



TRINITY NEWS

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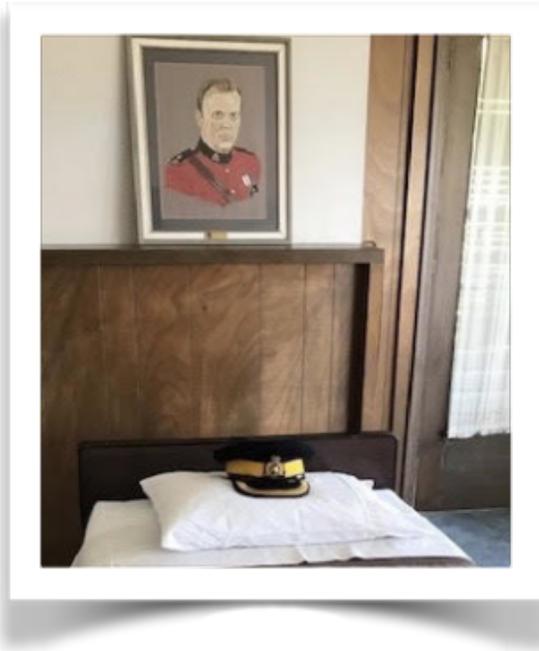
Trinity Opening Postponed

After considerable discussion at last night's *Zoom* board meeting, it was decided to postpone our return to worship at the church until Sunday October 4. All church activities will also be postponed until Oct. 4.

The Montessori School will be an exception as it will open as scheduled. Community Dinner will continue to operate using take out.

YouTube services have been well received by many and will continue in the present format.

In Memorium



SMITH, Robert Henry Cyril

Robert Henry Cyril Smith, born June 26, 1935 in Stratford, Ontario, was reunited with his sweetheart and the love of his life, Colleen Smith (nee Gair) on August 5, 2020 at his home in Collingwood, Ontario.

Much loved father to Cheryl Cameron (Don), Kimberley Vachon (1961-1996), and Jill Usher (Jeff). Proud grandfather to Tristana, Braden, Jordan, Heather-Lynn (Seth), Sarah (Andrew), Robert Alexander (a.k.a. Sandy), Christopher, Tara, Barry (Jenine), Teena (Adam), and Patrick (Agata). Robert had much gratitude and joy when he became a great-grandfather to Annabelle, Nicholas, Pippa, Reese, Charlotte, Cash, Wyatt, Giselle, Oliver and Sonny. He treasured every opportunity to connect with all of his grandchildren. Cherished son of Ada Allen (nee Barrington) and John (a.k.a. Jack) Smith. Dearly loved brother of Joyce Graham (Irwin), Dorothy Barker (Norm), Donald Matheson (Patricia), and Ronald Matheson (1942-1988).

Robert will be missed by many, including cousins, nieces & nephews and friends. He was a man who left an imprint on all with whom he came in contact, as he showed a genuine interest in all whom he met. Bob has been described as a man of deep faith that guided him in how he treated others and in how he lived his life. He was seen by many as a true gentleman who was humble, kind, loyal and a wonderful role model; a man who believed in teaching by example and who taught the importance of unconditional love and forgiveness.

To anyone who asked, Robert always said that his greatest accomplishment and source of joy was his family. Robert was a proud member of the R.C.M.P. for 30 years, 6 years of which was in Search and Rescue with his best canine friend, Rex. Robert earned his Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration while working and raising a family. As a retired Inspector, Bob remained active by serving on the Collingwood Police Services Board for several years, including as Chair, and serving as advisor to the local cadet program at one point. Robert was passionate about the work of his church and about his part in starting the local Hospice organization. He believed in the need to be involved with and contribute to his community and he did so in many ways, at both the municipal and federal levels. Bob held his brotherhood in the Masonic Lodge close to his heart.

While Bob travelled and worked all across Canada, he was always drawn to the waters of Georgian Bay, a place that he believed could bring solace, faith, peace and sanctuary to all who visited its shores.

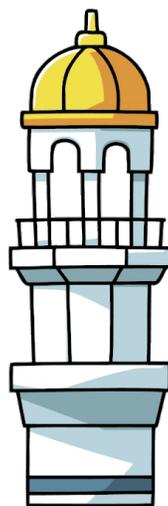
A memorial service was held to honour Robert on Monday, August 10, 2020, at 12 noon, at his home (3 Raglan Street, Collingwood, Ontario).

In lieu of flowers the family asks that donations be considered to Brain Canada (<https://braincanada.akaraisin.com/ui/donate/donations/start>) in Robert's name.

August 11, 2020

Summer Rambling #7 - from Beth Theis

(with thanks to Doug Harrison, Barbara Downie, and Mary Elizabeth Piercy)



Our Trinity bell, pre-COVID, was rung at the beginning of every service. Ringing, it marked for us the ceremonial start of our sacred time together. Ringing, it told those within earshot outside the church that we were gathered for worship. Post-COVID, we (Brian, Mike, and more recently, me) have still been ringing it every Sunday morning just before our (now on-line) service. Still ringing it as a signal to anyone who can hear the bell, that we are "still here"—still worshipping, although "gathered" for us now means on-line; still reaching out with food and pastoral care, however we can.

