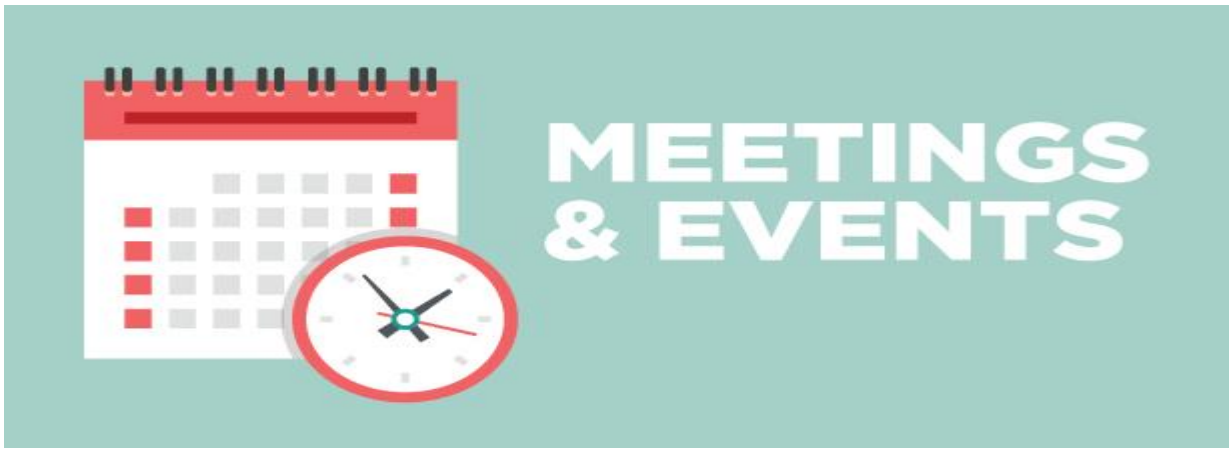


SURPRISE project for Allan Marlene Buwalda is putting together a video montage of some images of Allan and his work here at Trinity. This will be shown during Allan's last service on October 25. If anyone has any pictures of Allan from events during his time here, please send them to Marlene at marlenebuwalda@hotmail.com. Thanks for your help in making this a great project!!

Comic Corner







Tues. Oct 20 – 3:30 p.m. – Elderberries Choir
Wed. Oct. 21 – 3:30 p.m. – YWCA Circles South Muskoka
Wed. Oct. 21 – 8:00 p.m. – A.A. (auditorium)
Thurs. Oct. 22 – 1:00 p.m. – Study Group
Fri. Oct. 23 – 12:00 p.m. – A.A. (auditorium)



If not, then please do!!!

YOU DON'T HAVE TO GIVE SUNDAY GIVINGS A SECOND THOUGHT SHOULD YOU GO ON P.A.R., it's simple, it's easy, it's accurate, PLUS: John (and Courtney) like this! Come and see Courtney in the office during the week! All we require is a signature and a voided cheque!

MANY THANKS TO THOSE THAT HAVE SIGNED UP! PLEASE KEEP THIS IN YOUR MIND…



We Now Accept E-Transfers! As another option for everyone to make their usual donations to the church, we can now accept e-transfers! All you have to do is go to your online bank site, click the e-transfer option and send it to our email address, trinityunitedgravenhurst@gmail.com. When you have done that, send me an email with the password and I can put it in our account! Thank you for continuing to support our ministries in these difficult times.

Great news everyone! We now have an active Facebook page!



Find us at Trinity United Church Gravenhurst and like the page! Then don't forget to "check in" when you come to service and send "like" requests to your friends! We are doing well with 88 likes on our page now! Way to Go!!



Well, this has been a typical dreary and rainy fall week. The leaves are really starting to fall off the trees now, and lots of little birds and animals are getting ready to hibernate or move south. This time of year makes ME want to hibernate, and I am glad we are about 3 weeks away from having our new wood stove and chimney installed. Hopefully, no more broken glass doors, nasty smoke smell in the house or our fire alarm going off and the dog howling every time my husband sets a fire in our current fireplace.

