



Fall Newsletter



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A note from Rev. Wanda

Welcome to the fall edition of your newsletter.

I greet you in the name of the One who holds our hearts tenderly, breathing strength and grace into our lives, and walking into the most shadowy, but also the most joyful places of our journey.

This was meant to be a short newsletter, outlining some of the things happening this fall, but mainly just welcoming you all back to the rich ministry of Christ here at Trinity-St. Andrew's. As it turns out, this is a big newsletter!

Last Sunday I asked each of us to start our day by asking God to help us see the joy in our lives. Joy isn't always a birthday party or fits of laughter - joy is simply living deeply and with meaning. Joy is how you feel when you know why you are on the path you are walking. It could be fleeting, or it could be a feeling that surrounds you, almost like a warm blanket or dare I say, a protective armour?

There are so many opportunities for you to find your joy in ministry, and I hope that you will read this newsletter with curiosity, paying attention to the nudges you feel inside. What is God calling you to this fall? Where will you find your joy?

It's holy work, this joy-seeking! I wish you blessings as you dare to be curious, dare to reach out, and dare to try something new this year.

May the grace of Christ always be your guide and your compass.

Rev. Wanda Stride

Calendar of Events

Sunday Sept 27, 10:30am Applefest Sunday Worship

(and honouring Orange Shirt Day)

11:30am, Family Fun Applefest Event

Tuesday Sept 29, 11am, 2pm, 6pm, WaaPake film screening at the Brighton Public Library

Wednesday Sept 30, National Day of Truth and Reconciliation

10am Bible Study

Thurs Oct 1, 10am Choir practice

Sunday Oct 4, 10:30am Worship

ASL Lunch and Learn, 12:15pm

Tuesday Oct 6, LGBTQ Family Support Group, 6:30pm

Wednesday Oct 7, 10am Bible Study

Thursday Oct 8, 10am Choir Practice

1pm Creative Time/Crafters Group

7pm, Congregational Mtg

Sunday Oct 11, 10:30 Worship

Monday Oct 12, Thanksgiving Monday

Wednesday Oct 14, 10am Bible Study

2pm, Lectio Divinia

6pm, Becoming An Intercultural Church Series Webinar,

Saturday Oct 17, 5pm Oktoberfest

Sunday Oct 18, 10:30am Worship with Rev. Jackie Harper

Tuesday Oct 20, 7pm, Cara Luft Concert

Wednesday Oct 21, 10am Bible Study

Thursday Oct 22, 10am Choir

Sunday Oct 25, 10:30am Worship

Wednesday Oct 28, 10am Bible Study

Sunday Nov 1, 10:30 All Saints Day Worship

3pm, Maggie's Wake Concert

Family Fun Applefest Sunday





Welcoming All

Family fun

Sunday of Applefest weekend
at Trinity-St. Andrew's United Church
September 27 2026
11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.



\$5 lunch
hot dog, drink
and slice of
homemade
apple pie



FREE Events
family-fun-church,
children's play area
live music and
train club open house



Homemade apple pies for sale
just \$20 each, frozen and ready for your oven!
(Proceeds to help with bell tower repairs)

for more information call us! 613-475-1311 or visit www.trinitystandrews.ca

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At Trinity-St. Andrew's United Church

Saturday, October 17, 2026

5:00pm -8:00pm

Authentic German Food:

(Sausage and Sauerkraut on a bun, Salad,
Baked Beans, Dessert, Root Beer,
Tea & Coffee with your ticket.
Non-alcoholic beer for sale.)



Live Music. Everyone Welcome!

Adults: \$20

Children 10 and under, \$5



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The Dove presents live in concert



Cara Luft

founding member of the Wailin' Jennys
and The Small Glories

October 20, 7pm

Juno award winning singer-songwriter-musician, Cara Luft is an artist steeped in folk and traditional roots music, yet willing to alter the fabric, stretch the boundaries and fearlessly bend genres and styles.



