



Trinity United Community of Faith



The Life and Work of the Church

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The **Memorial Poinsettia Project** has begun. We welcome you to honour those you love with a poinsettia plant during our Advent season. Names of those remembered will be included in our weekly worship service during the Advent season. Order forms are located on page 9 of this newsletter and in the Narthex. The \$10 donation can be made by cash or cheque, designated in the offering or submitted to the church office.



Orders to be received by Dec. 13th, 2020.

White Gift and Snowflake Tree Sunday, December 6th, 2020

As we prepare for the Christmas Season, we desire to share with those around us the virtues of Advent: hope, peace, joy, and love. Our *White Gift* and *Snowflake Tree* event provides two ways to bless local families this Christmas.

Bring a new unwrapped toy or non-perishable food item as your *White Gift* **OR** choose a *Snowflake* from our tree with a child's gift wish.

If you are unable to get into the church to pick a snowflake please call the office at 519-627-1472 and a snowflake will be picked for you.

Items are due December 6th.



Longest Night of the Year Service on December 21st, 7:00pm

We welcome you to join with us for the 'Longest Night of the Year' Service. A quiet service of prayer, scripture, candle lighting and music—providing a place for those who are suffering a loss, experiencing a problem, or simply feeling overwhelmed with the differences of this season.

Trinity's Christmas Eve 2020

Christmas Eve will be different but wonderful and uplifting this year! Covid has created many challenges and as the Medical Officer of Health has advanced us to a yellow designation, we as a council, feel we will need to make an adjustment to our Christmas Eve service.

We are creating a wonderful pre-recorded service that will lift your spirits, have you singing along, and you can watch it again and again anytime when you wish! We will be first presenting it on Zoom at 7pm on Christmas Eve, and then posting it to Facebook and YouTube. You won't want to miss it!



WORSHIP AND MORE

On our anniversary Sunday I proclaimed that I believe Trinity is not just surviving this pandemic but is thriving through it!

We know that God has said to us through Jeremiah, "I know the plans I have for you says the Lord, plans to prosper you, not to harm you, but to give you hope and a life." (Jer 29:11 NIV) At Trinity we are embracing this assurance.

We are continuing our practices of worship, discipleship, pastoral care, and stewardship in new and creative ways.

This has been challenging but rewarding and uplifting in a time when we could have just tried to survive the pandemic, but Trinity and each of you, would not allow us to just barely get by, but thrive.

Sandra and I have continued our pastoral care by phone, connecting during our time of worship, on Zoom, and although very limited, in person as we can within the Covid guidelines. I am now able to visit again at the hospitals and hospice within their guidelines. Please continue to let me know of pastoral needs.

We were able to share in Worldwide communion as the Worship committee and I brainstormed how we could do this safely and with heartfelt meaning for this ritual. It was a beautiful ceremony. We have even found ways to sing together from the guidance of the Chatham Kent Health Unit and the By Laws for Chatham Kent. We will be celebrating communion again on the first Sunday of Advent on November 29, 2020.

The Anniversary service had beautiful uplifting music by Pat, Sue, and Nancy following the pandemic guidelines as well. As usual, Laura did, and continues to do a wonderful job of the music! We know how important music is to our worship.

We continue to share on Zoom and Facebook so all can view the services. Our group on Zoom have become a wonderful community of sharing and chatting prior to the service. Many of our members get to visit with our Zoom group after service at the computer. We are trying our best to share this without glitches and are looking into updating our internet package to allow us to do this with less difficulty.

One thing is for certain that the pandemic is not going away soon and so we have to stay up to date with our technology to reach out to our members creatively and allow us to connect with others beyond the walls of our sanctuary.

Jesus directed us to go out into the world and share God's love and though it has been a big learning curve, we are doing this in ways that perhaps we wouldn't have attempted but now must adapt to. Our reach into the world is limitless!

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(cont'd) Every committee, every person within Trinity are focusing on thriving and serving others in unique, creative, and new ways rather than focusing on the challenges.

It is clear that Trinity has in the past, now, and always will in the future stay focused on faith, hope, and generosity for we proclaim what 2 Timothy 1:7 shares, "For God has not given us a spirit of fear but of power, love, and a sound mind."

As we enter into Advent let us focus on the miraculous ways that God enters into our lives in sunsets, in beautiful flowers, in a smile, and a wee baby, Jesus, who gave us the commissioning to love one another and to extend grace and hope to all.

