

FROM THE EDITOR



It has been a year since I last put together a newsletter! Time really does fly! The spring Carillon did not happen, as I slowly recovered from a recent surgery. Much has happened at Trinity in a year!

We are thrilled to have Bob Root back as our minister. It came as a surprise to all when he approached us about becoming our permanent half-time minister just as a Search Committee had been formed. Timing was perfect. Most of us know what an arduous process it is to search for a new minister and we were delighted when the United Church of Canada rubber stamped the appointment with only a few hoops to jump through. Bob is like an old friend and I believe he feels the same about us!

We were all saddened to hear of our music director's health issues and we miss her. Luckily, and on very short notice, Debra Northey is filling in for most of the Sundays. She has got a choir going again, albeit very small. Debra was part of a musical duo that ran our music program for a few years in the 1990's. A few of us remember her from the days when we had a really big choir. Since then, she has retired from teaching and has become a much sought after harpist. We are delighted that she has the time to help us through Brenda's absence.

In the spring, we officially became an Affirming church. We enjoyed a special celebratory service and lunch. We have a beautiful rainbow bench just outside our doors and at every service we light our rainbow candle to remind us that we welcome EVERYONE.

We were saddened to lose Mary Fedy this fall. Because of her tenacity, she got the accessibility project going again. We now have new front doors

that look great and have that magic little button that opens the door automatically. When Doug and I went to Hawaii in April, I was in a wheelchair, as I was only just beginning to bear weight on a newly reconstructed foot. We experienced first-hand how difficult it is to navigate shops, ships, washrooms and buses while in a wheelchair. And... I could get up and walk a few steps, not totally confined to the chair. Others were not so fortunate. We actually complained to the cruise line when we got home and received some financial compensation that we quickly applied to our next trip! Apparently, the U.S. had recently passed an accessibility bill of some sort and inaccessibility was taken very seriously. I think of all the people coming and going through Trinity's doors with canes, walkers, wheelchairs or even just carrying a bunch of stuff. It was a much-needed improvement! In our province, all public buildings are mandated to be accessible by January 2025.

By the time you read this newsletter, the bazaar will be over and we will be well into Advent.

Christmas Blessings to all!

Sue Pepper



FROM REVEREND BOB



Dear Friends

Advent and Christmas Greetings to you! And many, many thanks to Sue Pepper for drawing our church family

together again through this edition of The Carillon. Thanks to everyone who contributed and we pray a blessing on all who will read this newsletter. It is a blessing to be part of the Providence and Trinity family and, through the medium of this newsletter, we hear news of church happenings. It's a great gift.

The fall has been a busy one – we have been saddened by the deaths of some of our dear ones and encouraged by the deep caring of families and friends for one another. A big project has been the photo directory and thanks go to all who took the time to have pictures taken. Cathy Bennett and Connie Picken helped to gather folks for this good venture and we are grateful. So many people do so much to strengthen the faith, life and witness of the church and to bring Christ's love to others.

Advent is the beginning of a new church year, leading us into Christmas. That old, familiar, well-loved story still turns the world upside down. It's not the way any of us would write the story and yet, somehow, it's just right. God has chosen to live among us and God is revealed in surprising ways.

If we were writing the story, we would have the baby born surrounded by first-class medical care, not out back with the animals. Yet there is something in God's decision to come to the stable which says that God lights up the ordinary and gives those who never thought they would be deemed important a sense of their own worth. There is risk and rawness at Christmas, and, in the midst of ordinary people's lives, God chooses to come. Christmas is strong and powerful.

As I look at the Christmas stories one of the things that strikes me is that – other than Mary and Jesus – everybody's old. Elizabeth, Zechariah, Simeon and Anna are old people who have been waiting for God's salvation their whole lives. Even Joseph is old, Herod is old, the magi are old – and many of us who hear this much-loved, familiar story, are also old. It is a timeless story that continues to bring new life to people of all ages. May it be so for you as you enter into this season once again.

Elizabeth Searle Lamb offers us this blessing for Christmas:

May you have joy
In the mad rush
Of preparation;
May you know peace
In the tiny margins
Of time around
The busy days;
May you have star-shine
In clear night skies
For looking at;
May you have silence
Now and then;
And, above all –
Beyond all else –
May you love
To give
And to receive.

Blessings to all.

Bob

FROM COUNCIL CHAIR



It's that time again for the Fall edition of the Carillon. I admit when it was announced in church that Sue was looking for articles, I really started to panic, not because I wasn't sure what to write

about, which is usually the case, but it was how I was going to type it with this lovely blue cast on my right arm. My timing, nor my balance it seems, was never very good!

I have been thinking about what I feel have been the highlights at the church the last few months. The first one has to be when Rev. Bob phoned me to tell me that he wanted to stay on as our part-time minister. You have no idea how excited and relieved I felt! The search committee had just been formed and we were only in the beginning stages of the process to look for a new minister. The looks on the faces of everyone on the committee when Doug Pepper told them Rev. Bob was staying and that we didn't need to continue, was priceless. But the best part was when Connie Picken and I made the announcement to the congregation on a Sunday morning. As soon as we were finished you all immediately rose and started to clap. It was an amazing moment, so spontaneous, and I know Rev. Bob felt the love and support.

In August Trinity had the opportunity to host the Canadian Voyageur Brigade Canoeists for dinner which was also a fundraiser for the church. What an enjoyable evening that was. It was fun working with Walter Murray as greeters, meeting everyone and finding out where they lived. They were from all across Canada! I appreciate so much the work Susan and Armand Hachey did in organizing the

event and that I could be a part in helping on that day.

I am finally learning to play a musical instrument. When Sue Pepper suggested starting up a ukelele group, I was game to try. I admit it is hard and I am not very good, but I am having fun. The unfortunate part is that I have had to stop, at least for a short while till the wrist heals. But I will be back at it as soon as I can.

Last month we lost a member of our church family Mary Fedy. Mary was the driving force in getting the new front doors for the church, and she was working hard getting quotes for new handicapped washrooms. Her Celebration of Life service was wonderful, so many great stories about Mary. I laughed, cried, and we even sang a camp song led by Rev. Rodney. I think Mary would have been very pleased. She will be missed.

With the Christmas season soon approaching, I hope you all keep safe and healthy. I also want to say that I am truly grateful for my many friends who have been there for me during this time.

Christmas Blessings

Cathy Bennett

FROM WORSHIP



Christmas greetings to the congregations of Trinity and Providence from your Worship

Committee - Rev. Bob, Brenda Shield, Carol Young, Mary Justice, Lidy Fraser, and Jan Carson/Audrey Mackay co-chairs.

