



TRINITY-CLIFTON UNITED CHURCH CONGREGATION NEWSLETTER



Your Church Council would like to update you on work and upcoming events at Trinity-Clifton.

September 2023

Property Committee

Fiona Damage update: In September of last year Trinity United Church and the surrounding properties of Trinity sustained considerable damage from hurricane Fiona. Included in the damage was the roof of the manse, the church sign, the roof of the CEC, exterior lighting, several windows in the church, and some trees.

Most of the damage has been repaired. The manse roof has been repaired and the roof of the CEC, ceiling lights, tiles and flooring have been repaired. The CEC is now back in full operation. The church sign has been replaced. Exterior lighting has been repaired and the fallen trees trimmed and cleared away.

With respect to the church: The exterior glazing of the west window was damaged with several large panes of plate glass destroyed. One 5 x 6-foot stained glass window was destroyed, and another 5 x 6-foot stained glass window was partially blown out of position. Temporary repairs have been made to the exterior glazing and the second stained glass has been temporarily secured. Exterior glazing to one of North windows received some damage. One of the large chancel windows received some considerable damage and, for now, remains in place. To date no repairs have been done to the windows. We are working with the insurance company on this issue.

As it appears now, most, if not all the damage from the storm, will be covered by insurance. If all goes well, repair to the church windows should begin in May 2024.

Outreach and Service Committee

O&S along with Christian Development are planning a Block Party for September 24th. Invitations have been sent out to neighbouring churches and posters will be put up around the community. There will be a corn boil, hotdogs, music, games and a bouncy castle. Bring a friend and join us as we meet our neighbours for some fun and fellowship.

Beginning in October; a food basket collection will be going to the UPEI Food Bank.

Beginning in November we will be having 'Sock it to Em' again; collecting socks, hats, mittens, gloves for those in need and for Prince Street School.

On November 22nd we will be having another book club meeting. We will be getting 10 copies of Stephanie Land's book, *Maid: Hard Work, Low Pay* to be available from the church office. A second book by Island author Stella Shepherd - *Ashes Of My Dreams* is also an option and is available at the library.

December will be the Prince Street School turkey dinner. We will be looking for some volunteers so there will more detail to come.

Pastoral Care

The complete Congregational List will soon be updated. As of now, contact is being made with senior members of the Congregation living in nursing homes, senior residences, and at home; by telephone and-or personal visits. If you wish to assist, please contact Anne Love at 902-566-3649.

Christian Development

We would like to staff the nursery again and help is needed. If you would like to help staff the nursery or help with Sunday school, please contact Alma Mutch at 902-569-3937.

Sunday School

Sunday school begins on September 24th, 2023 with two classes. The plan is to explore Bible stories and expose Sunday school participants to social justice issues.

Bible Study

Rev. John Moses will facilitate two Bible Study groups. One is taking place from 12 pm – 1 pm on Tuesdays in the Parlour. The details of the second group are yet to be announced. All are welcome.

Fall Fair

The annual Fall Fair will be Saturday November 18th from 9 am – 2 pm.

Planning is well underway, and we need everyone involved; this is an important event for Trinity. Mustard pickles have been made and there is chow and jam to be made. A limited number of 500ml bottles of pickles will be available for sale in the Church office before the Fair.

Please consider contributing an item to the silent auction, making some delicious items for the baked goods table or making fudge. Craft sessions will be announced. Books and games are appreciated. For questions or to help, please contact Linda Dunning at 902-393-2147 or Anne White at 902-388-1234.

Clifton

There has been a good summer of worship, music, and fellowship at Clifton. The 175th Anniversary service will be held on Sunday September 24th.

Care of Creation

St. Paul's and Trinity will be open on September 28th, 2023 from 12 pm – 1 pm for people to come in to pray for the Care of Creation. A guided meditation will be provided.

Worship

Chancel Choir: Spruce up your singing voice and join the Trinity Choir. Practices are on Wednesdays at 6:30 pm. New members are needed.

Communion: Worldwide Communion is October 1st 2023. This is a seated communion. All are welcome.

Handbells: Practice is on Fridays at 4:00 pm in the Sanctuary.

Roast Beef Dinner

A Roast Beef Dinner will be held in the gym on Saturday October 14th, 2023 at 5:30 pm.

There will be a *delicious* meal and a time of fellowship. Tickets are \$20.00; they must be purchased in advance in the Church office.

If you are available to work, please contact the Church office at 902-892-4114.



