

TRINITY BRANCHES Summer 2019



STOP THE PRESS!!!

A report from the Search Committee

After a prayerful, thorough search, your Ministerial Search Committee has identified a final candidate for our part time minister position. Interviews & reference checks were based on the criteria set out in the Position Description approved by Horseshoe Regional Council, Trinity Council & our congregation.

His name is **Scott Beckett** and comes highly recommended! Scott has a B.A. Honours from University of Western Ontario specializing in History & Minor in Creative Writing. He has a Master of Divinity from Emmanuel College, University of Toronto.

Scott is a candidate for ordained ministry, and has just completed his Supervised Ministry Education at Trinity United Church in Beamsville, Ont. He was ordained at the Regional Council gathering in Port Elgin on May 25th. He is fresh, enthusiastic & excited for this next step in Ministry.

Scott is intrigued by what we have to offer & looks forward to providing another period of stable ministry leadership. He is a calm, level headed leader prepared to work collaboratively with our church in all that we do and find new ways to engage in God and in the wider community. His strengths lie in meaningful worship services, (including the use of technology) creating & leading Christian Education programs, and through pastoral care providing empathy & solace for the many circumstances that seem to come up in this world. His prayers are a particular strong point. He is very interested in Community outreach programs. He has

been part of many church committees and has a passion for music ministry. He sings in the choir and plays the sax! (Carole is delighted!)



Scott grew up in Mississauga and attended Christ First Church (formerly First United Church) where he and his parents were very involved in the church life.

As Scott is new, he will need some help from all of us. He plans to reach out and network with other local ministers. He also has a network of ministers in Beamsville as many of his current members are retired United Church ministers who live in the local Albright community. Scott is in Category A (entry level) so his compensation will be much lower than what we have in the budget. Due to the cost of living in this area & being a 22.5 hour a week position, we will provide 15% more than the minimum salary.

Scott will start June 10, 2019 providing for an overlap with Lexie until June 30th. He will be with us every Sunday.

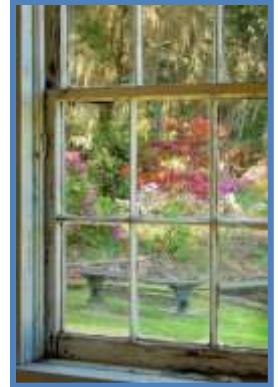
(At a special meeting on Sunday May 12, the Congregation voted unanimously to approve this recommendation. We also obtained approval from Horseshoe Regional Council.) We are pleased that Rev Scott Beckett will be starting his Ministry at Trinity on June 10th. **Please join us in welcoming Scott!**

A message from Rev Lexie...

As I sit writing this newsletter article, I have been looking out of my office window admiring the beauty the view holds. I continue to be in awe of creation. The trees, which were once barren, are now donned with a vibrant jewel of green leaves swaying in the wind. The ground, once buried under a layer of white, became brown with mud and then sprouted yet another colour of textured green. Little pink flowers on the bush closest to my window are waiting for an extra boost of warmth before they open fully to this new season. This is a season of new birth. Surely God is at work.

As I celebrate this time of renewal and rebirth, I am aware this is also a time of endings. For my family and me, we are once again in the process of packing up and preparing for a move. These past eight months in which I have been able to serve as your minister, has been a wonderful time. I am so grateful for this time which I have spent with you. Trinity is a great place. Thank you for this time of renewal and laughter, joy and sharing in God's good love.

People have been asking me what I will be doing once I move to Kingsville. The short answer is that I will be retiring. I will be looking forward to opportunities to volunteer in our new community so that I might make connections with others. I will also put my name forward as someone who is willing to do pulpit supply should a congregation find themselves in need of someone to help them fill in.



Joel, who has graciously played trumpet for our worship services here at Trinity, will be going to the University of Waterloo next year. Our daughter Naomi will be finishing her fourth year at the University of Windsor. Darrow, (my husband) will continue to serve as the minister at Harrow United Church. Darrow and I joke with one another that we will have to learn to live together again. We will also be learning what it means to be empty nesters....so there are all kinds of changes that are taking place.

Change can be difficult. There will be all kinds of learning curves we have to face. This is true for us as a family, and it is also true for you as a congregation. The possibilities that lie before you are countless. As a church community, I encourage you to try new things. This past 8 months has been a 'holding pattern' but now the growth and change can spring forth. Do not be afraid to try something new. Do not hesitate to push aside old patterns to see what new things might blossom and bloom.