We are responsible for the enhancement of worship, use and decoration of the sanctuary and Narthex. With the support of the minister, music director and the tech team, we try to provide a good spiritual experience for everyone. The candles, banners, antependia, etc., reflect the seasons of the church year. We provide pulpit and music supply and liaise with other church committees as needed. Together with the minister, we oversee the admission of persons for full membership, confirmation and baptism. Special events and services are planned for Remembrance Day, Anniversary Sunday and other special days in the church year. Welcoming materials are provided.

The commitment, preparation, and energy of Rev. Bob, Brenda, (and Debra), Sue, Kevin, and the Tech Team are much appreciated, as many volunteers are needed to provide meaningful services. We are grateful for your support and contributions. We are all ministers to this church and the community.

The Christmas schedule is as follows:

Dec.3,10,17,24 (Advent1,2,3, &4) at 10:30 AM

(Christmas Eve falls on a Sunday this year so Advent 4 will be celebrated at the same time (10:30 AM)

The message will be prerecorded by Rev. Bob.

There will be no evening Christmas Eve Service.

On December 31 there will be a service of Lessons and Carols at 10:30AM.

Jan Carson and Audrey MacKay, Co- Chairs

FROM THE DECORATING TEAM

It has been almost a year since the Decorating Team was formed. Our efforts to enhance worship by implementing displays appropriate to the time of year and/or topic on a particular Sunday have been well received by the congregation. We are extremely grateful for the positive comments and appreciation of the work that we do. We are using our gifts and having fun at the same time!

Christmas is almost here, then in the New Year, Lent and Easter are not far away. We like to plan well ahead.

If you have imagination, ideas, and a creative flair, we would certainly encourage and welcome you to join our team. Here are a few examples of our labour of love! (Editor's note: Black and white do not do them justice!)





BBQ for that Sunday. Everyone enjoyed lunch and a good visit. Reverend John Patterson closed out the season with the help of the Providence Road Band again. It was an inspiring toe-tapping way to end the season.

Thanks to all the people who provided the goodies at coffee time after the services. It is always so pleasant to enjoy a conversation and a cuppa under the trees after the service. The weather cooperated very nicely this year.

We thank God for all the people who are willing to help with the different jobs. We also appreciate all the ministers and musicians who inspire us every Sunday.

There will NOT be a Christmas service this year, but we did have a music night on Friday November 17th, featuring John and KJ Knox, followed by The Providence Road Band. It was almost a full house and there was lots of toe-tapping, clapping and singing involved.

Marian MacKenzie

FROM PROVIDENCE



Another successful summer season for Providence has come and gone.

Providence has come and gone.



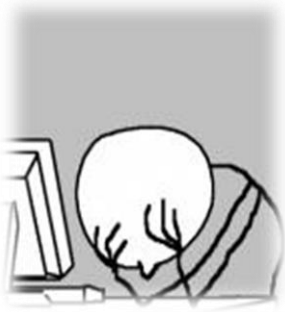
We opened on June 18th with our own Rev. Dr. Bob

Root and music by the Providence Road Band to get us off to a great start!

We had a real variety of ministers. Many of our favorites were back. Chyvonne Pancer was back AND in good health. Rev. John Ambrose took time out of his summer travelling and holidaying at his cottage to come and inspire us. We were very pleased to have Rev. Larry Weigand come all the way from Deep River! We were able to plan the



FROM THE TREASURER



As the Treasurer, part of the role is to communicate numbers to the congregation so that there is an understanding of the financial status of Trinity.

Rather than take the normal path to describe the picture, I have chosen to use a different approach.

This year new accessible front doors were installed. This project was spearheaded by Mary Fedy. This project was funded entirely by the Faith in Future Fund. Additionally, Mary conducted an art show where the proceeds were donated towards the Accessibility Washroom. Trinity also received bequests from the estates of Ina Mae Lyle and Mary Guest.

Recently, pictures were taken for a new Church Directory. The last version was compiled in 2014. I must give acknowledgement to Cathy Bennett and Connie Picken who worked tirelessly on the project. Without their combined efforts, the Directory would have been only a dream. You are probably wondering what all of this has to do with numbers. In the 2014 Directory, there were 109 pictures. I am told that there will be 61 pictures in the 2023 version. That is a 44% decrease in numbers. During the past 9 years, some people have moved away, some people have died and we have also gained some very valuable additions. However, the net is a significant decrease in our overall numbers within Trinity's community.

At the Annual General Meeting last February, I mentioned that Ministry & Personnel plus Property accounted for 87% of Trinity's budget. In 2014, M&P was \$132,000 and Property expenses were \$35,000. There was a shortfall at year-end of

\$35,000 (meaning that the expenses for the year were \$35,000 more than the income). In 2022, M&P was \$112,000 and Property expenses were \$31,000. There was a shortfall of \$7,600 at year-end. From the above statistics, it is apparent that fewer people are contributing to Trinity each year but those that are here have generally stepped up to meet the ongoing financial challenges. As of October 2023, envelope givings are up 19% from last year.

Turning to 2023, I am projecting an estimated shortfall of \$10,000 as of year-end. While no one can be happy about this situation, it is positive in one sense. Collectively, all supporters of Trinity should feel good that we are able to come as close to break-even as we do. Congratulations for that. It should also be noted that Trinity cannot continue with this trend in an unlimited way.

Lastly, I encourage those who are not part of the PAR (Pre-Authorized Remittance) program to consider enrolling. Please contact Cathy Bennett for details. It is easy to enroll and easy to adjust if your situation changes.

Doug Pepper

TRINITY'S 163rd ANNIVERSARY



On November 12 we celebrated our 163rd anniversary! We had 4 speakers from the

congregation, some older, some younger, some fairly new to Trinity, and some have been around forever! They each spoke of why Trinity feels like "home", which was the theme for the day. The

service, led by Rev. Bob, was followed by a Subway



lunch and a Nicolette cake. We enjoyed memories from the past in a slide show which David Ferris put together. Here are the 4 speakers' comments. Are any of them similar to your story as to why Trinity feels like home?

Joyce Kimble

Why does it matter to me to be part of the Trinity family?

Happy Anniversary! The anniversary celebrations always make me happy and I always feel there is more to come. My faith and worshipping our Creator have been a part of me for as long as I can remember. I took part in Sunday School, junior and senior choirs and summer Bible camps. I attended church regularly and religion was even being taught at public school. John (my husband) and I came to Trinity in 1980. I was baptized and confirmed, and our 3 children were also baptized...all on the same day! And so, it began. We became part of the life and work of Trinity.

You accepted us and taught us. We were offered many opportunities to grow our faith. Trinity was a safe place for me to ask questions and I always have questions! I have yet to meet anyone who has all the answers!