This time of year makes lots of people depressed because of the weather. They can't or don't want to go outside, and some of them are worried about being able to afford keeping their house warm, or sometimes even where they are going to sleep on a cold night.

That's what our pastoral care team is for! They can help you through the tough times in your life and whatever is getting you down. If you would like a visit from the pastoral care team, please give the office a call and let me know. We can't help if we don't know you need it! Thanks, and have a wonderful and safe weekend!!!

Stewardship Message The use of Preauthorized Remittance (PAR) is a very convenient way to give to the church. All you have to do is set up your desired monthly donation amount and the rest happens automatically for the rest of the year. If the amount is not changed annually, the same amount continues into next year.

As we head into a new year, we ask that you examine your PAR givings to see if they can be increased for 2020. It is much needed to help offset the increased costs in operating the church. Just see Courtney in the office and she will adjust your amount as required. Thank you!



Birthday Wishes It has come to my attention that I may not have everyone's birthday to put in the bulletin and here in Trinity Happenings. My apologies to anyone whose birthday we missed, and many happy returns to you. If your birthday is not in my list, or if you know of someone's birthday that I have missed, please let me know!! If I don't know about it, I can't put it in the bulletin! Thanks for your assistance.



Our Ministries Have Vacancies

The various ministry groups in our church are all looking for volunteers to join these committees and help with church projects. These ministries are a vital part of keeping the church running smoothly.

There are several Ministries to choose from:

Personnel

Worship & Music

Finance

Property

Christian Development

Mission & Outreach

Fellowship & Membership

Pastoral Care

Sanctuary

If you are a new (or old!) member of the church, and would like to be more active in church life, please speak to Robert Anderson about one of our many Ministries and see which one would be a good fit for you. Thanks for your consideration!



Personnel Ministry call for Members

The Personnel Ministry is looking for new members. There are 3 members at the moment, and we could really do with 2 or 3 more. We meet no less than once every four months, and only more often if necessary. It's the responsibility of this ministry is to support, advise, share concerns and problems, and review salaries, and vacations. One person is assigned to one member of staff: the Minister, the Administrative Assistant, the Director of Music and the Custodian.

If anyone is interested in joining this group, or learning more about it, please contact Anne Mills, the outgoing Chair, or Ethel Todd, David Follis or Rhonda Porter, who are current members.



We need your Ideas! If anyone has any ideas or contributions to Trinity Happenings, please let me know! I am always looking for new and fun ideas to tell you about what's going on in our church community.



CHURCH PHOTO DIRECTORIES ARE HERE! After many months of waiting, our church Directories are FINALLY here! Thank you to Sharon Kittson and her committee for all the time and hard work they put in on getting this project completed. I still have a number of families who have not picked up their directories. If you have not yet received yours, please come to the office Monday to Friday from 9-1 to pick it up if you feel comfortable doing so. If not, please give us a call and we can arrange to get it to you another way.

PROMISE KEEPERS
CANADA
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Promise Keepers/Impactus For all you men out there who would be interested in this men's group of sharing and learning and following God, I have some information on them and a contact. If you would be interested in starting this type of group within the church, please come see me or go to www.impactus.org to see what it's about and if it might interest you.

Information on Meals on Wheels Please see the letter below with a description of the meals you can get and cost from the Red Cross Meals on Wheels program. If you would like more information or would like to order some meals, please call (705) 721-3313 ext. 5267. Thanks to Robbie Quinn for sending this to us!

Gravenhurst Hot Meals on Wheels Program

The Gravenhurst Hot Meals are delivered Monday, Wednesday and Friday, across the lunch hour time between 11:30am to 1:30pm from the Muskoka Algonquin Health Centre. The meals are prepared fresh daily which ensures a quality meal.

The meals are delivered by our volunteers and you must be home to receive them. If you cannot be home for your meal delivery you must call the office to either cancel your meal or reschedule it as the meals cannot be left due to Health & Safety Policies.

