

*Trinity United Church extends a warm welcome to All*

*We welcome today the presence of Lanark County Paramedic Service. We appreciate the dedication to the work that keeps us safe every day, today is an opportunity to provide Lanark County Paramedic Service the prayerful support of Trinity United Church.*

A Note for our Congregation -

- Newcomers please sign our guest book
- Pew cards with special requests may be placed with your offering
- Trinity seeks new ways to be Welcoming, Open, Inclusive and Accessible to all -
  - a lift is available for those with mobility concerns
  - we have accessible washrooms adjacent to the sanctuary and fellowship hall
  - hearing loops are available at the audio-visual desk
  - large print bulletins are available
  - we respect gluten sensitivities and vegetarians
  - we are scent-free
  - we offer mobile care and community by taking Communion to those who cannot come to church. Ask Cynthia Sirett.
  - we understand and welcome a variety of
    - gifts, talents, passions, interests and ages
    - ways of being
    - loving relationships and types of families
  - ***Please alert us to any accommodation or accessibility requirements so that the “All” in “a warm welcome to All” includes you and the people you love.***
- We have a child-friendly space overlooking the sanctuary equipped with audio; please ask an usher
- Colour-coded emergency plan for safe evacuation

Fellowship on the Move - Trinity Walker's Club - Tuesday 9:30 am. Start at Trinity. End at a Café.

*Join us for hospitality in the Fellowship Hall*

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Acknowledging Traditional Territory**

Smiths Falls is located on the traditional territory of the Algonquin peoples dating back countless generations. We respect their contribution and recognize need for reconciliation.

**Introit -**

**Lighting the Christ Candle**

**Call to Worship**

Is it good to say we love all people,  
but give special treatment to a few?

**No!... God calls us to love *all* without favourites.**

Is it good to say we want God to show mercy,  
and be quick to condemn others?

**No!... God calls us to forgive our sisters and brothers,  
to let mercy triumph over judgment.**

Is it good to say we trust God in every moment,  
And be guided by our fears?

**No!... We will speak and act as those who expect God  
to live in our liberated hearts.**

**Prayer of Gathering**

**Hymn - VU650 O God of Bethel**

**Learning with Children**

**Call to Reconciliation**

**Unison Prayer for Forgiveness**

**How easily we say “trust.” How quickly our fears silence our words. We find you at the side of the poor, while we admire the rich. You serve the hungry, while we stock our freezers and pantries. We are uncomfortable with those whose lives and decisions are disordered and distorted, but your hand of mercy pulls both “us” and “them” into your embracing love.**

**Forgive us when we have trouble doing good for others. Surround us with your love; surround us with your grace; surround us with your peace; surround us with the Spirit of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.**

*Silence is kept*

**Assurance of Pardon**

Be strong, do not fear! God fills parched souls with living water, to open our eyes to grace.

**God comes, for no other reason than to save us. This is indeed good news. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

**We Listen to What the Spirit is Saying to Us**

**Scriptures**

Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23  
Psalm 125  
James 2:1-10, (11-13), 14-17  
Mark 7:24-37

**Hymn - VU357 Tell Me the Stories of Jesus**

**Reflection - Armchair Quarterback**

**Hymn - VU234 Let Us With a Gladsome Mind**

**We Respond to God's Word**

**Offering Ourselves  
For The Work And Witness Of The Church**

**Minute for Mission**

**Invitation to Offering**

*Ushers will now receive our morning offering.*

**Offertory -**

**\*Offering Hymn -**

**\*Offering Prayer**

**Prayers of the People**

**The Lord's Prayer**

**We Depart to Serve with Joy**

**Hymn - VU560 O Master, Let me Walk With Thee**

**Commissioning / Benediction**

God sends us forth to love all people.

**We will share grace and hope with everyone.**

Jesus sends us forth to forgive our sisters and brothers.  
**We will offer mercy to those around us.**  
The Spirit sends us forth to trust God in every moment.  
**We will live in faith, not in fear.**

**Choral Amen**

**Organ Postlude -**

### **Upcoming Services**

**16 September Pentecost 18 – B** Battle of Britain Sunday

**23 September Pentecost 18 - B** We All Love Jesus... But Not Each Other

Mark 9:33-35... on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest....

**30 September Pentecost 19 - B** It Takes a Community to Make a Village - Police and Peace Officers' Memorial

**7 October Pentecost 20 - B** World Wide Communion / Thanksgiving

**14 October Pentecost 21 - B** Faith in a Cave

**21 October** Lodge Sunday

### **Looking Ahead**

**Sept 10 Communicator** editorial meeting 9:00 am in the Church Hall.

**Sept 11 Fellowship on the Move - Trinity Walker's**, Tuesdays, 9:30 a.m. Start at Trinity. End at a Café

**Trinity on Tuesday Coffee House.** Why add a busy evening to a busy day? Art-based, comfortable, quiet. Program at 6:00 pm, supper to follow (gluten-free and vegetarian available).

**Spiritual Leadership Team**, 7:30 pm in the Upper Room.

**Sept 12 Bible Study**, 9:30 am in the Minister's Study. All are welcome.

**Sept 12 Christian Community Team**, 1:30 pm in the Upper Room.

**New Horizons**, 7:00 pm in the Parlour.

**Sept 13 Mens Breakfast Club**, 8:00 am at the Roosteraunt. All welcome.

**Board of Trustees**, 8:30 am in the Upper Room.

**Outreach Team** 7:30 pm in the Upper Room.

**Sept 14 Rainbow Sabbath**, 5:00 pm in the Church Hall.

**Sept 15 Open Doors Smiths Falls.**

### **Trinity Notes**

**Apples Pies by Trinity Cooks** will be available the week of September 24. Yes, we are making them again this year, and...WE NEED HELP please! Information and orders forms will be available soon.

**Smiths Falls Community Food Bank** appreciates donations, please fill our wagon at the back of the Sanctuary, it will be delivered monthly.

Trinity supports **The Mission**, *third* Saturday of the month. If you are interested in making food, or serving, please sign up on the sheet in the lobby or see Lorraine after the service.

**Prayer Concerns**, First Baptist Church; Newfoundland and Labrador Conference.

**United Church Women Meet & Greet.** Pot-luck lunch at Trinity, Wednesday October 24, 10:00 - 2:00. All are welcome.

### **Four Rivers Presbytery**

**Four Rivers Youth Group**, Bubble Soccer, September 15, Inverary United Church 10:30 - 3:00, lunch included. Free event for ages 10 and over. RSVP: Deb Flemer 613-353-1661.



Lanark Drum Circle, 2nd Sunday of the Month, 1:00 - 3:30 pm  
Gym of Trinity United, Smiths Falls