

## 2010 Trinity Calendar of Events

Oct. 6 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Bible Study with Rev. Peter Woods</b> 9:00am in the Upper Room	Nov. 3 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>Bible Study with Rev. Peter Woods</b> 9:00am in the Upper Room
Oct. 10 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Early Communion</b> 9:00am	Nov. 6 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Candy Cane Bazaar</b>
Oct. 10 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Thanksgiving Service</b> 10:30 a.m.	Nov. 10 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Bible Study with Rev. Peter Woods</b> 9:00am in the Upper Room
Oct. 13 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Bible Study with Rev. Peter Woods</b> 9:00am in the Upper Room	Nov. 14 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Early Communion</b> 9:00am
Oct. 17 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Trinity United Church Getaway - In the Spirit of Adventure</b> 9:00am-3:00pm at Camp Otterdale. Pamphlet available at Church Office.	Nov 14 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Great Canadian Coffee Party</b>
Oct. 20 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Bible Study with Rev. Peter Woods</b> 9:00am in the Upper Room	Nov. 17 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Bible Study with Rev. Peter Woods</b> 9:00 a.m. in the Upper Room
Oct. 23 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>All Hallows Eve Monster Mash</b> 8:00pm-12:00pm at Smiths Falls Legion. Info: Beth or Jim Hill at 613-283-8652	Nov. 24 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Bible Study with Rev. Peter Woods</b> 9:00am in the Upper Room
Oct. 24 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Harvest Dinner</b> — Details will be provided very soon.	Nov. 28 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Food Bank Donations</b>
Oct. 27 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Bible Study with Rev. Peter Woods</b> 9:00am in the Upper Room	Dec. 1 <sup>st</sup>	<b>Bible Study with Rev. Peter Woods</b> 9:00am in the Upper Room
Oct 31 <sup>st</sup>	<b>Food Bank Donations</b>	Dec 8 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Bible Study with Rev. Peter Woods</b> 9:00am in the Upper Room
		Dec 11 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Evening of Christmas Music</b> “Glad Tidings and Joy” 7:30pm at Trinity
		Dec. 12 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Early Communion</b> 9:00am

### **Ministry Team**

#### **The Members and Adherents of Trinity United Church**

*The Reverend Peter C. Woods, M. Div.  
Mr. John Wanless, Organist & Choir Director  
Ms. Gwenda Kinch, Church Secretary  
Mr. Klaas Van Der Meer, Custodian*

### **Trinity's Office Hours**

*Please take note of Trinity's office hours.  
They are as follows:*

**Monday thru Thursday  
9:00am to 12:00noon.**



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## Minister's Message

"We never keep to the present. We recall the past; we anticipate the future as if we found it too slow in coming and we're trying to hurry it up, or we recall the past as if to stay its too rapid flight. We are so unwise that we wander about in times that do not belong to us, and do not think of the only one that does; so vain that we dream of times that are not and blindly flee the only one that is. The fact is that the present usually hurts. We thrust it out of sight because it distresses us, and if we find it enjoyable, we are sorry to see it slip away. We try to give it the support of the future, and think how we are going to arrange things over which we have no control for a time we can never be sure of reaching.

Let each of us examine his thoughts; we will find them wholly concerned with the past or the future. We almost never think of the present, and if we do think of it, it is only to see what light it throws on our plans for the future. The present is never our end. The past and the present are our means, the future alone our end. Thus we never actually live, but hope to live, and since we are always planning how to be happy, it is inevitable that we should never be so".

*Pascal, Pensees, p. 13*

This passage is at the heart of my ministry these days. Our anxieties regarding the future often trump our experiences of the present. This does not serve us well.

I hope to deepen my understanding of this passage - and along the way, deepen my appreciation of all that is presently happening in ministry and in life.