This will also be a new time for Rev. Scott, your new minister. It was a long time ago, when I was first ordained, but the love and support I found within the first congregation I served continues to be a base for which my ministry grew. I encourage you to welcome him Trinity. Invite him out for coffee or see if he might be available for a lunch. Stop by with some flowers from your garden, or some cookies that you have just baked, or just to say 'hello'. When I was first ordained and moved to my very first pastoral charge, Ella, who was 92 dropped by with two freshly baked buns and another woman Margie picked flowers from her garden and left them at my door. That was 30 years ago, but I still remember their generosity. It is literally these little gestures that can make a difference to one's day.

One of the things that I have most loved about Trinity is how relaxed worship is. I have loved it when Jason helps with the worship service announcing the hymns and helping me with the computer. My heart delights when little ones like Celeste and Paisley wander to the front to sit on the stairs. Trinity is not a fancy church with huge numbers of people in attendance. Trinity is a small church family with a huge heart. Continue to welcome people. Continue to embrace all kinds of people. Because when you do this, you are sharing God's love and helping people to flourish.

With love and thanksgiving,

Reverend Lexie Chamberlain

Tidbits from Council- A feature designed to inform the congregation about noteworthy council decisions and discussions

1. Orientation Checklist for Rev Scott Beckett

The M&P Committee (Trudy Cameron, Phyllis Greer and Diane Kalina) have put together an orientation program for our new minister to introduce him to staff and committees to smooth his transition into the new job. Scott begins on Monday June 10th and will be very busy being “oriented” for the first few days. All congregation members are welcome to set up meetings with Scott (through Sheila at least until Scott’s email address and phone numbers are available) to welcome him and discuss anything. He will be in church during Rev. Lexie’s last two Sundays, June 16th and 23rd as well as Rev. Candy’s last Sunday with us, June 30th.

2. Church Clean-up and Gardening

Mary Lloyd- Clifford will be maintaining the gardens on the south side of the church next to the admin building and the walkway leading to the middle doors. She will continue to support Abigail with the Children’s garden next to the Sewell sidewalk. Many thanks to Mary for making our church look presentable.

Mary and Steve Bang will be organizing several clean-up AND gardening events.....please come and help with either or both. Dates for the gardening are May 25th, June 1st and June 8th 3 pm to 5 pm.....PLEASE COME AND HELP MARY!



We do not currently have a way or any help in maintaining the Peace Garden behind the church. If you have any suggestions, money or time to take on this project, please contact Mary, Steve or a council member.



3. Ryerson Camp Day

Council has designated Sunday June 9th as Ryerson Camp Day. Chad Buisman, assistant director at the camp will make a short presentation that Sunday and donation envelopes will be available for those wishing to contribute to the new canoe they are looking to purchase.

4. Property

Many thanks to our 7th Day Adventists group for discovering our water heater was leaking and for turning off the water before the damage became too extensive. Also thanks to Shelia Graham, Ross Roberts and Jim Greer for leaping into action to get the heater replaced, the drain unclogged and a new pipe installed.

5. Phone Tree/New Directory

It is hoped that these projects can be started in September as a new Directory would be good for Rev. Scott to have and a Phone Tree is needed in case of emergencies. Ross Roberts has agreed to take photos but a coordinator is needed for the projects.

-Diane Kalina, Council President

Youth Ministry - Abigail Ramirez



The Kids Create Playgroup was busy at work making Easter treats, to take home, and to share with us at coffee hour following our Easter service. It really has been a delight to see the children growing and developing. Some of the children who've attended since the beginning, when playgroup was first created, have since moved on to attend school and enjoy being able to come back during P.A. days to participate. It is also great to see that families continually invite new friends to spend time with us.

A comment that seems to be shared among many of the families who attend is that it is difficult to find a place to meet and gather, where the children can enjoy each other's company, while the parents can also have a chance to interact with one another. Thus, they are grateful that Trinity can provide the opportunity for this to take place. These same families also describe how it's nice to be able to connect as a community, especially since for many, they do not have extended family that live close.



Here, we have members of the Kids Create Playgroup, alongside our Sunday school, during our annual Easter Egg Hunt.

A few of the Kids Create Playgroup enjoying finger painting, after snack time.





