

# Inviting All to Share and Grow in God's love...

As the commercials on TV tell us, it's time for school to start again!

And with the beginning of school comes the hustle and bustle of busier times for many of us. This autumn, let's take the time to pause, reflect, and allow ourselves time to grow spiritually. What better way to do that than to come to church, engage in quiet conversations or raucous

We welcome everyone to the start of our church year programming by coming to **Rally Day on September 8th**, starting at 11:15 am. We will celebrate the

moments of joy!

beginning of our activities by having a blessings of the backpacks, commissioning of the teachers, and a BBQ for all.

> And just a reminder, our Sunday morning services will begin officially at 11:15 am.

However, between 11 am and 11:15 am all are welcome to come to the front and share their talent.

Want to know more or want to share your gifts? See Gary Tompkins, Director of Spiritual Affairs to offer your gifts.

#### **Upcoming Events**

Saturday and Sunday Sept 7-8
Rally Days

Saturday, Sept 21
Pride Fellowship

Saturday, Oct. 5
Breakfast Club

Sunday, Oct. 6 M&S Bake Sale

Saturday, Oct. 12
Fall Festival

Sunday, Oct. 13 Thanksgiving Service

Thursday, Oct. 31
Halloween Trick or Treat

Saturday, Nov. 2
Breakfast Club: Veteran Breakfast

Sunday, Nov. 10 Chilli lunch

Saturday, Nov. 30
Best Gift Fund Concert

**Saturday, Dec. 7**Breakfast with Santa



Rev. Read Sherman
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#### Did You Know?

Apart from being the minister of Trinity-Anjou Pastoral Charge (which, of course means two congregations and two Sunday morning services), Read is also involved in the following:

Board President, Almage Senior Community Centre

Co-chair, Nakonha:Ka Regional Council Living Into Right Relations Committee

Member, Easter Ontario & Quebec Regional Candidacy Board

Member, United Church of Canada Justice and Reconciliation Fund

So if you're looking for him but can't see him around, it's probably because he is out and about visiting our congregants or helping out in a myriad of ways!

# Rev. Read's Message

Come to the edge. No, we will fall.

Come to the edge.
No, we will fall.

They came to the edge. He pushed them, and they flew.

- Guillaume Apollinaire

Life with Jesus is like that, isn't it? Always beckoning us to the edge with him, to meet the people on the margins, to push us in order to help us grow, to make sure we're not too

comfortable with the status quo, to always be searching, looking beyond our usual boundaries, to discover what may lie beyond.

As we prepare to come back to

church and children's programming and choir and all that good stuff this Fall, I pray that you've enjoyed an "edgy" summer! What might you have discovered as you took time (hopefully!) to rest, to be holy, to savour the "big ideas/questions/loves" of your lives, and to remember to "not sweat the small stuff."

Christian discipleship offers us this great big "both/and" way of living in the world, but also not of it.

Jesus in John 17 talks about edgy faith as one that saves us from "the

small stuff"
kind of
living.
Christians
are to love
the world,
but not get
caught up
in the petty
politics and
gossip that
is so

tempting a part of human relating.
Rather, we can rise above this
imperfect nature of ours, putting off
"our old selves" as the Apostle Paul
writes (Ephesians 4:22-24), and
striving "after the likeness of God in
true righteousness and holiness."



Now there's a goal for us Trinity folks this fall, eh? Striving for the kind of righteousness that is not self-righteousness - but a great humility, a listening, compassionate ear, an open heart, a tongue that refuses to speak ill of anyone.

Communication remains a big topic for us as church folk attempting to follow Christ together. I look forward to participating with our new leadership (and new structure!) in better communicating to you and with you to discover

the collective "where is God calling us?" as Fall 2019 gets underway. Especially when things get a little "edgy" we need to talk and discuss and discern the way God is leading us forward.

Together, speaking honestly and openly, yet always with love, we may just go over the edge with Jesus and learn - we can fly

Read Sherman

# A note from our Chair



Sabrina Heffernan Council Chair chair@trinityuc.net

I'm proudly grounded in a United church that allows love to colour outside the lines. Trinity United has repeatedly provided resources for programs dedicated to growth, fellowship and connection among many populations.