Reminders of harvests, changing seasons, the coming of winter are all good things. We are surrounded, in this present moment, by humble truths and majestic realities. Give thanks for the few brief moments that are yours. Cherish them and then recognize that they are little more than ripples on the river of life.

Let Thanksgiving be an opportunity to value the river of life which we share with each other and all of the planet. Be reminded of the humbleness and the majesty dwelling in each moment of life.

Goodness is all around us. Thanks be to God.

**Rev. Peter Woods**

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## Board of Trustees Report

The Trinity Family can be so proud of what has been accomplished over these past months. It has been a busy time for everyone and much has been done thanks to the generosity of our congregational members and friends of Trinity and there is more to do.

We have had to borrow from the United Church Of Canada \$115,000.00, interest free for the first year with monthly payments of \$1110.00 per month starting on September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2010. Your continued support to the Renovation Fund would be greatly appreciated to help offset these costs. Again, on behalf of the Board Of Trustees, we thank you for your support of our Church.

**Dick Donaldson, Chair**

## The Church Family of Arlene & Hugh Hunter



A full-time parent, Arlene enjoys having the opportunity to be the primary caregiver for her young family. Born and raised on a dairy farm near Fallowfield, Arlene went to the University of Guelph where she completed her BA in Geography and met Hugh, a BSc Agriculture student. Married in 2003, she commuted to a mapping company in Ottawa until 2005 when daughter Maryn was born.

Arlene has been serving at Trinity on the Board Restructuring team for the past two (2) years. She looks forward to continuing to assist in the implementation of the new Church Council structure in the coming months and seeing the changes take place. Arlene is also a member of the Board of Directors of Children's Resources on Wheels (CROW) and is involved with Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS).

The 6<sup>th</sup> generation on the family dairy farm, Hugh works hard along with father Gerald to take care of a herd of purebred Holstein cows. A new dairy barn was built in 2004 and provides a comfortable environment for both animals and those working with them. Hugh

also is a member of the Leeds-Grenville Holstein Club, is an official Dairy Judge, leads a 4-H Dairy Judging Club, and plays baritone in the SFDCI Reunion Band. Hugh's mother, Joanne, works at Zellers and is an attentive grandmother to her six (6) grandchildren.

Arlene and Hugh have been renovating the Hunter family 1860's stone farmhouse for the past eight (8) months and hope to move in this Fall. Hugh's Grandmother, Lois Hunter, lived in the family home until last Fall, and now resides at Van Horne Manor.

A senior Kindergarten student at Lombardy school, Maryn enjoys school, as well as attending playgroups, story-time at the library, and visiting friends and family. She will turn five (5) in December, and like many her age, has been planning her birthday party for months.

At 2 ½ Duncan keeps everyone on their toes. He enjoys playing outside, discovering new things, climbing on and off Daddy's tractors, and is always excited to see any type of heavy equipment in action.

All the Hunters look forward to the arrival of the newest addition to their family in mid-November.

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## Music Team Report

### Newfoundland Adventure

Rev. Woods, John Wanless and the choir are in the planning stages of taking a journey to Gower Street United Church in St. John's, Newfoundland. Gower Street is one of the churches that Trinity was linked with during the 85<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations of the United Church of Canada in June. The date is still to be determined but Spring 2011 has been suggested.

A group of approximately ten (10) or more, will make the three to four day weekend trip. Negotiations are underway to find billets from the Gower Street congregation so the cost of the trip would only be the airfare and a few meals.

Gower Street United was established in 1815 as a Methodist congregation like ours. The present church building was opened in 1896. "Its basic architectural features have remained largely unchanged and include an impressive hammerhead roof of pitch pine and ornate iron grillwork". Please check out their website: [www.gowerunited.ca](http://www.gowerunited.ca). The panoramic view of the sanctuary says it all.

The congregation looks to be quite active and share many of our attributes, with the addition of a community band. A quote from A Short History on their website states, "Not content to bask in the beauty of its building and the glory of its past, Gower is a vibrant church determined to meet the challenges of living the Gospel in a modern world".