Tickets \$30

Available at Lighthouse Books, call 613-475-1311,
visit www.thedoveinbrighton.ca
or scan this QR code

The Dove

at Trinity-St. Andrew's United Church
56 Prince Edward St. Brighton, ON
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Stewardship

- During our last Envelope Wall campaign in May and June we raised over \$2000 to help with church operations! In the spirit of that momentum the Envelope Wall will be back up in the Community Hall during the months of October and November.
- As we look ahead to achieving our vision for Trinity-St. Andrews, our Church Council and Stewardship committee are working hard to ensure we are managing our resources faithfully. To maintain our historic building, improve our accessibility, and keep our ministries thriving, we need to address our current operational deficit. Early in October, regular givers will be receiving a letter from the Stewardship Committee asking everyone to prayerfully consider adjusting their regular givings. We want to be entirely transparent about our financial health so that, together as a community, we can secure the future of TSAUC. Please watch the bulletin announcements in early October for more information.

Upcoming Concerts:

Cara Luft: Tues. Oct. 20, 7pm. \$30. Juno award winner & singer-songwriter-musician, Cara Luft is an artist steeped in folk and traditional roots music, yet willing stretch the boundaies and bend genres and styles.

Maggie's Wake: Sun. Nov. 1, 3pm. \$30. Maggie's Wake is a high-energy folk roots band from Southwestern Ontario, blending Celtic-inspired fiddle, tin whistle and flute with the spirit of jazz, Americana, and classic country.

Steve Bell: Sat. Nov. 21, 7:30pm. An evening of story telling and song with Juno Award winner Steve Bell.



Radical Rest-Taking

by [Phiwa Langeni](#) | published on Sep 20, 2026

Six days shall work be done; but the seventh day is a sabbath of complete rest, a holy convocation; you shall do no work: it is a sabbath to the Lord throughout your settlements. – Leviticus 23:3 (NRSV)

Growing up in a sabbath-observing tradition, I often found it unfair that my siblings and I weren't allowed to hang out with our peers over the weekend. Friday night football games weren't an option for us, and by the time the sun set on Saturday, our peers and their families were home preparing for church on Sunday (when, by the way, most everything else was closed).

While it certainly didn't feel like a gift growing up, as an adult who is increasingly more attentive to the various unfairnesses of the world, it doesn't take as long to see the radically subversive and exceedingly compassionate gifts of the sabbath.

Imagine what sabbath would have meant for a people who were forced daily to labor rigorously. Even now, it's completely unfair that some people have to work long and painful hours to barely make ends meet when others spend countless hours on the golf course passively making more in a day than some will make in a lifetime.

Dignity and sustainability are some of the gifts of sabbath.

When was the last time you personally related to the "complete rest" or "holy convocation" that accompanies the sabbath? Feel free to consult your calendar like I just did if that helps you recall. Ironically, in a society that values constant achievement and over-functioning, sabbath-taking actually increases productivity while keeping us intact.

We can disrupt the illusion of deservedness and realign our schedules and rhythms to include rests that support our doing and being. Because it turns out that God's unfairness draws us more deeply into wholeness.

Prayer

Pull us away from productivity. Stir us into stillness. Nudge us toward nap time. Caress us into your care. Remind us to rest ... and repeat.

About the Author

Phiwa Langeni creatively invites others into transformational liminal spaces between what has been and what is yet to be. They currently serve as the Associate Conference Minister for Equipping Leaders in the Southern California Nevada Conference UCC.



Congregational Meeting

Don't forget about the congregational meeting Thursday October 8 at 6:30 pm. The meeting will be on Zoom as well, but you won't be able to participate live on zoom. Zoom participants can vote through the chat, or ask questions through the chat, which will be monitored throughout the meeting. There are several items on the agenda, but the main purpose of the meeting is to update the congregation on the plans for a ramp at the front of the sanctuary, and to approve changes to several policies. For more specific information, please reach out to Lori Cooper, chair of council, or Brian Ostrander, congregational chair.

Crafters Group

Once a month (3rd Thursday) a few of us will gather in the Quiet Room to learn, teach, or simply to create prayer shawls and prayer beads for our friendly visiting program and newcomer program. Please join us from 1-3. No experience necessary, no equipment necessary. For more information please reach out to the office



Becoming An Intercultural Church

Becoming an Intercultural Church, a national webinar

Wednesdays October 14 , 2026 to November 25, 2026 (6pm-7:30pm ET)

A group of us from Trinity-St. Andrew's plan to participate together in this challenging, but life-giving work as we make room at our decision-making tables, as well as our communion table, for people who may look, speak, and see the world differently from most of us.

