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Trinity-Clifton News

THE TIMES, THEY ARE A-CHANGIN'

How will the year 2018 go down in church history? We've seen clergy (Rev. Greg Davis) go to another pastoral charge in PEI (Central Queen's United in Hunter River), we have a new custodian (Andy Gagnon), and interim part-time ministers were added (Rev. Melaney Matheson and Rev. Anne Dalziel Singer) to assist Rev. Cathie Crooks.

We've lost a few members, we've gained a few.

Our Syrian refugee family is in its second, and final year, in the manse.

The United Church of Canada is undergoing an organizational restructuring that will be unveiled in January 2019.

To meet future challenges, Church Council recently appointed an ad hoc committee to begin exploring long-term options for Trinity-Clifton such as what could be pursued to generate more profitable use of the physical spaces available. See the Bulletin (Oct. 14, 2018) on our website for a list of committee members.

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POINTS OF INTEREST

Christmas Fair preparations are underway! Watch for notices in the Bulletin and online.

Dr. Anne Love received an honorary doctorate from UPEI.

Evelyn Jenkins: PEI Senior Islander of the Year!

Details on the website:
www.trinityclifton.org



TRINITY-CLIFTON WALKS THE TALK

We, the Trinity-Clifton Christian family, believe that God has blessed us with diversity, including diversity in sexual orientation, gender, gender identity, race, age, ability and faith. We believe that Jesus challenged boundaries by reaching out to all peo-

ple, welcoming and honouring all in their uniqueness. We publicly declare our commitment to openness, growth, action and education, honouring diversity and challenging injustice in solidarity with those who experience discrimination.

Let us make our future now, and let us make our dreams tomorrow's reality.

—Malala Yousafzai.

MINISTER'S CORNER

The words of Malala Yousafzai have much to tell us at this time in our congregation's life. As your called minister, I feel great excitement about the many possibilities for 'making our future now' and 'making our dreams tomorrow's reality.'

Every talent and gift necessary to explore our way forward is within our congregation: caring hearts; good humour; soaring spirits; keen minds; children, youth, and adults; elders and sages. We are, indeed, a blessed community.

As we enter into conversations and continue our ministries within our own walls and beyond in the coming weeks and months, may we have the courage to dream big and make our future now. May it be so.

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EVENTS AT TRINITY (OCT. TO DEC. 2018)

- October 6: Richard Wood CD launch
- October 20: Ellis Family Band
- October 21: Paul Hutchinson, guest preacher
- October 23: Bible study begins (6 weeks)
- October 26: Roast Turkey Dinner-Chef Emily Wells/Men's Club
- October 28: Gospel Tunes
- November 1: Georgina Pope event
- November 4: All Saints Sunday
- November 11: Remembrance Service
- November 16-17: Trinity Christmas Fair
- November 18: Trinity's 154th Anniversary Service
- November 30: John Gracie Concert
- December 2: White Gift Service led by Children & Youth
- December 9: Advent Communion
- December 14: Lennie Gallant—Christmas Music
- December 16: Lessons and Carols Service at Trinity, 10:30 AM
- December 16: Clifton Christmas Workshop, 7:00 PM
- December 24: Christmas Eve Services at Trinity, 4:00 PM (for families) and 7:00 PM)

Please check the Bulletin and/or website for times not posted and to confirm dates for these events.

Information for the events listed is current as of date of newsletter publication.

SOCIAL JUSTICE & COMMUNITY ACTION

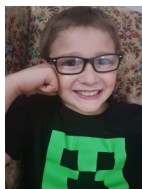
Migrant Workers' Rights — by Mary Cowper-Smith

Each year, Canada benefits from the presence of migrant workers who come from countries around the world to participate in our workforce. Currently, an estimated 1,300 are in PEI. Most work in seafood processing plants or agriculture. They are vital contributors to our economy and our communities.

