

Fall News
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Holy Trinity Events

Friday, October 23rd 6:00PM Special Parish Meeting

At a parish forum after church on September 20th, the Holy Trinity Fundraising and Stewardship Committee presented a report on the capital campaign feasibility study that was conducted over the summer by the Goldie Company. The study found that 81% of those Holy Trinity members interviewed indicated that they would financially support a campaign. The consultant also concluded, based on the interviews, that it would be feasible for the congregation to raise at least \$250,000 over five years, or, \$50,000 per year, over and above regular offerings.

The purpose of THIS meeting is to further refine the **case** for a parish-wide capital campaign (i.e., what would we do with the money we raise?), to clarify next steps, and to identify or suggest individuals for particular roles. The evening begins at 6:00PM with supper in the Cafe, and will conclude around 9:00.

Questions? Contact any member of the committee: Julia Fox-Revett, Vivian Harrower, Sherman Hesselgrave, Gwenlyn Setterfield, Nancy Whitla

- Sunday, October 25 10:30AM** Eucharist with junior & senior children's program
- Sunday, November 1 10:30AM** All Saints Eucharist for all ages – no children's program
Christmas Story rehearsals begin 1PM
- Sunday, November 8 & 15 10:30AM** Eucharist with children's program
- Sunday, November 22 10:30AM** Eucharist with children's program, followed by Advent wreath, calendar & card making for all ages!

Treaty People Book Group

The Forum after church on October 4th was a continuation of the conversation begun by members of the HT community to respond to the Truth and Reconciliation Committee recommendations.

One of the items that emerged is the opportunity to take part in a book group. But THIS book group will operate a bit differently than the typical group. Instead of everyone reading the book ahead of time and discussing it all at once, we are going to gather at

an agreed upon time and read the book aloud together, stopping for discussion whenever someone wants. We will take as many meetings as it takes to get through the book. We are proposing that we start with Victoria Freeman's ***Distant Relations: How my ancestors colonized North America.***

More about Victoria Freeman here: <http://victoriafreeman.ca/about/academic/>

This 2002 book is available new or used online and also in local bookstores. Her subsequent University of Toronto PhD dissertation, *Toronto Has No History!*, can be read online at the link above.

If you are interested in being part of this group, contact me, so that when we are ready to schedule the first meeting, you can help find the date and time.

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Reflecting on our lives together

Northwest Corner Rehabilitation – Update by Jean Robinson, Property Warden.

Construction begins to prevent further movement of the northwest tower (stop the crack from widening)! The selected contractors, Clifford Restoration, started the preparatory work on **Monday 19th October 2015** with an expected completion date 8 weeks later, if everything goes smoothly.

There are a lot of preparations going on in the background. Margot has had her hands full ensuring that the necessary permits are obtained from Parks and Recreation and the City of Toronto to gain access to the square for the different contractors. There will be excavation inside and outside the Church so Davey Tree Experts advised us that the roots of 2 trees will be disturbed and possibly damaged so we will have to pay the City the necessary permit fees to have the trees removed and then replaced. To ensure there is still adequate space for the fire route outside the Church between the contractors' hording and the Marriott patio we had to ask the hotel's permission to take down the railings and replace them when everything is finished.

Unfortunately the nave kitchen will be part of the construction site as the floor will have to be taken up for the excavations. Our caretakers Shawn and Ryan packed and stored the kitchen with help from some volunteers

The Café have generously agreed to allow us to use their equipment and utensils on the weekends. We will have to be very careful to clean up properly so it is ready for the Café staff on Monday mornings. The Homeless Memorial catering on the first Tuesdays will be done in the kitchen of number 10.

We had concerns about the organ but the contractors assured us they will enclose the construction area and use a negative pressure unit to ensure there is no dust while they are hand excavating. We will have the organ inspected before the work starts to

verify its present status. It will be available for Christmas Story and the Brides Room will be used for their costume changes instead of the kitchen. We will keep the west gallery free for the Christmas Story choir, the lighting technician and the spot lights.

Margot has also been in contact with our insurance company to let them know what is going on. We are very glad to have R.J.C. Consulting Engineers, supervising and checking the contractors' work as it progresses. So, we think we have crossed all the T's but I am sure other things will come up, so if **you** think of anything James, Sherman, Margot and I would be glad to hear about it as soon as possible.

Celebrating Music Mondays 24th Season (these photos and others on webpage) by Jean Robinson, Chair of the Music Mondays Committee.

