

TRINITY TALKS

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The Regional Corner

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Check out the April Newsletter

Some of us have already retired - but there are tips for everyone to consider:

Preparing for Retirement: A Practical Spirituality

And a story of Greenpeace ship adventures

Stories of Our Mission: The Incredible Difference Your Gifts Make: Bill's Story

Next Steps

Now, we are facing a total of six weeks of tighter Stay at Home rules. Those nurses and physicians enduring 12 hours + shifts in Intensive Care need our prayers and treats. Almost lures me back to work to give a hand. I know what an emotional roller coaster they are on.

It appears that we will be virtual in worship at least until the May 24th Weekend. We are so grateful to the dedication of Rev. Jim, Rick, Matt and the scripture readers for continuing to share their talent in another episode of Worship at Trinity. There are 50-75 views on Facebook and the church web site traffic is up by 93%. So thanks for participating.

This week, Trinity will enter into formal exploratory discussions with a Transition Team from Mountainview United Church in St. Catharines. This congregation has sold their property and have chosen Trinity to consider to "nest" in our building. This nesting period is can lead to amalgamation. This is just at the beginning discussion phase and no decisions have been made. We will be searching to see if there is a "fit" between the two congregations. We will keep you updated and would love to hear your input and questions. This could be beneficial to both congregations, but we are looking for spiritual guidance that this is right move. Of course, the meetings need to be via Zoom for the initial meetings. Please add this to your prayer list.

Spring Cleaning Continued

Our band of "Archivists" have found many treasures in the filing cabinet that holds pictures, old minutes and financial statements. Some are valuable - others not so much. One little yellow clipping from a newspaper was alone on the bottom of file draw, barely two inches by two inches. It had no date, but it must have spoken to whoever saved this prayer, written by an English cleric, teacher and poet, Canon Farrar in the late 1800s. Possibly, it speaks to us today.

I am only one,
But I am one,
I cannot do everything
But I can do something:
What I can do
I ought to do;
And what I ought to do
By the grace of God I will do.

Cave Springs Camp Update

At the camp's AGM this month, the President and Director reviewed the year - where camp didn't happen this summer. It has been a difficult year as summer camps were cancelled and just as the beautiful new Legacy Hall was ready to open for year-round retreats, meetings and weddings - the pandemic ended any hopes of rental income. The Board and Sharon (Resort and Camp Director) have been working very diligently to turn things to positive. The summer "Camp in a Box" was a success, as was the Christmas Day Camps just before the big shut down. The October Run was successful, and they may repeat that fundraiser in October 2021. Churches and the community donations were thankfully \$230,000 and deferment of loan repayment, as well as extension Grants from the Region have been lifelines.

Instead of the annual “wish list” this year they need **cash flow** for operations -to pay for basics like utilities and salaries. *Donations via their webpage link will be so appreciated!* The annual Camp Clean Up Day was to be May 8 and 12 - but that will need to slide to the end of the month now with the new restrictions. They need help to clear brush and power wash the cabins and help to clean the kitchen - what is camp without great food? Evidently there are only a few day camp openings left for this July - so that is good news.

They have produced a new video to show case the camp and share the new name, so the community knows that now it is more than a great kids camp.

