

Today's bulletin is kindly sponsored by Diane Litchfield
in loving memory of her husband,
Ron Litchfield.



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The United Church of Canada call reflects the core of our purpose, sharing who we seek to be in "such a time as this" (Esther 4:14)



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Welcome to Trinity
The Heart in the Heart of Huntsville
100th Anniversary of the United Church of Canada
and Happy Pentecost Sunday!
Sunday June 8, 2025 – 10 am

“Loving Hearts ... Open Minds ... Serving Hands”

*“On the day of Pentecost, God’s Spirit empowered people
to do things they never dreamt possible.”*

WE GATHER AS GOD’S PEOPLE

Band Prelude: Handel’s Water Music: Allegro Maestoso

Processional Introit

**We are one body in Christ,
called to share the Good News with the world.
Each of us different,
made in God’s image
we have a story to tell
a story of love! (repeat)**

Good morning and Welcome to Trinity United Church both
here and online!

Welcome in Friendship!

Welcome in Faith!

Welcome in God’s fiery Love!

*We gather every week as followers of Jesus to grow our hearts
and to aspire to be better humans and to build a better world
for ALL God’s people. Our congregation is affirming and
inclusive of the full spectrum of gender, identity, and sexual
orientation.*

*If you’re visiting or searching for a new spiritual home, we’re
glad you’re with us. We trust this service will be a blessing to
you and that you will be a blessing to others this coming week.*

The Lighting of our Christ Candle by our Light Bearers

One: Today we mark the holy flame that was lit 100 years
ago, when voices united and hearts caught fire for mission
and ministry. As we light the Christ candle this morning,
help us to fan this flame into a fabulous fireball of
unconditional love and acceptance for all people!

A Quiet Moment

Call to Worship

One: Come, people of our one grand human family, come
and celebrate!

Today we mark a double birthday, the birth of the Church
at Pentecost and our century old United Church of Canada!

**All: We give thanks for the Spirit who called us
together and still calls us to be Christ’s hands and
heart in the world.**

One: The Spirit came like wind and flame and still blows
through our lives with power and purpose.

**All: We give thanks for the Spirit who has moved
through a century of faith, gathering, guiding and
empowering the United Church of Canada.**

One: Come, Holy Spirit, come! Set our hearts ablaze again!
Let this be the day of renewed joy and possibility!

Opening Hymn: “Come, O Holy Spirit” (MV 23)

Opening Prayer

All: **Divine light and love, we give you thanks for this joyful day, for Pentecost fire and for 100 years of faith and service. Thank you for the Spirit who has led your church through change, through challenge and into new life. Fill us again with that same Spirit, that we may be bold in love, strong in hope and alive in the joy of Jesus. We are Pentecost people, bold, hopeful, united in Christ. Amen.**

Hymn: Psalm 100 “Make a Joyful Noise” (VU pg. 820)

Welcoming New Members into Trinity United Church

One: Today, during this momentous faith filled moment, we are blessed to welcome new members into the life and ministry of Trinity United Church- the heart in the heart of Huntsville. Each person brings unique gifts, stories and faith journeys. I would like to call upon our Board Chair, Lynda Arnold, on behalf of our faith community to introduce the following people to be officially welcomed into Trinity’s faith family:

Sharon Bright
Tony Bright
Kim Fairhall
Launa Groulx
Ken Groulx
Sarah McDonald
MaryAnne Mitchell
Jamie Mitchell
Laura Speelman
Ron Strickland
Bob Sutherland
Joanne Sutherland

(Be sure to read our new members bios in the order of service.)

Special Presentation to the newest members of our faith community by Board Chair, Lynda Arnold.

To our New Members

One: We are delighted that you have found a home among us. In joining this congregation, you are becoming part of the wider family of the United Church of Canada, a church that seeks to follow Christ, celebrate diversity, pursue justice, peace and compassion in our world.

We invite you now to affirm your faith and your commitment to this community.

Questions of Commitment

One: Do you believe in God, who creates and sustains life and whose presence is constant in our lives?

New Members: **I do, by the grace of God.**

One: Do you commit to following the way of Jesus, to seek truth and justice to live with love and compassion and to grow in faith?

New Members: **I do, with God’s presence and grace.**

One: Do you promise to participate in the life and work of Trinity United Church, to share your gifts and grow with us in faith and service?

New Members: **I do, God being my helper.**

Congregational Welcome

One: Members and friends of Trinity United Church, will you welcome these new members into our community of faith?

Will you support them with your love and care and share with them in the hope and work as followers of Jesus?

Congregation Responds

All: **We will, God being our helper.**

We welcome you with joy and gratitude.

