



TRINITY
UNITED CHURCH
Smiths Falls, Ontario, Canada

Twenty-First Sunday of Pentecost - A
22 October, 2023

“Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's.”

Matthew 22:21

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.

We wish to welcome anyone who is new to our congregation in the last several months. It has indeed been a pleasure to have the chance to get to know you! Blessings! If you wish to be added to our post office or email distribution lists for communication purposes, please contact the office at 613-283-4444 between the hours of 9 am – 1 pm, Monday to Thursday.

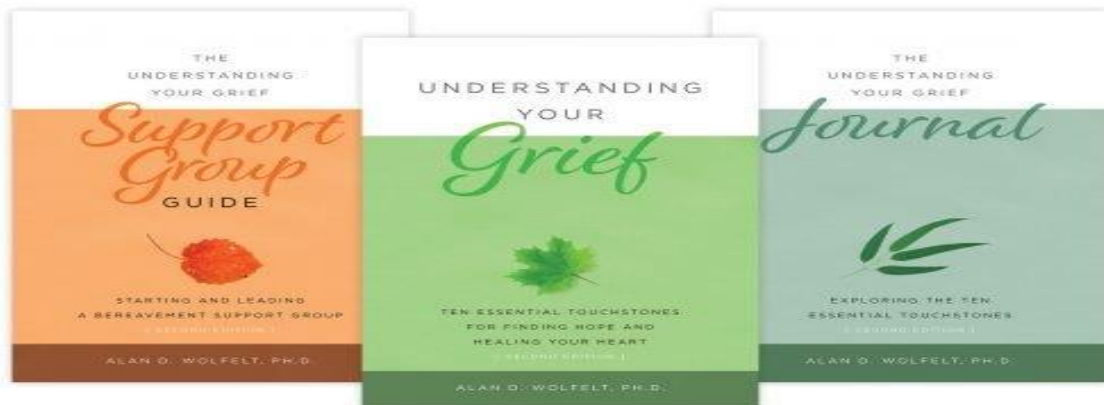
Thanksgiving Offering – For your prayerful consideration: On the table next to the offering plate, please take note of the special Thanksgiving Envelopes. These will be available for the month of October.

We wish to thank everyone who made our evening special at the Staff Appreciation Potluck on Tuesday, October 17th. Your kind words, along with the great food and fellowship, all made for a wonderful evening. We are blessed to work in such an awesome, encouraging and supportive environment and we can't thank you enough! (From: Patty, Cory, Rev. Christopher, Wendy, Klaas, Katie and Andrea)

Further Staff Appreciation - Although Norma Wrightly was not able to join us on Tuesday evening, on behalf of Trinity we want to extend a sincere thank-you. Norma is not only a Licensed Lay Worship Leader but she helps out in almost every aspect of our church. You do not have to have worked on a committee to have Norma delve in to assist. This in a small way is a way to express our thanks to Norma for her wonderful services as a Licenced Lay Worship Leader. Her Sermons and Monologs, prayers and songs mean so much to us.

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.

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. The intent is to meet weekly. The day and time of day will be determined by those who form the group. We are close to finalizing the details regarding this support group. Please let the office know as soon as possible if you are interested, along with your specific scheduling needs or preferences. Peace and Prayers, Christopher.

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).

Grassroot Grannies - Thank you to the UCW sponsored cookie sale for the fundraising event, and a big thank you to Trinity for their support through buying the cookies. I will be sending the Grassroot Grannies a cheque for \$400. (From Lee)

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.

Big Brothers and Sisters 50th Anniversary Gala – Thursday, November 2nd, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., \$50 per person. This event will be held at the Grand Hotel, 7 Bridge St., Carleton Place. Order your tickets on line at <https://lanark.bigbrothersbigsisters.ca/event/50th-gala-celebration>

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!

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

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.

Future Events

The Barrel Boys Bluegrass Band Christmas Concert,
December 2

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

Introit: VU 220 “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty” (vs.
1, 3, 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 405 “New Every Morning”

Prayer of Confession:

Patient God,

We confess we need your mercy.

We claim to be your people, but we forget to love as you do.

We claim to seek your guidance, but we follow our own ways.

Forgive us, O God,

Amend who we are and direct who you would have us be

for the sake of Christ, our Saviour and Friend.

Assurance of Pardon

The Peace

Scripture: Psalm 96 (VU816)

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Matthew 22:15-22

Meditation: VU 344 “How Sweet The Name of Jesus Sounds” (vs. 1, 2, 4)

Reflection: What Belongs to God?

Hymn: VU 262 “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

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

Salem - Locksley Pastoral
Charge

Salem United Church

Ecumenical Prayer Cycle

The Caribbean

We Depart to Serve in Peace and with Love

Time for the Young

Hymn: VU 426 "Saviour, Again to Your Dear Name"

Benediction

Choral Amen

Postlude: VU 333 "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"