Besides giving John a chance to "tickle the ivories" on an impressive looking organ and Peter some first hand experience with the band, making connections with other congregations, sharing values, ideas and traditions can only make us stronger.

If you might be interested in joining this adventure please contact Peter Woods or John Wanless.

### "Glad Tidings and Joy"



Trinity's choir and friends will be offering an evening of Christmas music on Saturday, December 11th at 7:30 p.m.

Practices for this event will begin on Tuesday, Sept. 28th at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. There is always room in the loft, so if you like to sing, please join us at practice.

**Karen White, Secretary**



### DID NOAH FISH?

A Sunday school teacher asked, "Johnny, do you think Noah did a lot of fishing when he was on the Ark?"

"No," replied Johnny. "How could he, with just two worms."

## Men's Breakfast Club Report

All men in the congregation are requested to attend these monthly breakfasts on the second Thursday of each month, from September to June. On October 14th, at 8:00am, it will be at Diane's Lunch Box. We will have to find a new location beyond that date.

Our agendas include breakfast, wide ranging discussions from politics, sports and philosophy, to the well being of our community and of course the affairs of Trinity.

All are welcome. It is a time of relaxation and fellowship. Our sessions usually end before 9:00am. Hope to see you there!

## Update From The Treasurer

As we come to the final months of 2010 we commend the congregation for its continuing support of Trinity. At present, even though we do show a deficit in our operating account, it should still be possible to end the year with a positive balance. Contributions have increased since last year and you have supported the fundraising activities even during the summer months. With the ongoing support of all, we can achieve our goal of "Growing Ahead Together". Please do review your givings and continue your dedication to stewardship in the church.

This may also be a good time to remind you of our gift card program. We have cards for Independent, Food Basics, Giant Tiger and Canadian Tire that give you full value and also provide support to the Church. First time buyers will receive a special incentive during the Fall. Cards are generally available before and after church services and also from the office during the week.

Thanks to you, Trinity is a vibrant and active congregation that realizes the needs of programs and facilities.

**Arnel W. Pattemore, Treasurer**

## The Way Ahead Project

The Way Ahead Project was the process undertaken by the Board of Management in 2007 to determine the future "Home" of Trinity United Church's Congregation. As you all know, the decision of the congregation was to repair and renovate our current facility. The Way Ahead Project became the Renovations Project under the capable leadership of the Renovations Implementation Team. The Renovations Project is almost completed and the results to date have been outstanding. Please refer to the Implementation Team Report for the latest update. **Robert Swan**

## Implementation Team

Over the past few months, the Implementation Team's focus has been on windows and the heating system. The roof and ceiling (insulation) projects were completed in the Spring. Repointing is the significant project left. There is one window left to be done in a Tower and ventilation improvements to be completed by our window contractor (remove more heat from Sanctuary in hot summer months). The undersigned has heard many positive remarks about our windows from different sources in Smiths Falls & area.

It has been decided to keep the Implementation Team intact for the foreseeable future to ensure the various preventative maintenance processes are in place and to address issues that may arise from the work carried out over the past year.

The heating system will be completed by the end of September. A special thanks to Bruce Wigley who has planned and supervised the Boiler project from its inception. Bruce has donated his time and energy to us. Thanks Bruce, it is much appreciated by the Trinity Family.

The front door continues to be a work in progress. There was an obvious problem with the last application of the finish. We continue, weekly, to pursue the contractor, Jerry Pepper, to put matters right. Meanwhile, your Implementation Team will continue to monitor our various undertakings and will (in due course) assemble a work party to complete our efforts with respect to the ventilation process. Till next time,

### Implementation Team

**Tom Foulkes**

**Barry Mapplebeck**





### Trinity Fundraising Activities September—December 2010

Thanks to those who have contributed (not just financially but through giving their time, energy and talents) to all the various fundraising activities within the church. Each project for which the funds are raised contributes greatly to the overall mission of Trinity United. There are a few activities remaining on the **2010 Fundraising Calendar** and your continued generous support is required and encouraged.

