



# Trinity Talks

## Autumn 2021

...and we're back!

Wow. Can you believe it has been 17 months since we last had in-person worship?!?

Trinity - let's take a moment to pat ourselves on the back for all the things we have managed to accomplish, create, and continue for so many months without having seen each other in person.



We have found new ways of creating community, of loving each other, and of being "church".

We have had weekly Zoom worship services which keep getting better and better. In fact, we have a newly-formed Tech Team who has learned so much about Zooming worship that they are prepared to do simultaneous in-person and on Zoom worship. Throughout this pandemic year, the Sunday School kept going strong, even including kids who no longer live in Montreal!

We have the wonderful new tradition of the Living Room, and the Friendship Group continued to meet weekly through Zoom and phone ins.

We held our most-attended day camp yet, with only 3 of the 18 campers having ever come to church.

Our Council continued to meet frequently on Zoom, carefully guiding our church gently in the right direction.

We held our Congregational Meeting online and elected new leaders.

But now, it's time to come back together in person, if you can. Let's grow from the lessons we've learned and come back stronger than ever!

I can't wait to see you all in person!

*Sheri*  
Trinity Talks editor

### Save the Date!

September 12:

- In-person worship 10:30 am
- Back-to-School Bash 12 pm

September 19:

- In-person worship 10:30 am
- Welcome Jean-Philippe

September 26:

- Messy Church at 10:30ish

October 3:

- In-person worship at Anjou
- Orange Shirt Sunday

October 10:

- Thanksgiving service 10:30 am

October 31:

- In-person worship at Anjou
- Messy Church at 10:30ish
- Pumpkin Party





# Minister's Message

Rev. Read is off again???

Do you find yourself asking or hear others ask the question "Read is off again this week! Just how much time does he take off?" Yes, he does get a fair amount of time off, but it is due to several mitigating factors. First, he has a lot of experience as a minister and is eligible for the maximum vacation time of four weeks due any minister with that much seniority. He also has three weeks of paid study leave, used for courses or to prepare for holiday worships. Lastly, when Read was hired, we negotiated four weeks of unpaid leave a year. A win for Trinity as we save some salary expense and a win for Read as he gets some extra time off for some special R&R. That is a total of eleven weeks throughout the year.

2020-2021 added some special nuances to the mix. With the Covid lockdown, Read did not take as much time off during the winter months as he could not go anywhere, leaving a larger than usual number of weeks due to him as the pastoral year came to a close. That is M&P's fault for not pushing him to take more time, as we thought life would open back up and it would all get sorted out. So some of his remaining 2020-2021 time was taken this summer, technically during the 2021-2022 pastoral year. All will be back to usual ( I won't say normal ) this September.

If you have any questions, please feel free to approach any of the M&P committee.

Claude Beaumont (Chair)

Dave Ingham

Kim Wildenmann

Beverly Clark (Anjou)



## Ongoing Activities

### Friendship Group:

Every Tuesday at 10:30 AM

### The Living Room:

Every Wednesday at 7:30 PM

### Prayer Group:

Every Saturday at 11:00 AM

# Let's Worship!

This autumn marks the beginning of a **2-month** long experiment of **Joint-Simultaneous Worship With Trinity and Anjou!**

## What does this mean?

It means that we will be having in-person worship at only ONE location per week but we will be broadcasting the worship service at the other location at the same time via Zoom. You can go to whichever church location is the most convenient for YOU!

(Please note, however, that the Sunday Schools will remain at their respective churches).

## COVID-19 Protocols

*As of publication, these were the protocols for the United Church of Canada:*

- up to 250 people are allowed in church
- a registry must be kept of all people entering the building
- masks must be worn properly at all times
- congregants are allowed to sing quietly behind their mask
- family bubbles must be seated 2 m away from each other
- choirs are not permitted

*Please do not attend in-person worship if you are experiencing symptoms of COVID-19 or have been in contact with someone who has or is suspected of having COVID-19.*



Dates	Worship Location 10:30 AM	Messy Church / Contemporary Worship 10:30ish AM	Additional Activities at Trinity
September 12	Trinity		Back to School Bash
September 19	Trinity		Event welcoming our new student minister
September 26	Trinity	Messy Church at Trinity	
October 3	<b>Anjou</b>		
October 10	Trinity		
October 17	Trinity		
October 24	Trinity		
October 31	<b>Anjou</b>	Messy Church at Trinity	Halloween Event

# Tech Team

Our newly formed Tech Team has been hard at work this summer, learning new skills and figuring everything out as we continue to offer worship on Zoom.

They have also met with our friends from the Baptist Church and are working in collaboration with them to outfit our church for some professional online worship.

Thank you to the leadership of Mikayla-Aimee, Gary Tompkins, Rosemary Warren, and Glenn Funamoto for all of your hard work.

We are looking forward to seeing all that you've learned!



Welcome to a brand new style of worship...

Imagine if Sunday mornings could be a relaxed time of coffee, contemporary worship music, creativity, and spiritual discussion open to people of all ages? Imagine no more.

Introducing

## MESSY CHURCH The Sunday Edition

### THEMES

Sept 26: Called to love  
Oct 31: Shine God's Light  
Nov 28: Christmas is loving

Coffee house meets VBS in this brand-new, come as you are, come when you can, style of worship taking place on the last Sunday of every month at 10:30ish. Come in through the 7th Avenue entrance!



