

**HASTINGS-ROSENEATH PASTORAL CHARGE**  
**"LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCHES"**

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**TRINITY UNITED CHURCH**

Hastings, Ontario

Worship: 9:15a.m.-10:15a.m.

Organist & Choir Director: Marcus Elia

Chairperson: Ruth Geddes

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**ROSENEATH UNITED CHURCH**

Roseneath, Ontario

Worship: 11:00a.m.-12:00 noon

Organist & Choir Director:

Chairperson:

**"CARING AND SHARING"**

**"WELCOME"**

*Today at Trinity Hastings, we celebrate and welcome the transfer of Bonnie Elder and Alex McMillan from St. Andrew's Presbyterian, Hastings. May you find a welcoming home for your faith and worship life here at Trinity Hastings.*

*Our prayers are with those who are shut-in and sick, unable to join us in worship this morning.*

**(R) Sunday Bulletins:** Anyone who would like to sponsor a week of bulletins to honour a special day, event or in memory of a loved one, please call the office. Cost is \$10.00. Please call the office with details.

If you would like an announcement put in the "Caring and Sharing" please call or email the office by Wednesday to let the secretary know. Thanks!

**"UPCOMING EVENTS"**

Sunday September 24, 2017 Roseneath Fair, worship service at 10:30 am.

Thursday September 28, 2017 Church Council meeting Hastings 10:00 am.

Sunday October 1, 2017 Official Board meeting at Roseneath 2:00 pm.

**"PLEASE HELP"**

As well as holding effected people in prayer, a special appeal is being conducted through the United Church of Canada for hurricane and earthquake relief in Texas, Florida and Mexico.

Donations may be sent to:

The United Church of Canada  
Philanthropy Unit - Emergency Response  
3250 Bloor Street West, Suite 200  
Toronto, ON M8X 2Y4

Specify on your cheque which disaster you want your donation to apply to. 100% of your donation will go to help in the relief effort.

**"MINUTE FOR MISSIONS"**

**Preparing for Ministry**

Our gifts for Mission & Service support theological schools. Let us hear a reflection from Principal Richard Topping, who shared some reflections in the fall newsletter of the Vancouver School of Theology. "In theological education we are trying to make preparing for ministry in the name of Jesus as difficult as it ought to be. I have thought a great deal about why ministry is so hard—secularity, post-Christendom, multiculturalism, shrinking church, opportunities to golf. "My friend Will Willimon has persuaded me, however, that it is Jesus' fault. He is really hard to follow—I mean 'pray for your enemies, bless those who curse you.' It is hard to get formed for that for

life. But as Tom Hanks, who played a baseball coach in the movie *A League of Their Own*, said, 'If baseball was easy, then everyone would do it.' It's the same with theological education. "We want our graduates to be engaged people, folks willing to get involved in the world, not just wait for the next.... Our theological ethos is designed to nurture practitioners who are making a difference in the world for God and the gospel. It is the DNA of VST to get involved in the big challenges the world faces."

We sing thanksgiving for the gifts of Mission & Service that support students who are discerning their path to ministry through the inspiring guidance of theological schools such as the Vancouver School of Theology.

If Mission & Service is already a regular part of your giving, thank you so much! If you have not given for Mission & Service, please join me in making Mission & Service a regular part of your life of faith. In all our Mission & Service giving, with a willing heart, we sing thanksgiving to God!