

Trulls Road Trumpet



Trulls Road Free Methodist Church, 2301 Trulls Road, Courtice, ON

April 24, 2016 Edition

(An update from the desk of Pastor Brian)

Upcoming Concerts in Courtice...

Save the Dates!

Salvation Army Brass Band

Saturday, April 30, 7 PM

Tickets \$10.00. 12 & Under Free

Proceeds to our Building Fund

Darin Martin

Saturday, May 14, 7:30 PM

Tickets \$5.00 Advanced

\$7.00 At the Door

\$2.00 High School Student Rate

Master's Four Gospel Quartet

Sunday, May 29, 6:30 PM

Free Will Offering

"A Gospel Road Event"

Survey Says...

On February 21 we had our Annual Society Meeting which was attended by over 100 people. Thanks for that support and interest in the ministry at Trulls Road Free Methodist Church. The following chart gives a summary of the survey results and we'd be glad for any comments or feedback to the information below.

The results are very encouraging and we look forward to great things to come at Trulls.

STATEMENT / Rating 1 Lo, 6 Hi	1	2	3	4	5	6	NA
Trulls offers worship services that inspire.	0 (0%)	1 (1%)	8 (9%)	14 (15%)	32 (34%)	37 (40%)	1 (1%)
Trulls is a friendly and welcoming place.	0 (0%)	1 (1%)	2 (2%)	8 (9%)	35 (38%)	45 (49%)	2 (2%)
We are generally better at UP and IN than we are at OUT.	2 (2%)	3 (3%)	5 (5%)	25 (27%)	28 (30%)	20 (22%)	10 (11%)
I am in a small group which I highly value.	13 (14%)	1 (1%)	2 (2%)	5 (5%)	11 (12%)	34 (37%)	27 (29%)
3DM is a good approach to ministry going forward (up, in, out).	0 (0%)	2 (2%)	2 (2%)	12 (13%)	33 (36%)	30 (32%)	14 (15%)
We make efforts in meeting the needs of our community.	0 (0%)	3 (3%)	13 (14%)	31 (33%)	29 (31%)	15 (16%)	2 (2%)
My immediate family members are well served by a program at Trulls.	2 (2%)	3 (3%)	8 (9%)	15 (16%)	25 (27%)	15 (16%)	25 (27%)
I am very excited about the future of TRFMC.	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	2 (2%)	13 (14%)	19 (20%)	59 (64%)	0 (0%)

Welcome to New Official Board Members!

Recently we announced the details of this year's Official Board assignments. I want to add my appreciation to those who are new to the Board and to all those who serve in various capacities at Trulls. New to the Board this year are Lynda Anderson, Kevin Bazak and Barb Hambley. Each of these members have picked up responsibilities on particular teams. We look forward to serving together and should you have any questions, by all means, please be in touch with our Board Chair, Vicky Sneep.

Free Methodist Church in Canada Regional Gatherings

Over the course of April and May there are eleven Regional Gatherings (RG) across Canada wherein Free Methodist Churches send representatives to an area gathering to interact with Church leadership about the future of the FMC. Bishop Keith is retiring next May and this is deemed to be a good time to step back and take a look at where we are at and where we would like to go as a denomination. Here are the eight themes that are being explored during these meetings. 1) What kind of churches does Canada Need? 2) Clarity of FMCiC Identity. 3) Denomination Ecosystem. 4) Discipleship. 5) Young Leaders & Development of Competent Godly Leaders. 6) Communication. 7) Connection. 8) Bi-Vocational Leaders.

The timeline after these meetings includes a leaders gathering in August of FMCiC leadership to help prepare for next year's General Conference Meetings. A Bishop Leadership Task Force is now in place to guide the selection process for a new Bishop as well. I would invite you to include this whole process in your prayers over these next several months. If you have suggestions for names to be considered for Bishop by all means you may send those along to the Task Force. Stay tuned for more information.

Updates: Basketball and Pickleball

We are pleased to share that our Wednesday and Thursday night events are going well for the first season of development. Wednesday night is Men's Basketball with about 18 playing regularly now, only 3 of which are from Trulls. Pickleball is doing well too with several from the community coming to learn and play. Between 14 and 20 show up. The Town of Clarington has inquired about us hosting a time for pickleball later this year as well. There is still room for other events to take place in the Gym – maybe the Lord is prompting you to help launch something? Let's be praying for all those who come through our doors no matter the reason.

Christmas Lane Team Assembled

The first meeting of this Team happened April 22 to begin the planning of this year's Christmas Lane Outreach event. The Team is made up of the following: Peter & Laura Lee Hogenbirk, Ken & Sheila Burgess, Kevin & Bev Bazak and Nora Lee. There will be lots of opportunities for many other volunteers to be involved. Let's begin to pray now for a powerful expression of God's love through the Christmas story.

Assisted Suicide & Physician Assisted Death

I commend to you this article which you can find by google searching for Andrew Coyne a writer with the National Post newspaper. The article is entitled, "Assisted Suicide Makes Us All Complicit In Another's Death." Please pray for our national leaders as decisions are made about what direction Canada is going.

Pastor Brian's Health Update

Thanks again for all who are praying for Lori and I. On April 19 I attended an appointment with a surgeon at Toronto General Hospital. I was referred to him by my kidney specialist who thought a procedure to shrink two of the largest cysts on both my kidneys would be the next step. The surgeon recommends we go ahead with this and I am now awaiting a date for surgery likely to come some time this summer. From there I will be monitored further to see how this impacts my condition. We are hopeful it will be helpful as the doctor indicated that 60 such procedures have been performed with success. Otherwise I am generally feeling good. Thankful to the Lord for the amazing medical care we have available here in Canada.

Word for the Year 2016.

How has it been going for you in using your Word for the Year so far this year?

2016 Verse for the Year – 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

"Always be joyful. Pray continually, and give thanks whatever happens. That is what God wants for you in Christ Jesus."