The Sunday School is hard at work helping create this year's garden. The inspired vision by Mary Lloyd-Clifford to expand the garden into a very kid-friendly, more water efficient design can be enjoyed by all of us.

The important work done here helps to create conversations with our local community, and is a reminder that Trinity has additional offerings that complement our worship services and children's programs. Thank you so much, Mary for leading us in this new gardening venture. Thank you also to Vicki Nock, Chantelle Perera

and Faith Burgess! Faith will be *greatly* missed next year, as she pursues her post-secondary education. We wish her all the blessings for an undoubtedly bright future!

Thanks to Abigail for all her hard work and creativity with our young people!

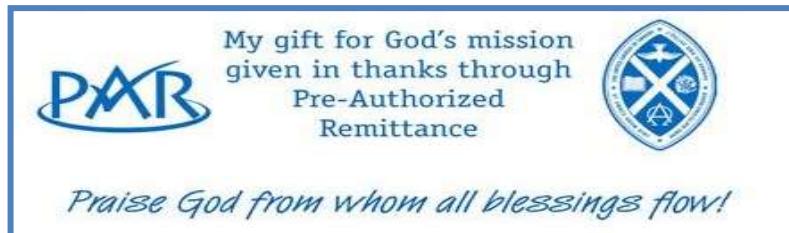


Before you assume, *learn the facts.*
Before you judge, *understand why.*
Before you hurt someone, *feel.*
Before you speak, *think.*

A Note from the Stewards

Summer's here and off we go
To this beach or to that
But don't forget that while you're gone
We must still pass the hat!

The hydro and the water bills, Cogeco and Staff
Still need their pay to function well, can't leave them in a flap!
Please don't forget 'bout Trinity, be you nearby or far
Just put your mind to rest right now and sign on up for PAR!!!!



Talk to one of the Stewards: Trudy Cameron, Phyllis Greer, Robert Kalina, Paul Maudsley, Ross Roberts, Rod Hunt and Ellen MacLean. Treasurer, Steve Bang

Thanks for all your support over the past year helping make Soup's On successful. By making soup, bringing veggies, desserts and buns, setting up and cleaning up! Half of the donations realized are given to the M&S fund.

WHITE GIFT

A very exciting time coming up for little Hannah who will be attending Ryerson United Church Camp in August. Hannah is 5 years old and is enrolled in Gapher Camp which runs for 3 nights. Hannah is very excited and looking forward to a new adventure.

Many thanks for your support.

Have fun Hannah!

Linda Roberts



Trinity Tidbits

Our deepest sympathies go to Shirley Weatherbee on the passing of her daughter Margaret on February 24. We hold you and your family in our prayers.



On Easter Sunday, April 21, we celebrated the Baptism of Adeline Laura Kalina, little sister of Lukas, daughter of Jacqueline and Markus and granddaughter of Diane and Bob Kalina. Adeline was born February 28. Adeline attracted a huge showing of fans, many from overseas! Welcome, little girl!

Kudos and thanks to Abigail and the Sunday School for their marvelous play presentation on Easter Sunday. "Hare's Haven Home" starred Jillian as N.R. Jizer, Amy as Trixie Rabbit, Abdul as Plugs Bunny, Temperance as Codger Rabbit and Faith as E Bunn! Very entertaining!



As the end of June approaches, we brace ourselves to bid a final farewell to Rev Lexie Chamberlain and her son Joel Woods. We will miss them both. We wish Lexie well in her retirement/pulpit supply ministry. Her talents will shine elsewhere. A huge thanks to Joel for his amazing musical accompaniment with our fabulous choir! Trinity owes a lot to the Woods/Chamberlain clan! You will be missed. We offer you our love, gratitude and Godspeed.

Your Friends at Trinity

We also want to offer our best wishes to Rev Candy Harvey as she heads into her retirement. Candy has served us well over the years by standing in from time to time when our pulpit would have been empty! We will miss your personal stories and science lessons! Best wishes, Candy.





TRINITY GOLF TOURNAMENT

Sunday, June 23, 2019 at the Oakville Executive Golf Course.

Again this year we will have a Shotgun start at **3:00 pm** followed by a buffet dinner. The menu is a repeat of last year (chicken parmigiana, penne with red sauce and two different salads). This meal was definitely enjoyed by everyone and the kitchen was very generous in keeping the buffet well stocked. A cash bar is also provided by the golf course.