Will you join us? There is more information below. You have to register, but we can cover the cost of the event as a church.

For more information, please reach out to Rev. Wanda or simply let her know if you have signed up!

Come with a small group to explore what intercultural engagement and cultural diversity might mean in your community of faith.

This course will explore how churches can move beyond simple "inclusion" efforts or diversity initiatives and work towards genuine transformation. Designed for small teams from congregations—and open to individuals—this accessible and interactive course will offer leaders ideas for practical applications of intercultural ministries in their own contexts.

Drawing on intercultural theology, ecumenical missiology, biblical reflection, and lived ecclesial experience, this course will encourage ministers and lay leaders to reimagine the church as a community formed through patience, shared woundedness, companionship, and practices of listening and responsibility. Instead of quick fixes, it advocates for a faith rooted in relational depth, shared power, and hope free of mastery—equipping churches to live faithfully in diverse, wounded, and interconnected [worlds](#).

About the Author and Facilitator

Rev. Dr. Hyuk Cho is Director of United Church Formation and Studies at the Vancouver School of Theology. He is a scholar of intercultural theology, postcolonial mission, and ecclesial formation, and the author of *Relation without Relation* and co-author of *Decolonizing Diakonia*. His work focuses on shared woundedness, companionship, and the formation of intercultural churches within changing landscapes.



From The Worship Committee: Upcoming Services

September 27 – Orange Shirt Sunday & Applefest Sunday

We will mark Orange Shirt Sunday, taking time to remember and honour the children who

never returned home from residential schools and to reflect on the ongoing journey toward

reconciliation. We will also celebrate Applefest Sunday, bringing together remembrance,

community, and the joys of the fall season. Don't forget our family fun celebrations that

afternoon, with live bands, a family fun zone, \$5 lunch and homemade pie sale!

October 4 – World Communion Sunday

On World Communion Sunday, we join Christians around the world at the Lord's Table. Our

Youth & Christian Education Team will prepare gluten-free bread and participate in the service as we celebrate our unity in Christ.

October 11 – Thanksgiving Sunday

We will gather in gratitude for the many blessings in our lives and celebrate Thanksgiving

Sunday together. Come prepared to give thanks for our families, friends, community, creation, and the gifts we share.

October 18 – World Food Sunday

With Wanda away, Rev. Jackie Harper has kindly agreed to lead us in worship.

October 25 – Peace Sunday

We will observe Peace Sunday, reflecting on what it means to be people who seek, embody, and share God's peace in our families, communities, and world.

November 1 – All Saints Service

Our All Saints Service will give us an opportunity to remember and honour those we have lost. Invitations will be extended to those who have experienced a loss during the past year. Together, we will hold their memories with care and gratitude and light candles to share their light.

November 8 - Remembrance Sunday, where we lift up the service and sacrifice of those among us today, and the saints who helped build this community. Join us in uniform if you are or have been in service!

November 15 – Children’s Sunday

Our children will have a special place in worship as we celebrate Children’s Sunday. We look forward to their participation and to recognizing the gifts, joy, and faith they bring to our church community.

November 29 – Advent Begins!

The season of Advent begins! As we enter this season of waiting, hope, preparation, and expectation, we begin our journey toward Christmas together. There is much to look forward to this fall! We hope you will join us for these special services and help us celebrate, remember, give thanks, and grow together as a community of faith.

Bible Study this fall

Join us Wednesday mornings at 10:00 am and we will travel through the New Testament together, starting with Matthew chapter one, all the way to Revelation. It will take as long as it takes, but each session promises to be enlightening, faith-affirming and also challenging. The conversations are always candid and inspiring. This study is open to everyone, regardless of your experience with the Bible or even with Christianity! If you don’t own a Bible, check out these online resources:

[Bible Gateway](#)

[Oremus Bible Browser](#) (and type in Matthew 1 for the first readings)

There are also large print Bibles at the church available to borrow

For September 16, please come prepared to discuss the first four chapters of Matthew. Questions to ask yourself are: What am I learning about the identity of Jesus? What does Matthew say about the nativity? Is there anything surprising I have learned? and finally, what does this reading have to do with my life today? that last question might be key!

