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**Join us for our Souper Lunches at 11:30 a.m.
Wednesday, September 17
Wednesday, October 15
Wednesday, November 19**

Greetings all,
Welcome to the "fall" edition of The Messenger. I am told that there have been a lot of contributions to this edition, so I urge you to take the time and read through it. There should be something for everyone.

We are now into that time when the pull of summer activity is giving way to preparation for the fall. Soon we will see the youth of our community making their way to school. There they will be confronted with new learning. They will socialize with new and old friends. At some point each of them will have those moments when the light bulb comes on and they acknowledge that they have learned something new, even if they had never thought that school was very interesting or that they thought themselves not smart enough. They are challenged to move forward.

Those awakenings are not limited to those who are attending school. Throughout life we encounter many such moments. Some of those moments are more profound than others, but nonetheless they do happen. For those of us who profess the Christian faith, those moments can be glimpses of our

individual call to ministry in Christ's name.

Whatever the call might be, I urge you to take heed of it and to act upon it. Without doubt, there are many who believe that they do have skills to accomplish something special, but there are many more situations when folks are uncertain of their ability to perform. Don't let that stop you. The Bible is filled with stories of people who didn't believe that they were capable. Oft times, they were the ones who accomplished great things. Think about it: shepherds, slaves, fishermen ... everyday people like you and me.

After the summer break, we are now gearing up for the regular activities around the church. Our numbers are getting smaller and we are all getting older, but that does not mean that we can't carry on and continue Holy Trinity's valued presence in the community. Each of us has something to offer, and I urge you to think of the ways, large or small that you can offer service. Your contribution is welcomed and cherished.

Blessings to all,
Bob Gardner

Property Committee

You may have noticed that the roof at Holy Trinity underwent a facelift this summer! It was much needed as the shingles required replacing and some areas of the roof decking had to be replaced due to water damage over the years.

A big thank you for those involved in coordinating efforts with the contractor, to Ruth Blewett for supplying photos of the progress for the website and for the historical record of events, and to all who donated towards the Roof Fund. It is asked that future donations be made to the Capital Fund or to the General Fund.

We are approaching the end of the summer season, which means the lawn mowers and hoses will soon be put to bed. Thank you to all who helped maintain the lawns and gardens this summer to keep Holy Trinity looking beautiful.

That being said, we will be needing people to volunteer to shovel snow along the walkways again this winter. If you can help, please contact the church secretary by phone or email or fill out the Volunteer Form on our website at: www.holytrinityunited.ca

If you have automatic withdrawals from your bank account to pay your bills, taxes, or mortgage, then you already understand the **PAR** principle - **Pre-Authorized Remittance**.

Besides being convenient, using PAR for your offering ensures regular monthly givings to help our church's ministry even when you are away. You will be providing our congregation a dependable flow of contributions, which increases our overall financial stability. **Why not participate in PAR?**

Your regular giving supports the local ministry of our congregation, M&S, whatever you wish to support.

If you wish more information there are PAR brochures in the Narthex or you can contact either the office or your Treasurer.

The Worship Committee thanks the Church Council and Jim Graham for providing pulpit supply during the time of vacation for Rev. Gardner and also to Jim Graham for pastoral care coverage at that time.

Dates to Note:

Wednesday, September 17 - Souper Lunch

Sunday, October 5 - World Wide Communion

Sunday, October 12 - Thanksgiving

Wednesday, October 15 - Souper Lunch

Sunday, October 26 - Pulpit Supply TBA

Sunday, November 2 - All Saints Sunday
Pulpit Supply Church Council

Sunday, November 9 - Remembrance Service
Legion in Attendance

Wednesday, November 19 - Souper Lunch

Saturday, November 22 - UCW Luncheon and Bazaar

Sunday, November 23 - Reign of Christ
Sunday Communion

Monday, November 24 - Decorating for Advent

Sunday, November 30 - Advent I - Hope

Sunday, December 7 - Advent II - Peace
- *UCW Carol Sing-along*

Sunday, December 14 - Advent III - Joy

Sunday, December 21 - Advent IV - Love

Wednesday, December 24 - Christmas Eve

Trinity United Church in Lively is returning to **Nicaragua** June 27 - July

10, 2015 for the 3rd time and they have openings for more participants. They are sharing this opportunity with others in their presbytery. The cost of \$2,000.00 covers 2 weeks of service work, accommodations in secure and loving middle class homes, travel within the country, amazing local staff at Companeros, Inc. & most of the meals. The cost of the flight is not included.

