



## ***Are you on PAR –Pre-Authorized Remittance?***

Our church participates in the "direct debit" program administered by the national church. This allows people to support our church through an automatic monthly withdrawal from their bank account. On the 20th of each month (or the next business day if the 20th falls on a weekend) your individual bank account will be debited the amount of your choosing and the lump sum of all people on PAR is credited to our congregational account.

The PAR program costs our local congregation 50 cents per giver, per month. In 2011 Trinity has 136 identifiable givers with 28 of those givers on PAR. 20% of our givers are on PAR. The PAR program ensures regular monthly givings to pay church expenses and the more people on the program, the more valuable and viable it is. The church receives your money when you are away on holidays. You choose your monthly donation amount and designate how much goes to local expenses and how much goes to the Mission & Service Fund. The envelope steward receives a monthly print-out of givings and applies them to your individual statement.

Please consider becoming a PAR giver. PAR brochures can be found in the Narthex. Authorization forms along with a voided cheque may be submitted to the office secretary or mailed directly to the national office. For further information please contact a Finance and Stewardship Committee member.

Thank you.

## **Financial Summary as of October 31, 2011**

	<u><b>2011</b></u>	<u><b>2010</b></u>
Income	\$173,487	\$171,738
Expenses	\$189,975	\$182,615
YTD Deficit	(\$14,807)	(\$10,877)

### **Forecast to December 31, 2011**

Forecast of Expenses \$227,970

Income required to meet forecasted expenses \$54,483

November was Stewardship month at Trinity. A time to reflect, as individuals, on our financial support of our church and our giving's to help support God's work in our community and in the world. This year's focus was on "enough". Our Mission & Service giving's as of October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2011 were \$14,807 compared to \$16,016 for the same period last year. Please consider the M & S fund in your offering, if we work together we have "enough" to support our goal of \$19,000 by end of 2011.

Based on our current revenue information and forecast of expenses we will require a total revenue of \$54,483 or \$6810.38 per week by year's end to balance our budget.

As we approach the end of 2011 please consider putting Trinity on your Christmas gift list. Any additional financial support you may be able to provide will help to keep our budget balanced and help continue to keep Trinity financial strong as we enter in to 2012.

-Carl Powers, Finance & Stewardship Committee

Dear Trinity Friends,

The Grinch hated Christmas! The whole Christmas season!  
Now, please don't ask why. No one quite knows the reason.  
It could be his head wasn't screwed on just right.  
It could be, perhaps, that his shoes were too tight.  
But I think that the most likely reason of all,  
May have been that his heart was two sizes too small.

What would Christmas be without Dr. Seuss' well-loved favourite, *How the Grinch Stole Christmas*? Don't we love that grumpy, greedy, grouchy, green Grinch who is so totally engrossed in his raving, riotous rant about the extreme excesses of the Whoville Christmas!

Who among us does not, at some point in the Christmas season, succumb to a just little Grinchitis? "It's too much," we cry. "Too much shopping and spending. Too much partying and feasting. Too much, altogether too much. I'm so tired, I could sleep until it is over!"

And often it is completely too much. So much that we miss the 'real' Christmas, the hidden Christmas, which is buried beneath the wrapping paper, tinsel and bows. *The Hidden Christmas* is our Advent Theme this year and together we will seek it. Perhaps as we search we will be better able to fight our attacks of Grinchitis.

"It came with out ribbons! It came without tags!"  
"It came without packages, boxes or bags!"  
And he puzzled three hours, till his puzzler was sore.  
Then the Grinch thought of something he hadn't before!  
"Maybe Christmas," he thought, "doesn't come from a store."  
"Maybe Christmas...perhaps...means a little bit more!"  
And what happened then? Well...in Whoville they say,  
That the Grinch's small heart grew three sizes that day!

Perhaps we too will discover that we have been looking in the wrong places and that our hearts have been a little too small. Perhaps as we search for the *Hidden Christmas*, we will discover that Christmas means 'a little bit more'.... in fact, a whole lot MORE because the most important message of Christmas is that God is with us... good news to make even the biggest Grinch's heart grow bigger and warmer.

Please begin your Advent preparation by joining us for our *Hanging of the Greens* service and *Advent Communion*, on Sunday, November 27. Let the search for the Hidden Christmas begin!

Blessings,

*Cheryl Kirk*

*Doreen Hewitson*

## **A Stewardship Thank You**

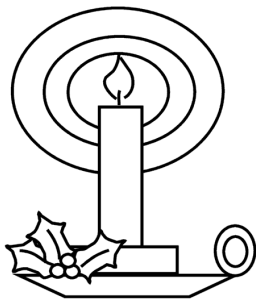
A time of community was enjoyed by many at our "Thank you Coffee Time" following the conclusion of the annual Celebrate Stewardship Program. Even though the program is only 2 weeks long, it takes many people working together to implement the program. I would like to thank the people involved this year.