Many special programs have been part of my journey; Worship in a Stable on Christmas Eve followed by the warmer candlelight service in the church, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter sunrise services and the regular Easter services, Lenten Studies, teaching Sunday School, Worship Masters, Bethel Bible studies, retreats, ladies'

breakfast, house church, council positions and book studies.

In my years here, the United Church of Canada has asked us to study and make many tough decisions about many serious matters that affect all of us. I am proud to say that, in my opinion, we have made the right choices. God's love does not have stipulations. God is LOVE. Our job is to offer it to everyone. Let's keep learning and growing.

Barb Carnegie

When I think of home I think of a place where I am accepted and supported. A place full of laughter. I think of family.

I remember the first time my husband, Richard, and I attended Trinity. I think it was about this time of year 15 years ago. Everyone was so welcoming. I especially remember Joan and Morris Wesley. We sat beside them and got to know them while chatting before the service. Shortly after that we received an invitation to a Christmas party at Joan and Morris's home. We were so surprised to be invited having only met Joan and Morris that one time. I remember several people from the church also at the party. If my memory serves me right, Karel was there playing carols on his violin. We felt so welcome and had a fun time getting to know everyone.

Last winter I joined the meat/chicken pie baking brigade. Olive and her team made me feel so welcome. I think I can say I am now officially one of the "holy rollers." It is so much fun working with Iris, Annie, Sandy, Sue, Marg and the others. We all have so much fun. Sandy keeps us laughing and Karen treats us with her goodies. Olive keeps us on track, making sure we are rolling to the desired thickness. Many of those helping may not be seen in pews every Sunday, but they are here baking pies, working together, having fun and supporting the Trinity United Church family.

Last summer I was so pleased to help Susan and Armand and their team preparing and serving a barbeque dinner for the Canadian Voyageur Brigade on their overnight stop in Bobcaygeon. Again, our church family was all working together, having fun and opening our doors to people from across Canada. I am sure those paddlers and their families have fond memories of the warm welcome and delicious dinner they shared here.

It is wonderful to be a part of this church family. Today I celebrate the Taylor's, the Pogue's, the Junkin's, and the Kelly's who laid the foundations 163 years ago for our church family.

I celebrate each one of you who are carrying on the tradition of acceptance, support, peace and joy.

And I celebrate wee Oscar and other children in our church family and I pray that as they grow, they will feel accepted, supported and part of this church family.

Trinity United Church feels like home.

Steve Oliver

When Rev. Bob asked me if I could talk on this topic, I wasn't sure if he was implying that I was at the wrong place! Before I speak to this topic, I want to tell you a little story.

Back in the 1980's I was working for a farm equipment company in Alberta. Among my responsibilities, I would call on farm equipment dealers in my territory and train them on the benefits and features of our tractors and combines etc. One of my dealers hired a new salesman and we arranged some time for me to spend with him going over product and travelling out to see some farmers. This fellow seemed a little rough around the edges and talked more like a cowboy than a machinery salesman and he kept talking about the "ol boot" (referring to his partner). My initial thought was that I didn't want to invest much time

with him because I thought he wouldn't be around long talking like that!

A short time later the manager of the dealership invited Karen and I to his house for a social gathering one Saturday afternoon (I think it was a birthday party). Anyway, the new salesman showed up driving his partner's car. The license plate on the car was "OL BOOT". I could hardly believe it! As the afternoon went by the conversation came around to something where he commented on the OL BOOT with his partner sitting there, so I had to ask what the significance was of calling her an OL BOOT?

He asked me if I have ever bought new boots (cowboy boots) to which I said yes.

How long did it take to break them in?

It took a while, I responded.

Did you ever put on the old ones again?

Yep, I responded...even though they were starting to look well worn, they were more comfortable than the new ones.

With a big grin he said "see, that's why I call her the OL BOOT. She and I get along just fine and I told her right from the beginnin' that she was as comfortable to me as an OL BOOT". That's the ultimate compliment from a cowboy!!

Folks, that's how I feel about Trinity. My experience with church growing up left me feeling a little jaded. For many years I had no interest in attending church. After I lost my parents in the early 2000's I had some tough times and I started searching for something. I didn't know what. When we moved back to Bobcaygeon about 6-7 years ago, I started accompanying my wife Karen to church and I found I was welcome here. I immediately started to learn that some of my jaded feelings from past experience needed to be re-thought and re-learned. I have felt comfortable and blessed being here and I feel I am among friends. I felt supported during my health trials earlier this year and I learned how to pray with gratitude. And I feel those prayers were answered. So, to answer the original question of why does Trinity feel like home? Well...It's as comfortable to me as an OL BOOT!

Stefanie Fraser

“It feels like we’ve always gone here.”

It had been a long time since either of us had attended a service when we first came on Easter Sunday this year. I remember how I had felt a little nervous, but that is what Sean said to me when I casually (stealthily) asked him “Why do you like going to Trinity?”

Bob had asked me if Sean and I could draft a few words for Anniversary Sunday, so I was a ninja and picked Sean’s brain without him knowing it.

We were coming that Easter because Mom had asked. We knew we wanted to raise Oscar as part of a church community. It was supposed to be a once in a while thing. But you guys were so NICE! The sermon was so lovely! You were about to formally become an affirming congregation. Your message was so welcoming and accepting.

And... there were baby goats that day! Are you bringing any other livestock back for Christmas Eve? (Oscar would like to ask if we could please have reindeer?) Adorable children were here and enjoying the baby goats and they graciously let me share in feeding the baby goats!

There were many smiles at our new baby (and at us - which after 3 years of pandemic isolation was wonderful.).

We look forward to our Sunday mornings with you - it feels like visiting with dear friends and family. It sets us off on the right foot for the week, shows us who we want to be, and makes us smile. And that is what family is supposed to do!

FROM THE AFFIRM EDUCATION TEAM



What are the personal pronouns?

In Modern English the personal pronouns

include: "I," "you," "he," "she," "it," "we," "they," "them," "us," "him," "her," "his," "hers," "its," "theirs," "our," "your." Personal pronouns are used in statements and commands, but not in questions; interrogative pronouns (like "who," "whom," "what") are used there.

What is a gender pronoun?

Most people think of pronouns as they fall within the gender binary– with men using he/him/his and women using she/her/hers. However, gender neutral pronouns such as they, ze, xe, and others exist and are often used by non-binary people, who do not associate themselves with genders of man or woman.

Why should we talk about pronouns?

Most people are raised to believe that there are only 2 genders and that gender can be based on appearance. This involves many assumptions when referring to other people. Including the decision to use “he” or “she” pronouns. However, there are people who are hurt when these assumptions are made. They may not identify with the traditional “he” or “she” pronouns and would prefer something gender-neutral like “they”. They may be a trans person whom you are reading as the wrong gender.

What do I do if someone’s pronouns bother me?

