

TRINITY TODAY

Special Trinity Today News: The Rev. Canon Barb Hammond

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Help for the liturgy

I am looking for a new team of servers to assist in the Sunday worship. Liturgy means the work of the people. In the Anglican church everyone is encouraged to participate. That is why we have lay people - not ordained - doing the readings of scripture and leading the prayers. We have other people who carry the cross - the crucifer - and help to set the table for communion, receive the offering and help with the ablutions (clean up) - servers. For special services we have candle bearers - acolytes - who join in processions. These people are robed and are part of a carefully organization and movement that requires some learning but is not difficult. Anyone over the age of twelve is invited to join this group of people. Some people do other jobs such as altar guild, Eucharistic ministers- serving the wine and sometimes the bread at communion - readers or intercessors. You are welcome to do more than one job.

Ideally we would have 10 or more people trained to be servers so that no one has to do it more than twice a month. A large group lets more people take part in the liturgy developing fellowship and a deeper appreciation of worship.

I will run training programs after church on Sunday enough times to get every one who is interested learn what and how we do it.

Please leave a message on my office phone if you would be interested.

Season of Creation

Last September we introduced a season within the wider season of Pentecost that is becoming popular in churches of many denominations throughout the world. It is a way of focussing on the environment and climate change. It was well received last year so we are proposing doing it again. Also included will be service with prayers and teachings of our indigenous brothers and sisters.

As Christians we acknowledge God as creator so I think we need to spend time and energy learning and working to protect the gifts that we have inherited. Certainly as the whole world, it seems, has been on fire - literally - this year, we need to push our political leaders to see this as an important issue for all creation and learn what we can do to stop endangering the health and well being of every living thing.



FROM THE WARDENS:

As we noted last Sunday, we are gearing up for our Fall programs – in the services and in our broader church life. There are three items in particular where we are seeking volunteers. They are Sidespeople/Greeters, Refugee Committee and Hosts for our Fellowship Hour after the service.

Sidespeople/Greeters are a vital component in ensuring the flow and atmosphere of the Sunday morning service (s). Beyond being a welcoming face as people arrive, they indicate seating availability, ensure newcomers are identified and the service routine is explained; control parts of the service such as guiding the approach for communion and the return of the youth after their Sunday Program, take up collection and assist communicants at the stairs when we return to the Rail. You would be part of a team, with a schedule and would be on duty once every 4 to 6 weeks. We are looking for at least another 5 people to volunteer for this vital work.

Fellowship Hour Hosts would be responsible for making the tea & coffee on Sunday morning, putting out the table clothes, juice & cups and cleaning up afterwards. Sweets/cheese & crackers etc. are your choice – it is the fellowship that is important. We will ensure the tables are set-up a head of time and that the tea, coffee, juice, milk, napkins & sugar are available. The sign-up sheets will be on the bulletin board just outside the Hall. Please consider it with a couple of friends or colleagues.

Refugee Committee members would work with Linda Gould, Hillary Irving Brown and Cassandra Culpepper. They would act as HTC's liaison with groups such as CHAI and AURA which in turn work with the individual Sponsor Groups. These later people identify the specific refugees to be supported, gather the funds necessary, arrange for housing etc. AURA works with the IRCC (Canadian Government), keeps HTC and the Sponsor Group informed and basically keeps the process moving as smoothly as possible. HTC will hold the funds from the Sponsor Group and also stands as surety just in case. We track the spending and facilitate the relationship between AURA and the Sponsor Group. This latter role entails meeting the Sponsor Group and the refugees themselves on occasion, helping where and as appropriate and keeping the Wardens and the Treasurer informed as the settlement progresses. As you have seen over the last year with the visits that some of the refugees have visited HTC, it is rewarding work. The Committee is also occasionally called upon to meet with people who would like to bring refugees to Canada but do not know how to plug into the process. We are looking for another 2 or 3 people to join this committee.



A new Deputy Warden

I have appointed Osaro Aigbede to replace Princewill Uzoukwu who has moved to Brantford. Princewill did a very good job helping us to improve our communication system and the taping of our services for U-Tube. On September 10, Osaro has asked to host the lemonade refreshments after the 9 a.m. service. During that service I will swear him into his new job.

Please give him a good welcome to his new responsibility and offer to support and help him.

Canon Barb



Br Reg's Leadership: Holy Trinity's Youth Programs

In my work with the youth in preparing for our Youth service held on 4 June this year I was able to clearly observe the faith potential of our young people at Holy Trinity. They were enthusiastic about planning the liturgy, they were prayerful and joyful. But what I felt during our time together although never explicitly stated was a desire to build authentic spiritual community among themselves and develop ministry that can happen to and for them at the various places where they live with other youth, e.g. school, social organizations and at Holy Trinity.

Inspired by this insight the Christian formation group composed of Hazel Ogilvie, Cassandra Culpepper, Rebecca Jones, Leanda Kirwan and myself (Br Reg) have spent the summer in discussions and visioning on how we can facilitate the growth, gifts and abilities of our young people's spirituality. We want the youth to recognize the gifts that God has given them, celebrate and develop their creative potential and learn to interact as a community of faith. We have committed ourselves to two programs that we believe will foster and develop these goals and objectives.

The first program is "Godly Play." Godly play" is a Montessori-based program designed to develop Children's spirituality through biblical stories designed to engage children through their senses. e.g. sight, touch, hearing, and guided movement.

The second program for older youth is 'Journey to Adulthood. This an innovative relational youth program that focuses on building authentic spiritual communities. The first part is to develop and recognize their gifts and learn to interact as a community of faith. The second portion is learning six basic skills of adulthood: active listening, negotiation, assertion, research and information management, partnership and leadership. The program which ends with confirmation is based on the key concept that "manhood and womanhood are gifts from God, but adulthood must be earned. The program encourages teens to explore the four areas of self, spirituality, sexuality and society, and learn to connect their faith to all areas of life. It is our belief that this program will foster an environment of wholeness and authenticity and help our older youth (teens) develop a life-changing relationship with the God who created them.

Timeline News

It is our hope to begin the Godly play program in the third week of October. The Journey to adulthood program will begin the first week of October.

Last Sunday one of the youths came to me and asked to be baptized. He and I will begin that preparation starting next Sunday. I also will invite other members of the group to join and help participate in the Baptism preparation for Jayden. This group experience will have a profound impact on the development of a youth community at Holy Trinity.

Br Reg

From the Priest-in-charge

As we prepare for the fall season that is usually very full and busy as we move towards Christmas, you may find some shifting of people taking on new responsibilities.

The "Sunday School" as it has been known or Christian development for young people is recruiting and training a very exciting team. Brother Reg is taking on this project and he will be telling you more about it himself.



Baptism

If anyone is interested in Baptism this Thanksgiving - adults, youth, children, babies - please contact me in the next week or two at my office. Leave a number and I will get back to you.



The Rev. Canon Barb Hammond



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Hours: M-F 9:30-14:30

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Hours: M-F 10-4:00

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Something good is happening here!

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