Unfortunately, migrant workers must endure a long list of injustices to do the difficult, dangerous jobs that Canadians do not want to do. They are separated from their families for long periods to make a living to support them. Most migrant workers have no chance to ever gain permanent resident status. They have work permits that tie them to one employer even if that employer treats them unfairly or if their working conditions are dangerous. They are vulnerable to unjust dismissal and deportation, so most are reluctant to report instances of injustice or abuse. Third party recruitment agencies may collect exorbitant sums from workers for the opportunity...*(p. 6)*

FROM THE PEW

Meet Noah Rogers. You likely know him better as the lad who on most Sundays lights the candles at the beginning of service.



He's nine years old and in Grade 4 at Eliot River Elementary. Believe it or not, his favourite food is PINEAPPLE! Really?

Noah is an active boy who takes karate and plays basketball.

Noah loves lighting the candles. He also likes Trunk or Treat and Sunday School—particularly Godly Play, painting, crafts, and the occasional feast. Trinity means a lot to him: God, his friends, family, everything.

He suggests that bobbing for apples should happen in Sunday School more often. Sounds like fun!

Noah also likes it when more people come to Church.

OK, Noah! We hear you!

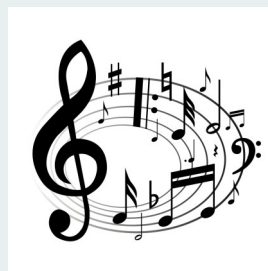
MUSICAL GOINGS ON

Chancel Choir rehearses Wednesdays 6:30 to 8:00 PM and Sundays 9:30 to 10:15 AM under the direction of Don Fraser. All are welcome. You don't need to know how to read music.

Handbells ring out on Fridays from 4:30 to 5:30 PM under the direction of Kay Linkletter.

**ALL ARE
WELCOME!**

**SEE THE WEBSITE
FOR DETAILS
trinityclifton.org**



MEDITATION

2nd excerpt from the United Church of Canada's Song of Faith:

With the Church through the ages, we speak of God as one and triune:

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

We also speak of God as Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer

God, Christ, and Spirit

Mother, Friend, and Comforter,

Source of Life, Living Word, and Bond of Love,

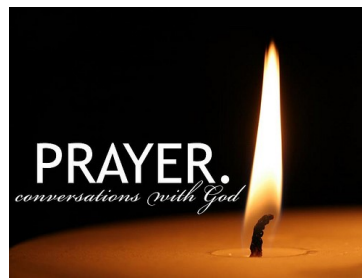
and in other ways that speak faithfully of the One on whom our hearts rely,

The fully shared life at the heart of the universe.

CHURCH COUNCIL

Church Council includes 22 chairs of the various committees, plus a chair (Barbara Prowse) and clergy (Rev. Cathie Crooks). Each committee meets monthly and submits their minutes to Council prior to

the next Council meeting, where any pertinent business that require Council approval is discussed. The committees will be posting their minutes to the website. A print copy is in a binder in the Church office.



What is prayer?

The following is from a website resource for teachers and describes five types of prayer.

How do you pray?

- ◆ Blessing—asking for God's power and protection upon a person, place, object, or special activity.
- ◆ Praise—giving glory to God because he/she is God.
- ◆ Thanksgiving—thanking God for all the blessings he/she has bestowed.
- ◆ Petition—asking God for something for ourselves.
- ◆ Intercession—asking God for something on behalf of others.

HIGHLIGHTED GROUP: PASTORAL CARE

The Trinity-Clifton United Church Pastoral Care Committee comprises eight dedicated volunteers who visit congregational members in nursing homes and assisted care facilities. They link with the clergy to ensure that information about someone being ill is shared and will be visited. Did you know that they reach an average of 30 people monthly? If you would like to help, contact Anne Love (902-566-3649).

THE TEAM

Welcome to the second issue of the Trinity-Clifton quarterly newsletter! Your editorial/writing team is coordinated by the Communications Committee: Virginia (Ginny) McGowan, Wendy Wright, Dorothy Murray, Ben Sinnamon, and Debby Floyd. Guest contributor to this issue is **Mary Cowper-Smith**. Minister's Corner is courtesy of **Rev. Cathie Crooks**.