Find someone who is educated about the issue and ask if you can talk to them. It is important for you to work through your feelings about this. In the meantime, understand that people have a right and ability to choose what gender identity and pronouns work best for them, regardless of your opinion.

Kim Draper

FROM TRINITY UCW



The women under the leadership of Olive Maccoomb have been busy making chili sauce and meat pies for our Bazaar which was held Nov 25. Thank you to all involved. The UCW could not do it without your help. A special thank you to Karen

Footo for organizing and doing funeral luncheons for the UCW. We will miss Ruth Maitland. She was always the first to volunteer to make cookies or squares and to help where ever needed.

Life Membership pins were given to Iris Taylor, Kim Draper, Jan Carson and to Stacey Maitland (for Ruth Maitland)

Four members from Trinity Providence attended a mid-week Event at Greenbank United Church in October.

We send get-well wishes to Mary Watson. We miss her at our meetings and especially miss her organizational skills at the Church. Thank you to everyone who help the UCW in any way. We cannot do it without you.

And now, "Go with us God into the days ahead, strengthen us for peace, give us wisdom, keep us humble, and may we live and work together, and so striving build a better world for tomorrow." Amen

Merry Christmas and God Bless

Lillian Partridge

Unofficial Financials from the Bazaar – We sold out of 750 meat pies and the bake table sold out too! The other tables did well. The unofficial total for the day is approximately \$9,000!

DO NOT MISS THIS YEARS'S WOMEN'S RETREAT!

After a three-year hiatus due to COVID, our UCW is again sponsoring our annual retreat weekend at Fair Havens. The dates are April 5 to April 7.

Our leader of the retreat will be Alana Mitchell.

In the year 2000 she was named the best environmental reporter in the world by the World Conservation Union and Reuters Foundation. She has written 5 books, 1 play and is the recipient of 2 honorary doctorates and many more additional plaudits. This year she was added to the editorial staff of Broadview, the only Canadian magazine focused on national and international issues of spirituality, justice, and ethical living as well as news and perspectives of the United Church of Canada. How blessed are we that she has generously accepted our invitation to lead our retreat!

The clock is ticking – climate change is here! The planet is warming. What an enviable opportunity has opened to us! The chance to learn from Alana's expertise, experience and insights will help us all better recognize and understand the crisis.

Mother Goose and Grimm



Total cost for the weekend for accommodation and meals is \$325. Book now with a \$75 deposit. (Women from Trinity-Providence only until December 31. Open to others on January 1)

For further information call the church office at 705-738-5135.

Carol Young

PROVIDENCE UCW



"You mean we're supposed to go into *all* the world?
We better start tweeting it!"

Although we are a small group, the fellowship shared at our meetings gives us bountiful blessings and knowledge. Guest Speakers are often invited to our meetings.

In May we invited Trinity UCW to join is for a special meeting about the many scams that are happening. Officer Kelly Langiel of the Lindsay OPP was one of our guest speakers. She talked about various types of scams (Gift Cards, calls asking for help, and emails about unsolicited parcels as examples). Her presentation was very enlightening and much appreciated.

Rev. Janice Craig spoke of the many opportunities at Trinity and elsewhere, for those who are grieving the loss of a loved one. Glenna Burns and Anne Davidson, who are representatives from the Truth and Reconciliation Committee, were our Guest Speakers at our October Meeting.

Our pot luck program gives us an opportunity to share favorite stories and poems and a chuckle or two.

On our "giving list" this year are Women's Resources & a grant to a Fenelon Falls student.

We are looking forward to another year of learning, sharing and just being together!

Yvonne Gibson

FROM THE HOLY ROLLERS



The women were busy in the kitchen in early September making chili sauce for the Christmas Bazaar.

Also, there have been 5 sessions of chicken pot pie and beef pie making which started in late September. We have approximately 750 frozen pies available to sell at the Bazaar on November 25th at \$6.00 per pie.

Thanks to everyone who helped with both fund raisers; cooks, pastry rollers, fillers, toppers and pastry makers! The sessions are always full of laughter and fellowship. I hope to see everyone again in mid-January for more pie making!



Olive Maccoomb

THE VOYAGEURS COME TO TOWN!



Trinity United Church had the pleasure of hosting the Canadian Voyageur Brigade Canoeists on Wednesday, August 2nd, as they were paddling down the Trent Severn Waterway from Georgian Bay to Peterborough for the grand opening of the Canadian Canoe Museum in Peterborough. We were truly blessed to have the pleasure of meeting so many wonderful people from all across Canada.

We served dinner to 115 canoeists with the help of 26 volunteers from Trinity. Our volunteers were kept very busy with the following jobs - setting up and taking down tables & chairs in Trinity Hall, the Fellowship Room and the buffet tables in the Narthex. They set up tents, barbecued burgers, cooked corn, served our guests, and made potato salad and squares. Then of course there was the clean-up.

Sue in the office, once again went above and beyond assisting us with helpful suggestions, advertising on our digital sign and gathering information for our posters. Kevin Shields did an amazing job of cleaning the Church before and after the event.

This Community Event was supported by Kawartha Dairy who donated the Ice Cream and British Empire Fuels who filled our Propane Tanks.

Bravo to our amazing volunteers who enabled Trinity U.C. to host this community event and raise \$1168.49. We couldn't have done it without you!



Susan Hachey

UKULELE CHOIR



I had this idea in June to see who might be interested in playing in a ukulele group. No experience necessary! Much to my surprise at our first practice we had 10 people. The new ukers took a leap of faith and bought ukuleles, so there was no turning back. We have lost a couple of people, but we have also gained a few along the way. We now have fifteen! We have a wide variation of ages; 20 somethings to 90 somethings! We have experienced ukers and rookie ukers. Some are part of our church family and some are not; some read music and some don't, but we have come together to make music and what fun we have!

We haven't got a name yet. One suggestion was the Bobcaygeon DU DU's! Carol Young thought this might work because a lot of our music has these strange letters at the top of the page - DU DU or dududu or even some variations such as DDDu.



These letters refer to strumming patterns which would be appropriate for the particular song. I am just not sure about being called DUDU's... what do you think? We are open to suggestions!

We made our debut in church on November 5 and it went quite well. We all felt pretty pumped. The nice thing about having as many people as we do is that when a few are away or sick we can still play without being a duet or a quartet. We will be playing again in December and once a month in the New Year.

Sue Pepper

WHERE ARE THESE KIDS NOW?

Some of these kids are unrecognizable to us now! They were a part of the Church School Program several years ago. Many of us remember them and would like to know what they are doing now. Jim Shultz Samantha's grandfather, Nana Sue and the moms - Suzanne, Wendy, Sherry, Kathryn and Nicolette all seemed happy to share!

