



A Friendly, Caring, Inclusive Community of Faith

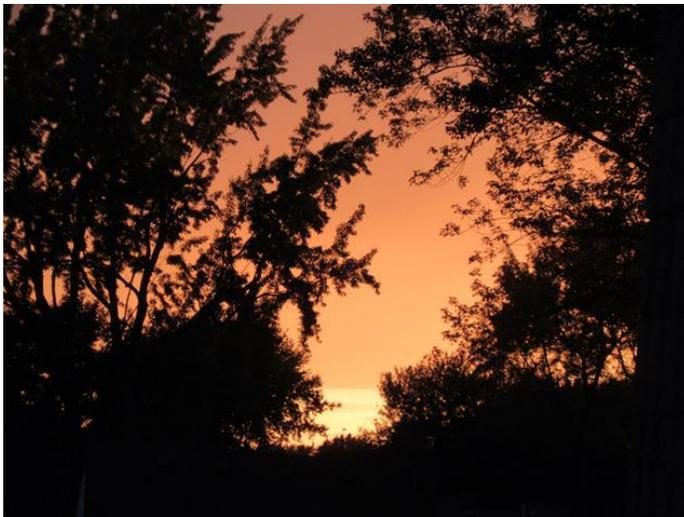
TRINITY TALKS



AAHH: Summertime

Just one example of a place to contemplate, relax, refresh:
Lowbanks, Lake Erie

This weekend the "Canal Days" in Port Colborne are back.



And some spectacular sunsets in the summer sky these summer evenings.
Eye candy!

Worshipping with friends at St. Andrews on Sundays with their guest minister, Rev. Pearl Vasarhelyi. Staying home? Check out online - **St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church Thorold You Tube.** You can watch real time streamed at 1030 or tune in any time the next day.

July Worship Reading with Rev. Pearl:

July 31 R.R. Psalm 107: 1-9; 43, O.T. Hosea 11: 1-11, N.T. Luke 12: 13-21, Sermon: "Keep Traveling."

WHAT'S HAPPENING in August?

Thorold's Village Church is hosting "Party in the Park" in July and August at noon on Sundays at Richmond Street Park. Food and Fun and Families. Try this instead of a restaurant or making your own lunch after the service!

Our friends from St. Andrews will worship here with us. Yujene is refreshed, back from vacation to lead Family Fun Sunday Aug 7th and the joy of a baptism!

Mark your Calendars to Smile Have we heard from you?

Two dates have been reserved for pictures for our updated **Church Directory**. The 15-minute time slots will be confirmed later

- ➔ Monday, August 29 from 2:30 to 8:30 pm
- ➔ Saturday, September 17 from 10 am to 3 pm

Call (289-696-6994) or **email** Carol (carol.dueck@gmail.com) or the Office (905-227-4644 / tuc@vaxxine.ca) for which of these two **dates** is best for your family.



**United Church of Canada
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Updates from the 44th General Council

This council was held virtually across Canada, and here are some of the shared news. More details can be found at: <https://mailchi.mp/united-church/es220726-1049820?e=7b3f399c2e>

1. **New Moderator elected:** The new moderator will be the church's spiritual leader for the next three years. The Rev. Dr. Carmen Lansdowne has an indigenous background, is 47 years old, was nominated by Pacific Mountain RC and will be inducted Aug 7, 2022. Her vision is: "To build new connections and rebuild old ones. To work towards social change that sees a world cared for, and human dignity honoured. To walk together every day in repentance and reconciliation. To march and fight and change unjust systems together. To pray together. To sing together. To discern together."

2. **Approved Proposal for Autonomous Indigenous Church.** The goal is “developing and sustaining an autonomous Indigenous church” within the larger church while continuing a dialogue on reparations and right relations with the National Indigenous Circle. The Indigenous Church identified this as a clear action to truly move away from the missionary past and toward being “partners in God’s call to all the earth.”

This week, we have watched many televised hours as Pope Francis traveled to Canada to offer apologies for the wrongs at residential schools. The sentiment shared is gratitude for the heartfelt apology and an expectation of actions to follow this first step. Given that the Roman Catholic Church was responsible for about 60% of the residential school, asking for forgiveness was welcomed by many hurting indigenous peoples.

What about our part in this shameful history? The United Church of Canada has made apologies as far back as 1986 and have taken steps for reconciliation. You can see a snapshot of the changes adopted in the vision, action plans and in the re-design of the church’s crest in this on – line article:

<https://united-church.ca/sites/default/files/apologies-response-crest.pdf>

The General Council of United Church of Canada agrees that *we still have much to do*, and the formation of a partnership (not a missionary approach) in an Autonomous Indigenous Church is one of these forward moving responses.

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4. **Approved Faithful Footprints Program.** In seeking to dramatically reduce its carbon footprint the church is stepping up to its particular responsibility as a religious institution. Through its delivery partner, Faith and the Common Good, this program is working with 260 congregations to make their buildings more energy efficient, more than halfway towards the goal of reaching 500 communities by 2025. For the 56 completed projects, carbon equivalency savings are equal to the annual energy of 147 homes (i.e., 628 metric tonnes of CO₂e saved). (*Not sure what this will mean for heritage buildings like Trinity Thorold yet*).

In addition to dramatically addressing its own emissions, whether in buildings, travel, or operations, the church also committed to strengthening its advocacy at both the provincial and national government level for bold climate action. The church will redouble its investment and business actions, building on its 2015 disinvestment from fossil fuel investments. Whether in building local community resilience or in climate advocacy, the church will seek to strengthen collaboration with Indigenous communities, global partners, and ecumenical organizations, and build relationships with young people who have shown great moral climate leadership.

Recently, The United Church of Canada has also made deepening climate integrity one of the five strategic objectives of its national ministry.

On the Lighter Side

Me washing \$200 worth of groceries
in 2022