Why did I accept nomination as chair of our new council? Many of the people that helped shape the church community I love are still donating their gifts and strengths in admirable ways and I get to work with them! I say them, but I invite all readers (and listeners) to participate in leadership.

My role is to amplify calls for fellowship and accommodate as many as possible as we strive to connect and grow during our mission's journey. God's love is expressed in the epic variance of creation as well in the beautiful diversity within our community. How far out does the circle of our community reach? Can it extend? How can we relate to more populations? This, dear readers, is up to all of us.

I'm excited to explore our opportunities and learn alongside all of you! Can we show the world that all are United by love? I say testimonies and pictures of life here and around Trinity say we have already started to.

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# United Spirit Camp Esprit Uni

Under the direction of Jenn Carroll, two of our young people participated in this United Church camp in the Eastern townships from June 23 to June 29. The participants came from different churches from across Quebec to experience a weeklong adventure of outdoor activities, arts and crafts and good old campfires!

# Summertime Fun at Trinity



### To Mars and Beyond! **VBS Day Camp**

We had a successful Mission to Mars and Beyond!

Over the summer Trinity hosted a 3-week day camp which invited campers to blast off and discover the wonders of God's

universe. Mornings consisted of meeting at Mission Control to find out the day's mission followed by a rotation of different activity stations: Cosmic Cafe (cooking), Bible Adventures, AstroLab (science), Meteor Music (handbells), and Mission Station, where we made lunches to handout to homeless people on our journeys around the city.

We learned that even when the lions ROOOOOAAAR God is with us and that God is good.

Afternoons consisted of adventures beyond out church walls to the local pool, the Cosmodome, the Planetarium, Jazz Festival and much more.

This was our biggest day camp so far with 18 children attending. Six of our campers were regular Sunday School attendees while the rest came to us through friends, our website, and the banner outside.

#### Garage Sale

A big, BIG thank you to the Garland family who raised over \$500 in the second of two garage sales this summer for our church. **THANK YOU!** 

A HUGE thank you to Sheri Cameron for coordinating the camp, Veronica Heffernan for volunteering and decorating, Sabrina Heffernan for setting up, and to Ariana and Sabastiano Del Basso for leading the camp.

Mark your calendars for next year's VBS from July 6 - July 24. Our theme reveal will happen in January with registration starting up in February.

#### THANK YOU!

Many of our campers were able to come to camp thanks to your generous donation of \$225.

Four August birthday girls.



# Super Seniors Ainés Super

The Super Seniors has a great spring and summer. Les Super ainés ont passé un magnifique printemps et été.

Among other things, the Super Seniors spent the day at Claudette's cottage, celebrated birthdays, and played some very competitive beanbag rounds against the campers at our day camp.



Fast friends at the beanbag competition.



Lucky Super Seniors spent the day chez Claudette au mois de juillet.

Venez nous voir à l'automne. Come see us this fall.

> **Thursdays** 11:30 am - 2:30 pm

# Pride Community Day and Parade

Trinity showed our PRIDE both at Community Day and at the parade where we we marched for the first time as a United Church Region. The Spirit was with us! Thank you to our organizing team—Charles, Sabrina, Sheri, Gary, Read and Aaron and to everyone who came to show their support on community day.





# Announcements, announcements!

In case you missed the big announcement, Trinity voted in a new governance structure consisting of a Council, which replaced the Official Board as of April 28, 2019. The council consists of the chair, four directors, the treasurer, the secretary, and the minister. The Council has already met several times and their meeting minutes are posted on our website, <a href="https://www.trinityuc.net">www.trinityuc.net</a>, for all to see. We are looking forward to working closely with all of you, increase the already joyful Trinity ambiance, and reach out more into our community.



**Chair: Sabrina Heffernan** 

<u>chair@trinityuc.net</u> Provides vision, leadership and direction. Leads the Trinity Council.



Minister: Rev. Read Sherman

minister@trinityuc.net
Does the minster really need a
description?



