



TRINITY NEWS

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May 12, 2020

Trinity Musings #14: Rev Brian Goodings (self-isolating and not talking about you in my office at Trinity United Church: Collingwood)

A wise friend observed that, for most of us, “A secret is something you share- one person at a time.” Truth is, we have a hard time not sharing really juicy news and spreading rumours. Churches and hockey change rooms and, any organized group, provide fertile ground for growing gossip. We often preface our unkind remarks by saying, “I really shouldn’t say this...” but then we go ahead and, using a stage-whisper voice, say it anyway. Afterwards, in order to assuage our guilt we often implore the newly informed person, “Please don’t tell anyone else I said this...” You can bet your bottom dollar they are going to share it. You did.

Once upon a time, if we were confronted as being a gossipmonger, we could just usually soft peddle enough half-truths (lies) to the accuser, to avoid being punched in the nose. Not so much anymore in this age of computers and electronic gadgetry. If you say or write something online, it can go viral and might well be spread a lot further than you ever intended. Hacking and eavesdropping is a sport for troublemakers who delight in making trouble and destroying lives. Big Brother really is listening and some other not-so-nice-people too.

This Musing was sparked by a conversation I had on the weekend with my friend Dale Elyea (aka Dewey). As far as I know it wasn’t recorded. We were talking about the recent scandal caused when the private conversation between Brendan Leipsic and Jake Rodewald became public. Both are (or were) professional hockey players. Among other things, they were making fun of the appearance of a few women who are partners of other players. What they said was vicious, misogynist and deeply hurtful. They should both be appropriately punished but we should all share at least some of their shame.

None of us would want our private conversations made public either because, all of us have said hurtful things about other people at one time or another. The Donald (aka Red Rooster) seems to be unaffected and even thrives by saying vile things but is that who we want to emulate?

A few years ago a person in the United Church of Canada made a Motion at our national convention, that gossip be outlawed and forbidden in all churches. The Motion, was at first, met with a national guffaw. How on earth, especially in a church congregation, would that ever be possible?

The Motion was defeated and generally dismissed as pie in the sky thinking...but the spirit and intention of his Motion has stayed with me. Loose lips really do sink ships and gossip (by definition unkind) can destroy families and divide communities of all kinds.

The early humans had the same problem with gossiping that we do and there are at least twenty passages in the Bible warning about the harm that saying unkind things about others can bring. The intention of much of the Bible is not specifically about being religious, but rather to encourage people to adopt ways that will allow them to live peacefully together. “On earth as in heaven” stuff.

The tongue is said to be like the rudder of a great ship. It is comparatively small in size to the whole, but it can steer the entire community into danger and ruination. People's lives end up wrecked on the rocks if gossip is at the helm. (James 3)

During this time Covid-19 we are doing a lot of Zooming and Twittering (Bryan Adams might now regret sharing his frustration) and putting our thoughts on electronic devices. We need to be very careful about what we think and post.

Better to avoid saying unkind things about people altogether. Takes practice but, all of us, I believe can try and do better. It behoves all of us to take note of how much harm has been done to their lives and the lives of others by the brutal and ignorant conversation of two very immature men/boys.

Words you think are being shared in private online may well become public. Could cost you a career in the NHL and be really hurtful and harmful to some very innocent people.

Maybe I should send them this Musing so they know I've been talking about them?



Bowls For Beds

Participation in Home Horizon is one of Trinity's many Outreach initiatives. Bowls For Beds supports homelessness in our community. Dawn Myers informs us the Bowls For Beds Annual event will be modified this year due to Covid 19.

Dawn writes:

Home Horizon, having lost considerable operational funding by the cancelation of Bowls for Beds, is having a virtual Bowls for Beds.

People buy a ticket and choose a time to go to Deb Piggott's home to choose one of the 500 bowls painted by school children. (Keeping social distance will be exercised.) Unfortunately, there will be no soup this year.

The cost of the bowl is \$100 so the purchaser receives a bowl and a charitable tax receipt of \$89. If they choose not to take the bowl the tax receipt is \$100.

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Trinity By The Numbers Jan. 1 - April 30 2020

Revenue

Budget - \$105,212

Actual - \$96,376

Deficit - \$8,836

Expenses

Budget - \$103,371

Actual - \$103,964

Deficit - \$593

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.