If you are interested but Wednesday mornings at 10 don’t work for you, please let Rev. Wanda know. If there is enough interest we would consider a second time slot.



All Souls Day

Sunday November 1, 10:30 am. In keeping with our new tradition of remembering those we have lost in the past year, please reach out to friends and loved ones to see if they would like to light a candle in someone's honour. To participate in this moving and comforting service, please reach out to the office or to Rev. Wanda

Listening station

Many people in our community feel the world is rocking on a shaky foundation... so many elements of our world are changing faster than we can keep up.

We are blessed to be part of a community of faith where we can talk to each other about concerns, trust in the One who goes ahead of us and remember that we are never alone, and that we are a part of something much bigger than our own immediate connections.

The other blessing to being part of a community of faith, is that you have access to trained listeners / pastors who can spend time with you, really hear you and your concerns, and help you to ground yourself in the faith that keeps us strong.

This fall Rev. Wanda will be spending time in the Brighton Public Library in the hopes that the general public will take advantage of her presence if they have a need to talk, or at least will learn that the help is here, is possible and accessible to everyone.

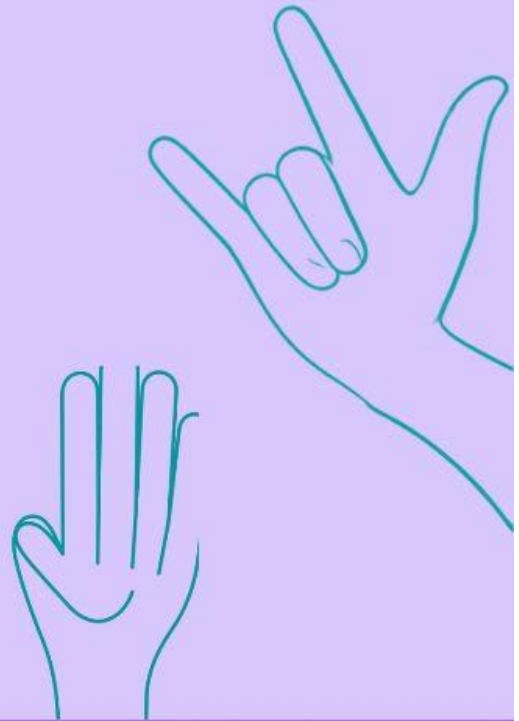
If you happen to be in the library on Wednesday afternoons from 1:00 until 2:30, October 21, 28 & Nov 4, drop by to say hello! Or perhaps you can spend that time in prayer, offering support and blessings on all the ways we can support each other and the surrounding community. We are also looking at three weeks later in the fall / winter to offer a listening station again.



AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE (ASL)

LUNCH & LEARN

SUNDAY, OCT. 4TH
12:15PM - 1:45PM
THE DOVE HALL



Come and learn the American Sign Language (ASL) alphabet and some basic words & phrases of our faith.

SIGN UP TODAY FOR THIS **FREE** EVENT



*Soup, sandwiches and
apple crisp will be served.
Gluten free and dairy free
options available.*



Sponsored by the Affirm
& Equity Committee

Affirm & Equity

American Sign Language Lunch and Learn, Sunday, October 4th, 12:15pm - 1:45pm, the Dove Hall

Come and learn the American Sign Language (ASL) alphabet and some basic words and phrases of our faith. We will also explore some newer technologies that enrich communication for all of us, especially as we age and our hearing may face challenges.

Dan and Betty Clost will be our facilitators for this learning event. Lunch will be homemade soup and sandwiches and apple crisp, with gluten-free and dairy-free options available. This is a FREE event sponsored by the Affirm and Equity Committee. Please let us know if you are planning to attend by signing up on sheet posted on the cork board.

LGBTQ+ Family Support Group

We 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 is the only in-person support group of its kind in Northumberland County and attendance has continued to grow.

We welcome members from anywhere in Northumberland County and beyond who would like to share experiences and learn how to support their LGBTQ+ loved ones. If you know someone who could use this kind of support, please share this information with them. It could change their lives for the better!

The group meets the first Tuesday of each month from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. in the Quiet Room at Trinity-St. Andrew's United Church. The next meetings are Tuesday, Oct 6th, and Nov. 3rd, 2026. For more information, please contact

Brightonlgbtqgroup@gmail.com call 613-475-1311

is someone you love

LGBTQ⁺?

us too!

