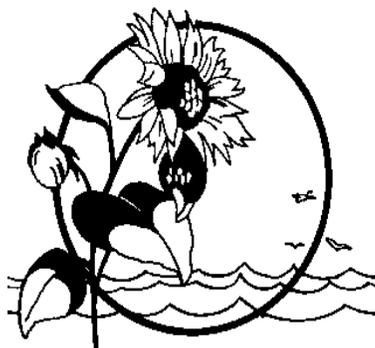




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Summer Sunday Services

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Services in July will be held at 9:30 am at Pinegrove except for July 15

Sunday, July 15 at 10 am at Kakabeka Falls Provincial Park Visitor's Centre (see page 3 for more details)

Services in August will be held at 9:30 am at Pinegrove

September 2 at 9:30 am

September 9 at 10:30 am

Pinegrove Post

Summer 2012 Edition

GREETINGS FROM YOUR BOARD



GREETINGS from your Board as we enter the summer season! We have continued to be active over the spring to ensure the workings of your Church.

Thanks to all who worked so hard to make the Green Thumb Tea a big success – in fact we realized the highest profit we have ever done this year. Special thanks to Marion Wilson who spearheads this fundraiser. It's always a fun time! The reason we do events such as this is not only to raise some money for the Church coffers but also the fellowship we have in preparing for them.

Summer brings about a quieter time in our Church life, but this summer we will have Hubert Den Draak in the pulpit every Sunday, except one in August. Services for the summer will be at 9:30 a.m. Our service on July 15th will be held at the Kakabeka Falls Provincial Park Visitor's Centre at 10 a.m., joining with our friends from Central United Church. Come out and enjoy worship in the park.

Some of you may have heard that we have asked Presbytery to appoint Hubert Den Draak as our Student Supply Minister. This was to be in place for July 1st. However some paperwork is holding it up, so nothing is official yet, but we are fully expecting that to happen sometime this summer. The plan for the fall is that Hubert will be with us every Sunday but a couple of services a month will still come from Trinity United via videoconferencing. Those of us who have come to love the use of technology and joining with that congregation will continue to be able to enjoy that. It will also give Hubert, who is only half time (20 hours a week), some space in his week to do more pastoral care and organize/research new ideas that he has for our Church family. He is also commencing his second year of studies to become a Diaconal Minister for the United Church of Canada.

Please support the "Grow a Row" program so that we can assist more people in our community to have good food grown locally.

Wishing you a safe and "sunny" summer.

Claire Belluz
Chair of Pinegrove Board

Please take note of our Summer Hours:

*Starting July 1, services will be held at 9:30 am.
The service time will return to our regular 10:30 am
start time, beginning September 9.*

Green Thumb Tea

Did You Know....that the Green Thumb Tea netted a profit of over \$2,900? A huge thank you is extended to all who helped in any way - by providing plants, silent auction items and baking, by helping with the sales, desserts, set-up and clean-up, and by purchasing tickets to enjoy the event.

**Annual Wind-Up
and Potluck Lunch**

On Sunday, June 17, right after the service, the Pinegrove family enjoyed a time of fellowship, fun and food during our annual wind-up and potluck lunch. The weather allowed for some fun games to be played outside by the young and the “young at heart”! Afterwards, a great potluck lunch was enjoyed, topped off by ice cream and cotton candy. It was a real treat watching the cotton candy being made right there in Fellowship Hall. We all had a great time!

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Do you have any ideas for a fun social event? We'd like to know! Contact a member of your Social Committee:

Deb Paris (767-1068) or
Joan Bailey (939-1762).

New Address?

If you have a new address, please let the church secretary know. Call, email or drop off a change of address card.

A Message from Rev. Randy Boyd:



Summer is a time of recreation and re-creation.

For many, the summer months are a time of recreation – the children off from school, it's time for holidays, trips to the lake or farther afield, BBQ's in the backyard, long weekends. It's good to take a break and relax. The body needs it. The Spirit needs it too. Indeed, God took a break after the six days of creation – and it was good! Summer holidays are like the Sabbath. After a year of hard work and the busyness of our year, we take a nice, long break.