Anderson Smith-Merkley



Anderson is always pursuing the next great thing and life is a great adventure. He finished high school one month early and was really keen to see the ocean. He packed up his little Volkswagen station wagon in the middle of May and set off on a whirlwind 6-day trip up the St. Lawrence River, along the coast of New

Brunswick, the entire Cabot Trail in Cape Breton, over to Prince Edward Island for the afternoon and then on home. That poor car didn't drive another day after he brought it home. He literally drove it into the dust!

Soon after this trip, he started his summer job working for the Trent Severn Waterway at the Fenelon Falls locks as a student lock operator. He

had a great time talking to tourists and happy boaters, operating the locks, and even painting railings and keeping up the grounds. Between work, fishing, boating, and seeing friends, the summer flew by. Next it was off to first year at Trent University, taking Environment and Resource Science. Currently, he is living in the Annex, which are apartment style residences where 5 students share a kitchen, common space, bathrooms and laundry. He is a great cook and can definitely manage in this department! It amazed us when Anderson said that he does the most dishes and cleaning of everyone. Needless to say, I haven't been invited over for tea.

He has taken on another new adventure aside from starting school, by trying out for the rowing team. The team practices every morning at 5:30 am, 6 days each week and they only have Sundays off to sleep in. The outdoor rowing is over now, so their practices start later at 6:30 am! He isn't afraid to try new things, and I hope he has many more adventures and new interests as time goes on. Jacob is almost out of the nest too - so you will hear about him next year.

Suzanne Smith-Merkley

Emma Nicholson



Emma started her third year at the University of Guelph in September. She is working towards her Bachelor of Arts and Science Degree - a double minor program, and she is studying Geography and Applied Geomatics. This summer she worked as a research assistant for one of her professors and she found it very interesting! She was able to work from home here in Bobcaygeon as the research was all done online. She also worked part-time on weekends at Douglas & Son in town.

She is Co-President this year of the University's Geography Society and loves it! They have weekly meetings and plan a lot of great "get-to-know-you" activities for students. This past week she ran a crochet session and was excited to talk about a new friend she made with an exchange student from Pakistan, who has only been here one month!

She decided to tackle a job this semester and is working as a lab assistant in the Geography Department. She is busy but enjoying all of the new experiences. She was exceptionally busy during recent midterms but managed to get through it.

She is fortunate to have found two great roommates in a shared basement apartment in a home within walking distance to the university. She loves to cook but looks forward to coming home to Mom's cooking!

Alec Nicholson



Alec graduated from I. E. Weldon S. S. this past June and has chosen to follow his passion for music with his post secondary education. He has been recording his own music for a few years

now and toured a few facilities last year that offered music production programs and decided on Metalworks Institute in Mississauga!

For those of you familiar with the band Triumph, their drummer, Gil Moore, started the program out of the Metalworks Recording Studio at the same location. Alec is enrolled in a one-year program and is working towards his certification in the Audio Production and Engineering program. His favourite part is working in the studio and learning

about the industry through the program instructors, who are all entertainment industry professionals.

It was a big move to the city for him but he is loving it! He says he is meeting so many great people and he has already had some amazing industry experiences, including two radio interview sessions with a small station out of Mississauga who also aired some of his music!

He found two roommates from Winnipeg and Hamilton who are at the same school. He is learning very quickly how to manage city life and is working on finding a part-time job in Mississauga to help pay the bills!

We are so proud of both Emma and Alec! The house is much quieter these days but Steve and I are so happy for them and their successes! We are thankful for FaceTime!

Wendy Nicholson

Anna Entzin-Lopez



Anna is in her first year at York University. She is studying Astrophysics and has become active in a variety of

school clubs (Astronomy Club among others). She's the volunteer Spanish Director for the Organization of Latin American Students and organizes Spanish language lessons once a week. She's embraced the changes that university, York and Toronto life bring.

Sofia Entzin-Lopez



Sofia is spending the first semester of Grade 11 in Chiapas, Mexico near family and making new friends. In addition to doing online studies, she's volunteering 5 days a week at a local museum, learning more

about her Mayan and Mexican heritage and language, and figuring out how to live somewhat independently without parents.

For what it's worth, Marcelino and I are very grateful for the technology that now exists that means we can connect with them both every day, see them, talk to them and not have to break the bank to do so.

Sherry Telford

Cameron Pepper



Cameron is my grandson and even though he didn't attend Children's Church every week, (He lives in Orillia) he did when he was visiting, and went to VIBE for 3 years in the summer when he stayed in Bobcaygeon with us. So...I am using my editorial privilege to tell you about him!

Cam graduated from secondary school in June of 2022. He was accepted into the "Semester at Sea" program run by Colorado State University. He lived on a

ship with other like-minded students and travelled the world while earning a few credits and learning about many different cultures. He started in

Amsterdam and ended in Dubai, with stops in Spain, Portugal, Croatia, Jordan, Egypt and parts of Africa! He was gone from September to January

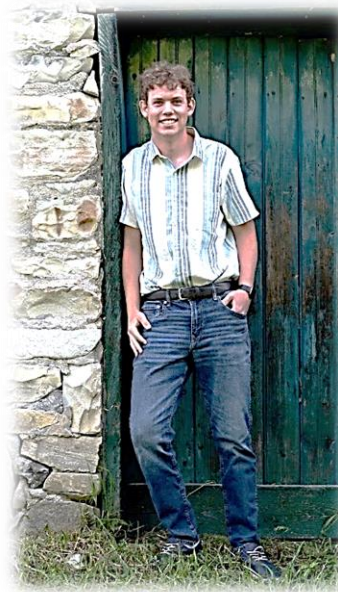


and thoroughly enjoyed himself! He came home all grown up! This year he is at Georgian College taking a 2-year business course, to be followed by 2 years at university for a degree

in business. He works part-time at MacDonald's.

Sue Pepper

Charles Flynn



Charles graduated from IE Weldon in June 2021. COVID restrictions tainted his last couple of years and changed graduation for him. The year Charles was in Grade 12 we sold our house. Charles and his dad, Nick, totally moved everything from the house into storage.

Over the next nine months we moved 4 times, his Grandparents moved once, and we built a house. Charles and the truck never stopped! Charles helped build walls, insulate, lay floors and built stairs. His final project was our outside patio. Happily, for all, Charles relishes hard work!

