



TRINITY
UNITED CHURCH
Smiths Falls, Ontario, Canada

Twenty-Fourth Sunday of Pentecost - A
12 November, 2023

“Keep awake therefore, for you know
neither the day nor the hour.”

Matthew 25:13

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 (Stat holidays on Mondays, the office is closed).

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.

Sounds of Christmas - Annual Family Concert to be held on Sunday, November 26, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. at Bethel Pentecostal Church, 301 Highway 29. Please bring an offering for the Hamper Drive. This is a Smiths Falls Ministerial Presentation.

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!

Carols from the Barrel – A Seasonal Celebration with **The Barrel Boys** presented by Trinity United Church (fund-raiser) to be held on **Saturday, December 2nd at 7:00 p.m.** It will be held at Westminster Presbyterian Church, 11 Church St. West. Tickets are \$25 in advance, \$30 at the door, \$10 under 13 years of age. Tickets will be for sale following Sunday services until the event, at the office Monday to Thursday 9am to 1 pm, or purchase on the Barrel Boys website at www.thebarrelboys.com/shows

Christmas Cards are set up in the Fellowship Hall for signing. There are also packages of cards for sale.

Lanark Interval House – We continue to pack a parcel for Interval House for Christmas. Unopened personal items, small gifts for women and children would be appreciated. Please consider regular and fragrance-free items. Donations may be left in the box provided at the entrance to the Church. Last day for donations is December 11th. Contact Diane Combdon or Joanne Hunter for any questions.

Food Insecurity in Leeds, Grenville & Lanark – There are copies of posters and a report on Food Insecurity available on the side table. There are a number of things that we can do to help address food insecurity such as educating ourselves, advocating, supporting and sharing.

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

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

Introit: VU 430 "God Be in My Head"

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 371 "Open My Eyes, That I May See"

Prayer of Confession:

God of mercy,

You call us to love our neighbours and serve your purposes.

**We confess that this is easier said than done.
When things get complicated, we lose patience and turn away.**

**When we are unprepared for a challenge,
we excuse ourselves from taking part.
Forgive us.**

Renew our willingness to put ourselves on the line for your love.

Assurance of Pardon

The Peace

Scripture: Psalm 70 (VU788)
1 Thessalonians 4.13-18
Matthew 25:1-13

Meditation: VU 348 “O Love, How Deep”(Vs.1,4,7)

Reflection: Ready

Hymn: VU 343 “I Love to Tell the Story”

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 - Queenswood United Church,
Orleans

Ecumenical Prayer Cycle Aotearoa New Zealand,
Australia

We Depart to Serve in Peace and with Love

Time for the Young

Hymn: VU 374 “Come and Find the Quiet Centre”

Benediction

Choral Amen

Postlude: VU 340 “Jesus, Friend of Little Children”

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| Recurring Events and Activities at Trinity | |
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| Every Monday, 11:00am | Chair Exercise |
| Every Monday, 1:00pm | Book Group |
| First Monday, 9:30am | UCW |
| Fourth Monday, 9:30am | Property Team / Church Hall |
| Last Monday, 7:00 p.m. | Book Club |
| Every Tuesday, All Day | Pastoral Visitation |
| First Tuesday, 2:00pm | Van Horne Retirement Residence |
| 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, 9:30am | Bible Study / Seasonal Study |
| First Wednesday, 12:30pm | Healing Pathway |
| Second Wednesday, 7:00pm | Spiritual Leadership Meeting |
| Second Wednesday, 1:30 p.m. | Christian Community Meeting |
| Third 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 Sunday, 8:30am | Early Communion |
| Second and Last Sunday, 10:30am | Sunday School |
| Last Sunday, 1:00pm | Lanark Drum Circle |