The cost of the dinner and golf will remain the same at **\$75.00**, and **\$25.00** for dinner alone.

After dinner, our traditional auction will commence. In order to do this, we need your help please. We are looking for items to be auctioned, along with smaller items that can be used as prizes for the golfers. You will receive a tax receipt for whatever price your item(s) sells for.

Part of our fundraiser is to get people, businesses, etc. to sponsor a hole at \$100.00 each. If you would like to sponsor a hole, but do not have a sign, we will be happy to make one up for you.

We appreciate the support so many people have given us in previous years and we certainly hope you are able to continue your support this year.

(There is a sign-up sheet on the last page of this newsletter). Please ask any friends/family who have attended in the past in case we do not have their e-mail address. Or any that have never participated!

You can reach me at ross.roberts@sympatico.ca .

Thank you again for your anticipated support and we look forward to hearing from you in the near future.

This year we have some amazing items for the auction including:

-a complete set of Taylor Made golf clubs, R7 xr models, men's right hand with graphite shafts on the three woods and a very nice bag, all of which have been **very rarely used** and are in **excellent condition**

-a Taylor Made golf travel bag with wheels, almost brand new and **possibly never used**

--a **brand new** Odyssey White Hot 2-Ball putter with custom cover

-a brand new pair of ladies **Foot Joy** golf shoes size 8 ½ med

-Toronto Blue Jay Tickets

-green fee tickets for area golf courses

-a homemade chocolate cheese cake (or possibly two) made by Phyllis Greer

-a bottle of wine (possibly ice wine) with some cheese to go with it.)

Ross and Linda Roberts

FUND-MATCHING CAMPAIGN FOR NEW DIGITAL SIGN

(We had hoped to erect a digital sign which would have hung from the “Stained Glass” sign situated on the McCraney/Sewell corner of our property)

For anyone who has missed this announcement in church lately, please see the following information.

After meeting with the By-Law Dept. at the Town of Oakville, the decision has now been made not to proceed with purchase of a new digital sign for the church.

We were recently advised that the Town has the strictest requirements of any municipality regarding the by-laws which must be met in order to get approval.

In addition to the proposed cost of **\$8,000.00** which we were hoping to raise on a 50/50 matching basis, we now learn that we would also need to provide a non-refundable “application fee” of **\$700.00** and then have to also have a “traffic study” completed at approximately **\$6,000.00** more which makes the decision to abort this plan very easy to make.

I want to very much thank the people who have already made donations totaling half of the matching amount required as well as others who have made commitments but were asked to wait to see if the fundraiser was to proceed.

I have now requested that our treasurer issue cheques to refund the total amounts already donated and again thank you for your support.

Ross Roberts (*thanks for giving it a go and getting all the information on our behalf, Ross...pg*)

TLC

The TLC group was grateful for the opportunity to lead worship on Sunday May 26. One of the group’s original mandates is to somehow serve in the community so we volunteered when we heard there was to be an empty pulpit that Sunday! We tied into the Summer’s Coming theme set for the Picnic lunch following the service.



For our final gathering of the season, we had a BBQ supper on June 3. Anyone is welcome to join us when we start up again in the fall! We’ll let you know when!

Jason's Report

"Let me win, but if I can't win, let me be brave in the attempt"

SWIMMING

Mar 16-Prov Qualifying Meet- 25M freestyle, 1st; 25M backstroke, 3rd; 50M free, 2nd; 50M back, 2nd: May 21-Swim-A-Thon---Jason swam 39 laps and raised \$185 from his friends here at Trinity.

BOWLING

Apr 3-3 st, 1 sp= 247 pts; Apr 10- 5 st, 2 sp= 305 pts; Apr 17- 3 st, 2 sp= 273 pts; Apr 24- 1 st, 4 sp= 262 pts; May 1- 7 st, 4 sp= 322 pts. At the banquet May 9, Jason won the participation award and the High Pinfall Award (8191 points!)

BASKETBALL

Apr 6-Oakville 14/ Mississauga 32; Oakville 12/ Burlington 22; Oakville 24/ Welland 18; Oakville 22/ Mississauga 44 Jason won a Bronze Medal

TRACK and FIELD

May 13-first practice of the season. Jason ran 100M in 0:21:42 and 200M in 0:48:56

FLOOR HOCKEY

Apr 5-Oakville 6/ Clearview 6

On May 14, I went to the Metro Convention Centre for the Opening Ceremonies of the Special Olympics Invitational Youth Games and the Provincial Floor Hockey Championships.