DATE	ACTIVITY	SPONSORS	LEADER	FUNDS
Sept. 13-23	Apple Pie Making	UCW	UCW	UCW Projects
Sept. 18	Mom to Mom	UCW	New Horizons	UCW Projects
Sept.-Dec.	Meat Pie Sales	J.&M. Finland	J.&M. Finland	General Fund
Oct. 23	Halloween Dance (ESP) & (The Good Lads) Canadian Legion (95)	The Hill Family	Jim & Beth Hill	Renovations
Nov. 6	Candy Cane Bazaar	UCW	UCW	UCW Projects
Nov. 14	Coffee Time: Great Canadian Coffee Party	UCW	New Horizons	UCW Projects
Dec. 10	Bake Sale (County Fair Mall)	Finance Committee	A. Pattemore	General Fund

A full fundraising report will be available within the Annual 2010 Financial Statement of the Church.

**2011 Events** –The Fundraising Co-ordinating Committee will begin assembling the 2011 Fundraising Activities Schedule over the next several months.

Please take some time now to plan your events and/or if you have an idea for a fundraiser and are prepared to undertake the activity, we would be glad to hear from you. If you would like further information please **contact Bob Swan @ 613-283-4933.**

### CAMP QUIN-MO-LAC September 10-12, 2010

The last two weeks have been extremely hectic as I started back to work at the School Board. However, a bright spot in all that “busyness” was my weekend at the UCW retreat at Camp Quin Mo Lac, Sept. 10, 11 & 12.

The theme for the weekend was “Women of Worship” (W.O.W) and Wow! What a weekend it was!

The evaluation sheet asked us to put down one highlight for the weekend. I was hard-pressed to do that. I enjoyed everything: good food, relaxing setting, uplifting and fun sing-alongs, a great performance by the Saints and Sinners, entertaining skits, an invigorating dip in the pool at 7:00 each morning (not as bad as you might think), our inspirational speaker Sandy Herron (who I hope to hear again at Trinity some day!), canoeing in a Voyageur canoe under starlit skies, walking on a woodland trail in the pitch dark (not possible to do that one alone!), walking a huge labyrinth by candle-light with many other women in total silence (energizing), receiving appreciative thank-yous for my contribution to the program (an introduction to Reiki healing), and the loving fellowship of over a hundred other women.

As we sang the weekend’s theme song for the final time on Sunday morning, the energy in the room was tangible. I returned physically and spiritually refreshed.

Thanks Trinity UCW for inviting me to be a part of this fantastic retreat. Those of you who haven’t yet gone to the camp should definitely think about it for next year!

**Comments from Carolyn Lunn (first time at Camp Quin-Mo-Lac)**

### Elva Corless Update!!!



The Camerons went on a road trip in July and stopped in Angus to call on Elva Corless.

We found her well settled in their new home in a relatively new subdivision.

Elva is still knitting prayer shawls, is happy and healthy, but misses her friends in Smiths Falls.

### Murray and Marguerite Cameron

**?** The Communications Team would like to encourage members of Trinity to submit ad hoc “Food For Thought” articles that can be included in The Communicator.

These could then be seed items for discussion within our Church teams and family.



### TRINBIT!

**Just a note to let everyone know the popular Car Rally will NOT be taking place this year.**

## Worship and Arts

The Worship and Arts Committee continues to meet monthly to plan worship services and related activities for Trinity United Church.

We are a very busy committee with many Sub Committees and Ad Hoc groups; some of which are Readers, Greeters, the Music Team, and the group planning the Trinity United Church Getaway - In the Spirit of Adventure, October 17.

The Father's Day, Rock and Roll service was a highlight this past quarter. Again this summer we shared space and worship leadership with our Presbyterian friends at Westminster.