Together, we are the body of Christ.

Together, we seek to be a church that lives love and embraces all.

Prayer of Blessing

One: Let us pray.

All: **Welcoming God, we give thanks for these your beloved sons and daughters who come to walk with us in faith.**

Bless them and bless us all as we grow together in hope and as we serve your world in love.

May your Spirit guide us and your joy be our strength. Amen.

Time with our Light Beamers

(Our young people are taught the stories and values of Jesus of Nazareth especially his love and compassion for all God's people. In turn, they learn to share this love at home, at school and in their communities.)

Congregational Blessing

Light Beamers: "May the peace of Christ be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Choir Anthem: "Within These Walls" by Pepper Choplin.

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

Our reader today is Sally McClelland.

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 43: 18-21

(This scripture is ideal for celebrating legacy while looking forward. It reassures us that God continues to do new, Spirit-led things in and through the church.)

New Testament Reading: Ephesians 4: 1-6

(This scripture reflects the foundational vision of the United Church of Canada, to unite across traditions in one body of Christ. It's a fitting reading for a "church birthday" focused on unity and peace.)

Second New Testament Reading: Acts 2: 1-4

(This is the classic Pentecost reading. It captures the drama and power of the Spirit's arrival.)

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to our hearts!

All: **Our hearts and minds are open!**

Anniversary Message

Guest Speaker and lifelong member of the United Church of Canada and a pillar of faith here at Trinity United Church for many years, Julie Brushey.

Brief Musical Reflection

Our Offering Invitation

One: Today we are celebrating the Spirit of Pentecost and 100 years of faithful ministry in the United Church of Canada. We are also reminded that the church has always been built on the generosity of Spirit-filled people. We give not just to keep the lights on and pay the bills but also to keep the flame of Christ burning in the world.

Our morning tithes and offerings will now be received.

Special Feature Song: “Don’t You Worry About a Thing”

Offering Hymn (*sung to the tune of the Traditional Doxology*)

**Praise God for love in all its forms.
Love sees us through both calm and storms.
God’s love is meant for us to share.
May we, in love, reach out to care.
Amen.**

Offering Prayer

**All: Divine Spirit, on this day of wind and flame, we
bring our gifts in gratitude. Thank you for 100 years of
mission, ministry and movement of your Spirit. Bless
these offerings that they may fuel the fire of justice,
light the path of compassion and carry the torch of
your love into the world. Amen.**

Prayers of the People

The Lord’s Prayer

**Our Father,
who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come,
thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory forever and ever.
Amen.**

Closing Hymn: “I Feel the Winds of God” (VU 625)

Commissioning

**One: Go now into the world and let the Spirit continue to
blow through our lives and let the fire of faith dance in our
souls!**

Irish Benediction

**May the road rise to meet you.
May the wind be always at your back.
May the sun shine warm upon your face,
And the rains fall soft upon your fields,
And until we meet again,
May God hold us all in the palm of God’s hope filled hands.
Amen.**

Sung Blessing: “May the God of Hope Go with Us” (VU 424)

**May the God of hope go with us every day,
filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.
May the God of justice speed us on our way,
bringing light and hope to every land and race.
Praying, let us work for peace,
Singing, share our joy with all,
Working for a world that’s new,
Faithful when we hear Christ’s call.**

Band Postlude: “A Closer Walk With Thee” (Dixieland Swing)

**A special bouquet of thanks to our guest musicians for helping
us to fill this space with the fiery spirit of love!**

**Neil Barlow - Trumpet
Karen Richards - Flute
Yuna Park (Kyung- A’s niece) - Flute
Evin Park (Kyung- A’s nephew) - Saxophone**

Oliver Fisher - Guitar
Silas Knappett - Drums
Gwynne Daynard - Soloist

Our service was greatly enriched by your presence, and musical gifts today!



You are invited to join us in Trinity Hall following the service for a 100th Anniversary luncheon celebration.

Your hosts today are Trinity's Directors, Team Leaders plus other great folks!



Your spiritual take home for the week ahead!

*"The Holy Spirit likes to disrupt and heat things up."
Where is Spirit disrupting you today?*

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ANNOUNCEMENTS AND OTHER STUFF!

Wishing a very Happy Birthday to
Ron Strickland who turns 79 years young today!

And

Diane Litchfield who turns 92 years young
on Tuesday June 10th!



Happy Birthday

The Outreach Team thanks you for helping to collect food for the
Corner Lighthouse food bank.



JUNE is BOXED CAKE MIXES.

Dates for your diary!

Pastoral Care meeting – Monday June 9th at 2:00 pm in the Arnold Room.

