



Twentieth Sunday of Pentecost - A
15 October, 2023

PARABLE OF THE
WEDDING BANQUET

“The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son.”

The kingdom of heaven is like a king who prepared a wedding banquet for his son...
Matthew 22:2

MATTHEW 22:1-14

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 Residential Schools.

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

In person Sunday School is the 2nd and last Sunday of each month

September/October – Services will be held in the Church Hall until the repairs are completed in the Sanctuary.

Smiths Falls Community Food Bank appreciates donations.

Thanksgiving Offering – For your prayerful consideration: On the table next to the offering plate, please take note of the special Thanksgiving Envelopes. These will be available for the month of October.

Grief Support Group – For those who have been living through a season of Grief and Loss, Trinity will be facilitating a Grief Support Group (date to be determined). Materials and guidance will be based on those available through the Centre for Loss and Life Transitions.



If you feel that a Grief Group would be appropriate and helpful for you, please contact the Church Office at 613-283-4444 or email secretary@trinityunitedsf.ca The intent is to meet weekly. The day and time of day will be determined by those who form the group. Please let the office know if you have specific scheduling needs or preferences. Peace and Prayers, Christopher.

Chair Exercise Program – Kim Johnston will be leading the UCW and friends in a weekly Chair Exercise program. Classes will be weekly on MONDAYS at 11 am. Come check it out and stretch those muscles in a series of gentle movements all done from your chair.

Grassroots Grannies – We will be selling Merrickville Cookies again today after church. This will be the final opportunity to purchase these cookies. Cost is \$5 each or \$20 for 5 cookies. Please help the Grannies help the Grandmothers to Grandmothers Program, initiated and

supported by the Stephen Lewis Foundation. The funds go where they are needed.

UCW Coffee Time at Van Horne Manor – Tuesday, October 17th at 3 p.m. Coffee and Tea are provided but you are welcome to bring along some goodies if you wish.

Appreciation Potluck and Praise – Tuesday, October 17th at 6 p.m. Everyone is invited to join us at Potluck and Praise to appreciate our wonderful staff and enjoy everyone's favourite dish!

Basic Income Support – An evening of information and inspiration to be held on Tuesday, October 17th from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. at St. Paul's United Church at 25 Gore Street West, Perth. Special guest speaker is Dr. Elaine Power (Queen's University), public health and food security expert.

Harvest Supper – Friday, October 20th – Doors open at 5 p.m. Self-serve Dinner at 5:30 p.m. Tickets \$20 each, \$10 children 6 – 10 years, Under 5 years free. Tickets are limited with advance sales only. Reserve/purchase your ticket by calling Arlie Dopson at 613-283-2015, or Linda Zieman at 613-283-2728. Tickets will be for sale following the morning service starting October 1st, until they are sold out.

High Tea – Saturday, October 21st at 1:30 p.m.

Westminster Presbyterian church has invited Trinity women to their high tea. Tickets are \$15 and wear your Fascinator. Tickets may be purchased at Westminster or by calling Lorna Stewart at 613-283-0549.

Women's Sunday – **October 29th at 10:30 a.m.** Betty Radford Turcott, Author, will be our guest speaker. Following the service there will be a Potluck Finger Food Luncheon. If your last name starts with A to M, please bring a 1st course dish. If your last name starts with N to Z, please bring a dessert (2nd course dish).

Book Club - Trinity United Church has been holding a Book Club for over 25 years. We are an informal group that enjoys reading and discussing books – primarily fiction. We meet on the last Monday of each month from 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. in the Church Parlour. Next meeting is **October 30th**. Winter months we meet by Zoom. We are looking for new members. Contact Barb at dhicks11@cogeco.ca to be added to our mailing list.

Holly Fair – **Saturday, November 4th** – 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Baking, crafts, gift baskets, jams, preserves, ornament tree and other Christmas treasures. New this year: Coffee shop (purchase a coffee/tea/muffin).

We are also looking for donations to the Holly Fair. If you have anything, please drop off at the Church prior to November 4th, between 9 am and 1 p.m., Monday to Thursday. Items may be placed on the stage in the Church Hall.

Wreath Sale - Order no later than **Thursday, November 9, 2023** by calling Linda Zieman at 613-283-2728. Cost is \$30 and must be prepaid. Cash or cheque is preferred but e-transfer is available as well. Pick-up date will be November 29, 2023.

Belonging Project – This series is about practicing the skills of expressing what is important to us and working with what others have to say (even if it isn't the kindest), so that our relationships are strengthened. There will be four sessions in this series starting on **Tuesday, November 7th at 6:30 p.m.** in the Church Hall, along with three additional sessions on **November 14th, 28th and December 5th.** Contact Carol Williams at 613-269-4427 or email at journey@ripnet.com for further information.

Salvation Army Kettle Volunteers – They are in urgent need of volunteers for the annual Kettle Season which starts on November 17th. If you are interested, please contact Mary Lynn or Jackie at 613-283-3563. There is a poster on the front board with more detail regarding locations, dates and times.

Salvation Army Referral for Christmas Assistance

The salvation provides anonymous Christmas hampers to anyone in need. If you know of someone, individual, couple or family, and you are interested in providing a Christmas hamper, please call the Trinity Church Office at 613-283-4444. **Deadline is October 31st.**

Advent Devotional Time – Starting on **Wednesday, November 29th**, the Spiritual Leadership Team will be sponsoring an Advent Devotional every Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. Please plan to join us!

Gifts with Vision – In thinking about the upcoming Christmas season,

Gifts with Vision is an excellent way to support those less fortunate such as providing a secure supply of food, fresh and clean water, reliable power, a social support

network, clean laundry, and much more. Please visit www.giftswithvision.ca to view the many initiatives that Gifts with Vision is involved with.

Social Time After Church – Sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board. Individuals or groups are invited to sign-up.

Future Events

The Barrel Boys Bluegrass Band Christmas Concert,
December 2

Peter Woods & Friends Concert – (Postponed to
Spring 2024)

Introit: VU 339 “When Morning Gilds the Skies” (vs. 1, 4)

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.

Call to Worship

Opening Prayer

Hymn: VU 356 “Seek Ye First the Kingdom”

Prayer of Confession:

**God of all life and each life,
You know all about us,
our deepest concerns and our fondest hopes.
We confess we are often anxious to see results.
We lose patience when we cannot see progress.
We blame others rather than seek solutions.**

Forgive us.

**Help us claim your peace when our hearts are
anxious.**

Assurance of Pardon

The Peace

Scripture: Psalm 23 (VU747)
Philippians 4:1-9
Matthew 22:1-14

"The Lord's My Shepherd" Psalm 23 (VU747)

Meditation: VU 508 "Just as I Am"

Reflection: Called to the Feast

Hymn: VU 271 "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"

Offertory:

Invitation to the Offering

Offering Prayer

Offering Options

- On the table by the entrance to Church Hall
- E-transfers to secretary@trinityunitedsf.ca
- Delivery to church office
- Through Trinity website DONATE button
- PAR

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

EOORC Prayer Cycle

Melville, Eganville Pastoral
Charge
Melville United Church

Ecumenical Prayer Cycle Belize, Guatemala,
Honduras, Mexico

We Depart to Serve in Peace and with Love

Time for the Young

Hymn: VU 608 "Dear God, Who Loves All Humankind"
(tune 623)

Benediction

Choral Amen

Postlude: VU 213 "Rejoice, the Lord Is King"