We have had a very successful season entertaining 1,841 visitors at our 18 concerts from May to August, as well as 18 tiny tots from the crèche next door with their 5 "carers" for one of the concerts. The Season was designed and organized by our Artistic Director, Eitan Cornfield, who has been with us for the last 3 seasons, forging new partnerships around the City enabling us to have a creative program, way beyond our financial means.



Unfortunately Eitan was unable to continue, as he is exploring new challenges closer to his new home, out of the City. However, he made the handover to our new Artistic Director, Ian Grundy, as painless as possible acting as a consultant whenever we have questions.

(photo: Eitan Cornfield, previous Artistic Director with Alison Howard, donor of the commissioned piece by Peter Togni)

We are delighted to welcome Ian Grundy, who comes with lots of new ideas and extensive experience to build on, as we extend our reach looking for new challenges and enlarging our audiences.

The Canadian Broadcasting Corporation Radio 2's IN CONCERT, again featured the CBC Music Young Artists of 2015 to perform and be recorded for broadcast. The opening concert on May 4th featured the award-winning violinist Emily Kruspe and The Altius Guitar Duo-Adam Batstone and Chad Yacobucci played at our August 10th concert.

The August 24th concert by Peter-Anthony Togni, organ and piano with Jeff Reilly bass clarinet, brought us compositions by Peter. We were incredibly honoured to receive the world premiere performance of the composition "*Benedicite*". Alison Howard commissioned Peter-Anthony Togni to compose the piece to celebrate *Music Mondays* and the *Church of the Holy Trinity*. The piece was composed around Alison's favourite hymn, "*Abide with Me, Fast Falls the Eventide*". This is an outstanding tribute to our 24 years of making music in downtown Toronto for our very appreciative audiences in our beautiful Church. 2016 will be an eventful year as we celebrate our 25th Anniversary. Music Mondays was Margot



Linken, our Parish Administrator's idea, as she realized the gap which was created when CBC built its own recording theatre down on Front Street, and no longer used the Church. Congratulations and Thank You Margot. (photo: Canzona Chamber Players for the final concert)

What Community Members have been doing

Maggie Panter's Toxic Tour Labour Day Weekend - There were 3 buses and 2 cars from Toronto, 1 bus from Montreal, 1 from London and assorted others (almost 500 strong) who were on the Toxic Tour of Chemical Valley beside the reserve of the Aamjiwnaang outside Sarnia.

As we stepped off the buses, the smell of the contaminants hit us (and today was said to be a good day). Chemical Valley has the highest concentration of petrochemical refineries in Canada and 40% of Ontario's petrochemical industries. Puffers (inhalers) are endemic-39% of the community require puffers. Skin diseases are rampant, as are rare cancers.

We were taken on a walk through some of the refineries owned by Laxness, Suncor, Shell and many more. The refineries are responsible for reporting any spills and releases. Fish should be eaten no more than once a month; wildlife not at all. Vegetable gardens are forbidden. Settlers who lived nearby were moved when the petroleum plants were built, but Native folk were not relocated.

The tour was organized to a great extent by the youth of Aamjiwnaang. They are also involved in organizing soil and water testing, which the government has neglected to do, and the campaign to reverse Line9 which will run through the community carrying toxic diluted bitumen from the tar sands. But they need our help! To learn more visit <http://aamjiwnaangsolidarity.com/>

Events of Interest to Holy Trinity Community

On Saturday October 24th at 2pm at Trinity-St.Paul's United Church (427 Bloor Street West, Toronto) a staged reading of David Craig's ***Danny King of the Basement*** will be held to draw attention to the issues of child poverty. Following the reading of this multi-award winning internationally successful play there will be a panel discussion on the issues. The panel will feature Mary Jo Leddy (Co-Chair Keep the Promise and founder of Romero house), Anita Khanna (Director of Campaign 2000), Megan Ramsay and Jaime Donofrio (teacher and student, TDSB), and Playwright David Craig. Keep the Promise (keepthepromise.ca), Campaign 2000 (www.campaign2000.ca) and Trinity-St.Paul's (www.trinitystpauls.ca) are presenting the play and panel to remind the Canadian Government of its 25-year-old promise to end child poverty and to encourage citizens to advocate for action. It's time to keep the promise. Join us at 427 Bloor Street West, Toronto, ON Tickets: \$15 at www.trinitystpauls.ca or \$20 at the door, under 18 FREE All proceeds to Keep the Promise.