

TRINITY UNITED CHURCH

Sunday, November 19, 2017 - 10:30 a.m.

Trinity United Church extends a warm welcome to All

A Note for our Congregation -

- † The service is recorded for viewing on COGECO (channel 10), Thursday and Sunday at 10:00 a.m.
- † Newcomers please sign our guest book.
- † Pew cards with special requests that may be placed with your offering.
- † Hearing loop aids are available at the audio-visual desk. An Usher will be happy to assist.
- † Ours is a scent-free building.
- † We have a child-friendly nursery space overlooking the sanctuary equipped with audio; ask an usher.
- † Accessible washroom adjacent to worship space.
- † Colour-coded emergency plan for safe evacuation.

Join us for hospitality in the Fellowship Hall

We respect gluten sensitivities and Vegetarians

Please alert us to any accommodation or accessibility requirements

Pentecost - 24 - A We Sing Thanksgiving Giving Thanks - Modelling Gratitude

*Stand as you are able

Bold print=Congregation

Order of Worship

We Gather

Welcome and Announcements

Acknowledging Traditional Territory

Prelude: “Canon in D” (Pachelbel)

Lighting the Christ Candle

Call to Worship:

Sing the new day

Peaceful, we come.

Sing a new song

Awakened, we come.

Sing to the light

So beckoned, we come.

***Hymn:** “Eternal, Unchanging, We Sing” 223VU

Prayer of Gathering

Learning with Children

We Listen to What the Spirit is Saying to Us

Why I Love Trinity

Scripture Reading:

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 (NRSV)

Matthew 25:14-30 (NRSV)

Responsive Psalm: 123 (847 VU)

Confession:

There is a richness here – a gorgeous, flowing richness of unending abundance.

But that doesn't mean that it guides us.

Our ways – within and beyond our control –

speak of something different:

of lack,

of fear,

of something other than an

acknowledgement of God's endless and beautiful river of grace.

But how do we step into that river?

Do we step into it with trust?

Do we trust the current of God's generous gifts?

Or do we run from the river?

For when we run, when we turn away from God's gifts in distrust,

We lose the refreshment and joy of that richness...

And something else reigns.

Then, what's left?

Now is the time – now is the time to consider

just how we distrust God's abundance.

Now is the time – now is the time to begin something new.

Now is the time – now is the time to trust ... differently.

Words of Grace

Let us pray:

We haven't always trusted, God. But now we do.

We acknowledge the richness of your blessings

We see your flowing river of love. And we wade into your grace.

There is a richness – a richness that says “yes” – eternally – even in the face of our behavioral “no”s.

There is a richness that penetrates distrust and offers so much more.

This richness forgives and gives even more.

We know this forgiveness. And we thank you, God.

Anthem: “Jesus Laughed Out Loud” 133MV

Reflection

***Hymn:** “Abide with Me” 436VU

We Respond to God's Word

Offering Ourselves For The Work And Witness Of The Church

Minute for Ministry: Communications and PAR.

Offertory: “Be Thou With Them” (Bach)

***Offering Hymn:** “For Food in a World” 551VU

***Offering Prayer:**

Let us pray.

O God, we have come, and what a delight it has been!

**We have come before your table with gifts –
gifts of ourselves, gifts of risk, gifts of newness, gifts of trust.
We thank you for the chance to give, and pray that we and all
whom our gifts bless will never be the same.
Through our greatest gift, Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.**

Prayers of the People

When you hear “Hear our prayer,”
please respond with “**And in your love, answer.**”

We Depart to Serve with Joy

***Hymn:** “Go to the World” 420VU

***Commissioning and Benediction:**

Go now as children of the light:

Ready to serve,

Eager to give,

Delighted to love.

And may God’s blessing: + Source, Word and Spirit, One,
keep, lead and mold you, now and forever.

Amen.

***Choral Amen:**

Organ Postlude: “Trumpet Tune” (Young)

Remember 6:30 Tonight at Bethel Pentecostal Church

Narrator:

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host,
praising God and saying,

The Multitude of Heavenly Hosts:

**“Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth peace among those whom God favors!”**

The Great Canadian Coffee Party will be held after church today. A free will offering be accepted for Shannen’s Dream. This is a one year initiative for the Bay of Quinte Conference United Church Women. Shannen was a resident of Attawapiskat and lobbied the government to provide adequate schooling for her community, instead of run down trailers next to a toxic waste dump. Unfortunately she died in a car accident at the age of 15. She has been nominated for the International Children’s Peace Prize.

LOOKING AHEAD

Nov 20 Weight Watchers, 6:15 pm in the Gym.

Stewardship Team, 6:30 pm in the Church Hall.

Nov 21 Trinity on Tuesday, Messy Church. Biblical theme, crafts, story, prayer, song and games, is for, and includes people of all ages. Easy supper at 6:00 pm (gluten-free and vegetarian available).