This group is for **parents, grandparents,** and **loved ones** of LGBTQ+ people who would like to share their experiences and learn how to **support their loved ones.**



meet in "the Dove"

at TRINITY · ST. ANDREWS
UNITED CHURCH

56 PRINCE EDWARD ST.
BRIGHTON

6:30-
8:00
p.m.

LGBTQ+ FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP
FIRST TUESDAY of EVERY MONTH



Presquile
Animal Hospital

e-mail =

brightonlgbtqgroup@gmail.com



My name is Jade Navarro, and I'm reaching out on behalf of a student-led team at East Northumberland Secondary School to help raise awareness and funds for the Terry Fox Foundation. **Our event is Monday, September 28th.**

Along with three other students, I have created a student fundraising page connected to our school. Our goal is to support the Terry Fox Foundation and contribute to Terry's vision of a world without cancer.

If you would like to support our fundraiser, donations can be made through our online fundraising page:

<https://schools.terryfox.ca/page/ensstfoxfoundations>

A QR code is also attached for anyone who prefers to donate that way, along with a brief message from our student fundraising team.

If you are unable to donate, that is completely okay. Simply sharing our fundraiser with others would mean a lot to us and would help us reach a larger audience!

Thank you very much for taking the time to read our message and for supporting our school's fundraising efforts. Every bit of support, whether through a donation or simply spreading the word, helps make a difference.

Together, we can help carry Terry's dream forward.

Sincerely,

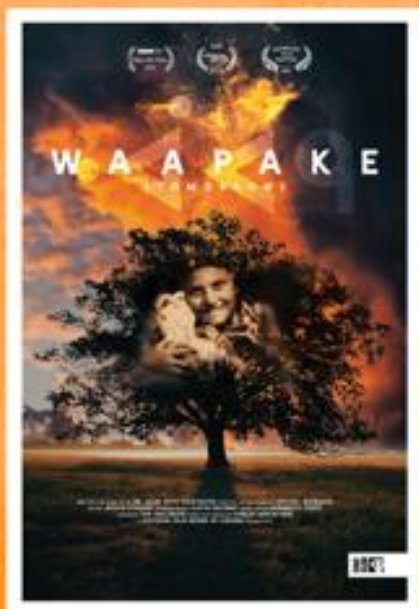
Jade Navarro & Students of ENSS



Film Screening

For Truth and Reconciliation

WaaPake



Tuesday, Sept 29th

Showings at 11:00 am,
2:00 pm and 6:00 pm

No registration is required

Learn more about
this film on our calendar:



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(613) 475-2511

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35 Alice Street Brighton ON

Reduced-Cost Rabies Vaccination Clinic

Clinics will be offered at the following locations:

- **Wilberforce Community Centre**
September 19 | 2 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
- **Cardiff Community Centre**
September 19 | 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
- **Pine Ridge Veterinary Clinic**
October 2 | 9:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.
- **Presqu'île Animal Hospital**
October 3 | 9 a.m. – 11 a.m.
- **Omemee Veterinary Hospital**
October 3 | 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.
- **Fenelon Animal Clinic**
October 3 | 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.
- **Alderville First Nation Community Centre**
October 3 | 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
- **Lakefield Animal Welfare Society**
October 17 | 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.

\$40/Pet
First come,
first serve



Remember... rabies vaccination is mandatory!
All dogs must be leashed, and cats caged or restrained.

Protect your family and your pets!

For more information

LakelandsPH.ca/Rabies



Lakelands
Public Health



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ME!**



WALK 'N ROLL FOR REFUGEES



COMMUNITY EVENT & FUNDRAISER.

IN SUPPORT OF THE ANGLICAN UNITED
REFUGEE ALLIANCE

- ➡ Group bike ride or walk
- ➡ Lunch & Quinte West Trivia;
theme "What Home Means to Us"
- ➡ Donate:



SATURDAY
Oct 3, 2026
10:30am-2:30pm

Start & End Location
Batawa Community Centre,
81 Plant St., Quinte West

 **Sign up or Learn more**
office@trentonunited.ca
(613) 392-6001 x21

The church office is open:
Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, 10am – 12:30pm
Pamela works from home on Mondays and Tuesdays.



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.