



## '09 SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER

### A Short Message from Our New Minister

Greetings!

Having been in Clinton since mid-July and at Clinton United since the beginning of August, it feels like it's just about the right time to say hello to everyone I've not met so far and tell you how happy I am to be here as your newly called minister. It's very exciting to be joining you at this point on your faith journey. Some of that way has been uphill, I know; some of it has been over rough ground. In my brief time among you, I already have a sense of how strong you have become through working together to build a truly "united" church presence in Clinton.

I was warned when I came that I would have big shoes to fill following in Julia's footsteps here, but I'm not even going to try to wear hers. I've come wearing my own and they've been pretty serviceable so far! I bring you my gifts and my commitment to serve you as you develop your gifts. Together, I hope we can encourage one another to continue to grow in our own personal faith and build on our understanding of what God is calling us to be and do as the body of Christ in this time and this place.

I look forward to meeting you all in the months ahead (and it will take me months to remember everyone's name – please be patient with me). Come to worship when you can, because as we gather as a family, God's Spirit touches us in remarkable ways. Come to see me in the office when you can – because it's so much easier to remember names when I have a story to go with them. If coming out to church is difficult, I'll come to you. Just give me a call, give me directions (give me a cup of tea) and I'll drop by to listen, to pray, and to begin to get to know you.

In peace  
and with blessings,  
*Rev. Leslie*

### Autumn Events

**Sunday, September 13:** The Social Committee is again hosting **Carnival "C"ickoff Sunday** to welcome back the start of the **Sunday School** program. Light-hearted service followed by the carnival. Food: Hot Dogs, Ice Cream, Popcorn and Drinks. Activities, face painting and more....  
ALL CHILDREN invited to enjoy our Carnival after the service. Come out and enjoy the fun!

**Sunday School News** Welcome back everyone! Welcome to our new friends starting Sunday School this year. Classes begin September 13<sup>th</sup>. The Jr. class is for children in Grades JK - 3. Trudy and Susan will be teaching the first two months. The Sr. class is for Grades 4 – 8 with Rose and Elizabeth teaching in the fall. Hope to see all of you and your families at the Carnival on the 13<sup>th</sup>.

Rose & Sherri

## TEEN CHURCH



is for F.A.I.T.H.

Feelings Attitude Intellect  
Travelling Humbly

Do you have burning questions about faith? Would you like to learn more about faith? Do you enjoy music and hanging out? Do you like snacks, fun and friendship? Teen Church is a time for you to worship together, to have discussions, listen to music and take part in activities like dramas and special events in our church and community. Teen Church meets monthly (or more often) during the regular worship service. If you are in Grade 8 through high school you are welcome to join. Teen Church will be starting on Sunday, September 13. For more information you can contact Shelley at [shel.mchaist@gmail.com](mailto:shel.mchaist@gmail.com)

Come and learn more about F.A.I.T.H.

**Turkey Supper** – Bring your friends and neighbours to our annual Clinton United Church Turkey Supper on Thursday **September 17** from 4:30 – 7:00. Advance tickets only. Tickets available from Team Captains, church office, Groves TV, Les Ciseux.

**Annual Scarecrow Festival** We plan again to have our **“Scarecrow Choir”** on the front steps of Clinton United Church. Watch and listen for our display.

### **Mission and Outreach**

Sunday, September 27

the committee will be serving a **soup lunch** to raise money for Habitat for Humanity and the Salvation Army. Special envelopes will be handed out for the Habitat for Humanity.

### **Canada Food Grains Bank**

During the month of October, financial donations to the 2009 project can be made payable to Clinton United Church ear marked ‘Food Grains’.

Envelopes will be available at the back table of the church or ask the ushers.

Sunday, October 18 is Food Grains Sunday and the Mission and Outreach Committee will have muffins and beverages available with proceeds to the Food Grains Bank.

**SHUFFLE BOARD IS RETURNING TO CLINTON UNITED** on Thursdays, beginning September 10<sup>th</sup> @ 1 p.m. New joiners most welcome to come out and have some fun.

**Nightingales:** Wed Sept 16, 7:30 P.M.

Special Guest: Erin (Lobb) Roy Talking about her experience of Carrying The Torch to Beijing Olympics. All welcome to come along to hear her story

\*\* Note: Meeting will be held in the Chapel

**Line Dancing** starts Tuesday, September 22, at 9:30 a.m.

### **Festive Fare ~ Saturday, November 14**

- ✓ Reminder to start thinking for our fall bazaar
- ✓ Consider our bazaar when preserving. Our senior customers would appreciate small jars of your jams, pickles, and even pears or peaches.
- ✓ With all the fruits and vegetables appearing in season don't forget to preserve a few extra for our Deli/Produce/Bake tables. Jams, jellies, pickles, salsa, chili sauce, pickling veggie's .....
- ✓ Silent Auction ~ create your item to donate

### **Clinton United Church Website**

If you haven't already done so, please check out our website at [www.clintonunited.ca](http://www.clintonunited.ca)  
Our webmaster keeps the site up to date with news as well as dates and times of events

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