



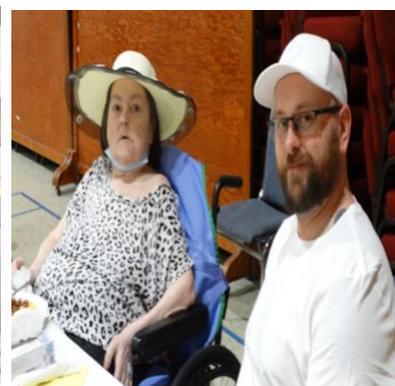
A Friendly, Caring, Inclusive Community of Faith

# TRINITY TALKS



## Transition: Looking Back and Looking Ahead

After marking time for a year, we were able to honour the retiring Jim and Babs McKnight from the ministry. Great food, great company, great memories, great to see some folks we haven't seen for months. Thanks to all who contributed to the potluck, yummy luncheon. A number of people were able to add their signature to the picture presented to Jim and Babs in June 2021. Jim and Yujene teamed up to lead the song of Grace. Here are just a few memorable moments. (If you have some pictures – please share them)





### From Jim and Babs:

Dear Friends,

Thank you so much for the most enjoyable and memorable reception you had for Babs and me at Trinity last Saturday. It was so warm and felt so familiar. Everyone there was a treasured life and story and memory for me and recalled for me how my years at Trinity were really my most gratifying years in ministry. I am indebted to you all for your faithful ministry and support, and so appreciative of the ministry we shared together. I know not everyone in the congregation was in attendance that day, but you were certainly with us in my recollections of your faces and your stories. You are all a significant part of the ministry I so appreciated at Trinity.

Thank you, as well, for the very thoughtful and generous gift of the four MasterCard gift cards. It really was too much. I know Babs and I will find good place for them, in happy recollection of our years with the congregation.

And please let me tell you what a delight it was to meet Yujene and share in singing grace with her. She seems a wonderfully kind, faithful, pastoral and capable minister. I believe that Yujene and the congregation of Trinity have much to offer each other, and I pray you every good thing together.

Again, thank you from Babs and me, from the bottom of our hearts.

With much affection,

Jim

Note: Gift to Jim and Babs. Contributions to our retiring couple was simply by donation. Bob and Jan had created the picture of Trinity that many of our folks signed last year and updated on the 18<sup>th</sup> as a memory of the congregation. "Things" as gifts often become something that creates warm memories, but it is also something to pack and move. The best memories are really built on people and events – so the gift cards will allow Jim and Babs to find adventures, dinners with friends and family and fun as their heart leads them, with our love. Carol

## WHAT'S HAPPENING?

### July August

Kids and parents are here at the EarlyON Day Care Centre for extended hours (9 am to 4 pm).

The 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

"Church on the Beach" is back at Crystal Bay Beach July 10 to August 28! Sunday mornings at 0845 am with your toes in the sand. Terence Schilstra from Thorold's The Table is speaker on July 17. (If you arrive before 9am, you avoid the City of Fort Erie's \$10 charge to enter the Bay Beach!)

### July

We are invited to worship Sunday mornings (1030 am) with St. Andrews Presbyterian Church. Yujene and family are vacationing.

### August

Our friends from St. Andrews will worship here with us

## Mark your Calendars and Smile

Two dates have been reserved for pictures for our updated **Church Directory**. (Many of the local churches are doing the same project, so it is limited spaces!)  
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](mailto:carol.dueck@gmail.com)) or the Office (905-227-4644 / [tuc@vaxxine.ca](mailto:tuc@vaxxine.ca)) with the **date/ time** that is best for your family.

## Summer Help Needed

The cook at **Cave Springs Camp** (Ella) is requesting one volunteer most days from July 10 until Aug 26.

Consider this opportunity if you can assist one or a few or a bunch of days or know of someone with time, maybe a teen without a summer job?

- No need for a volunteer on Saturdays.
- Thursday and Sunday require only dinner help from 4-7 pm
- If you are a morning person, help is needed from 6 am -1:30 pm
- If you prefer later hours, help is needed from 11:30-7:30 pm
- Duties include chopping veggies, food prep, using the oven, cooking and clean up.
- Volunteers must be vaccinated, and masks are required.
- Overnight accommodation is available in a vacant cabin if you are interested.

Call Heather Grundy to offer your time / ask questions at 905-321-7072

## Financial Update

June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2022

Dear Trinity Family:

We welcoming back Chris from vacation, as she has expedited May 2022 results. Unfortunately, not in time for our June Council Meeting.

- OVERVIEW. The month of June shows a loss of \$3,951.89. and a year-to-date shortfall of \$18,825.08. Compared to our draft budget, we had forecasted a shortfall of \$24,917.53. Both of these shortfall numbers are most alarming.
- INCOME. Envelope givings in May were \$4,095.83 and \$21,652.22 for 5 months, compared to our budget of \$25,833.33. Annualizing these givings, we are on track to end the year with about \$51,965;33, far below our budget of \$62,000. Total income for the month was \$5,521.33 and year to date was \$31,286.80. Our Easter givings campaign is now finalized, receiving a total of \$1,410. Thank you for your support. We have received commitments to cover the 12 monthly roof loan payments of \$180. Gratefully, we thank the people who are helping out in this meaningful way. We are hoping to start a campaign to cover our 2023 monthly loan payments.
- EXPENSES. Our total expenses for May came in at \$9,473.89 and \$50,111.88 for 5 months compared to our budget of \$57,216.70. Utilities expenses are high over the winter months but should ease off as we enter the summer months.
- GRANTS. We will be receiving an SME grant of \$15,000 for 2 years for supporting a Student Minister. These funds will flow through on a monthly basis to reduce the monthly salary costs.
- FUNDRAISING. Our regular fundraising events have been put on hold for the past 2 years. However as things open up again, we should be able to safely proceed with any fundraising projects. Shirley and Russ Manning announced that they would again oversee the placemat fundraiser. Many thanks to the Mannings. At our June Council meeting, we shared our serious concerns over our financial situation and brainstormed a number of fundraising ideas. We hope that this is only the start of many fundraising projects that we can all support.
- **CONCERNS. With a year-to-date shortfall of over \$18,000; we have nearly exhausted our available funds and are again asking our Trustees to help us carry us through June. Our concern is that the Trustees funds may soon be depleted and they will no longer be able to back us up.**
- FEEDBACK. If you would like more information and something explained in more detail, let me know.
- We will continue to watch all expenditures, being most mindful of our cash flow concerns.

We count our blessings that we finally got to celebrate Rev. Jim McKnight's retirement. We pray that everyone remains healthy. And if you could not attend Yujene's covenanting service, please check it out at Trinity's website. Wishing you all blessing for the Spring / Summer Seasons!

Bob Tanouye  
Chair of Finance Committee

