



**TRINITY-ST.ANDREW'S UNITED CHURCH**

# *May/June 2024 Newsletter*



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## A note from Pastor

Dear Friends,

We have gone from the highs and lows of Easter through the day of Pentecost, and we are now started into the season of Pentecost. I was recently speaking to another congregation about this time in the Church year. I suggested to them that it was in fact the 'Genesis' of the Christian Church and the ministry which began through the motivation of the 12 disciples by the Holy Spirit. That moment of empowerment has been celebrated for centuries by Christian churches like Trinity-St. Andrew's as it reaches out in support of others.

Change is ongoing and inevitable, and as a people, we are often uncomfortable with change of any sort. It has therefore been a difficult time for our congregation as we grieve the death of some fine members over the previous month or two. We walk with those in mourning for their loved ones as we recall their life within the TSA congregation and all they did to support their spiritual home. We will not forget them.

It would be wrong of me to single out any one person who left us during this period, however, Catharine Ott's sudden departure from this life to the next has come as a dreadful shock to us all. Our sympathies must be directed to Barry and family as they come to terms with this loss to their family. Other loss has hit the congregation hard over this time. It serves to remind us all that we are given life just one day at a time without guarantee of their being a tomorrow. In the great prayer we say: (please) give us this day our daily bread.... we can ask no more than this.

Rev. Wanda is now partway through her Sabbatical which we hope will be a time of rest and renewal. Her work with this congregation, and with the United Church committees, is very time consuming, keeping her extremely busy all of the week. Those members of TSA who have stepped up to the plate to serve in her absence are realizing just how big are the shoes which they are filling. It is a tribute to Rev. Wanda's ministry with us that we have these very competent people on whom we may call. In addition, it also takes a committed congregation who will continue to support the work of the church in her absence.

Speaking about work, TSA has continued to run successful events over the month of May. The 'yard sale' is but one of the events carried out during this time. It has been among the most time consuming and most notable, bringing into the church many new faces in search of that 'treasure' of an item or two which will fill a shelf or drawer or two. Thank you everyone for your contribution.

Finally, I know that plans are well in hand for the coming two months of activities in Trinity-St. Andrew's. Support of the congregation towards these events will, I am sure, be ongoing and will contribute to their success.

May I wish you all a blessed summer.      Pr. Ian





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*Answer on last page of the bottom of the newsletter*





The United Church provides a mechanism by which a minister can have a 3 month sabbatical once every 5 years of service with a congregation. 2024 is the 5th year of service of Rev. Wanda Stride for TSAUC. Rev. Wanda will be on Sabbatical for the months of May, June and July

The sabbatical is meant to be a time for Wanda to re-energize herself and come back fully rested and able to continue serving our church and its congregants. As such it is mandated by the United Church that both the minister and the congregation have no contact at all during the 3 month sabbatical period.

Thanks to the Worship committee we have pulpit supply for all Sundays organized. For Pastoral Care needs during this time please contact Pastor Ian Robb directly or through Pamela in the office. If you have questions about the Sabbatical period, please contact Neva Moelker, chair of M&P or Lori Cooper, Chair of Council.

We wish Reverend Wanda a restorative and meaningful Sabbatical and look forward to welcoming her back in August

Neva Moelker, Chair of M & P  
Lori Cooper, Chair of Council



## ***Pride Walk and Worship, Sunday, June 2nd***

Trinity-St. Andrew's third annual **Pride Walk and Worship Service** is taking place on Sunday, June 2, 2024. This year we are excited to announce that Meghan Fox, owner of the Tin Roof Ice Creamery and founder of the Home Rainbow Youth Center will be the flag bearer for the Pride Walk. Starting at 10 a.m. on the rainbow steps of the church, the Pride Walk will end at Memorial Park at 10:30 a.m. where the Worship Service will begin.

The **Pride Worship Service** will feature a variety of music led by our band, choir, Joyful Strummers ukulele group and our drummers. Rev. Jackie Harper and Ian Robb will lead us in a service dedicated to bringing everyone together to celebrate our diversity. We will have a Kids Zone, free Pride bracelets and necklaces and are serving rainbow cookies and refreshments afterwards. Any money raised from this event will be donated to the Home Rainbow Youth Centre which provides a safe haven for LGBTQ+ youth in Brighton.

Please bring your chair and umbrella/sun screen and wear your 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary shirt or a colourful pride shirt. In case of rain, the Pride Service will move to the church.