Cheryl Kirk puts much time and thought into the theme of "*Enough*" and wrote and directed the skit "*Signs of Stewardship*". Cheryl also insightfully weaves the theme into her sermons. Sherrill Lidstone shared her heartfelt Faith Story on the first Sunday. Madeline and Christine Button, Alex Powers, and Grace and Eric Harvey joined me in presenting the skit during the second Sunday. There are also many people who do the behind the scene work. Patti Truesdale, our church secretary, very efficiently prepares all the items that go into the Stewardship mailing. Dee, Gord and Sherry Heath, Dick and Elaine DeVillaer, and Liz Morrison helped me to prepare the letters for mailing. The members of the Finance and Stewardship Committee donated the delicious homemade cookies and hosted the Thank you Coffee Time.

To everyone I say a big thank you. I also send a thank you out to all of you who completed the Estimate of Giving cards as a show of your commitment to God's mission through Trinity.  
Together we do make a difference in God's world.

Evelyn Mayo

Celebrate Stewardship Program



## **Longest Night Service** **December 21st, 7 pm**

The *Longest Night Service* provides a sacred time of prayer, scripture, candle lighting and music for those who are suffering a loss, illness, struggling with a problem, or feeling overwhelmed.

Christmas is a busy time. The busyness can be overwhelming and we may need to find a quiet space to hear the simple message of Christmas ...

*God is with us.*

We can feel very alone in the midst of the celebrating and out of step with others. Yet the good news of Christmas is that God is with us, even in our darkest moments.

Please join us ...

on the longest and darkest night of the year,  
December 21st, 7 pm, for this special service



## ***Poinsettia Project***

Remember those you love this Christmas with  
a **\$10 donation** to our **Poinsettia Project** .

Names of those remembered will be printed in the bulletin  
(any extra funds will be used for silk arrangements).

After use in worship the small poinsettias will be delivered to shut-ins in December.

Donations may be made by marking POINSETTIA on your envelope and enclosing **\$10**  
and the following information -

✂ --cut here -----

In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

Donor Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Envelope # \_\_\_\_\_

Do you wish to take plant home after Christmas?    yes \_\_\_ OR    no \_\_\_    (check one)

→ **Deadline - Dec. 11**

## ***Trinity's SNOWFLAKE TREE***

Our Snowflake Tree has been decorated throughout the month of November with snowflakes. Each snowflake represents the Christmas Wish of a child in Wallaceburg, whose Christmas might otherwise be sparse. Those who have taken a snowflake help make a child's wish come true! The snowflakes seem to have 'melted' quickly!

If you have not already done so please remember to return the purchased items (unwrapped) along with the snowflake by **December 4th**.



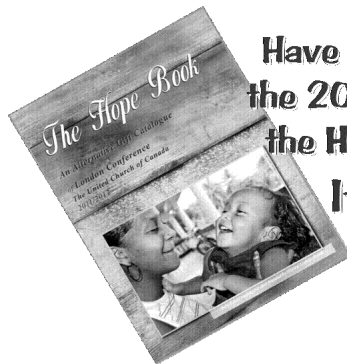
You are welcome to include gift wrap & tape (please do not wrap).  
IF your gifts need batteries please include them.

Note:

Our Snowflake Tree project is in coordination with the Salvation Army Christmas Hamper program.

## Choir of Misfits !!!

Special thanks to all those who were part of our very successful Musical Comedy, *A Choir of Misfits*. Thanks to Director Jeremy Hewitson and the whole cast: Sue Elliot, Conrad Gold, Ron Tack, Nancy MacLennan, Bob Soens Dave Hewitson, Grace Harvey, Liz Morrison, Christine Button, Meghan Hewitson, Skip Harvey, Ken Murphy, Cathy Dickson, Doreen Hewitson, Gertie Shaw, Cheryl Kirk and Cathy Wells (who was unable to perform due to illness). Thanks as well to Accompanist Marilyn Bechard, and Sound Technicians, Rob Kirk and Paul Vannatto and Lighting Assistant, Nancy Hughes.



Have you checked-out  
the 2011-12 edition of  
the **HOPE BOOK** yet?

**It's all new and  
full of great  
gift ideas!**

**It's already been delivered to your  
congregation. so don't delay.**

A copy of the **HOPE BOOK** is located on  
our narthex bulletin board.

Have a look ... consider a *gift that makes  
a difference* this year.

See the HOPE BOOK at  
[www.londonconference.ca](http://www.londonconference.ca)



### **GO GO Courtesy Shuttle**

Bethel Pentecostal Church has  
established a courtesy shuttle for  
those in need of transportation  
within Wallaceburg.

It is intended for essentials i.e. medical  
appointments, groceries, banking, church etc.

It is in no way intended to replace local taxi  
services. Advance reservation is required by calling  
Bethel, 627-6413.

The GO GO Shuttle is operated by volunteers and is  
**not** 'on-demand' as taxi services. Transportation  
times might be limited. Every effort will be made  
to accommodate medical appointments.

Car seats are available for children.

Contact Bethel Pentecostal Church for more  
information, 627- 6413.

