

Trulls Road Trumpet



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

Fall Update November 22, 2015

(An update from the desk of Pastor Brian)

Learning Community Team!

- Trulls is entering into a 2 year strategic planning process with 3DM.
- It's essentially about building a discipling culture in a more intentional way at Trulls.
- 3DM stands for three dimensional ministry using the same three rhythms that Jesus used in his ministry: UP / IN / OUT
- You can learn more at www.3dmovements.com
- Joining a Learning Community (LC) with several other churches in Ontario takes us on a journey that looks like this:
 - a 2 year cycle of weekend workshops every 6 months with a team of 5-6 people from Trulls.
 - Bi-weekly coaching calls from experienced 3DM resource people with our pastoral staff.
 - Strategic plans for each 6 month cycle to raise the bar on all 3 dimensions.
 - Monthly team meetings at Trulls by our LC Team.
 - The first 6 month cycle is based on the book Building a Discipling Culture by Mike Breen – available from the church office for \$15.00 if you would like to read it.

Learning Community Team Members

Liz Brasier, Bonnie Lee, Christian Leroux, Mary-Ann Muizelaar, Donna Short and Pastors Joan, Jon and Brian. Please pray for our Team as they begin this journey. This team will pick up a large portion of the intended staff position responsibilities which was initiated earlier this year under the title of Community Life.

Making A Trulls Road Way!

The name Learning Community is so appropriate. We will be learning to apply the UP/IN/OUT concepts in our particular context at Trulls. This is not a cookie cutter approach and the principles can be applied to fit our situation.

Tools in the Toolbox of 3DM. Here are some of the basics that are encouraged in this approach to ministry.

Family on Mission: This is foundational. We are a part of the body of Christ committed to the mission God has in mind. The combination of doing God's work together as a collection of family units is dynamic in so many ways.

Huddles: Discipling groups distinct from Bible Study groups to help learn key principles in following Jesus.

Missional Communities: Groups that are on mission for God. A larger group of people, 15-40, who have a clear focus or mission for reaching out with the love of Christ to others. The emphasis is creating times and spaces to connect with our world, culture, community to share life together on our journey of faith. The key is to find a particular way to do this in demonstrating the very heart of God to be on mission – to be sent out with the Good News that God loves people through Christ.

Celebration: This is another simple way to describe our times of worship – coming together in a regular way to honour God with our worship and praise for what he has done in our lives and world as we are on mission.

The Goal: This approach to ministry is not new really. It is one way of many to focus our efforts as a church to pursue wholeheartedly what Jesus asks of us – to go and make disciples. We invite you to see these next two years as helpful in our Decade of Clarity continuing to develop and implement our Vision, Values, Vocabulary and Vehicles for Ministry at Trulls Road Free Methodist Church.

Newsletter Name: This name is a trial balloon, a precursor of more communication to be offered and the name I chose seemed to be descriptive of the idea to share updates and announcements and things for which to give thanks. I read a verse in the Bible about trumpets being used to declare God's glory around the time this newsletter was being developed and thought – heh – why not the Trulls Road Trumpet? Do you like it? Do you have another suggestion? Send them in.

Project Caleb Updates:

Occupancy Permit: Thanks be to God, the Occupancy Permit is in hand and we have received back our performance guarantee from the Town of Clarington, \$53,000 to be exact, which we promptly applied to our mortgage. Thanks again to all who contribute to our Journey to the Promise Land Giving Campaign. Pledges are still coming in on a regular basis. If you would like someone to provide further information about joining the Journey and making regular donations to help pay the mortgage, please contact Dave Hefford.

We are also thankful for those who have been serving by doing some finishing touches in the gym. We are adding some padding on the gym walls, installing video and sound equipment and you'll notice a few other changes to help make the space more effective in its use. We lift our hearts in praise to God for supplying such a wonderful addition to our facilities all for his glory.

Room Use Booking Procedure: To anyone wanting to use a room at Trulls - please book the room through the church office. Depending on the situation there may be a rental charge involved. Revenue Canada has strict standards that we must follow. Thanks for your understanding.

Kitchen Coordination: As a part of our plan to use our new kitchen within the appropriate food handling guidelines, we are on a one year schedule to make sure kitchen users are properly trained both in terms of the new equipment and the safe food handling practices. Let's extend our appreciation to Joan Wood who is giving leadership to this for the first year.

Youth Position Update:

The Personnel Team has been working on finding someone to fill our youth director position. To date, a job posting has been out and the first round of interviews have taken place. Over the coming weeks we hope to be able to report on next steps. Please continue to pray for guidance for all involved for the right person at the right time.

Broom Tree Pastoral Retreats

Pastor Brian and Lori have been invited to serve with this ministry as a host couple on an occasional basis. This entails hosting a group of 6 pastoral couples at a Broom Tree sponsored retreat for 5 days, normally held in Michigan. The Official Board affirms this opportunity on a limited basis. The next planned retreat date is July 10-15, 2016. These retreats are offered to pastoral couples in full time positions as a time to come away and rest and spend focused time with God and with each other – without distractions. This ministry is financially sponsored by donors who value the role of pastoral couples so there is no charge for the week. Lori and I have been privileged to attend 3 of these weeks over the years to great benefit. May God use this unique ministry in powerful ways.

New Website:

We are hoping you have landed on our new website recently. If not, please take a look around. It is now easy and possible to register for events on the Events Page as an alternative to signing up at the church. You can keep informed at www.trullroadchurch.com.

Also, we can be found on Facebook under the name of the church. This is a great place to hear about upcoming events or plans at Trulls.

Financial Update from our Treasurer, Dave Hefford:

Thank you to everyone for your ongoing generous contributions to our ministries of Trulls Road this year. Here's an update on our financial position as of October 31, 2015. While first quarter (Q1) giving was down compared to 2014, both Q2 and Q3 have shown a turnaround, bringing us closer to last year. We pray that this trend will continue for a strong finish in Q4 to help offset our increased costs. Spending is up 5.8% over last year but remains below budget. Our budget for 2015 is \$520,650. At the point of this report we have completed 83% of the year.

Operations	Year To Date 10/2015	Year To Date 10/2014	Year to Year change	Year To Date 2015 Budget	% of 2015 Budget
Giving YTD	371,981	375,075	Down 1%		71%
Expenses YTD	396,525	374,903	Up 5.8%	433,875	76%
Deficit/Surplus	(24,544)	172			