

# Trulls Road Trumpet



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

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*(An update from the desk of Pastor Brian)*

## **Summer Students @ TRFMC**

Again this summer we are delighted to provide both some employment and an equipping experience for high school and college aged youth through the benefit of the Federal Government grant program. Details will be revealed shortly about the candidates who will be working at Trulls this summer. One of the statements made by one of our Personnel Team members who has served on the team and been involved in the interviewing and hiring process for these students is this: "It's incredible to see the impact that this opportunity has on these students." The plans are to offer our regular VBS and also a Jr Hi Week in August. Aside from that we are looking to make this time a focused opportunity for leadership development and mentoring with our student leaders. Please be in prayer for the in-coming students and for the things they will experience in the summer of 2016 at Trulls Road Church.

## CAVE QUEST

Following Jesus  
The Light of World

This year's **Vacation Bible School** program is gearing up for July 18-22. We anticipate having a wrap up on Sunday morning July 24 as well so save the dates. Registration forms are available now at the Welcome Center and may be printed off from our website. Monday through Friday 9 – 11:30 AM. Available for children who have completed JK up to Grade 5.

## **Summer Movie Nights @ Trulls**

**Indoors, Wed., July 27, 7 PM**

**Outdoors, Wed., Aug. 31, 7:30 PM**

Let's plan to invite out some friends who might not normally attend a church. The popcorn will be popping. Movie selections are in the process and Zootopia is running as a great possibility.

*It's Show  
Time!*

## **Summer Preaching Series**

July & August provide us with the opportunity to do some teaching from God's Word with series that have a theme but each week stands well on its own. This summer Pastor Brian, Pastor Jon and Pastor Joan will be sharing the speaking load with the following themes in mind. The end of June will launch the series Just Walk Across the Room which will explore what it means for us to connect with those around us, listening to God's Spirit nudge us to help encourage others to consider who Jesus is. In August we will take up a new series called "Dangerous Prayers" – powerful prayers that we find in the Bible.

## **Pastor Brian's Summer Schedule**

This summer Lori and I are off to Michigan to help provide some support at Broomtree Ministries Pastor's Retreat from July 10-15. We have attended this in the past as a pastoral couple and have been asked to help this year. These retreats are meant for rest and prayer so our responsibilities are limited and we look forward to praying with other pastoral couples who attend. The next week, July 17-23, we are on vacation as well, taking some time in beautiful Kincardine, ON. As another part of the summer I am helping to organize some pickleball clinics here at Trulls. I have arranged for some experienced players to come help lead some instructional times for various skills development. The registration is limited in numbers and so far the spaces are filled right up with people from the community. Lori and I continue to be thankful for the many expressions of prayer support at Trulls. I am feeling well these days and we await the October 6 day surgery date at Toronto General Hospital.

Let's keep praying for God's healing presence.

## Assisted Suicide & Physician Assisted Death

June 17<sup>th</sup>, this past week, the Senate passed some amendments to the proposed law and sent it back to the House of Commons. Several significant changes are in these amendments which will affect both the impact of euthanasia and assisted suicide long term and the protection of medical workers and their conscience positions. Please check out the Evangelical Fellowship of Canada website for some important updates. I'd encourage all of us to write our MPs and Senators on this. Information on how to do this is also at the EFC website: [www.evangelicalfellowship.ca](http://www.evangelicalfellowship.ca)

### Christmas Lane is now ChristmasinCourtice.com

As we head into summer, excitement is building about Christmas. Our team that is planning ChristmasinCourtice.com (CiC) is doing great foundational work. The plan is to use both some outdoor and indoor scenes. The dates for the weekend, which, by the way, we want you to mark in your calendars now, are December 9 & 10, 2016, Friday and Saturday. The hope that we have is that many people from our community will see and experience the power of the Gospel as expressed through the story of Jesus' birth. Please begin to pray now. It is anticipated that this event will be a church wide focus throughout the fall season in preparation for the weekend. Plans are being considered as to how to engage all ages and stages of our congregational population. Some regularly planned fall events may be deferred for this season only so as to free up time to prepare for CiC. Wouldn't it be fabulous to see some people come to faith in Christ through this initiative and become connected to Trulls Road Church? Sign up sheets are now at the Welcome Centre for various volunteer roles and more will be posted as the year progresses. Our most capable team is made up of Peter & Laura Lee Hogenbirk, Ken & Sheila Burgess, Kevin & Bev Bazak, Nora Lee, Donna & Kelly Short. More details to come but let's pray and pray and pray for God to use this effort in Sharing His Love and Bringing Him Glory.

### Learning Community June 3-5 Weekend Gathering Report

Five of us travelled to Cambridge to Heritage Seminary to attend our 2<sup>nd</sup> of 4 weekend gatherings with the resource team from 3DM Europe. Donna Short, Christian Leroux, Pastor Joan, Pastor Jon and myself attended. The theme was Multiplying Missional Leaders and it was a very encouraging and focused time. We came home with some 2 year goals (see chart below) and some 6 month goals towards multiplying leaders. My continued sense as Lead Pastor is that this direction is very important for us as a church going forward. If we can develop an approach to consistently raising up missional leaders who will raise up other leaders, then the multiplication of disciples will be a joyous reward far greater than if we simply tried to grow the church through addition. We are very excited about the potential and invite you to anticipate great things.

<b>Multiplying Missional Leaders: Current Reality</b>	<b>Future Vision</b>
No defined Leadership Development Strategy at Trulls	We will develop and implement a "leadership pipeline" by which we will recruit based on passion and gifting, train with intentionality and follow up with review and further training.
Leadership is most often defined by needed positions & we use a model known as "plug & play". We find willing volunteers and plug them in without enough training and review, often to find them frustrated or discouraged.	Leadership will be nurtured as described above so that kingdom purposes at Trulls can be realized effectively. We recognize that this kind of development largely needs to occur through relationships and investing in mentoring rather than adding more and more programs.
There is a minimal understanding of the concept of "Building a Discipling Culture and what that entails at TR.	We will seek to promote a clear understanding at Trulls of the key ideas, vocabulary and vehicles of discipling for all the congregation beginning with our LC Team, Official Board, Staff and other key leaders over the next 6 months.

#### **Word for the Year 2016.**

How has it been going for you with your Word for the Year? Why not fit your word into a conversation with someone this week?

#### **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."