# Woohoo! A Student-Minister!

We are pleased to announce that we have accepted a Student-Minister who will work with Rev. Read and be with us from September 19 until Easter. Please welcome Jean-Philippe Dubé-Goupil!



Jean-Philippe is already known to some as he currently attends Église Sainte-Claire, our online francophone partner church.

## Here To Serve You

If you have questions or recommendations about making our church community even better, please reach out to us either through Council ([chair@trinityuc.net](mailto:chair@trinityuc.net)) or via the following people:

For Questions or Comments About:	Please Reach Out To:	
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# Autumn



## BACK-TO-SCHOOL BASH

Our Back-to-School Bash and Backpack Blessings will be held on Sunday, September 12 at 12:00 PM in the church yard. All are welcome, whether or not you're heading back to school this autumn.

## CONNECT

After the success of a full year of the CONNECT curriculum, we will continue to use it to help all of us learn more about the Bible and its lessons together.

## 2022 CALENDARS

Now that we are opening back up, a Trinity 2022 Calendar will be the perfect place to keep track of all the exciting Trinity events. Please submit any poetry, artwork, or photos you would like to see in the calendar to [communications@trinituc.net](mailto:communications@trinituc.net) or give them to Sheri Cameron directly.

## THANKFUL

You have received 2 pumpkins with this Trinity Talks. We invite you to complete the sentence "I am thankful for:" on the first pumpkin.



On the second (blank) pumpkin, we invite you to share a concern, a prayer request, a blessing or anything else with us.

Please send them both to us by Thanksgiving so we can share in the thankfulness together.



# Announcements

## HALLOWEEN FUN

Halloween falls on Sunday this year so it's the perfect day to celebrate! We're still not too sure if we will be trick-or-treating or having a pumpkin party of our own. However, we do know that we will be up to something!

Details to follow depending on the COVID-19 situation, but save the date!  
Sunday, October 31.



## COUNCIL MINUTES

All the 2021 Council Minutes are now located online in one convenient spot: on Google Drive! Here's the link: <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1gmx7yKv5pTV-s2jXlejRtikWWEEEOEvzy?usp=sharing>

Council Minutes will be hung in the Narthex, but if you would like to receive printed copies of the minutes, please reach out to Sheri Cameron at [communications@trinityuc.net](mailto:communications@trinityuc.net) or ask her in person.

## LET US HEAR FROM YOU!

Your return envelope is not just for financial donations. We want to connect with you. Share a concern, a prayer request, a blessing or anything else with us by popping it into the return envelope.

## NOT GETTING OUR WEEKLY EMAILS?

Please let us know by emailing Sheri Cameron, Director of Communications, at [communications@trinityuc.net](mailto:communications@trinityuc.net).



# ROLLING RIVER RAMPAGE VBS

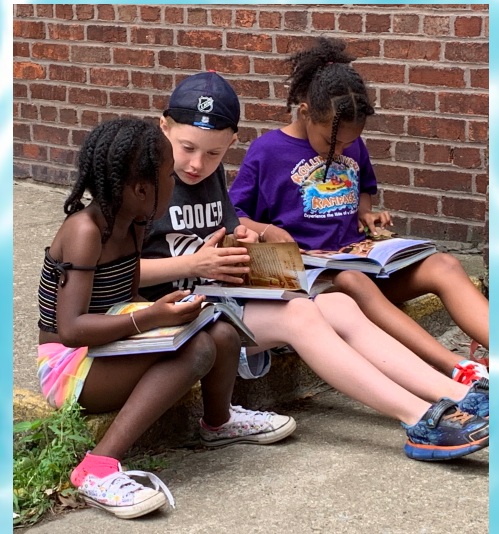
Despite the difficult year everyone had with COVID-19, we had one of our most successful VBSs yet! We averaged 18 campers per week, with only 3 of them having ever attended Sunday School. Suffice to say that this VBS truly reached out into the community and shared God's love! Big thank you to Sabz, Veronica, and Sheri for taking the lead in this initiative, to Rosie for being the science guru, to Çatalka and Claire for their youthful enthusiasm, to Rev. Read for playing along, and to Ivylin and Jennifer Bridgman who jumped in without hesitation when we were in need. It certainly takes a village!



*"When you pass through  
the waters,  
I will be with you"*







# In Memoriam

This Trinity Talks is dedicated to two bright lights in our community who have left us to sing and dance with the angels: Gail Purcell and Judy Massarelli.

May God hold them in His loving arms until we meet them again in heaven.



Gail's smile and eternal optimism brightened the halls of Trinity United Church for many years. She was an active member of our community, being the Sunday School Superintendent for many years, as well as supporting and inspiring many of our community with her love and her faith.

We extend our love and our condolences to her family.

Gail was a loving wife to Warren, and a doting mother to Eric (Marie-Sophie), Sheri (Ira) and step-daughter, (Heather). Gail was also a grandmother to Meghan, Justin, Olivia, and Arielle.

Judy was an active member of our Trinity community for many years, acting as the Chair of the Official Board, a Silver Chain, and, of course, an exceptional member of the choir whose powerful singing voice left its mark on many.

We extend our love and our condolences to her family.

Judy was a loving wife to the late Frank, mother to Kathy (Glenn), Philip (Carol), Janet (Jean), and Norma (Eddy), grandmother to Allyson (Elliot), Andrew (Krista), David (Elisabeth), Daniel, Zachary, and Emilie, Isabelle and Benjamin, and great-grandmother to Theo, son of Allyson and Elliot and Renée, daughter of David and Elisabeth.