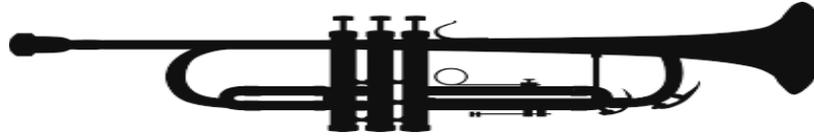


Trulls Road Trumpet



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

Nov.. 27, 2016 Edition

(An update from the desk of Pastor Brian)



Christmas — IN — COURTICE

The Last 12 Days! So far, hundreds of hours have gone into getting ready to invite and welcome our surrounding communities to experience Christmas in Courtice. Now it's down to the final preparations. You can help in the following ways:

- Pray - let's all be lifting C in C up to the Lord
- Set up: Key times are Tuesday & Wednesday Nov 29 & 30 along with next Saturday Dec. 3. More times may be needed and called for.
- Building; Decorating; We'll have many jobs to do. Come lend a hand!
- Practicing your role - work on your lines or parts.
- Smiling while working under the deadlines we have! :)

New invites are ready for you to pick up & use!

Inviting Others

Why Christmas in Courtice this year? Many today don't even know the Christmas story. Children are growing up with no understanding of why Jesus came. Our purpose is simple - to announce Good News. This event is for those outside our walls. Let's be praying for those we invite and asking the Lord to speak to them. More invitations are available (we ran out of the 500 postcard ones we ordered). If you can bring someone along - that's great. Or, warmly welcome them to come on their own. If you are involved on those nights - let your invited ones know you are involved and that you will look for them coming through.

Wow - A special thanks to so many who have helped to make palm trees, paper rocks, wall coverings, move, make and fit costumes, build sets, painted, made gifts for our guests, brought in their tools and gadgets to use, asking people to serve on a team, singing in the choir, organized teams to work on the projects, order materials, research ideas, come to planning meetings, dream up cool ways to do things, work alongside children having fun creating, coming out to serve even when you didn't feel like it, planning as a small group to come to Shout & Serve to help out, bringing supplies from home, praying as you think about who to invite and what the impact will be, saving money by buying things on sale, making ginger cookies by the dozens and so much more. What a great time it has been on Tuesday nights! Now we are looking forward to hosting people from all over the region. Thank you very much! A special thanks to the C in C Planning Team led so capably by Bev Burgess along with Kevin, Laura Lee Hogenbirk who did a ton of work coordinating projects for Tuesday nights, Ken and Sheila Burgess developing the marketplace, Kelly & Donna Short - Kelly coordinating the construction team, Donna on promotion, Liz Ponniah for handling and coordinating all the costuming, Nora Lee & Laura Lee on the Nativity Scene details, Tim Holland lining up the traffic team and Pastor Brian and Lori, Pastors Joan and Jon helping where needed.



**Thank
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Have you considered an Advent Party? Given the plan to centre our efforts around Christmas in Courtice, what about taking this year to plan some informal and personal gatherings with your neighbours? Maybe a movie night with coffee and conversation afterwards? If you are planning to attend a Christmas movie consider inviting people to join you as a way to connect with them. How about inviting some neighbours over for hot apple cider and table games - maybe a couple of families could plan this together? You could find another special Christmas event and invite a group to go experience that together? You don't have to call it an Advent Party but you could use the idea that Jesus gives to us as we think about his first coming in order to bring people together and share good news. You could plant some amazing seeds in the lives of your neighbours this Christmas.

Christmas Eve Service Plans 2016

Two options - 4 and 7 pm. Identical services.
Plan to invite someone along!

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Church Family News:

- ★ **Director of Children's Ministry Position:** The posting closes today November 27 and the Personnel Team and Pastor Jon are in the process of interviewing and considering next steps. Please remember them in prayer and that the Lord Jesus will direct us clearly going forward.
- ★ **Complete Campaign Update:** We appreciated the response to the meeting which was held on Nov.13th and glad for those who stayed to be a part of it. To date 60 pledges have come in towards our goal of 100. Approximately \$375,000 has been pledged.
- ★ **Learning Community Team Update:** Thanks to all who participated in the recent survey sponsored by the LC Team. You can still participate with the on line version found on the News page of our website. Last weekend our LC Team travelled to Kitchener to attend the third of four weekend gatherings hosted by 3DM and Mennonite Church Eastern Canada. Liz Brasier, Bonnie Lee, Pastor Jon and Pastor Brian made up the team this time around. The focus was on Missional Communities (MC's). MC's are groups of 15-25 adults plus children who are on mission with God to reach a particular neighbourhood or network of relationships. We currently have some embryonic MC's and would like to begin to develop more next year around the three rhythms Jesus modelled for us - Up, In and Out. They are not a silver bullet, nor the destination, but are valuable as a means to get to the goal of having us on mission within an extended family-like context. The Team worked on some goals for the next six months so keep an eye out for further information about raising the temperature of missional focus. Something you will be hearing more about is taken from Luke 10 - people of peace. Jesus gave us this example in reaching those who don't know God as yet. It's really quite freeing and exciting when it comes to thinking and acting evangelistically.
- ★ **Nominating Team Update:** Today you will have received in the bulletin a notice about next year's nominations for Official Board. Please familiarize yourself with this proposal which the congregation will be voting on at our March 5, 2017 Annual Meeting by way of affirmation.

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."