I'm with my Oakville Cougars Team and I saw Vic Rauter of TSN as the Master of Ceremonies and Martina Ortiz-Luis, our Toronto Maple Leafs anthem singer. She sang O Canada.

The Premier, Mayor and Chief Mark Sanders were on hand. Let the games begin!

Jason's team played the following games at the Championships ...

Day 1- Oakville 4/ Kingston 0
Oakville 4/ Ottawa 1
Day 2- Oakville 2/ Nova Scotia 2
Oakville 11/ London 7
Day 3- Oakville 3/ Nova Scotia 3
Oakville 8/ London 5



Jason's team won the silver medal! Congratulations!

The Last laugh

My grandson was visiting one day when he asked, "Grandma, do you know how you and God are alike?" I mentally polished my halo and I said, "No, how are we alike?" "You're both real old," he replied



When my grandson Billy and I entered our vacation cabin, we kept the lights off until we were inside to keep from attracting pesky insects. Still, a few fireflies followed us in.

Noticing them before I did, Billy whispered, "It's no use, Grandpa. Now the mosquitoes are coming after us with flashlights."



Dear Lord,

So far today I've done alright; I haven't lost my temper, I haven't been greedy, I haven't been grumpy, I haven't been nasty, I haven't been selfish or self-indulgent, and I'm thankful for all that. But in a few minutes, Lord, I'm going to get out of bed and from then on, I'm probably going to need a lot more help!



Wishing everyone a safe and fun summer.

If you are in town, come to church and get to know Rev Scott!



TRINITY GOLF DAY AND DINNER

SUNDAY, JUNE 23, 2019 AT 3:00 P.M. Please arrive at least one half hour early to register, get your score cards and get out to your starting hole.

OAKVILLE EXECUTIVE GOLF COURSES (Angel's View)
4414 FOURTH LINE, OAKVILLE, ONTARIO (905-875-3932)

We will be holding our annual nine-hole, **SCRAMBLE** tournament, followed by dinner and fellowship in the clubhouse of the golf club. Because this is **best-ball** format, anyone can participate and have fun.

You do not have to be a “golfer” in order to partake. Just come out and enjoy yourself. **However, there should be at least one “fair” golfer in each foursome to make sure we keep moving along at a reasonable pace.**

WE ARE PLAYING THE **PAR 36 COURSE**. DINNER WILL BE HELD AT THE GOLF CLUB.

We require early registration and payment to properly organize this event and we have a minimum guarantee for the number of golfers. Register early so you will not be disappointed. **And bring a few friends!!**

We must insist all registration forms and **PAYMENTS** are in by **Sunday, June 9** at the latest! Please make your cheque payable to **TRINITY UNITED CHURCH** and mail it me with your completed registration form. My address is **139 Otter Cres, Oakville L6H 1E7.**

PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL PLAYERS MUST HAVE THEIR OWN GOLF CLUBS OR BE PREPARED TO RENT THEM AT THE GOLF COURSE.

Please complete the attached sign-up form and return it to Ross or Linda Roberts **as soon as possible and well before the tournament date.**

We will offer a sale of “mulligan” vouchers for use during the tournament, and our regular auction to raise funds for the church following the dinner.

MULLIGANS CAN ONLY BE USED ON YOUR TEE SHOTS, ONE PER HOLE EACH PLEASE

If you have a new item we can auction or small items we can use as prizes please let us know. The costs of the golf and dinner is the same as last year and everyone really enjoyed the buffet.

<u>Adults:</u>	<i>Golf tournament and dinner</i>	\$75.00 X _____ = \$_____
	<i>Dinner only</i>	\$25.00 X _____ = \$_____
	<i>Golf only</i>	\$52.00 X _____ = \$_____
<u>Children</u>	<i>Golf and dinner (Age + \$25.00 = \$_____</i>	\$ _____ X _____ = \$_____
<u>Under 16:</u>	<i>Dinner only</i>	\$25.00 X _____ = \$_____
	<i>TOTAL</i>	\$ _____

Enclosed is our payment in the amount of \$_____ to cover all costs as outlined above.

This fee is for the following names:

Children not wanting the buffet dinner can order burgers, fries etc. from the menu.

1. Name	e-mail
2. Name	e-mail
3. Name	e-mail
Name	e-mail