**Director, Finance: Philip Massarelli** 

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Short- and long-term financial planning. Directs the Treasurer, and the ministry leaders of Buildings and Grounds, and Fund Development.



**Treasurer: Beverley Bridgman** 

treasurer@trinityuc.net
Aids the Director, Finance. Keeps
financial books and records
accurate and up to date.



**Director, Spiritual Affairs: Gary Tompkins** 

spiritual@trinityuc.net

Oversees the spiritual interests of the Congregation by directing & coordinating the ministry leaders of Christian Development, Congregational Life, Membership and Pastoral Care, and Worship.



### Director, Ministry & Personnel: Claude Beaumont

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Maintains good employee/employer relationship between the congregation and its staff. Available to the congregation to consider complaints. Feeling like you might forget who's who?

Not to worry - the Council and

Ministry Leader positions are posted in the Narthex for your viewing pleasure.



#### **Director, Communications: Sheri Cameron**

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Prepares and executes a marketing and communications plan which includes newsletters, banners, decor, announcements, Facebook, website, email, etc.. She is also the secretary of Council. While the director of M&P and the director of Communications lead their own ministries (teams or committees), two of the directors direct Ministry Leaders, who in turn lead ministries.



So as the Director of Finance, Philip Massarelli directs the Treasurer (Beverley Bridgman), directs the Ministry Leader of Buildings and Grounds (Norman Doré), the Ministry Leader of Fund Development (Kim Wildenmann), and is expected to be a leader within the Trustees.



Ministry Leader, Buildings and Grounds: Norman Dore building@trinityuc.net

Maintains, repairs, improves and ensures security of the church properties. Leads the Buildings & Ground Ministry.



Ministry Leader, Fund Development: Kim Wildenmann-Dore funds@trinityuc.net
Plans, organizes and directs church fundraising events and activities. Coordinates the profitable use of the church buildings, property, and equipment. Leads the Fund Development Ministry.



As the Director of Spiritual Affairs, Gary Tompkins coordinates the following ministry leaders:



Life: David Garland
fellowship@trinityuc.net
Promotes a Christian and friendly
spirit among members by planning
and implementing social events.
Leads the Congregational Life
Ministry.

**Ministry Leader, Congregational** 



Ministry Leader, Membership & Pastoral Care: Judy Ciciola membership@trinityuc.net
Creates and maintains a membership database. Coordinates pastoral care visits. Leads the Membership and Pastoral Care Ministry.



Ministry Leader, Worship worship@trinityuc.net
Works with the minister and organist to help plan and implement church services.
Leads the Worship Ministry.



Ministry Leader, Mission & Outreach: Stacey Ciciola outreach@trinityuc.net
Develops, coordinates, and maintains outreach programs in response to the needs in our community (church, neighbourhood, city, world).
Includes an M&S Coordinator.



Development: Jenn Carroll cd@trinityuc.net
Promotes Christian education for all ages through programs such as Sunday School, Messy Church, youth events, and events for adults.

Ministry Leader, Christian



# Congregational Life

**David Garland** Ministry Leader fellowship@trinityuc.net

### Autumn: A Time of Togetherness...

The newly formed Congregational Life Ministry has a plethora of activities planned for the upcoming months. These activities have been planned in the spirit of promoting a Christian and friendly spirit among our members. If you have other ideas for this ministry or want to join, please reach out to David Garland.

### Fall Festival & Open House

Saturday, Oct. 12 12 pm - 4 pm

Come celebrate autumn and welcome our neighbours into our church. Ministry Leaders, Sunday School teachers, and community groups, such as Scouting and Guiding, will be on hand to welcome our neighbours.



### It's Rally Day - Hooray!

Sunday, Sept. 8th 11:15 am

A new tradition at Trinity, Rally Day is a welcome- back-to-church-after-the-summerparty and will include a blessing of the backpacks for students of any age, a commissioning of the Sunday School teachers, and a BBQ lunch after the church service where you can learn more about the different ministries and join one (or two).

### Breakfast Club

Saturday, Oct. 5 and Nov. 2 9 am

Back by popular demand, our Congregational Life Ministry will be serving up a fantastic breakfast with a new, interesting speaker each month.