UCW meeting – Tuesday June 10th at 1:30 pm in the Arnold Room.

The Men of Trinity – Wednesday June 11th at 9:00 am in the Art Room (lower level).

Circle of Loss – Thursday June 12th at 2:00 pm in the Arnold Room.

Mission & Service - For everyone who may contribute to Mission & Service directly, please be sure to include:
soft credit Trinity UC, Huntsville- MS 5120220 so that your contribution is added on to Trinity's total M&S contribution!!
With thanks!

A Trinity United Church **Congregational Meeting** will be held on **Sunday, June 22, 2025** following worship (11 am) regarding the Trinity Theatre Proposal below.

Trinity Theatre Proposal - Phase #1 details

Phase #1 could be completed by church personnel.

Prefabricating extension sections off site so disruption to the Sanctuary would be a matter of a few days.

1. extension of chancel 6 ft;
2. mobilization of the pulpit, lectern, communion table;
3. removal of choir pews and permanent risers in the choir loft (possibly replaced with our portable risers and chairs);
4. removal of one front pew only – both sides of the main floor Sanctuary would then be the same, replaced with stacking chairs as/if needed;
5. organ stays of course;
6. the design allows for conversion from theater mode to church service mode in a matter minutes.



Pentecost

The Empowering Spirit

New Member Biographies

Sharon and Tony Bright

Tony and Sharon became members of Central United Church in Unionville and were married there 43 three years ago. They have a delightful blended family of four, which have now grown to eight grand children, and three great grand children.

Tony is an ex-Brit who came to Boston in 1972 with his company Texas Instruments. His next assignment was to Canada where he met Sharon in Unionville. In 1992, Tony made a major business career move that resulted relocating to Chicago until his retirement in 2008. His areas of interests were volunteering for the Unionville Festival, an avid hockey dad, and is now active in Community Living in Huntsville.

Sharon is an artist who developed a company known as Unique Signature Prints. She volunteered in the Church, produced historic designs for Unionville plates sold to raise money for the Festival and the Unionville bypass, was on the Board for The Markham Theatre for the Arts, and ran Reach to Recovery under the Canadian Cancer Society.

“During our years in Fort Myers, both Tony and myself were active in the Food Bank at our Church.”

Kim Fairhall

During my 51-year journey with God, He has blessed me with so many roles beyond being a daughter and sister to my family. I have grown into being a wife to Steve and a mother to our two sons, Jacob (19 - almost 20!) and Malcolm (18). I am blessed with a wonderful extended family, and it was Jean who ultimately led me to Trinity United Church. I originally grew up in the London area, moved to Grand Rapids, MI to attend Calvin College and then moved to Huntsville in 1996. Since then, I have worked as a telemarketer, shoe salesperson,

administrative clerk and then settled into my current vocation as a high school educator at the Adult and Alternate Education Centre. I mainly teach English online but love to support students with their art and family studies courses. When I am not working, I enjoy hanging out with my family and my two dogs, caring for my 10 chickens, gardening (flowers and food), cooking, baking, and canning jams, pickles and fruits. I am hoping with strategic giving of my canning over the next 10 months, I can create a bidding war next year in the church auction. I look forward to joining "The Heart in the Heart of Huntsville". Thanks for having me!

Launa and Ken Groulx

Ken and I were raised in Windsor, Ontario but after 60 years we said goodbye to our friends and moved to Port Dover to help out our oldest son and daughter-in-law with their three children. Ten years later our youngest son and his family settled in Emsdale and we chose to move up here and give the same helping hand to them with our youngest grandkids Ethan and Jack. We have been members of the United Church for 39 years and celebrate our 55th wedding anniversary in August!

MaryAnne and Jamie Mitchell

Jamie was born and raised in Huntsville. He left at the age of 21 to pursue a career in policing with the Halton Regional Police. Over his thirty-year career, some of his proudest accomplishments include being a member of the Tactical Rescue Unit (SWAT), a sniper and a police canine officer with his partner Juno. He considers being a father to his son, Walker, his proudest accomplishment.

MaryAnne was born and raised in Huntsville. She moved to Burlington and began a career in education with the Halton

District School Board. MaryAnne and Jamie moved back to Huntsville in 2023.

Sarah McDonald

Sarah moved from small town Atikokan, ON to big town Huntsville, ON at age 15/Grade 11 with parents and two younger siblings. Sarah was a very shy person until she had to learn to be outgoing/confident and have faith in order to have friends. Sarah and her spouse are blessed with three healthy children and five grandchildren and are very grateful that all live close by and therefore have lots of family get togethers (some fun, some not!). Sarah was married at "Locks United Church" 36 years ago to her husband (plus 2 kids) and became an instant full-time mom at the age of 23.

