



Pentecost Sunday - A

May 28, 2023



Welcome and announcements

Trinity is Welcoming, Open, Inclusive and Accessible.

– Trinity is an Affirming Congregation

We continue to pray for those who were impacted by the legacy of Indian Residential Schools.

† Our building is open 9:00 am to 1:00 pm, Monday through Thursday

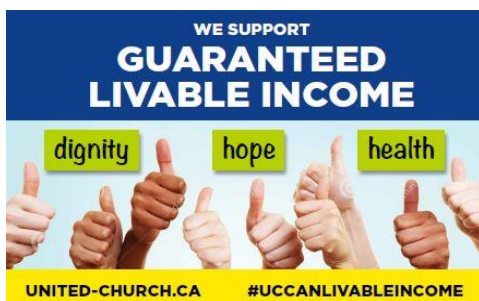
Smiths Falls Community Food Bank appreciates donations.

In person Sunday School is the 2nd and last Sunday of the Month

Social Time after church - sign up in the Hall

Today we are happy to have Rev. Nancy Clarke with us. She will lead the service, along with Communion.

LOOKING AHEAD



On Sunday, June 04, 2023, Trinity United will be hosting a guest speaker, Rob Ranier, Reeve of Tay Valley Township who will be speaking to us about the growing need for **Basic Liveable Income** in Canada. Do you wonder why the United

Church is supporting this initiative? Do you want to learn more about who might receive it and how effective BLI might be? If you have questions, you are encouraged to share them with me at, lorraineallison.ryan@gmail.com I will pass them along to Rob

who would like to be able to have the opportunity to answer these questions during the service. There is a handout available today at the back of the Church, if you wish to prepare in advance.

The Belonging Project Plus - Practice the skills of saying difficult things to others and receive difficult things others have to say to us. Based on the Non-Violent Communication work of Marshall Rosenberg, here is a website that explains it:

<https://cupofempathy.com/> This will be held on Tues evenings 7 – 8:30, May 30 – June 13th, in the chapel of Trinity United Church.

Deadline for registration – evening of Sun. May 28th – please contact Carol Williams, journey@ripnet.com, 613 269 4427. Cost will be \$25 per session (\$75 per series) to be donated to Trinity in cash, time or talent.

UCW June Meeting, Monday, June 5, 2023 at 11 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall, followed by a potluck lunch and craft time.

Discernment and Visioning Sessions will be continuing at Trinity with the guidance of the Rev Dr Peter Bartlett.

Session Two - Where is God Calling Us to Go?

Saturday, 10 June. Potluck Workshop

Session Three - What Does that Look Like? (Creative Brainstorming)

Sunday, 9 July, following Worship. Potluck Workshop

Special Congregational Meeting - Sunday, June 11 at 10:30 a.m. – To receive and approve the financial review of Trinity and Trustees' accounts.

Christian Community Monthly Meeting – Wednesday, June 14 at 1:30 p.m. in the Upper Room.

Camp Awesome - July 17 - 21 Trinity, Smiths Falls. Registration is \$150 per camper for a full day program which includes snacks and lunch. Information and registration is on-line at www.camp-awesome.ca

Future events

UCW Strawberry Social, June (date to be determined)

Peter Woods & Friends Concert, Saturday, 23 September

Harvest Supper, October

UCW Wreath Sale (Pre-Order), October

Holly Fair, Saturday, 4 November

Barrel Boys Bluegrass Band Christmas Concert, December 2, 2023

Acknowledging Traditional Territory

Smiths Falls is located on the traditional territory of the Algonquin peoples dating back countless generations. We are grateful for our neighbours and recognize the opportunity to exercise the Ministry of reconciliation.

Introit: “She Comes Sailing on the Wind” (Gordon Light)

Call to Worship:

The Spirit of the living God, comes to us.

Like rushing winds that sweep away unjust barriers.

Like tongues of fire that set our hearts aflame.

The Spirit comes with speech that all can understand.

The Spirit’s love strengthens our faith.

Come Holy Spirit, come into our hearts.

Opening Prayer:

Living God, we celebrate Pentecost, the birthday of the church. May we open ourselves to your Spirit, that we will be filled with joy. Direct our thoughts to you. Fill your church and our lives with your spirit. Teach us to be joyful followers of your will and your way. Through Jesus we pray. **Amen**

Hymn VU 161 “Welcome, Happy Morning”

Prayer of Confession:

Generous God, we confess that we have not always known how to respond to your Spirit. You send us courage, but we have been afraid. You send us truth, but we cling to our illusions. You send us healing, but we do not let go of our hurts. O Holy Spirit of forgiveness, grant us peace as we pray now in silent prayer. (*silent prayers*) In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon:

God’s eternal love surrounds us.