The Fall of 2021 Charles continued working for Chris Barnes landscaping and then throughout the winter he shoveled snow. In the spring he returned

to landscaping. In the fall of 2022, he left for Ottawa University to begin Year 1 in the Honors Commerce Program. He shared a double suite in an off-campus residence with his childhood friend Pieter Junkin (nephew of our own Nicolette Thomas!). He managed to pass all his courses, even English, worked the summer in landscaping and returned to Ottawa for year 2! He purchased his first car. He and his buddy Pieter are renting a large two-bedroom apartment. Apparently, Ottawa's transit system is unreliable, so he bought a second-hand bike and covers about 16 km a day through the city. Lately he has been finding it cold! He has joined an intramural hockey team.



girlfriend Lily. He has a work visitor visa and is ready to see the world. Covid has been hard on our youth and at the age of 25 he is ready to go and see some of this big world. He has only a one-way ticket for convenience of travel and for cost-saving. He does not know where all he will go

and when he will head home. Oh, to be young again!

His hobbies include motorcycle racing, cycling, cooking, hiking and playing guitar.

Nicolette Thomas



Charles has noticed grocery prices are crazy, but he endeavors to maintain a balanced menu. After six attempts his tuna casserole

is delicious! We miss Charles, but the internet makes keeping in touch easy. He is sensible, tenacious, informed, thoughtful and he makes us smile.

Kathryn Murray

Joshua Thomas



Joshua graduated from Humber College just as Covid began its rage. He graduated with a diploma in Mechanical Engineering Technology.

Has been working nice and close to home at Confederation Log and Timber frame homes. He does some drafting work in the office and some heavy labor in the shop putting together the log homes. As of November 25th 2023, he will be departing on a new adventure to Australia with his

Samantha Shultz



You might have to reach a little further back in your memory to remember Samantha. She lived with her grandparents Jim and Ruth (who just recently passed away) and

Samantha attended church regularly. She took part in many activities at the church. I remember sitting next to her in the choir loft when she was only 13 or 14 years old! A few years ago, Jim and Ruth moved to Lindsay and Samantha went off to university.

Jim had Ruth's celebration of life at Trinity and we were once again reminded of time passing. Samantha was a young woman now. When I talked with Jim about this little project, he was very happy and proud to tell us about Samantha. Samantha graduated from I.E. Weldon in Lindsay, then went on to Carleton University in Ottawa, taking a 4-year

degree program in Environmental Science. She is now at Waterloo University working on her Masters in Environmental Science. She also works full time at Agriculture Canada. She works from home and takes her university courses online so she is able to juggle her schedule to get everything done. When Ruth was sick, in spite of a very heavy workload, she managed to come home to help Jim and Ruth every second week. No wonder Jim and his son Andrew are so proud of her!

Sue Pepper

FROM THE PROPERTY BROTHERS



Another year has passed and we have managed to get through it without too many problems.

Spring Clean-up was completed with the help of our dedicated volunteers.

We experienced problems with a leaky roof at the back of the church and it has been repaired by Kei Lin Roofing who installed the original roof.

The kitchen stove has been giving the Holy Rollers issues, but we were fortunate that we were able to fix it ourselves and save some money.

We are in the process of making our church accessible to all. The front entrance doors have been replaced and a push button installed to enable easy access. This is thanks to many hours of research and planning by Mary Fedy. We have received many positive comments about them and they look amazing. An accessible washroom will be the next project to be looked at in the New Year.

Our Church Bells were not working for some time, but thanks to Kirk Kimble and Brian Paradoski, they have been fixed and are being enjoyed by many in the community. Brian Paradoski also took down a

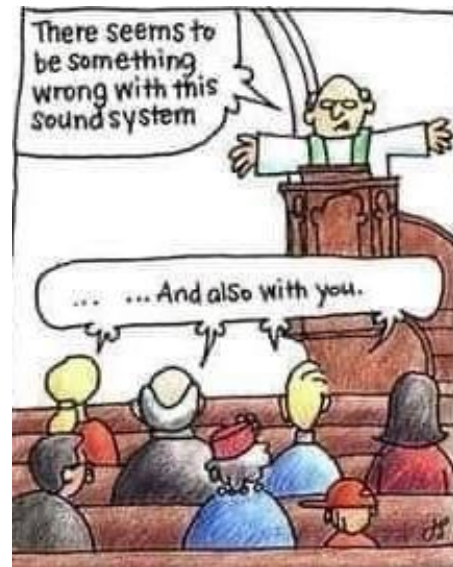
dead tree along the Church's property line. We thank both Kirk & Brian for their assistance. The locked-in price for British Empire Fuels is in place and hopefully it will not be too harsh a winter.

You know the end of the year is coming close when it is fall clean-up time. This year's event was an amazing time of fellowship. There were many outdoor volunteers along with volunteers inside the church preparing for a B.B.Q. lunch which was enjoyed by all.

We would like to wish our church family a blessed Christmas and a happy and healthy 2024.

Armand Hachey & Jim Telford

Thank you to the Tech Team who show up every week and do their thing. It's complicated!



MOOSE HIDE CAMPAIGN UPDATE THE PATH OF THE MOOSE



I am a relative newcomer to Trinity United Church. A few years ago, Reverend Doctor Bob Root introduced me

(and everyone else in church one day) to a program called “the Moose Hide Campaign”. I listened attentively and thought, “That’s a no brainer. Why wouldn’t everyone support the cause and take the pledge?” Being a bit of a cautious guy, I decided to do my own research and took home one of the cards with a small square of moose hide attached.

It sounded too good to be true:

1. It was a positive cause - pledging to not harm or hurt women, children or anyone who perhaps couldn’t stand up for themselves.
2. There was no cost!
3. No animals were harmed to get the hides. The moose involved had already given their lives to provide meat and other useful parts to feed indigenous people.
4. Its purpose was to build better relationships with First Nations, Inuit and Métis people by accepting the gift of this medicine and then passing it along.

Within a week and with Bob’s encouragement, and me doing my research and deciding this was something I could get behind, I placed my first order for some materials. (It was simple enough that even I could navigate the website ordering process.) About two weeks later a box weighing about 50 pounds arrived at my home on Pigeon Lake Road. (That’s approximately what 2,000 tags and cards weigh.)

It took me a while to come up with a good way to get the cards into the hands of people. Then COVID changed our world. I had good success at Legion conferences and other volunteer groups in getting

cards out. The biggest challenge was convincing settlers that it was truly free - no money allowed! They just had to read the pledge and more importantly act on it. Towards the end of the first batch of 2000, there were people who started asking for them and some even called me the moose guy!

As I got down to the last hundred cards, I thought to myself, “Garry, set a goal that’ll be hard to achieve but not impossible.” So, I did. I decided to get FIVE THOUSAND into the hands and onto the jackets of people in Kawartha Lakes, Trent Lakes and beyond. It would be difficult, but a very good thing to do.

I ordered my second batch of two thousand and they arrived pretty quickly. Even in COVID times, people were asking for the moose hides and some could even explain the meaning of the program. The end of that second batch was distributed when Bob asked me for a bunch (I only had about 200 for him). He had been asked for them for a gathering at Curve Lake First Nation. So, I got on line and ordered another 2500! The box arrived in September and I’ve put about 300 into the community.