Interesting facts:

- Went back to Huntsville High School to upgrade sciences (age 40) and continued to work in doctors office while studying for nursing degree. Received Nursing Licence on 45th birthday.

- Love singing in two choirs (Huntsville Community Choir and Trinity United Church Choir (thank you Kyung-A), and have a history of Performing in Community Theatre (thanks to John and Marian McTavish).

- In the early 1990's, sold "Undercover Wear" lingerie and "Mary Kay" skin care products at home parties to supplement family income and it was great fun!

- Considering retiring in the near future (or at least take an extended LOA) to spend more time developing relationships with grandchildren, and to travel/explore Canada with spouse.

United Church has always been "my church" since I as a child, and I brought my young children to Trinity United Church (and "Sunday School" as it was called then). After an over 30-year hiatus, I'm back! Joining Trinity United Church "officially" is a very important step in strengthening my faith, and spiritual journey!

Thank you, Trinity Family, for your unconditional acceptance and support! It feels really good to be "back home".

Laura Speelman

I am happily married to my husband, Victor, who I met in a university bar 38 years ago. We moved to Huntsville after I graduated from school in 1992 and was offered a job at the Huntsville Hospital as a Respiratory Therapist. We quickly settled into the community and have raised two great boys, Isaac and Martin. Now after 33 years, I am semi-retired and have more time to enjoy life. I easily fill my days with gardening, knitting, and hiking. Family is very important to me. I was raised in the United Church but drifted away from the church after moving away from my parents. With the support of a few close friends, I have reconnected with God and continue my journey through life.

Ronald P. Strickland

It was a Saturday, that 8th of June in 1946 when a 5 lb. 11 oz., baby boy was born to Elsie and Jerry Strickland in Kirkland Lake, Ontario. He has been gaining weight ever since! Ron lived in Kirkland Lake until he was half-way through Grade 3 when he and his mother moved to Grassmere on highway 60. They lived with his Great Aunt, Mary Oke, who was the Postmistress in Grassmere. Later they lived on Silver Street in "North" Huntsville, next at the junction of the Old Ferguson Rd. and Gun Club Road and finally on Robson Lane, off Ronville Road in Lake of Bays.

Ron attended Chaffey SS#1, now Pine Glen Public School, Huntsville High School and then Ontario Veterinary College in Guelph where he met and married Lynn on August 31, 1968. After graduation in 1972, Ron went to Thunder Bay to work for Dr. Jim Kelso, who was married to the former Connie Ewing

who's parents owned Ewing's Vanity Fair in Huntsville. Ron returned to Huntsville in 1975 and established Algonquin Animal Hospital on Hwy 60, next to Grandview Resort. He sold the practice in 2003 and later moved to Emsdale.

Ron and Lynn started attending Trinity in 1976 or 77. Lynn joined the choir and transferred her membership from First United in Waterloo. Ron, baptized as an Anglican, never joined anywhere. He has remained an "adherent" ever since. Ron has been on several committees as a member and as a chair. He has also been Chair of the Church Board. There have been five full-time ministers and five or six interim ministers during this time.

Ron joined Rotary in June of 1978. He found that, like today, there were several members of Trinity also in Rotary. Ron has been President of the club twice and also District Governor of District 7010 of Rotary International.

Ron and Lynn have two sons, five granddaughters, one grandson and now two great grandchildren.

It was the Rev. Jim Oben who first commented on Ron's habit of concentrating on the sermon by closing his eyes and bowing his head. Ron says, "Now I have a reputation to uphold!"



Joanne and Bob Sutherland

Joanne was born on a dairy farm in Woodville, Ontario, a village in the Kawartha Lakes region. She lived on the farm with her three older sisters, her grandparents, her uncle, his wife and their two children (there were two houses). We all attended the Woodville United Church. Joanne has two sons, James, 31, who lives in Guelph with his wife and has formed his life around his love for bicycles and Alex, 28, an environmental engineer who lives in Vancouver where he and

his fiancé spend all weekends hiking and playing sports. Joanne has recently moved to Huntsville from the south end of the Niagara Region with her husband, Bob.

Bob was born in Port Colborne, Ontario, the oldest of three boys. Bob lived in Port Colborne and Wainfleet his entire life, until this past January when we moved to a town that has a real winter (and blackflies)! Bob worked as a millwright in the marine industry. His hobbies include hockey, cycling, fishing and kayaking. Bob has a daughter in Vancouver, a son in Drayton Valley, Alberta and a son in Melbourne, Australia and has seven grandchildren.

“We are loving Huntsville and look forward to our membership in the Trinity United Church family.”

