

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)

A Pictorial Shout Out: Christmas in Courtice Prep



Thanks Everyone! Young and old are welcome to help each Tuesday at 6:30 pm.



Specially Called Society Meeting: Nov. 13, 2016 11:30 a.m.

Agenda Item: Update on our "Complete Campaign"

At this point the number of pledges received is well below what is required to meet our mortgage obligation. Although there is continued hope that more pledges will be made, the Official Board is calling this meeting, firstly, to provide any clarification the congregation may need regarding the transition from the former "Journey to the Promise Land Campaign" to the new "Complete Campaign". Secondly, it is necessary to address the various mortgage payment options that will need to be considered if the pledges remain at their current level. Here is some background for the meeting.

1. First, some good news. Thanks to some generous donations in September and October the mortgage currently stands at \$723,000 down from the \$768,000.00 we announced at the Campaign Launch. This is the equivalent of 10 puzzle pieces already. Thanks be to God.
2. Our mortgage payments are forecasted to be \$11,841 per month in order to pay off the debt over 6 years.
3. The Complete Campaign is over 4 years. The amount pledged so far is \$272,185. This translates into \$5670.00 being available for monthly mortgage payments over the next 48 months.
4. To date only 42 pledges have been made - we had forecasted we would need in excess of 100 pledges. 180 family units attend Trulls. For the Journey to the Promise Land Campaign there were 96 regular contributors.
5. We understand and appreciate that some have indicated that pledges will be forthcoming. We appreciate that - however if we fail to meet our goal we need to discuss how to proceed with meeting our mortgage payments. This will be the purpose of our Nov. 13 gathering. Any pledges made between now and Nov. 13 will be very helpful in ascertaining our repayment position for the meeting. Pledges can be made and fulfilled in three ways: Cash or Cheques, pre-authorized bank donations, on-line giving through the Tithe.ly App. Pledge cards are available at the Church.
6. Thanks to all who have pledged so far. We believe this is doable with God's faithful hand upon us. Please plan to attend this important meeting on November 13 right after the service. *For we are labourers together with God (1 Cor. 3:9)* Specific questions regarding this situation may be directed to our Church Treasurer, Dave Hefford. 905-728-2309 or email at dhefford@rogers.com.

Church Family News:

- ★ A word of thanks from myself and Lori for the kind expressions of prayer and support during my recent surgery. 4 cysts were drained and treated with the prospect of them not growing again. The procedures seemed to go well and my next appointment to review things with the specialist is set for January 2017.
- ★ Learning Community Team Update: The Team is inviting you to respond to a short survey about your sense of how God has gifted you to serve his kingdom with your spiritual gifts and abilities. You can take one in person over the next few Sundays or on line. The link is available on our church website under the News Page or in the bulletin. This Team continues to work towards building the kind of culture at our church that Jesus asked us to: one in which we make disciples who make disciples. On November 18-20 representatives from the Team will attend our third weekend with coaches from 3DM Europe. The focus of this weekend will be on the potential of Missional Communities.
- ★ Christmas in Courtice Shout & Serve Nights: Shout & Serve is held each Tuesday to help prepare for Christmas in Courtice (C in C) - as you can see from the pictures young and old are welcome. There are lots of things to do - making palm trees, paper mache rocks, painting, building. You don't have to sign up - just show up. 6:30-8:00 pm.
- ★ Roles to Play: Yes, for specific roles for Christmas in Courtice we do want you to sign up. Please check out the sign up table in the foyer.
- ★ Christmas Events at Trulls this December. Given our priority this year to do this missional event, C in C, which is meant to be a church wide effort, we have decided to postpone some of usual Christmas time events like the Adult Christmas Banquet, the Seniors Luncheon, the Children's Christmas program and a Christmas choir. Look for these events to return next year. We have received some feedback about not having some of these events in 2016. We appreciate hearing from you and recognize that the plans for this year are unusual. Thank you for your understanding as we focus our attention on presenting the Gospel for the surrounding communities. Let's continue to pray for C in C and that many will not only hear the good news but receive it personally. Plans are underway to host a Seniors Luncheon in the Spring of 2017.
- ★ Notice of New Job Posting at Trulls: On Nov. 6 the Personnel Team will be posting a Director of Children's Ministry half time position. You are welcome to provide some feedback and input on this proposed action. See today's bulletin.

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."