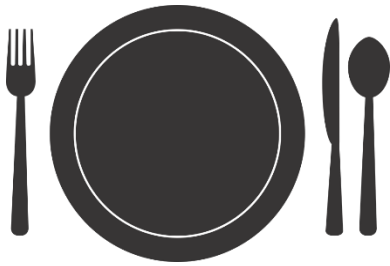
The wording on the new cards has been revised a bit to be more inclusive. It’s still a grass roots indigenous initiative. There is a charitable foundation if you would like to support the cause financially. It’s important to realize the hides are indigenous medicine, to be given freely with no expectation of anything in return, with the hope you will take the pledge and pass along the moose hide to others, but there is no requirement to do so.

There’s so much we settlers can learn from the peoples who cared for these lands, waters and air before any of our forefathers arrived.

There is a stack of these cards on the table in the narthex. Please help yourselves and spread the word. Miigwetch.

Garry Burns (Moose Hide Guy)

BOBCAYGEON HELPS FOOD BANK



This past summer has brought forth a frightening report by *Children First Canada* on food

insecurity right across Canada. Their report is based on research by the University of Calgary, the University of Toronto, and McGill University, as well as interviews with parents and children. All this research showed a 29% increase in food insecurity this year among school aged children.

Moreover, the Royal Bank of Canada reported in June that food prices soared 19% over the past two years, and warned that high food prices are here to stay.

These reports make it evident that across Canada, community support is greatly needed to meet the increased demand.

Here in Bobcaygeon, we must face and meet this increased demand. In October of 2022 our Food Bank had 162 clients. In October of 2023 we had 194 clients using our Food Bank. We depend on the support of our whole community to meet this growing demand—including *Trinity Providence United Church*.

Thank you for your generous support.

Here are our food drop-off locations:

The Lions Building on Main Street--Wednesdays,
9:30 to 11:00 am;
Independent Grocery Store entrance;
Foodland Grocery Store beside the cashiers;
Trinity United Church narthex.

Food items needed:

Cereal, mac and cheese, peanut butter, canned fruits and vegetables,

Canned meat and fish, juice boxes, toiletries such as tooth paste and brushes, soaps and deodorants.

All donations, including money, are greatly needed and hugely appreciated.

Juanita Murray
Trinity Representative
Bobcaygeon Helps Food Bank

Market Square Non Profit Housing Corp

Update on Duke Street Housing Project

It has been a while since I have updated any information regarding our proposed housing project on Duke Street, Bobcaygeon. In case you have not heard of this project before, I will provide a little background first.

Market Square Non Profit Housing Corp owns Market Square Apartments (MSA) at the market square in Bobcaygeon (40 Main St). We have operated it since 1997 (26 years) and it has 7 apartments. Six of these are geared to people that have had health challenges in their lifetime but are suitable for independent living. We have some oversight and if someone is having difficulty, we have agreements with the Canadian Mental Health Association (CMHA) to step in and provide assistance as needed. We also have 33 apartments in 3 other buildings in Lindsay for a total of 40 units. Some of these units are purpose built as handicap accessible or wheelchair accessible. Our goal is to provide permanent, clean, decent and affordable housing.

MSA's building in Bobcaygeon is about 125 – 150 years old. It has been a carriage shop, blacksmiths shop, retail store, medical clinic and apartment building. It is a tough building to maintain and to

keep up with the everchanging building and fire code standards. It is heated by electric baseboard heat which is very difficult to control costs and there is no way we could put a forced air system in the building at a reasonable cost.

We also have a large waiting list of people needing affordable housing. The list is estimated to be over 1200 people in Kawartha Lakes and the list keeps growing. Locally, there is virtually no clean, decent and affordable housing units available.

In 2020 MSA started negotiating to purchase vacant land on the north side of Duke Street, just east of Balaclava St. We closed the purchase in April 2021. It is slightly more than 1 acre of land zoned as "Restricted Industrial". We had an Environmental Survey Assessment (ESA) completed on this land and learned it has never been used for anything other than agricultural land in the past (which was very good – not contaminated). We have completed several studies for the City of Kawartha Lakes as requested when they responded to a Pre-consultation review for a re-zoning application in 2022. The various surveys were completed including the ESA, traffic study, preliminary building drawings, storm water management etc. and these were attached to our Application for Re-zoning along with the appropriate fees and sent to Kawartha Lakes in spring 2023. They responded this month and we have now scheduled a public meeting for **Nov 29, 2023 at 1:00 PM** in Council Chambers in Lindsay. You could also watch this on the city's You Tube channel by contacting the city Planning Department ahead of time at 705-324-9411 or the direct line at 289-982-4432.

The property has a natural embankment about 10' high running across it which lends itself to being able to have a second floor that has a level walkout to the back of the building. The goal is to have level access into each apartment without a need for an elevator.

Our application is asking for rezoning to Urban Residential Type Four (R4-S12) Zoning. This will allow us to build a two-story building with up to 22 apartments, a community room, an office, and utility building, along with the appropriate amount of parking. It is our goal to have all units accessible and to offer some units to be available on the open market as non-subsidized units. Some tenants that are on the Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP) are entitled to a rent subsidy managed by the City of Kawartha Lakes for the Province.

This application has taken much longer than we anticipated. In the past 1 ½ years the costs of materials and labour have increased and the cost of borrowing has also escalated. What was once estimated at \$2.5 - \$3 million for 14 apartments (original concept was for 14) could easily be \$4.5 - \$5 million now. Before we go back and start reviewing our finance options, we want to make sure the re-zoning gets approved. Once we have the rezoning completed, we will go back to the drawing board and see how we can proceed financially. We do not want to jeopardize the viability of the other 40 units that we own. It is very possible that we will delay this project while we do some fundraising and / or wait for the cost to level out and the financial markets to stabilize.

As a not-for-profit housing group (with charitable status) our long-term goal is to grow the housing stock in Kawartha Lakes by leveraging our assets and fund raising, and provide permanent clean, decent and affordable housing. Two of the buildings we own have never had any government funding for the purchase or maintenance of them. The land we own on Duke Street is mortgage free at this time.

If anyone has questions about our project, I am available.

Sincerely,
Steve Oliver
Cell / text: 705-340-2916

FROM ARCHIVES

This past season at Kawartha Settlers' Village, we researched and installed a special exhibit entitled:

Kawartha Marriages of The Past – For Better or For Worse. Several local vintage wedding dresses in our collection were displayed, some of which had been worn by local brides that were married in the Bobcaygeon Methodist Church - later Trinity United

The following are some of the scripts from the exhibit.