Ministry and Personnel Team, 7:00 p.m. in the Upper Room.

Four Rivers Presbytery meet at St. Andrew’s United Church Toledo.

Nov 22 Bible Study, 9:30 am in the Minister’s Study. All are welcome.

C.R.O.W. Playgroup, 8:00 am - noon. in the Gym.

UPCOMING WORSHIP

Nov 26 Smiths Falls - A Place to Return

Key Scriptures:

Ezekiel 34:12a



Matthew 25:40b

Theme:

Trinity United Church belongs to the community of Smiths Falls, ... including the many who are preoccupied by multiple demands, who commute to work or live away ... for now. They will return home.

We support Smiths Falls Strategic Plan -
A Strong Community Identity
Placemaking

Dec 3 National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women

Key Scripture:

1 Corinthians 1:11a

For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people...

Theme:

The Neglected History of Women in the Early Church.
Service will include a candle lighting liturgy for each of the young women slain.



Dec 21 Service of the Longest Night, sometimes also known as a Blue Christmas. The service is designed to temper darkness and loss. Loss may include the death of a loved one, divorce or separation, the loss of a job, or living with serious illness.

TRINITY NOTES

Christian Community Team: In the next few weeks, we will be working on producing a "Photo Directory for Trinity United Church". For participating in the directory, you will receive a free directory. If you wish, you will have the opportunity to purchase other photos at reasonable cost. There will be a schedule of times available from which you can choose a time. Sign up sheet will be in the church foyer on Sunday or you will be contacted by phone. What a great way to CONNECT with your church family!

Four Rivers Presbytery Youth Event, December 2, 1:00 - 5:30 pm, Wall Street United Church. Information: 4riversyouth@gmail.com.

Lanark County Interval House, we are packing a parcel for Interval House again this year. Unopened personal items, small gifts for women and children would be most appreciated. Please consider regular and fragrance-free items. Donations may be left in the boxes provided at the entrances of the church. You may also purchase and donate gift cards (cards should be given to Diane or Joan, not left in the donation boxes). Gift cards should be placed in an envelope with your name and address clearly displayed, a charitable receipt will be issued and mailed to you. Last day: December 3rd.

Meat Pies made by Trinity Cooks, available after service this morning in the kitchen, \$3.00 each. Fundraiser in support of the life and work of Trinity.

Prayer Concerns, please include in your prayers: St. Francis de Sales Roman Catholic Church (Smiths Falls Community Churches Prayer Cycle); Woodville Pastoral Charge (Bay of Quinte Conference Prayer Cycle); Alberta and Northwest Conference (U. C. Pray For Our Church).

Rainbow Sabbath is held the 2nd Friday of every month in the Church Hall. A potluck supper at 6:00 pm and is followed by spiritual readings of one's own choice. It is a safe, non-judgemental space for members of the LGBTQ community and those who support them.

Smiths Falls Community Food Bank appreciates your donations. Please fill our wagon at the back of the Sanctuary, it will be delivered to the bank monthly.

Spiritual Leadership Team,

- On November 26, we will gather for a pot luck lunch and a time of Christmas card writing. Names and addresses are required for people you would like to see receive a Christmas card, e.g. students who are away at school, seniors who have had to move etc. Please email secretary@trintiyunitedsf.ca or provide a clearly printed note with name and address to the office, with *Christmas card list* noted.
- Calling all kids! We will be putting on our Christmas pageant Sunday Dec. 10 during the church service. We would like everyone to participate so please

confirm with Heidi or Jana whether you will be here that week. We will be practicing the weeks before, but even if you can only join us that day we have a part for your kids! Hope to hear from you soon.

Stewardship Team,

- groups using the facilities are asked to book the space that they want to use, arrange their own setups and return furniture to the original position.
- PARKING and drop off zone in front of the church entrance is being expanded so that people who need to be close to the entrance can find space.

The National Day of Remembrance and action on violence Against Women Service will be held at 12 noon, Wednesday December 6 in the sanctuary of Trinity United Church. This service is hosted by the Smiths Falls Women's Inter-church Group. All are welcome to this accessible event.

United Church Women, United Church Calendars 2018 are available, cost \$5. Please contact Elizabeth.

COMMUNITY NOTES

St. Johns Anglican Church, free Community Dinner, today. Doors open at 3:45 pm. All welcome.

St. Paul's United Church Perth, Yuletide Fair 2017, November 25 10:00 - 1:30, lunch 11:00 - 1:00 \$10.00. Baking, crafts, knitting, scarves, jewellery, etc.

Sounds of Christmas, the Annual Family Concert, Sunday, today at 6:30 pm, Bethel Pentecostal Church. A Smiths Falls Ministerial Presentation.

Westminster Presbyterian Church, Community Dinner, November 26, 12:30 p.m. All welcome. Your assistance would be most appreciated.