God will never let us go.

Where the Spirit is, there is freedom.

We receive God’s forgiveness and come alive in Christ!

Scripture:

Acts 2: 1 – 21; Psalm 104 VU 826-827, Refrain 2; John 7: 37 – 39

Meditation: “What a Wonderful World” (George David Weiss and Bob Thiele)

Reflection: The Holy Spirit Renews and Strengthens Our Faith

Communion

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

O Holy God of wind and fire. Your Spirit renews the face of the earth and warms the hearts of your people. At Pentecost, we give thanks for the tongues that utter wise words and the flames that kindle renewed compassion. We are grateful for the fresh breezes that blow down the walls which separate us from you and from one another. And so it is that we join with every voice and tongue on earth and in the heavens to give you praise:

Holy, holy, holy God, Power of life and love!

Heaven and earth are full of your glory!

Hosanna through the ages!

Blessed is the One who comes to bring your justice to earth!

Let us remember your vision shown to us in Jesus at table. He shared food with followers and friends, with saints and sinners, with crowds of thousands on the hillside, and a few friends in an upper room. On the night before he died, he had supper with his companions. He took a loaf of bread, and after giving thanks, he broke it, and gave it to them saying: Take, eat. Do this in remembrance of me.” Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks, he passed it among them saying: “Drink this. Do this in remembrance of me.” Through this loaf and cup, Jesus lives within us. In word and deed, Jesus lives among us.

Remembering your boundless love for us in Jesus Christ, we offer you our praise, as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Dying, Christ destroyed our death.

Rising, Christ restored our life.

Christ will come in glory.

We pray you, God of Love, send your Holy Spirit upon us and what we do here, that we, and these gifts, touched by your Spirit, may be signs of life and love to each other and to the whole world.

Praise be to God, the Source of love!

Praise be to Christ, Love incarnate!

Praise be to the Spirit, Love's power!

Praise be to God!

Communion is Distributed

After Communion Prayer

Life-giving God, may we who share Christ's body, live his risen life. May we who drink his cup, bring new life to others. May we whom the Spirit lights, give light to the world. Keep us firm in the hope that you have set before us, so that we and all your children shall be free and all creation will praise your name. **Amen.**

Hymn: VU 235 "O Worship the King"

Offertory:

Invitation to Offering

In the name and Spirit of Jesus, we bring our gifts to God. May we give them with a ready mind, a willing spirit and a joyful heart.

Offering Prayer

Life-giving Spirit, bring to the bone of these gifts the flesh of our actions, bring to them the breath of our caring. May our church and our service to others come to life in your name. **Amen.**

Prayers of the People:

Let us give thanks.

Our response is: **We give you thanks, blessed Spirit.**

The Lord's Prayer (in unison)

Our Father, who art in heaven,

hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

We Depart to Serve in Peace and with Love

Time for the Young and Young at Heart

Hymn: MV 161 "I Have Called You By Your Name"

Benediction

Choral Amen

Postlude: "Gale's Theme" (Jerry Goldsmith)

Recurring Events and Activities at Trinity	
Every Monday, 1:00pm (cancelled until September)	Book Group
First Monday, 9:30am	UCW
Fourth Monday, 9:30am	Property Team / Church Hall
Every Tuesday, All Day	Pastoral Visitation
First Tuesday, 1:00pm - 3:00pm	Retirement Residences
First Tuesday, 7:00pm	Outreach and Social Justice
Third Tuesday, 9:30am	Stewardship & Finance Team / Upper Room
Third Tuesday, 6:00pm	Potluck and Praise
Every Wednesday, 10:00am (cancelled until September- periodic until July to be announced)	Bible Study / Seasonal Study
Second Wednesday, 12:30pm	Healing Pathway
Second Wednesday, 7:00pm	Spiritual Leadership Meeting
Second Wednesday, 1:30 p.m.	Christian Community Meeting
Fourth Wednesday, 12:30pm	Healing Pathway
Last Wednesday, 7:00pm	Council
Second Friday, 6:00pm	Rainbow 101
Every Sunday, 8:30am (Except Second Sunday)	Choir Practice
Every Sunday, 11:30am	Soaking Prayer
Second Sunday, 9:00am	Choir Practice
Second and Last Sunday, 10:30am	Sunday School
Last Sunday, 1:00pm	Lanark Drum Circle