May this season uplift us all United as One!
 Many blessings in this season of hope, peace, love, and joy!
 Minister of Worship, Sharon



Pastoral Care & Youth Ministry

The year of Covid has been a challenging time and a triumphant time! I am impressed with the adaptability of our congregation and team at Trinity. When the lock down occurred it was a bit of a scramble to figure out the technology with the what's, and the how's. It was an exercise in trust and faith to not allow the stress to be overwhelming as we dealt with new ways, the unpredictable and the unknown. It was an exciting challenge to help people learn the new skill of 'zooming'.

Over the months, many calls were made checking in with members, and cards were sent to residents. Weekly zoom sessions were enjoyed with our Trinity Tots. It was always an adventure to try keeping 2 and 3 year olds engaged through a screen! And thanks to mom Abbie for assisting with this.

Currently, I am excited to announce that I am holding bible studies with small groups at Fairfield Park and chimes will begin again as well. The widows group has re-convened. Also, I am enjoying weekly sessions with Vivian Allaer. Thank you to Julie Forgie who is assisting me with this. So far we have explored God's creation and being kind. It truly is an honour to share precious moments and discussions with her. It was also great to have some families gather to pick apples for the Salvation Army food bank.

I am blessed to spend time all through the week, listening to hearts holding both joy and lament and also worldly events, and then waiting for prayers to emerge. It is a humbling spiritual experience.

May we all be blessed in loving, with healing, for living. Amen

Sandra Maltby-Mills

(pronouns: she/her)

Spiritual Care and Youth Ministry



Financial Stewardship Celebrated

Thank you! Thank you to each one of you who give so faithfully to God through your gifts to Trinity United Community of Faith. The valuable ministry that Trinity has in our church family, in our community, in our country and around the world is not possible without your generous financial gifts.

Speaking about money and meeting budgets is never an easy topic in a community of faith. We are supposed to be about faith, love, hope ... but meeting budgets is a reality we must deal with.

Jesus spoke forthrightly about money, as did the Apostle Paul. Following their example, we feel you should be fully informed about where we stand financially so you can make knowledgeable decisions about your giving. Richard, the Chair of our Finance Committee will be updating us regularly as we conclude 2020.

In order to sustain our good work at Trinity, we ask that you review and pray about your weekly offering and consider increasing the amount so the pastoral charge can meet its budget. Can you increase by 2%, 5%, or 10%? It isn't really about the percentage, it is a prayerful promise between you and God in financial stewardship.

If you have signed up for Pre-Authorized Remittance (PAR) years ago, is it time for you to increase the amount that you give automatically each week?

For those not on PAR, please consider making your donations through PAR. It is an easy way to ensure that you don't miss an offering and it allows us to work with a solid budget. PAR application forms are available at our church.

At Trinity our Stewardship has always been based on the same 3 Easy Steps for you to prayerfully consider in your financial givings ...

Give first to God. Whenever you receive money, give thanks by giving back to God. Don't worry about how much; just give first, before all your other spending.

Become a Percentage Giver. No matter how large or small, decide what percent of your income you want to give to God's work and begin doing it.

Increase as you are able. Pray often. God will guide you about when to stand firm and when to risk in faith.

It's that holly, jolly time of year when we give with a happy heart.

So, we ask that today, tonight, next week...you pray on how you can help our community of faith meet its budget and help us continue our positive work in the community and with each other.

Let us continue to focus on God's abundance as John 10:10 proclaims, "I have come that they may have life, and have it abundantly."

Many blessings,
Sharon



Finance Committee



2020 has been an extremely challenging year in many different ways for most people living in Canada and around the world.

That being said a HUGE THANK YOU needs to be said to the Trinity congregation. Despite the challenges 2020 has presented including cancelled in person services for a long stretch early in the year, as of October 31, 2020 our annual givings were only down \$346.70 compared to the same period in 2019. That is an amazing accomplishment that we as a congregation should celebrate!

We do however have another challenge that we need to meet. As of October 31 we still trail behind our required budget by \$35,355.40. As discussed at the annual meeting with the additional salary requirements to bring on a full time minister it would be a challenging year to meet our budget.

Starting Sunday, November 29, I will be updating the congregation weekly during the service based on our budget in comparison to our forecasted needs to finish the year at break-even or better. We have a challenge ahead of us but based on how far we have already come I have faith that our congregation will rally to help meet this challenge head on.