We fully participated in the 85<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the United Church by sharing a 'Common Loaf' of bannock made from flour from across Canada. We were instrumental in gathering items to send to our partner church, Gower Street United, as an anniversary gift from our congregation. We are looking at further ways to connect with Gower Street.

We look forward to seeing you at the 'Getaway' on October 17 at Camp Otterdale.

October 31 we will be joining our friends at Westminster for their anniversary service.

If there is anything that you would like to see/hear/participate in, with regards to our worship services, please contact any member of the Worship Committee.

The Committee will become part of the Spiritual Life Committee when the new structure is up and running.

**Norma Wrightly**  
Submitted on behalf of the Committee.

## Trinity Meat Pies



In March 2010, fifteen (15) members of our congregation met in the church kitchen with flour, meat, vegetables, rolling pins, and a recipe. With amazing efficiency (some might say chaotic), we produced our first batch of meat pies. With the pies in the freezer, we brazenly advertized in the Church Bulletin "meat pies for sale"! Surprised and pleased, we sold out and with good reports, we were in business for the next four months.

With thanks to Trinity Congregation and others in the community for their encouragement and support, we were able to donate \$1600.00 to the General Fund and buy our needed cooking equipment. The General UCW helped us purchase the freezer and personal donations supplied kitchen gadgets, all of which helped make for smooth sailing.

Many thanks to a long list of "cooks", some regular and some part-time, for getting together in the kitchen and filling the freezer with "meat pies".

Starting again in October, we are looking forward to a successful, enjoyable, and productive year ahead.

**Respectfully submitted by the meat pie makers.**



## Board Restructuring and Nominating

The Church Council structure approved by the congregation has been approved by Presbytery. It is now time to start filling leadership roles in the new structure in order to move forward with our proposed changes.

We require both chairpersons and vice-chairpersons for the Church Council, as well as the following three teams: Christian Community, Spiritual Leadership and Stewardship.

An outline of the duties of the Church Council and each of these teams is available at the back of the sanctuary or via email through the Church Office.

The persons taking on these leadership roles would be expected to co-ordinate a team of people who would work to achieve the duties of each team.

At the present time, the Board of Trustees, Ministry and Personnel and Presbytery Representatives all have sufficient number of members.

Leadership positions will be filled in the coming months and would run through February 2012. If you are interested or require further clarification, please contact **Bob Swan, Chair of Nominating** in person or at 613-283-4933.



A passenger jet was suffering through a severe thunderstorm. As the passengers were being bounced around by the turbulence, a young woman turned to a minister sitting next to her and with a nervous laugh asks, "Reverend, you're a man of God, can't you do something about this storm?" To which he replies, "Lady, I'm in sales, not management".

## Children's Ministry



Children's Ministry got off to a start on Sunday September 12th. We had a getting to know each other time and after service we invited everyone to join us in the Sanctuary for juice, water, cookies and cupcakes....yum!

This year our teachers are: Theresa Basillion, Bev Lacasse and Beth Hill. Savi Basillion has stepped up to be a helper with us, which is greatly appreciated!!

This year we are hoping to continue with our format: the children will meet in the Upper Room at the beginning of Church and we will join the congregation at offering time. Each week a child will be picked to bring our offering to the front of the Church with the other ushers.

Last year we introduced a classroom Mascot.. "Saviour". He sits in our classroom and each Sunday we bring him out to say hello to everyone. This has been very favourable with the children. This year....Saviour will be going home each Sunday with a child and spending the week with them...When they return, they will share how they actively participated in a good deed for the week. Again the children are thrilled to do this.

We are planning a few things this year. Our first item is to do a fundraiser by the children making angel bookmarks to sell and with the money we raise, we will purchase some Sunday School supplies to send to the Sunday School in El Salvador where Cynthia and Norma visited.