We sometimes forget the importance of the Sabbath – of taking some time away from the crazy routine of our lives and just taking it easy, enjoying what God's world has to offer, and contemplating the beauty and mystery that is life. I remember a psychologist who once said that if you want to control the stress of your life, do two things. First, make sure you do twenty minutes of exercise a day. And second, take twenty minutes to think about the "big questions" of life. I like to think that the weekly sermon is that twenty minutes of thinking about the big questions of life – so, in some ways, a sermon is a great stress reliever!

Now, for others of course, the summer is a time of a lot of hard work. For those who work on the land, summer is hardly a time for recreation – but it is a time for re-creation. Each year, the cycle of life takes another turn, and what was dead and lifeless in the winter comes alive, is reborn, and life is renewed. Those who make a living from the soil witness to the year-long reality of the resurrection, and the life-giving power of the renewal of world.

As you enjoy your summer, remember to take the time to consider the "big questions" of life, and the joy and mystery of it all. And just because it's summer, don't forget to come to church and say thank you to God for all we have been given. (If you can't make it to church, of course, don't forget you can always connect online – www.trinityuc.org/live. Sorry for the shameless plug.)

Hope you all have a great summer – whether it be a time of recreation or re-creation. I'm looking forward already to the Fall and the exciting continuation of our innovative relationship. It's only going to get better and better.

God's summer blessing to you all!

Randy

A Note from the Finance Committee:

Well summer is here again and we are all ready to have fun in the sun , doing whatever gets us out and about. At this time of year church attendance does seem to be more sporadic however the expenses are still the same. There are a number of ways to support the Church , for example , Pre Authorized Remittance or PAR. Please support us over the summer if you can. Don t forget that Church Services are at 9:30 A.M. all of July and August. We look forward to seeing you there !

A Message from Christina

(Christina Stricker, our Pastoral Charge Supervisor, is a licensed Lay Worship Leader in The United Church of Canada and regularly attends Current River United Church.)

Hello People of Pinegrove!

Here we are at the end of one busy season and preparing to begin another! Summer is the time to rest, reflect and regain some energy for the busy fall season in the life of a church. Nevertheless, summer holds its own pleasures and responsibilities.

Summer services may seem a bit more casual but it is still wonderful Worship. The bills still need to be paid, and while the Board has no scheduled meetings for July or August, there may be emerging issues that will be addressed as they come along.

As the wheels of the administrative church turn, very soon you will have a paid-accountable student supply minister in place, Hubert Den Draak, and you can be looking forward to his presence in the 'heart of Pinegrove'! Hubert comes with his own brilliant energy and will challenge all and sundry to think about faith and social justice issues, as well as participate in the week-to-week life of a congregation: worship, pastoral care and fellowship, as well as the odd administrative excitement.

My experience of Pinegrove has been positive and life-giving and I look forward to continuing my duties as your Pastoral Charge Supervisor.

Meanwhile I wish you all a blessed and refreshing summer time.

Christina Stricker, Pastoral Charge Supervisor, Cambrian Presbytery

A Helpful Hint for Your Garden

Deer Repellant / Chaser - At a recent Board meeting, Christina Stricker shared how she is dealing with predators, mainly deer, in her country garden.

"The deer repellent/chaser is called light called 'niteguard' and it comes from a place in Minnesota. You can order online at www.niteguard.com and also get all the details. We ordered two and had no troubles with the order. The red light flashes all night and is seen as a predator by animals so they don't come near it. We move ours around the garden every week or so and around the bee-yard. That is so the animals do not get used to it being in one place. We've had ours now for about two years and it works very well. Although we still sometimes get deer in the yard during the day, they are not around at night at all, as far as we know. There is no robbing done, anyway. And that is the point!"