Please prayerfully consider the financial needs of the church as we head into the final month of 2020.11.23

Richard Button

Property Committee Report

Jobs Completed:

- 1) Remove some light bulbs in the main office.
- 2) Investigate main door assembly, not closing – cold weather.
- 3) Clean boilers for winter per David Bridge.
- 4) Investigate heating system fluctuation per David Bridge. Bad sensor.
- 5) Remove some tables in the Narthex and store in Sunday room # 4.
- 6) Reinstall key box for the fire department. Lowered unit as requested.
- 7) Set timers for the night-lights. Set at 5 pm (on) / midnight (off).
- 8) Replace some LED bulbs by the kitchen.

Jobs in Progress:

- 1) Repairing the walls as required and touch-up paint.
- 2) Repairs to the sprinkler (dry) system per Sentry fire. Waiting for parts.
- 3) Upgrade the fixture for the Arista sink in the kitchen.
- 4) Repairs to the roof leak in the kitchen. Call Langstaff for Quote.
- 5) Purchase (3) speed bumps. (Waiting for quotes)
- 6) Repairs to the church Defibrillator. (Waiting for quotes)
- 7) Give away the old toilet's to refine.
Doug MacLennan aka The Wirefixer

Trinity has a new email address: trinitywallaceburg@gmail.com

SECOND HARVEST is the largest Food Rescue Charity providing hunger relief by redistributing nutritious, unsold food to charities and non profit communities.

Two years ago The Black Goose offered their left over soup from the buffet to Food Rescue. Trinity was able to pick it up on Fridays. Most days there would be 60 containers of soup that were frozen and handed out to various areas of the town. With Covid and restaurants closing, the soup stopped.

Second Harvest sent out many different cases of frozen foods from restaurants that had to close. We were able to obtain some of this food which we handed out to the same areas we gave soup to and some we can use for our community meals. This is a totally free service of Second Harvest.

The Black Goose is open again with soup on the menu. We are getting any left overs still although Mark is not making as much this time.

We are very thankful to The Black Goose for being part of Food Recue. The people who receive the soup are just as thankful!

Jayne Glover



COMMUNITY MEALS

Since March 27 when many closures were implemented, we continued with the Free Community Meal for that month by packaging the whole meal in plastic re-usable containers, salad in baggies, rolls in baggies, dessert in baggies and everything in a plastic bag and handed out to the people driving, walking or biking up to get our meal. November will be the 8th month we have handed out meals in a pick-up take out venue. We are able to continue making the meals by only having 5 people working at one time. Bob and Evelyn can work side by side as can Brenda and Herb while Jayne floats around the stoves. Covid certainly changed things but it did not stop us. The need for meals has been increasing every month with all the churches and will continue to increase. We plan to meet that demand.

Jayne Glover

SHUFFLEBOARD

After many months of closures in every area of our lives, Trinity Shuffleboard Group has been able to start up, playing Mondays and Thursdays, and everyone is extremely thankful to have this "FUN" event to look forward to. We follow Covid-19 regulations by having everyone sign in with names and phone numbers and we keep our numbers to 10 people. The odd time we have more than 10 people, we take turns playing a game and sitting out. As always, the coffee and snack time is the best part of the morning!

It is great to have some social regularity in our lives after not having much of a social life at all! Shuffle boarders will always prevail!

Jayne Glover



Ministry and Personnel

When you look at the various Churches in the Wallaceburg area you know they're all experiencing difficult and challenging times, the same way our own Church is. Some are still not having services, some post a message on You Tube or on their web site, and some have live Zoom services. We have been fortunate at Trinity in that we held Zoom services early in the Covid 19 pandemic, and now conduct both Zoom services as well as in Church services.

We are fortunate to have the resources and people to able to conduct both on line and in Church services. Of course, it's still not like it used to be, when we could all meet together, have some social time, enjoy a coffee and snack, and participate in mid week groups such as euchre. And regretfully, we have seen a negative effect on our income statement.

Needless to say, finances have been difficult for many people, and our Church finances are no exception.

Something to look forward during these uncertain times is the upcoming celebration of Christ's birth. A special time when we can celebrate when Christ came to bring us lessons about respect and understanding, about inclusivity and treating other's as we wish to be treated, and lessons about helping those in need and about extending love to each other.