We are planning a Christmas Pageant again this year which will be held during service the last Sunday before Christmas.

If anyone is willing to help us throughout the year or just certain times, please feel free to contact any of us.  
**Beth Hill**

## Get-Away for Trinity - in the Spirit of Adventure



### *You are Invited*

Music, Worship, Lunch, Activities for all!

At

Camp Otterdale

on October 17, 2010

9:00am to 3:00pm

Price: Free Will Offering

You are invited to a day of reconnecting to the joys of childhood. Our "Get-Away for Trinity United - in the spirit of adventure" will be facilitated by Carol Williams who is a long time member of the United Church. Carol participated a number of years ago in Trinity's performance of Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat.

Our retreat will be based on the book, A Hidden Wholeness: The Journey Toward an Undivided Life, by Parker J. Palmer. There will be adult activities including a time of worship and a time of reflection using scripture, video clips, music, and time in nature. Carol has led these retreats for many years. Carol has a profound respect for both the strength found in solitude and the reality of our need as human beings for each other. Carol promises to make Trinity's Get-Away a fun-filled day!

Christian music will be featured all day with the leadership of Greg Jackson and friends. A supervised children's program will be available which include the following activities for children: dodge ball, floor hockey, music, and crafts.

Transportation is available! A bus will be meeting at Trinity at 9:00am. Please look for an upcoming flyer with all the details and registration form. For more information contact: Marguerite Cameron or Marilynne Blair or the Church Office.

## United Church Women's Reflection (UCW)

Genesis 1: 1-8; John 1: 1-5

*As summer leaves us and Fall arrives, we are reminded of the changing seasons. The hot humid days of summer which we are having now are probably almost past. The breezes are cool, the days are shorter and yesterday as we drove thro' the country we saw some leaves turning colour. We watch the birds gather in noisy restless flocks, and the squirrels store their food. We too have a sense of being restless, some of us anxious as we anticipate what lies ahead as we begin a new quarter in our Church year.*

*The Bible tells us about new beginnings. Both of the scriptures shared tonight begin with "In the Beginning". It seems to me God must have had a great sense of 'New Beginnings'. Although the actual calendar year does not begin now, I personally think of September as the beginning of a new year at Trinity. We start making apple pies, meetings are starting once again, the UCW Rally, Women's Sunday and the list goes on. Beginnings are often hard, because we are charting new courses and learning new ways.*

*This Fall at Trinity we are looking at a new Board structure. A few of us have worked diligently for two years preparing a new way of governing our Church. Although the UCW is not changed, indirectly we will be somewhat involved. If you are approached or better still if you volunteer to be a part of a team, I hope you seriously consider the role you can take to make Trinity function more effectively with less time spent at meetings.*

*Beginnings are a good time to reflect on the past, our successes and indeed our failures. We learn or hope to learn from our mistakes. As we venture forward we need to keep asking ourselves:*

*Are we doing the things Jesus would want us to do if we were to sit down and share our plans with Him? Do our plans tax our talents, stretch us and challenge us? Are we willing to work and sacrifice to make them happen? Do they connect us to love our neighbour, be present with those who are ill, those who are dying, those grieving, those who have no job, the homeless, those facing personal crisis?*

*Let us do our part to let them know they are not alone. Let us listen to the stories of the voices that have been silenced, not only in the world but in our community, perhaps even in our own Church. There is so much hurt and need in the world. We at Trinity have so much to be thankful for, we can be very proud of ourselves in so many ways, but we can all strive to make Trinity and our community an even better place. We enjoy great fellowship and worship, but how long is it since you invited someone to come to church with you?*

*This October we are planning a retreat at Otterdale Camp. Plan to attend and be part of a renewing experience. See you there!*

**Written by: Marguerite Cameron**

**Submitted by: Norma Wrightly,  
UCW President**



### **TRINBIT REMINDER!**

**Don't forget to visit our Trinity  
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upcoming services and church information!  
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