The Meals on Wheels Program is also available on holidays if the holiday falls on a week day.

The Hot Full Meal consists of a Main Entree, Soup, Roll or Muffin and a dessert. The cost is $7.25 per meal.

If there are any dislikes, food allergies or if you're on a special diet, please let us know and we may be able to accommodate them.

We suggest having a contingency plan in case of meal cancellation due to weather.

If you need to cancel a meal or make any changes on your meal order, please let us know at least ONE day in advance in order to accommodate your needs.

The Canadian Red Cross will mail you an invoice once a month and it will direct you on how to make a payment. You can also call Finance at 1-844-731-1018 to pay by credit card or to arrange automatic withdrawal on your credit card or bank account. Our Volunteer's do not take payments of any kind.

If you wish to register for the Meals on Wheels Program, please don't hesitate to call.

Have a lovely day!



Food Bank News **We want to thank you all for your support of the food bank. Please note that at this time, we are NOT accepting donations of food for the food bank in our baskets in the narthex. If you would like to continue to support them during the pandemic, please call the Salvation Army directly at (705) 687-2131 for information on their current procedures of what they are accepting and when. Thank you for supporting this important service!**

A Message From G.A.P.

With the advent of COVID, Gravenhurst Against Poverty (G.A.P.) was forced to change to a delivery format of purchased meals from both the Red Cross and our local restaurants - Well-Fed, the Oar, Relish and the Butcher's Daughter. We are now delivering 245 meals every Thursday. Our other partner is Gravenhurst Rotary who is providing a $25 grocery card for the 80-90 households these meals go to. A$50 gift card has gone to families with children.

The need has more than doubled and through our contact with meal recipients we become even more cognizant of their need and their isolation.

We are very grateful to our partners and the volunteers who have come out to support the need for food in our community.

If you would like to donate to us, please send your cheque payable to "the Rotary Club of Gravenhurst " memo G.A.P. to P.O. Box 1133 Gravenhurst On P1P 1V4 Please also add your email address if you have one, for your tax receipt.

If you would like to e-transfer, you can do that as well through the Rotary Club at treasurer@gravenhurstrotary.com the password is rotary.
When using e-transfer, please indicate if you would like to donate to G.A.P, or to the Rotary's current program of buying gift cards for families in need, which are distributed by G.A.P. If you want a tax receipt, you need to please leave your email address, and full address as well when you e-transfer.

Stay safe, and thanks for thinking of us.



A man named Jack was walking along a steep cliff one day, when he accidentally got too close to the edge and fell. On the way down he grabbed a branch, which temporarily stopped his fall. He looked down and to his horror saw that the canyon fell straight down for more than a thousand feet.

He couldn't hang onto the branch forever, and there was no way for him to climb up the steep wall of the cliff. So Jack began yelling for help, hoping that someone passing by would hear him and lower a rope or something.

HELP! HELP! Is anyone up there? "HELP!"

He yelled for a long time, but no one heard him. He was about to give up when he heard a voice. Jack, Jack. Can you hear me?"

"Yes, yes! I can hear you. I'm down here!"

"I can see you, Jack. Are you all right?"

"Yes, but who are you, and where are you?

"I am the Lord, Jack. I'm everywhere."

"The Lord? You mean, GOD?"

"That's Me."

"God, please help me! I promise if, you'll get me down from here, I'll stop sinning. I'll be a really good person. I'll serve You for the rest of my life."

"Easy on the promises, Jack. Let's get you off from there; then we can talk."

"Now, here's what I want you to do. Listen carefully."

"I'll do anything, Lord. Just tell me what to do."

"Okay. Let go of the branch.""What?" "I said, let go of the branch. Just trust Me. Let go."

There was a long silence.

Finally Jack yelled, "HELP! HELP! IS ANYONE ELSE UP THERE?"



October 18 – Iggi vanKooten
October 19 – John Houston
October 22 – Anne Mills
October 23 – Tom Irvine