Participants must be at least 14 years of age by January 2015. Deadline for commitment to the team is September 26, 2014. To get more information contact Helen Gavard (705) 929-8485 or e-mail her at h.gavard@yahoo.ca. Also, check our <http://www.companeros.ca>.

A Message from Finance Committee

At the end of December 2012 the General Account (Operating Income & Expenses) was in a positive position of \$820. At our last AGM meeting our position at the end of 2013 was a negative \$6,843. We currently are a negative \$10,920. Beef Dinner and Souper Luncheons help but we are still falling behind. While our expenses remain under budget, as they were in both 2012 & 2013, costs are rising but we are not able to keep pace. Givings are down \$9,000 over this 2 year period. We all need to look at our annual givings and make whatever financial effort we can. A 5% increase by all our Active Adherents and Members would be a catalyst in moving forward. More fundraisers would be great but we are an aging congregation and the needed bodies for these activities are not always able to make things happen. I have heard several times from the Property Committee that we are moving closer each year to having to "contract out" the cutting of the grass in the summer and the clearing of the sidewalks in the winter.

If anyone has any ideas your Church Council are all ears and open to suggestions.

Submitted by Grant Wright, Treasurer



As we look to the fall season your choir will be starting up practice time again.

We meet Thursday evening at 7pm for approximately 1 hour. Anyone with a desire to sign, smile, laugh and relax should come out and give it a try. You do not have to be a accomplished singer, as long as you can carry a tune and stay on pitch you can easily sing along with us. We all learn by practice, practice , and more practice!!

Hoping to see some new faces, Yours in music and on behalf of the choir members,

Sandy Prest, Choir Director

Mission Outreach & StewardShip

We resume our regular MOSS meetings the 2nd Tuesday in September (9th) and trust everyone had a happy and healthy summer. Our yard sale fundraiser was well received and it has been suggested that we do another Silent Auction and we will discuss this at our upcoming meeting.

Volunteers are needed after church for coffee time. Sign-up sheets are posted in the Fellowship Hall You can keep it simple or go all out - the choice is yours.

If you need assistance just let your MOSS committee know and perhaps we can help with guidance. Any committee wanting to volunteer you are most welcome.

Patricia Shaw - Committee Chair

What is Stewardship

<http://www.stewardshiptoolkit.ca/what-is-stewardship>

**Christian stewardship is ...
everything we think, say and do
after we say "I believe"
Christian Stewardship is how we
invest God's 'stuff' for God's mission
in God's world.**

We are called as individuals and as congregations and communities into God's mission. We participate by giving the gifts that God has entrusted to us. These gifts are everything that we have - our time, our talents and skills, and our treasure or physical resources.

Christian Stewardship includes - but is not limited to - the good management of donations made to our churches. It also includes all aspects of our lives. It is about our personal and family life. It is about our congregational and denominational life that flows from our individual and collective desire to be part of God's mission for the world.

Planned Giving - Wills and Bequests

Most members and friends of The United Church of Canada who arrange a planned gift do so by naming the church in their will. Bequests are revocable. You have the use of your assets now and the satisfaction of knowing that you have left a gift to your church out of those accumulated assets.

Your estate may claim charitable donations in the year of death equal to 100 percent of your net income. Any excess charitable donations can be carried back to the previous tax year against 100 percent of net income. Bequest gifts of appreciated capital property such as stocks or real estate can create additional tax savings.

A *specific bequest* is a gift of a stated sum of money, a specific property such as real estate or securities, or a percentage of your estate. Donating a percentage of your estate keeps your gift in line with your assets as they change in value.

A *residual bequest* directs a portion or the balance of your estate to the church after all debts, taxes, administrative expenses, and specific bequests have been provided for.

A *contingent bequest* directs all or a portion of your estate to the church in the event of the prior death of other named beneficiaries.

A *residual bequest subject to life interest* directs that the church be the ultimate beneficiary of your estate after certain other beneficiaries have had use of the income from the estate for their lifetimes.

You may leave a bequest to different areas of your congregation and to the wider church. Such split designations may be used to benefit more than one area of the church's work that you care about. The opportunities are abundant and varied.

Where may I get help?

The United Church of Canada offers a complimentary Will Workbook to get you started. Your Regional Gift Planner can meet with you and your family to discuss your wishes.

A Closing Verse

"You're blessed when you're content with just who you are-no more, no less. That's the moment you find yourselves proud owners of everything that can't be bought."

~ Matthew 5:5