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REVEREND GREG DAVIS' SABBATICAL PLANS

Later this month we will bid not a fond farewell but *à bientôt*—see you soon—to Rev. Greg as he embarks on a four-month sabbatical leave.

A sabbatical leave for a minister is an important time to recharge and expand their scope of learning and theology. It's a time for professional and personal growth and development.

Greg's leave begins May 1st. He'll return to us September 1st. We wish him safe travels and productive studies.

Meanwhile, Rev. Cathie Crooks will be assisted by Rev. Melanie Matheson (Sunday worship, Christian Development; 15 hours/week and Rev. Anne Singer (pastoral care, 6 hours/week).

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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- Tuesday Night Church Supper April 10th, 6:00 to 8:00 PM \$10/ ticket (church office)
- Godly Play for Adults April 12, 19, & 26 from 7:00 to 9:00 PM Gail Hopkirk: gail-hopkirk@gmail.com
- Rawlins Cross concert, April 21st.

Details on the website:
trinityclifton.org



TRINITY-CLIFTON TALKS

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.

I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel. —Maya Angelou

MINISTERS' CORNER

A shared ministry is a new model at Trinity-Clifton. Rev. Cath and Rev. Greg describe their ministry model as one where they work as equals to cover the many responsibilities and needs of the congregation. It's complementary rather than hierarchical. More on this next time!

UPCOMING EVENTS AT TRINITY

The Development Committee, chaired by Bob MacNutt, is a relatively new addition to Church Council. The committee was formed to come up with ideas to promote our faith community, attract new members, and add new revenue streams. They've been busy! Numerous events have been held—the Ashley MacIsaac concert, for example—and more are planned. Details are available on our website (www.trinityclifton.org) and Facebook page.

Mark your calendars for the following and more to come:

A Celtic Spring Fling, April 13th, 6:30 to 10:00 PM

A traditional music night with tunes, pipes, fiddles, stories, songs, and more featuring the Paul McKenna Band and Antigonish's own Cassie and Maggie MacDonald.

Men of the Harvest, April 15th, 7:00 PM:

A multi-denominational men's four-part harmony choir.



Read a good book lately? Share your review with us!

FROM THE PEW

Excerpt from the Prologue, Starting to Frame: A Memoir by Roger Gordon (2014). Book available at Amazon, Chapters, or as a Kindle ebook. Shared with permission of the author.

The evening air is still and damp, dull and overcast, the approaching sunset indiscernible. I stand outside the front door of this unremarkable-looking home. Brick, semi-detached, it is a carbon copy of every other home in the Stradbroke estate, straddling the once proud steel city of Sheffield, England. Mile upon mile of similar titled streets, roads, drives, avenues, crescents, closes, and places, each one sporting concrete pavements and asphalted roadways—monotony runs amok in the layout and design of a British corporation estate. Yet, this home, 23 Smelter Wood Way, draws me near. I want to go inside. My heart racing, I ring the doorbell. A middle-aged man answers the door. A nondescript-looking kind of bloke, thin on top, with a paunch to fill in the space between the bottom of his T-shirt and the waistband of his jeans. A working man. “What’s tha want?” he asks.

MUSICAL

GOINGS ON

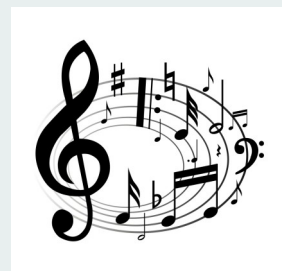
Chancel Choir rehearse Wednesdays 6:30 to 8:00 PM and Sundays 9:30 to 10:15 AM under the direction of Don Fraser.

Trinity Kids’ Chorus for kids and youth ages 6 to 18 is on hold at present. For enquiries, contact Ellen Davis.

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

*Excerpt from the
United Church of
Canada's Song of
Faith:*

God is Holy Mys-
tery,
beyond complete
knowledge,
above perfect de-
scription.

Yet,
in love,
the one eternal God
seeks relationship.

So God creates the
universe
and with it
the possibility of be-
ing and relating.
God tends the uni-
verse,
mending
the broken and rec-
onciling the es-
tranged.
God enlivens the
universe,
guiding all
things toward har-
mony with their
Source.

Grateful for God's
loving action,
We cannot keep
from singing.

CHURCH COUNCIL

Church Council meets
once monthly, but much
work goes on behind the
scenes between these
meetings. In this column,
we will peek at the work of
the committees and what
the efforts of these tireless

volunteers mean in the life
of our congregation.

Did you know that the
Council structure is rela-
tively new to the United
Church of Canada? We'll
also look at what Councils
are mandated to do.



HIGHLIGHTED GROUP: TRINITY'S UCW

The purpose of the United Church Women is “to unite women of the congregation for the total mission of the church and to provide a medium through which they may express their loyalty and devotion to Jesus Christ in Christian witness, study, fellowship and service.” At Trinity, three units meet separately and jointly on a monthly basis from September to May. The UCW is involved in many activities that raise funds for church and community causes. Interested? Contact the office.

THE TEAM

Welcome to the inaugural issue of the Trinity-Clifton quarterly newsletter! Your editorial/writing team is coordinated by the Communications Committee: Virginia (Ginny) McGowan, Wendy Wright, Dorothy Murray, Callista Tan, Ben Sinna-
mon, Debby Floyd, and Austin Bowman.

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 current as of publication date.

GOOD READS

Looking for a good read?

Here are the top ten books about faith as compiled by Sandra Bilbray for the website *Live Happy*:

1. A History of God: The 4,000-Year Quest of Judaism, Christianity, and Islam by Karen Armstrong.
 2. The Book of Joy by the Dalai Lama and Desmond Tutu.
 3. Dancing on the Edge of the World: Jewish Stories of Faith, Inspiration, and Love by Miriam Glazer.
 4. A Testament of Devotion by Thomas R. Kelly.
 5. Travelling Mercies: Some Thoughts on Faith by Anne Lamott.
 6. Mere Christianity by C.S. Lewis.
 7. Rooted: The Hidden Places Where God Develops You by Banning Liebscher.
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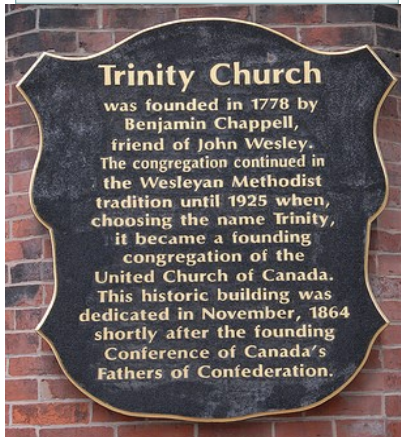
AN AFFIRMING CONGREGATION

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.

GOOD READS CONTINUED

8. The Heart of the Buddha's Teaching: Transforming Suffering into Peace, Joy, and Liberation by Thich Nhat Hanh.
9. The Soul Searcher's Handbook: A Modern Girl's Guide to the New Age World by Emma Mildon.
10. Heaven on My Mind: Using the Harvard Grant Study of Adult Development to Explore the Value of the Prospection of Life After Death by George E. Vaillant.

Interested in reading and reviewing one of these books for the newsletter? Do you have another book/books that others may enjoy?



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SOCIAL JUSTICE & COMMUNITY ACTION

WORSHIP

Trinity United Church,
Charlottetown
10:30 AM Sundays

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