One way we can continue to support Trinity during this critical time is through PAR or pre-authorized remittance. It is used by fifty Trinity individuals and/or households at this time. 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.

You can email your scanned form and scanned void cheque to:

Ruth Crittenden

ruth.crittenden2978@gmail.com

or mail the original void cheque and form to:

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Note: The PAR form is attached in Word in this mailing for your convenience. **Our number of PAR contributors has increased recently by 24%.**

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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New Mail Box (Never Send Cash!)



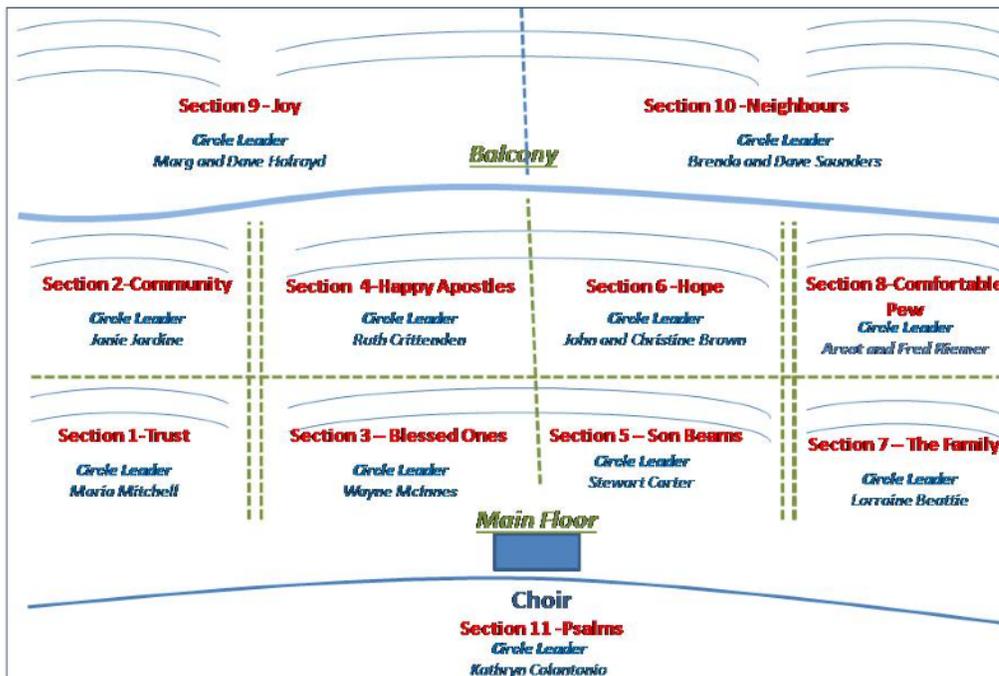
Pew Pals

Every person regularly attending Sunday worship at Trinity United Church is invited to participate in a Pew Pals Circle. The purpose of each Circle is to informally look out for the well being of each member of the Circle and to assist with resolving any identified need for an absent member. If a need is identified, the Circle Leader will inform the Minister. By caring for each other in this way we show our Christian love.

Your Circle is based on those persons who usually surround you in your pew area. See the Church Layout diagram to determine your Pew Section and Circle name. Please ensure that your Circle Leader has your contact information. An e-mail address for each Circle Leader can be obtained from the Trinity United Church 2020 E-Mail List. You can also obtain your Circle Leader's contact information from Doug Harrison by telephone at 705-718-3883 or by e-mail at wdougharrison@gmail.com.

List of Circles and Leaders

<u>Pew Section</u>	<u>Name of Circle</u>	<u>Circle Leader</u>	—
1	Trust	Maria Mitchell	
2	Community	Janie Jardine	
3	Blessed Ones	Wayne McInnes	
4	Happy Apostles	Ruth Crittenden	
5	Son Beams	Stewart Carter	
6	Hope	John and Christine Brown	
7	The Family	Lorraine Beattie	
8	Comfortable Pew	Arcot and Fred Riemer	
9	Joy	Marg and Dave Holroyd	
10	Neighbours	Brenda and Dave Saunders	
11	Psalms	Kathryn Colantonio	



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Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.