Saturday, Dec. 7

Yes, we know it's only fall, but it's never too late to book your breakfast with Santa. He's a busy guy, you know!

### Mission & Outreach



Stacey Ciciola
Ministry Leader
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### ...and a Time of Thankfulness

As the days grow colder and shorter, let us gather together with friends and family as we remember how truly blessed we are. In our time of thankfulness, let us remember others who are not as fortunate as we are.

Our Mission & Outreach Ministry coordinates outreach programs in response to the needs in our community, whether that community be our church, our neighbourhood, our city, or the world. This autumn we are focusing our efforts in raising money for the United Church's Mission and Service Fund. To see your M&S donations at work, go to <a href="https://www.united-church.ca/tags/mission-and-service">www.united-church.ca/tags/mission-and-service</a>. If you have other ideas for this ministry or want to join, please reach out to Stacey Ciciola.



### M&S Bake Sale

Have a sweet tooth? GREAT!
Swing by our bake sale after the church service.

All proceeds go to to the M&S Fund.



### M&S Chilli Lunch

How about
something a
little more
filling, like some
chilli on a chilly
November
afternoon?

All proceeds go to to the M&S Fund.

#### **Al-Anon**

A group for people who are worried about someone with a drinking problem.

The English
Al-Anon group
meets every
Thursday from
7:30 pm - 9:30 pm
in the back
kitchen.

The French
Al-Anon group's
meeting time is
soon to be
determined.

#### AA

Alcoholics Anonymous

The AA group meets every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday in the Memorial Hall from 11 am to 1 pm.



# Guiding & Scouting

We continue to support the Guiding and Scouting movements which meet every Friday night at church.

For Guiding,
contact Patricia at
tellis.patricia@gmail
.com and for
Scouting contact
Leo at
lfrenza@helixgs.com

#### Pride Fellowship



Our Pride
Fellowship
group offers a
safe space for
members of the
LGTBQ2+
community and
their allies.

The next
meeting will be
on September
21 at 6 PM. It
will be a
potluck.

Ongoing outreach programs we support by offering our space at little or no cost.



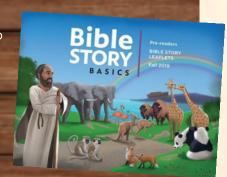
# Christian Development

Jenn Carroll Ministry Leader cd@trinityuc.net The Christian Development ministry promotes education for all ages through programs such as Sunday School, Messy Church, youth events, and events for adults. If you have other ideas for this ministry or want to join, please reach out to Jenn Carroll.

#### **Sunday School**

Oh...I'm so looking forward to starting Sunday School: new students, new teachers, new curricula...we're going to have so much fun!

Our younger students will start to learn about our stories of faith through a new curriculum called Bible Story Basics. Through games, stories, crafts, and takehome messages, they will be having a blast in no time!



Our older students will tackle some deeper



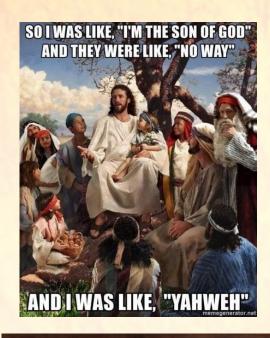
topics in another new curriculum called BE BOLD! We will explore questions like "Is it okay if I sometimes doubt God" and "Do I have to love EVERYBODY?" and "Why does God let bad things happen?".

Ouf. My students will have great questions, I know for sure.

We launch our new Sunday School year with a blessings of the backpacks, commissioning of the teachers, new classes, and new classrooms on Sept. 8 at 11:15 AM.

Hugs and blessings, *Sheri*,





It's a Youth
Handbell and
Boomwhacker
Choir!

After the success of our music station at summer camp, we have decided to start a Handbell and Boomwhacker Choir for Youth.

We will learn how to read music and enjoy the sheer fun of making music together.

We will rehearse on ODD numbered Sundays starting September 29th from 1pm - 1:30 pm.

#### Fall Festival

October 12 12 pm - 4 pm

Apples, pumpkins, and corn, oh my! What better way to celebrate the gifts of thanksgiving than at our fall festival?
Games, food, and activities for the whole family.