## LGBTQ FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP

**First Tuesday of every month  
6:30 to 8:00 p.m.**

**Trinity-St. Andrew's United Church  
56 Prince Edward Street, Brighton**  
(Enter through double doors of church hall)

This group is for parents, grandparents, friends and loved ones of LGBTQ+ family members who would like to join a group of the same to share their experiences and learn how to support their loved ones in healthy and meaningful ways.

email: [brightonlgbtqfamilysprrtgrp@gmail.com](mailto:brightonlgbtqfamilysprrtgrp@gmail.com)



### *LGBTQ+ Family Support Group.*

In response to requests from community members, a new LGBTQ+ Family Support Group has started at Trinity-St. Andrew's. The group's goal is to provide a safe, open and non-judgmental space for parents, grandparents and loved ones of LGBTQ+ family members to share experiences and support each other.

This group is loosely associated with the Cobourg/Northumberland PFLAG group (Parents and Friends of Lesbian and Gays (and Trans)) but operates as a stand-alone support group in Brighton.

During the first two meetings of the group, attendees have shared interesting stories, resources and lots of different emotions about their journeys in supporting their LGBTQ loved ones. The group meets the first Tuesday of each month from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. in the Quiet Room at the church and everyone is welcome. The next meetings are Tuesday, June 4<sup>th</sup>, July 2<sup>nd</sup>, August 6<sup>th</sup> and September 3<sup>rd</sup>. For more information, contact [brightonlgbtqfamilysprrtgrp@gmail.com](mailto:brightonlgbtqfamilysprrtgrp@gmail.com).

Under the leadership of Rev. Jackie Harper, the Affirm and Equity Committee is sharing a worship service with an accessibility theme on **Sunday, July 14<sup>th</sup>**.

Join us as we consider how “isms” (e.g., ableism, ageism) and other forms of oppression affect our thoughts, reactions and decisions on personal, interpersonal, institutional and cultural levels.



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### *Are you passionate about LGBTQ+ and Equity issues?*

Consider joining the Affirm and Equity Committee at Trinity St. Andrew's!

For over 12 years, we have been welcoming and supporting LGBTQ+ people and making our spaces accessible and scent-free. We would love to benefit from your ideas and energy this coming year!

For more information, or to join the committee or support group, please contact Jeanette Cournoyer at [jeanettecournoyer@gmail.com](mailto:jeanettecournoyer@gmail.com).



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### *Women's Group*

Women's Group will be meeting on the third Tuesday of every month, 7pm in the church hall. All are welcome. Please contact Elizabeth Scriven, to let her know that you will be attending.

613-391-4051 or email [escriven49@gmail.com](mailto:escriven49@gmail.com)





**WELCOMING ALL  
SINCE 1848**

**TRINITY-ST. ANDREW'S  
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# **TSA GOLF TOURNAMENT**

**JUNE 15TH  
AT WARKWORTH GOLF CLUB  
REGISTER WITH THE OFFICE OR AFTER  
CHURCH ON SUNDAYS**

- **REGISTRATION**
  - \$125 PER PLAYER
  - \$450 FOR A FOURSOME
- **BEST BALL SCRAMBLE**
- **TEE-OFF TIMES WILL BE ASSIGNED**

**PUTTING CONTEST  
HOT DOG FOR LUNCH &  
STEAK DINNER INCLUDED**

**CLOSEST TO THE PIN  
&  
LONGEST DRIVE PRIZES**





# Pie Social and Band concert

Featuring the Brighton All-Star Concert Band

*Saturday June 22, 2024*



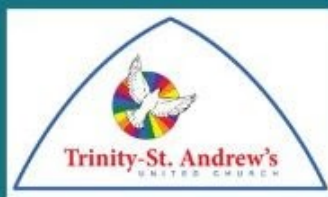
**Trinity-St. Andrew's United Church**

Dessert, Tea & Coffee, 6:30pm

Band Concert, bring a lawn chair

Adults: \$15

Children under 10, free







# Roast Beef Dinner

Please join us for a  
Roast Beef Dinner with all the fixings

- mashed potatoes, vegetable, gravy, roll & butter, coleslaw, tomato juice, coffee, tea, water along with a variety of yummy DESSERTS ●