"Rest is not idleness, and to lie sometimes on the grass on a summer day listening to the murmur of water, or watching the clouds float across the sky, is hardly a waste of time."
- John Lubbock



I drifted into a summer-nap under the hot shade of July, serenaded by a cicadae lullaby, to drowsy-warm dreams of distant thunder. ~Terri Guillemets

July 15th **Service in the Park**

A combined outdoor service with Central United Church will be held at 10:00 a.m. at Kakabeka Falls Provincial Park on July 15. Bring a cushion and a parasol - and some snacks for the fellowship after the service. The service will be fun and child friendly. Juice and lemonade will be provided. Worship leader will be Hubert Den Draak.

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If you would like to be added to the Pinegrove email listing, please send your request to Joan Bailey, Communications - bailey@tbaytel.net

Chicken Salad Recipe

This is a great summertime recipe. But be sure to factor in some time to let it chill.

SERVES 4 - 8

- 3 c. cooked chicken, diced
- 1 c. celery, thinly sliced
 - 1/2 c. onion, minced
 - 1 tsp. salt (optional)
 - 2 Tbsp. lemon juice
- 1 c. seedless grapes, sliced
 - 1/4 c. mayonnaise
- 1 (11 oz.) can mandarin oranges, drained well and patted dry
- 1/2 c. toasted almonds
- Romaine lettuce or Boston lettuce or leaf lettuce

In a large salad bowl blend together chicken, celery, onions, salt, lemon juice, and grapes. Refrigerate for 2 hours or overnight. Just prior to serving, add the mayonnaise, oranges, and almonds, tossing gently to avoid breaking the orange segments. Serve on leaves of Romaine, Boston or leaf lettuce or scoop generously into an avocado half. Serves 4 large portions or 8 smaller ones. Really nice served with a variety of breads – croissants, harvest bread or a crusty bun.

(Variations: Try using a combination of green and red grapes to add some extra colour to the mixture. Try substituting turkey breast for the chicken - a great way to use up leftovers!)

“GROW A ROW”

For the past few years, a dedicated group of Pinegrove members, with help from our friends at St. Mark's Anglican church, have planted, tended and harvested a community garden of potatoes which were given to the Regional Food Distribution Association. This year there will be no community garden planted, but in place of that we are encouraging anyone interested to “grow a row”. If you would like to participate in this and grow an extra row in your garden for the RFDA, we ask that you harvest the row during the last week in August and bring it to church. We'll see that it gets to the RFDA. If you don't have a garden but still wish to take part in this project, why not buy a bag of local produce at that time and donate it, or make a monetary donation which will be forwarded to the RFDA. Happy growing! For more info, contact Marion Wilson at 939-2966.

The Milk Fund

Pinegrove budgets each year to help support the Milk Fund. Any collection in our Milk Bottle during CUPPA goes towards our donation.

A Note from the Property Committee

The Property Committee over the summer will continue to do maintenance and projects that are best completed in the warmer weather. Some projects such as painting, lawn cutting and landscape improvement are planned. If you would



like to help with any of these, please contact Jack McNally, Lorne Wilson, Ivan Schutte or Fernand Racicot. Have a great summer !

General Council 41 - GC41

(The United Church of Canada's General Council is a denomination-wide gathering which meets every three years to elect a new Moderator and to approve new church policies.)



The 41st General Council of The United Church of Canada will be held in Ottawa, August 11-18, 2012. You can keep informed of discussions held and decisions made by visiting the GC41 website: <http://www.gc41.ca/> You can read or download some of the background material that Commissioners to GC41 will be receiving, including the Israel/Palestine Report, the State of the Church, and the Basis of Union and United Church Crest. Check out the bios of the fifteen members nominated for the position of Moderator of The United Church of Canada. Rev. Scott Gale is one of the Commissioners from Cambrian Presbytery who will be attending this summer's gathering.

Other United Church Websites of Interest

The United Church of Canada: www.united-church.ca

Conf. of Manitoba and Northwestern Ontario: www.mnwo.united-church.ca

Cambrian Presbytery: www.cambrianpresbytery.org