Our Christmas Pageant will take place on Sunday, Dec. 22

#### Halloween at Trinity

October 31 4 pm - 9 pm



Two Halloween events will be happening:

- 1. The Great Candy Giveaway: We are looking for people too old to go trick-or-treating to scare (I mean...hand out candy) to neighbourhood kids and give the word out that Trinity is the kid-place to be!
- **2. Sunday School on the Prowl**: So much more fun with friends, the Sunday School is welcome to gather together at our church and then trick-or-treat in our neighbourhood. It will be a real treat! Details to follow closer to Halloween.

#### Youth Group #2true

It's time. It's finally time to resurrect our tradition of youth groups here at Trinity! And I couldn't be happier! :) After some deliberations, it looks like the new youth group will meet on odd-numbered Sundays, right after the handbell/boomwhacker group.



#### We Scare Hunger

Our first initiative is to raise awareness about the causes and effects of hunger. We will collect canned goods culminating on November 1st.

#### **Best Gift Fund Concert: Nov. 30**

This one's an oldie but a goodie. Come help us by either participating in the concert or watching it. All proceeds support the Best Gift Fund used to buy new gifts for kids needing some extra love at Christmas.



#### Climate Strike Canada

The global youth climate movement comes to Canada.

Let's support our youth!

Climate Strike Canada is the overarching network of students, young people, activists, and allies, which connects all of the climate action surrounding the Canadian school strike movement. Its initial school strikes were inspired by Greta Thunberg, a teenager with autism from Sweden who sat outside her country's parliament buildings every Friday to protest the adult's inaction on climate change. She created a movement, in which children of all ages go on

strike from school —this year on Friday, Sept 27th —to call for urgent climate action. Because of Canada's size and incredible diversity, not everyone who plans and attends a strike does it in the same way. However, we are united by a goal of climate justice, and we all empower, train, and equip one another with the goals and means to create change in our communities. Because together, we are stronger.

As a church, could we do something on Friday, September 27th to support our youth in the Climate Strike? Let's talk about it! For more information, visit <u>climatestrikecanada.org</u> and talk to Aaron at coffee-time.

### More Ministries, More Fun!



Norman Dore Ministry Leader building@trinityuc.net



# Buildings & Grounds

The Buildings and Grounds Ministry repairs parts of the church building, makes sure that all parts of the church building are safe for use, takes inventory of our property, deals with insurance appraisals, and creates a capital budget with the Director of Finance.

If you like doing repairs and other handiwork, have knowledge of building structure, building codes and safety regulations, have maintenance experience, or familiarity with the trades, then this would be the perfect ministry for you. The ability to work with a team is essential.

If you have ideas for this ministry or have skills in these areas and want to join, please reach out to Norman Dore.



Sheri Cameron
Director,
Communications
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### Communications

The Communications Ministry executes a marketing and communications plan which includes newsletters (like this one!), outside banners and signs, decor, announcements, Facebook, website, email, etc. It includes communication within our membership and communication to our neighbourhood. But it does not include communications between individuals.

Our Communications Ministry is currently divided into decorators, writers, and techie people (Facebook, HTML). If you have ideas for this ministry or have skills in these areas and want to join, please reach out to Sheri Cameron.

Like what you see or don't like what you see? Either way, let me know! How can we communicate more effectively? Tell me or I won't know.



Kim Wildenmann Ministry Leader funds@trinityuc.net

# Fund Development

The Fund Development Ministry is looking to work on ways to raise funds to run our church programs by coordinating events that our community can participate in. Right now we are working on the Fall and Christmas events.

Presently our ministry is Judy Ciciola, Stacey Ciciola, David Garland and Kim Wildenmann-Dore.

If you would like to host an event in our church, or rent our facilities for a private event (family birthday party, wedding anniversary etc...) please see one of the members of our ministry and we will be happy to help you get your event going.

If you have ideas for this ministry or have skills in these areas and want to join, please reach out to Kim Wildenmann-Dore.



**Ministry Leader** 



# Worship

The Worship Ministry is responsible for working closely with the minister to plan and implement regular and special worship services.