Beyond that message, what do we hope the sound of the bell does for those who can hear it and are not physically in church? A journalist in England has written:

...For centuries, bells have patterned the public square with the sound of moral purpose. The Liberty Bell [in the Pennsylvania State House] is marked with words from the book of Leviticus, 25:10: “Proclaim LIBERTY Throughout all the Land unto all the Inhabitants thereof”. Many Americans forget that this is a reference to the liberty of the biblical jubilee, in which property and wealth are redistributed and debts forgiven—something Jesus later called “good news to the poor and freedom to the captive”.... As many bells fall silent, so we lose another of those little routine prompts that seek to poke us into being a better version of ourselves.*

Trinity member Doug Harrison recently sent Pew Pal circle leaders, and some others, a video of Heather Jean Jordan offering one of her daily bell ringings at St. George’s-in-the-Pines Anglican Church in Banff, Alberta.** Doug, who lived in the Middle East for six years, commented: “I am obviously a Christian, not a Muslim! But, I confess, I very much miss the Muslim “Call to Prayer” (five times a day), which is universal in all Arab towns and cities. Particularly so in the evening, when it brought me much inner peace and a feeling of security and connection with my Maker. I think the ringing of the bells also reminds us of our connection to God.” Barbara Downie experienced a Christian version of the Muslim call to prayer in one of her retreats at United Church learning centre Five Oaks. Following what I think is a monastic timing of daily prayers, a bell rang every three hours through the day and those present paused whatever they were doing to spend a few minutes in silent contemplation and then say a short prayer (from Psalm 90:17, King James Version): “Let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us; and establish thou the work of our hands upon us; yea, the work of our hands establish thou it”. Mary Elizabeth Piercy found great value in similar retreat routines of daily prescribed readings and prayers.

Most of us don’t live within earshot of ringing bells or a Muslim minaret (although I hear the hours ring out from the Collingwood Town Hall clock tower). Is there something we can work into our days to serve as a reminder of our connection to the divine? Some Trinity members have a morning “quiet time” of prayer, reflection, and/or Bible reading. The little *Daily Bread* booklets can be helpful for this. They will again be available in the narthex when our church building re-opens; in the meantime if you’d like a copy, Mary Elizabeth would be happy to deliver it to you; please contact her at 705-445-4740 or maryelizabethpiercy@gmail.com. The Bible Gateway website offers several different on-line programs of daily bible readings, at <https://www.biblegateway.com/reading-plans/?version=NRSV>. Some of us have a regular practice of meditation (sitting or moving), sometimes in the Christian meditative traditions of centering or contemplative prayer. For others, time on the water, in the woods or in the garden can serve this purpose, although I find I need to be pretty intentional about it for these really to work as prayer. Walking the labyrinth in Harbourfront can also be good, although in a busy summer it can be hard to focus there if many others are around. A friend found that at the time in her life when she was very busy with children and a long daily commute to a busy job, her moment of silence and connection was when she lit the candles for family dinner. Another took a few minutes with her morning coffee, watching the light move across her living room floor and taking time to notice her breathing.

What’s working for you right now as a “little routine prompt”—your personal version of a ringing bell or call to prayer—to poke you into “being a better version” of yourself? How are you making space for some daily connection, for feeling the Spirit within and around you?

- Beth

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XdoPjIGFWds> Amazing Grace

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d29Q3_4axfM Farewell to Nova Scotia

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DebfKmNaZDQ> Okay



Parking Lot BBQ Take Out Wednesday August 19

4 p.m. - 6 p.m.

Our thanks to Ralph and Barb along with their team of volunteers.

Donating To Trinity

With our services on line, Trinity's revenue is experiencing the expected impact but there are ways we can continue our support. **Treasurer Al Loughery reported at this week's board meeting via Zoom that we as a congregation are continuing our financial support during this long hiatus.**

One way we are continuing to support Trinity during this critical time is through PAR or pre-authorized remittance. It is a monthly contribution.

Our thanks to Secretary Ruth Crittenden who passes on the information below:

When determining the amount for your monthly contribution, you need to decide how much you want to give to the church per year and then divide by twelve. Don't go by the amount you would give in a four week period as that amount would give the church less than dividing the total per year by twelve....and thus less than you would normally give.

You can give to three categories if desired: General, Mission and Service, and Stewardship.

If you wish to top up your givings at any time or give to any other funds, this can be done with a special PAR envelope or an envelope of your own, but not your current boxed envelopes as your number will change.

PAR comes out of your bank account around the 20th of each month.

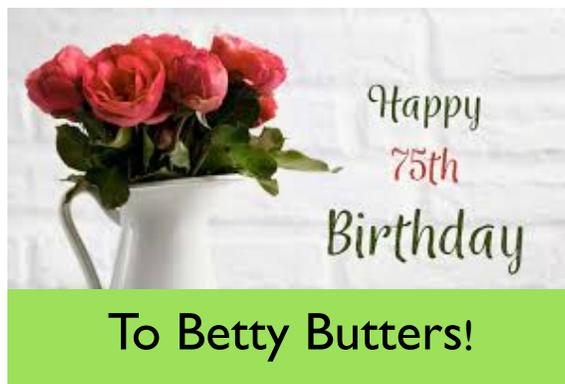
Mail the original void cheque and form to:

*Ruth Crittenden
32 Carmichael Cres.
Collingwood ON L9Y 4R7*

Note: The PAR form is attached in Word in this mailing for your convenience. **Our number of PAR contributors continues to grow.**

E-transfers

E-transfers have been made easier for you. You can simply send your e-transfer to trinityadmin@bmts.com and your funds will automatically be deposited to the church bank account. No longer a need for a fact finding question. You will receive an e-mail back from your bank that your funds have been deposited. Please indicated in the message line where you would like your funds allocated. Remember you may also give your donation in the way of PAR, PayPal, or by dropping off your church envelope in our new locked mail box located on the side of the church beside the door facing north on Maple.



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