## *Trinity's Community Meal & Movie*

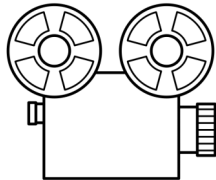
Once a month, generally the last Friday of the month, at 5:30 pm, Trinity is a vibrant hub of activity ... with the most enticing aromas wafting from the kitchen!

The church is alive with volunteers cooking and setting up tables and preparing for our Meal & Movie Night.

We thank all our dedicated volunteers without whom the meals would not happen.

Thanks to Rob Kirk for setting up the BIG screen for the movie which is provided free of charge, THANKS to Dave at Movie Time (located behind Crabby Joe's).

Have YOU attended a Meal & Movie Night at Trinity? Please consider joining us. There is no charge, nothing to bring, simply sit back and enjoy the meal & movie. We'd love to have you here!



## **Cookie Mix & Soup Mix Jars a BIG hit!**

Trinity Kids thank the Congregation for supporting their sale of Cookie Mix & Soup Mix gift jars.

Thanks for donation of jars, fabric & ribbons, and to those who purchased our gift jars! Thank you to the folks at **Buy In Bulk** for the generous discount for supplies.

Trinity Kids used the proceeds from gift jar sales to purchase gifts for our Snowflake Tree.

*Christmas is not as much about opening our presents as opening our hearts.*

## **Congratulations to Max Heath!**

On Remembrance Day, Max Heath was honoured by the Legion for his 15 year membership in the Honour Guard (serving 6 years as Commander). Max, who retired from the Honour Guard in October, was instrumental in organizing the group to complete the counter-march. Though his tears, Max expressed a big thank you to all.

The Honour Guard is involved in Decoration Day, Veteran's funerals, Remembrance Day and the High School Remembrance Service, the Santa Claus Parade, and Red Devils and Lakers openings. Max was aptly described as being "a Legion member from the tips of his toes to the top of his head." Your Trinity Family honours your years of service, Max!

## **Holiday POP CAN collection...**

Please donate your aluminum pop cans to Trinity's Community Meals. Money raised from pop cans is used to help cover costs of Trinity's monthly (no charge) Community Meal & Movie.

Cans may be dropped off at 312 Duncan Street or left in church kitchen (bagged).

Thank YOU!

## **SHUFFLEBOARD**

**Monday & Thursday, 9:30-11:30 am**

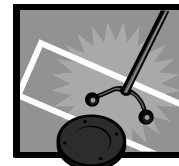
Shuffleboard is for ALL ages!

Consider joining us.

You'll have LOTS of fun!

We're not 'pro's' at shuffleboard

... we're 'pro's' at having fun!



## *Misplaced Brown Jug*

A treasured family heirloom was loaned to Trinity last Fall to display autumn flowers. When decorating for autumn this year the brown jug was nowhere to be found.

The jug is over 100 years old and holds great sentimental value! It is our hope to locate it and return it safe and sound.

Description - brown pottery jug (that does not look 100 years old) with bits of broken white flowered china attached to the jug. It is approximately the size of a 2 L pop container. This type of 'hobby art' is referred to as *memory ware*. In general they are not monetarily valuable but do hold great sentimental value to the family.



If seen please contact the church office (or set in the church office for safe keeping so we may contact the owner). Thank you.

Above - example of a similar jug

**RECYCLE Milk Bags** - 4 litre outer bag only, NOT the 3 inner clear ones, which are crocheted into sleeping mats for the impoverished in various countries. A collection box can be found in the Narthex. Please WASH/DRY the milk bag before placing it in the collection box (folded bags take up less space). It takes approx. 400 bags to make one mat.

## **How to contact Trinity**

Trinity United Church/ Secretary: [trinity@mnsi.net](mailto:trinity@mnsi.net)

Cheryl Kirk: [cherylkirk@mdirect.net](mailto:cherylkirk@mdirect.net)

Doreen Hewitson: [dhetwitson@mdirect.net](mailto:dhetwitson@mdirect.net)

## **Would you like our newsletter by E-mail?**

Let us know ...

- ◆ email Trinity
- ◆ call the church office 627-1472

## ADVENT CALENDAR

**Advent I**, Nov. 27 - Hanging of the Greens & Advent *Communion*, Intergenerational Service, and Mission & Outreach Crock Pot Lunch

**Snowflake Luncheon, Dec. 2** (see front page)  
Plan to attend our annual lunch.

**Advent II, Dec. 4 - White Gift Sunday**  
Intergenerational Service. Please bring a new unwrapped gift for a child or youth or a canned good. Items will be taken to Salvation Army for the Christmas Cheer Program.

**Advent III, Dec. 11**

**Community Carol Sing**, Dec. 13, 7 pm at Trinity.  
An event for the entire community to join together in song. (see front page)

**Christmas Sunday Service, Advent IV, Dec. 18**

**Longest Night Service**, Dec. 21, 7 pm

**Christmas Eve Family Service**, Dec. 24, 7 pm

**Christmas Day**, Sunday Service, 10:30 am



*Our prayer for you ... a blessed Advent  
Season and a joy filled 2012 with  
happiness and good health..*