**\$20 per person**

\$10 for Children under 12 years

Free for those over 100 years

**Friday June 28th**

**Serving from 5:00pm to 6:30pm**

**56 Prince Edward Street - Brighton ON**

Tickets are available at the church office, Lighthouse Books  
or by emailing [admin@trinitystandrews.ca](mailto:admin@trinitystandrews.ca)



***Sharing Stand...***Returning for its 2nd season, **Grandmother's Advocacy Network Northumberland (GRAN)** will be hosting the Sharing Stand on the front lawn of Trinity-St. Andrew' United Church. We begin in July, Mondays & Wednesdays 10am to 7pm. The stand provides fresh produce to anyone looking to stretch their food budget. When planning your gardens, please consider planting extra for the stand. "Share what you can, take what you need." Thank you for your support.

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***Silent Auction...***each Sunday in May, after worship in the church hall. Bid on an item and support your church. Please contact Sharon McMullen 613-475-2928.





## ***Supper's Ready*** has a few volunteer opportunities!

Please consider one of these:

A **Treasurer** is needed to do the reporting to the government re the finances(not the weekly bookkeeping) e.g. tax receipts and reports

A **Volunteer Coordinator** for the 3rd Wednesday of the month. This person either phones or emails the volunteers during the previous week to confirm their attendance and contact subs if needed. (Lists provided)

A **tech person** to set up the microphone and projector for announcements for 2 Wednesdays per month.

Spread the word.

Talk to Janet Enns or email [suppersreadybrighton@gmail.com](mailto:suppersreadybrighton@gmail.com)

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At the **AGM** we had some discussion relating to the naming of **TSA as a venue**. A name that would be used when the building is being used for an event such as a concert. As an example, a United Church in Kingston is known as "The Spire" when concerts are held there. The decision at our AGM was to take some time to come up with potential names and ensure everyone had a chance to submit ideas. Between now and June 9 please either email Pamela in the office with your ideas for a venue name or submit in the "suggestion envelope" attached to the bulletin board in the church hall. Also note there will be a short **congregational meeting on June 23** to decide on a name from the suggestions submitted.

# 100<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY

**June 10, 2025**, will mark the United Church's 100th anniversary—an opportunity to honour our past and look to the future!

The theme for the Centennial is Deep, Bold, Daring. One of the first “united” churches in the world, from its formation the United Church has been rooted in

## **Deep Spirituality**

The words of Jesus' prayer that the disciples be one (John 17:21)

## **Bold Discipleship**

The belief that what unites us is stronger than our differences

## **Daring Justice**

The desire to live out the gospel call to love and justice in Canada and around the world

check out <https://united-church.ca/100years> to get more information.



## Mom's Greens

by Kaji Douša | published on May 22, 2024

*"The realm of the heavens is like a mustard seed that a person took and sowed in their field."* – Matthew 13:31 (Gafney, Year A)

A famous civil rights leader once told me: One of the best kept secrets of the 60s is that your mom's greens fueled the movement.

I might've received this as a compliment, but, initially, I was insulted. Because mom – Karen Spellman – is a brilliant strategist and tactician. She thinks of details and possibilities and how to engineer solutions to them like no one else can. She doesn't miss a beat. I am confident that had way more influence than her greens.

Despite this, I do recall that whenever her fellow-movement folks in DC would meet at our house (which was several times a year), she would make her famous greens. And because I loved them, too, I loved those meetings – the food made them special.

Mom's greens, made with collards, kale, and mustards, all grow from the tiniest of seeds.

Look for the seeds, beloved. Look for the tiniest thing that God is implanting within you. Like the formation of a thought or idea that gives you some excitement or hope. Like the kindling of some warmth in a relationship that you realize might have more to it than you realize. Like finding that question you want to delve even deeper into. Like feeling the nudge to get to church, to pray a bit more.

Those are your seeds. Being planted by the Creator. Ready to be sown. And when they're sown? That's God handing us love on every plate. Just ask my mom.

### **Prayer**

Thank you, God, for the endless chances to grow in your love.

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## *Upcoming Events, Mark your calendars*

Pride Walk and Worship June 2  
Afternoon Tea June 8  
Golf Tourney June 19  
Pie Social June 22  
Community Dinner June 28  
August 10 Afternoon Tea  
Corn Roast August 15  
Oktoberfest October 19  
Brighton Show Band December 7



This is a friendly reminder that Trinity-St. Andrew's is a scent free environment. Please be mindful that many people suffer from scent-triggered reactions.