We're in difficult times, and through the creativity of our staff we are still able to meet as best we can. Meet to stay focused on our spiritual life, and meet to stay connected as a Christian family.

We ask that you keep the Church finances in mind over the next few weeks and pray that in the near future we will all be able to meet again as we move forward on our spiritual journey.

Herb deJong

Please note that there will be **no Community Meal at Trinity for the month of December.** Community Meals will resume at Trinity on January 22, 2020. Thank-you to our volunteers for serving in 2020! We couldn't do it without you!



Have you moved or changed your email address?

Don't forget to update your address with the church office. Updating your address with the church ensures that your tax receipt and other important mail is received on time. Should you have a 9-1-1 House Number, please provide it to the church office. Our postal service requires additional information beyond RR# to properly deliver our mail.



Thank you for assisting with these house-keeping items!

Have you signed up to be a Salvation Army Christmas Kettle Volunteer?

Contact
Tracy Morrison
519-627-2170



Offering Envelopes

They will be arriving soon!

Should you desire offering envelopes but do not yet have an envelope number, please contact the church office for assistance.





Have you joined our e-mail list?

Stay connected at Trinity by providing your email address to quickly receive information, updates, and our seasonal newsletter electronically.

Contact the church office at **519-627-1472**
or by email at **trinitywallaceburg@gmail.com**

and we will be happy to add you to our electronic mail out list.

Poinsettia Order Form

Donations may be made by marking "Poinsettia" on your offering envelope, enclosing \$10, and the following information:

In Memory Of: _____

Donor Name: _____

Envelope #: _____ (If no envelope number, please include your address below).

Address: _____

Deadline to order Poinsettias is December 15, 2020

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Get ready for Christ(mas)!



Advent Calendar 2020

Place this calendar on your fridge and use a magnet to count down the days!

29

Light the 1st Advent candle, giving thanks for Jesus our Hope.



[1st Sunday in Advent]

30

Ask a loved one how you can pray for them this week.

1

Have an instant dance party to your favourite song.

2

Make a handmade gift for a teacher or role model.

3

Pray with those who are looking for signs of hope and new life.

4

Pick up litter in a local park. Remember to wear a mask and gloves.

5

Give an unexpected compliment.

6

Light the 2nd Advent candle, giving thanks for Jesus, Prince of Peace.

[2nd Sunday in Advent]



7

Surprise someone with a homemade treat.

8

Pray with those who are lonely and in need of a friend.

9

List five things that bring you joy

10

Have a buy-nothing day.

11

Do a kind deed for someone else.

12

Pray for the wisdom to find paths to peace.

13

Light the 3rd Advent candle, giving thanks for Jesus, Joy of the World.

[3rd Sunday in Advent]



14

Send a card or thank-you note to a friend.

15

What help might you need in reaching your goals? Ask a loved one to help you.

16

Offer to help a friend or family member do a chore.

17

Pray for the courage to be faithful in difficult situations.

18

Share a meal or snack with someone.

19

Pray for yourself and the gifts you bring to your community.

20

Light the 4th Advent candle, giving thanks for Jesus, Love made known.

[4th Sunday in Advent]



21

Have a garbage-free or reduced-garbage day.

22

Have dinner by candlelight.

23

Tell someone what you love about them.

24

Make a list of the gifts you bring to your community.

25

Christmas is here! Send a Gift with Vision in a loved one's name.

Visit GiftswithVision.ca for options.



For more ideas visit united-church.ca search "advent unwrapped"

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Malachi's Circle of Hope

Raising Funds for the Snowflake Tree!

Pat Lee, Sue Elliott, and I have created in memory of Malachi a wonderful package this season for yourself or as a gift for someone!



First a re-usable bag with the image of Malachi and I celebrating the Circle of Hope that has created a wonderful community of love. \$10

A second package contains the bag, a canvas labyrinth with a write up about Malachi, and the book "Creating Harmony From Within". This will help you quiet your mind and find inner peace. \$20

Lastly, you can purchase all of the above with a beautiful wooden labyrinth either in Pine, Oak, or Walnut which includes access to online meditations with the labyrinth and one with Malachi. This will help you create inner harmony and spiritual well-being for you. \$60-80. Net proceeds will be donated to the Trinity Snowflake Tree.

Malachi in Scripture is known as "The Messenger of God" and through Malachi, the message of Hope continues in Spirit and Love through these offerings.

Blessings to you, Pat, Sue, & Sharon