John Bick

COURTSHIP



In earlier times in our part of the world, local couples were commonly introduced to each

other by relatives. Others met at school, community dances, church services or at various work bees. Young people rarely travelled beyond their Bobcaygeon neighbourhoods, especially in the rural areas, so courtships were often undertaken with whomever one fancied who lived nearby. Engagements often required the permission of the woman's family, and engagements were not usually lengthy. Elopements did occur but were not always acceptable.

Pragmatic Courtship and a Fruitful Marriage

After his first wife died in September of 1876, Richard White, a farmer in South Verulam, needed another wife. He heard about a family in North Verulam with three daughters of marriageable age. So, one day, he hitched up his horse and buggy and



paid an impromptu visit to the household of John and Ann Patterson on present-day Cosh's Road.

Samples of baking, needlework and the like were presented for his inspection by the daughters. At the end of the day, Richard expressed

an interest in the eldest daughter, 18-year-old Mary Ann, and that was that! A few weeks later in June of 1877, Mary Ann Patterson, now 19, was wed to her 38-year-old suitor in the Bobcaygeon Methodist Church. The couple raised five children and had 43 years of married life together on the White farm until Mary's death in 1920.

Wedding Venues

The first church in Bobcaygeon was the Methodist Church built in 1860, some 30 years after the arrival of the first settlers. Before that, a couple had to travel to Fenelon falls to be wed in a church or wait until an itinerant preacher on horseback passed



through. Therefore, most weddings were held in the family home of the bride or on the home's

grounds. The ceremony could be held on a weekday and not necessarily on a Saturday afternoon. Usually, the ceremony was attended by a small number of relatives and friends. The

reception, if there was one, would include more people and were typically hosted at the home of the bride's parents.

Honeymooners

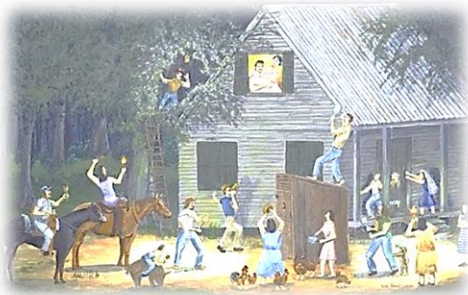


In the past, those newlywed couples who could afford one did not go far on their honeymoons. Most popular destinations for many newlyweds were somewhere along Lake Ontario, especially Niagara Falls. Niagara Falls, known as one of the most romantic

places anywhere, became the *Honeymoon Capital* in the early 19th century after some famous people vacationed there.

The introduction of the automobile after World War I helped make Niagara Falls even more popular as a honeymoon destination.

The “Chivaree” Party



A celebration for a newlywed couple sometimes took place

after their honeymoon. Carousing friends and neighbours, often those who were not at the wedding, surprised unsuspecting newlyweds with an unannounced “home invasion” party, often in the middle of the night. Cowbells, horns and other noisemakers aroused them out of their slumber

and did not cease until the newlyweds joined the revelry, which often continued until dawn.

FROM MISHKODEH

Centre for Indigenous Knowledge

In 2015, Curve Lake First Nation scholar and Elder Doug Williams (Gidigaa Migizi) shared the story of how land in the heart of Bobcaygeon on the shallow rapids between Pigeon Lake and Sturgeon Lake was the site of a mishkodeh. The history of mishkodehs (meadows, according to Doug) date far back in time when the Indigenous peoples created clearings through controlled burning techniques to cultivate trees and medicinal plants and to have spaces for their communities to gather.



Trent University's newest college is to be named Gidigaa Migizi in honour of this beloved Elder and professor

On May 27 2021, the remains of 215 Indigenous children were detected, children who had been buried on the grounds of the former Kamloops Indian residential School in British Columbia. The Truth and Reconciliation Committee – Bobcaygeon decided to commemorate the lives of these children (and those who continue to be discovered – and those not yet found) with the “215 + Children Taken” Art Installation which is currently found in Bobcaygeon along the stone wall surrounding the Boyd Museum.

Inspired by the conversations with Doug, relationships we are building with First Peoples from Curve Lake First nation and other local communities, the 215+ orange stones, and the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's 94 calls to action, the Mishkodeh Centre for Indigenous Knowledge was born. Our dream is to help educate through connections between Indigenous and non-

Indigenous people, outside, on the land. Creating events such as “strawberries and the Mishkodeh”, “Once in a Blue Moon” and more, will allow the opportunity for us all to learn together. Ultimately, we would love to have a piece of land that is dedicated to this healing. Our fundraising initiatives will help us create these opportunities. In downtown Bobcaygeon, there is a 3.37 parcel of land which we refer to as the Boyd property and we are hoping to acquire it. According to Indigenous Elders, this land was a “mishkodeh”.

The Mishkodeh Centre for Indigenous Knowledge Inc. was incorporated in September of 2021 and we gained our charitable status in May of 2023. We are working with the Community Foundation of Kawartha Lakes towards our fundraising goals. We have been in conversation with Chief and Council of Curve Lake First Nation and the Mayor and Council of the City of Kawartha Lakes since June 2021 allowing the vision to continue to evolve with their input and support.

On June 17th we held a gathering on the lands and over 200 people from our community and beyond attended. Now is the time to work together. Join us on a path of connecting, learning and healing.

For more information, contact us at connect@mishkodeh.org or donate here: www.kawarthafoundation.ca/mishkodeh.

BLAST FROM THE PAST



Do you know who this is? I am not sure of the date this photo was taken, but I can assure you it was a long time ago! Talk to me about your guesses and I will tell you if you are correct!

SP



John Knox sent me this little poem! Who knew he was a poet? I certainly appreciate the sentiment! Thank you, John...I guess you got tired of my whining!

I have no reason, I head no committee
But if I don't write something, man what a pity

I must act now or the chance will be gone
To submit something to the CARILLON.

I have no excuse, nothing much to do
so, I'll try to get a smile from Sue

I've racked my brain but better yet
I tried the app on the internet

Put in the effort, spent some time
but there are almost no Pepper rhymes

Just something silly to have some fun
but how can you rhyme when there just are none?

the editor's job, a formidable task
Put in your report ... is it too much to ask?

The deadline looms, down to the crunch
at the last minute they come in a bunch.

the letter is good, has been in the past
I always read it, first page to the last

I doubt that this item will ever be published
To be honest I know its all rubbish

It's just to acknowledge all that you do
Keep up the great work, thank you Sue!

John Knox

A MESSAGE FOR ALL

This was a beautiful message in a get-well card received recently by someone in our church family. The sentiment expressed is timeless.



***Five Things God
Wants You to
Remember in Trying
Times***

*You are never, ever
alone*

*Nothing takes God by
surprise*

*When you are weak,
God is strong*

He's the God of new beginnings

His love never gives up on us.