Have you read or written something interesting to share with others in our community? We invite you to submit articles, poems, short stories, news, book reviews, recipes...but please keep your submission to 150–200 words. The editorial team reserves the right to, well, edit!

*For comments, suggestions, or submissions, please contact Ginny: ginnymcgowan@gmail.com.
Contents are current as of publication date.*

GOOD READS

Christianity Today (CT) asked publishers which theology and biblical studies books they were most pleased with having published this year—books that excited them. CT ended up with a list of seven books. This article is about one of them.

Christopher Ben Simpson is the author of *Modern Christian Theology* (published February 2018 by T&T Clark), not the sort of book title that most of us would grab off the

shelf. Yet, his description of his book makes it attractive. Here is what he said:

“My book tells how the story of Modernity is deeply intertwined with the story of Christian theology. Few people in the modern Western world think about God or religion. A religious perspective is no long dominant in our society. If we look back 500 years, we see a world in which it would have been strange for someone... [See page 6]



North Window #3:

What do you see?

What does it mean to you?

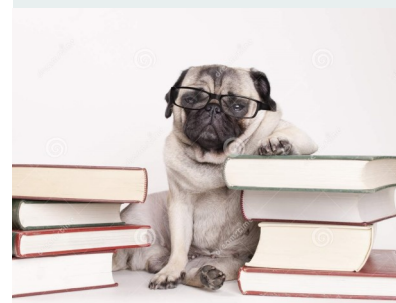
What does the star on the woman's head signify?

What does the anchor signify?

Who is the baby?

What's the message?

Send your thoughts to the Communications team!

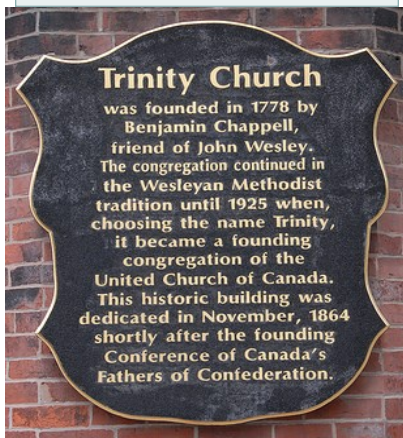


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WE ARE AN AFFIRMING CONGREGATION WITHIN THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

The Affirming Ministries Program is a network of primarily United Church ministries that declare themselves to be fully inclusive of people of all sexual orientations and gender identities.



WORSHIP

Trinity United
Charlottetown
10:30 AM Sundays

Clifton United
Stratford
9:00 AM Sundays
(summer only)

All are welcome!

GOOD READS CONTINUED

[from page 5]...not to believe in God. What happened from 1500 onward—the rise and development of ‘Modernity’—was not only influenced by developments in Christian theology, but also influenced what it means when we today claim to be Christians. Our Christian theology has a history, and understanding that history—and the resources therein—shapes how we should think about ourselves, the modern world, and the Christian faith.”

Read a good book lately? Think that others might enjoy it too? Brief submissions are welcome. Contact the editorial team (Communications Committee,; ginnymcgowan@gmail.com). Let’s share.

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SOCIAL JUSTICE & COMMUNITY ACTION

[from p. 3]...to work at a minimum wage job in Canada. On PEI, we have no law against unfair recruitment fees.

The only protection that agricultural workers have under the PEI Employment Standards Act, and this includes Islanders and migrant workers, is that they are guaranteed their pay. They do not have the right to overtime pay, rest periods, vacation pay, sick leave, or the minimum wage standard.

Migrant workers face many more injustices. As Canadians, we must insist on federal and provincial legislative changes if we want to stop this exploitation. For more information, go to <http://www.migrantworkersalliance.org> or www.kairoscanada.org.