This includes pulpit supply, order of worship, greeters, and working with the organist involving church music.

The Worship Ministry is also responsible for the provision of flowers and visual worship aids (banners, Keynotes, etc) as well as scheduling teams to administer communion.

If you have ideas for this ministry or want to join, please reach out to Gary Tompkins, the Director of Spiritual Affairs.



Judy Ciciola
Ministry Leader
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# Membership & Pastoral Care

The Membership and Pastoral Care Ministry deals with all membership issues, from creating and maintaining a membership database to coordinating pastoral care visits. If you have ideas for this ministry or want to join, please reach out to Judy Ciciola.

### From Our Theology Student



Dear Trinity United Church,

This summer I spent a lot of time at the public pool at the park near where I live. It was a fun and refreshing way to get some exercise—and to get splashed by local kids having fun! After a few weeks, I realized that something was changing about my swimming style. I began to notice that while swimming I was practicing a kind of swimming prayer. The rhythm of swimming became a meditative time, that made me feel like I was in a kind of soul space. I felt very 'present'. I was appreciating being in the cool turquoise water. I was thanking God for this pool that we share as a peaceful community of diverse people. I was keeping Christ in mind as I thought through things that were on my mind. This soul space soothed my stresses and opened my heart, my mind and my spirit to the adventures that await me this fall, too.

If you haven't met me, my name is Aaron and I am a member of this church. I am also studying at The United Theological College to hopefully one day be a minister! As the sun sets on summer, now is a

perfect time to bring God into our prayers and our new rhythms for fall.

I am so happy and grateful to share my journey with you all. Thank you for being my church.

Blessings in your autumn adventures!

Aaron Miechkota



Coffee Hour Question
"What is the last thing you saw
that really impressed you?"

### Congratulations!

The weekend of August 24-25 was a busy one for the Funamoto family! As you may remember, Glenn Funamoto (Congregational Chair) and his wife, Kathy, have two adult children: Allyson and Andrew.

Allyson Funamoto gave birth to her first child, Theo Tamaichi Funamoto-Cameron, at 7:54 pm on August 24 in Ottawa, weighing in at 8 lbs 2 oz. Congratulations, to Allyson and her husband, Elliot!



At the exact same time, Andrew Funamoto got married to his sweetheart, Krista Matthews, on August 24, 2019 in a beautiful outdoor wedding in Summerland, BC. Congratulations to Andrew and Krista!



### Welcome to Trinity!

We are blessed to welcome Farah, Jim, Elouise, and Nora to our church! Eloise and Nora attended our VBS, so the family is already well-known among our families. Trinity Talks asked Farah to write a little something about her family and here is what she had to say:

We come to Montreal from Iowa, the Midwestern U.S. state most often in the news these days for being the first in the primary process that determines the next presidential candidates. While Jim finishes his two-year degree in physics at Institut national de la recherche scientifique (INRS) in Varennes, Eloise (age 11) and Nora (age 9) will attend Nesbitt Elementary and Farah (age hmmm...well...) will focus her efforts on studying and writing poetry.

Eloise enjoys playing percussion and piano, math, and experimenting with her interest in digital media (photo and film) editing. Nora enjoys acting, learning piano, drawing, and swimming. We all love to read and to explore Montreal's culture, green spaces, history, and, especially, food.

We discovered Trinity when we started searching for a church community with a similar theology and commitment to social justice as our home church, Edwards United Church of Christ. And then when



Left to Right: Nora and Elouise at VBS

Jim and Farah tested the waters by attending the 2019 Easter service, we were pulled in by the laughter and joy so in keeping with the improbable, challenging, amazing story of Christ. We are looking forward to getting to know you as we participate in the life of Trinity United this year!

# Did you know? Thanks to a special deal we have with

Thanks to a special deal we have with Bureau en Gros, each of these beautiful newsletters only costs \$2 per household!



First meeting of Trinity's newly elected Ministry Leaders along with some members of Council.



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Did you know we have fliers and business cards to hand out now?

Grab some in the Narthex and Invite your friends to come to church!

Find us on Facebook under Trinity United Church Montreal