



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 7 of this newsletter and in the Narthex. The \$10.00 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,**



White Gift and Snowflake Tree Sunday, December 12th, 2021

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 12th.

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.

Christmas Eve December 24th at 7:00pm

Join us for music & readings in a beautiful setting. A wonderful ceremony of remembering the reason for the season – the birth of Jesus! Let's gather as a family of faith to celebrate the birth of Jesus our teacher, guide, sustainer and hope!

Boxing Day Worship

Please join us on Dec. 26th at 10:30am for singing and rejoicing our thankfulness for the Christmas season we all have received!



Christmas Concerts

Pat Lee and Nancy MacLennan are organizing a Christmas Concert on **November 28th at 7pm.** Don't miss this beautiful event!

Proceeds will go to the Snowflake Christmas tree for toys and more for children in our community. A great way to begin the Christmas season with hope and optimism!

As per COVID-19 indoor events protocol, masks & proof of double vaccination are required.

Then on **Dec. 7th at 7pm** the Wallaceburg Ministerial will be holding their annual Christmas Carolling. Another great way to pause during the Christmas season to sing and remember the true reason for the season. Location to be determined

Wallaceburg Newsletter Advent

Dear Trinity friends! It is hard to imagine that Advent is upon us! Another year has passed, and we are on a Journey to Christmas.

Last week I met with our council to begin a new journey. As your council we gathered for a day to envision a new path. A time of renewal, rejuvenation, and hope.

I shared pictures of this day on Sunday and talked about how ordinary people are everyday heroes. Oh, I know, the folks that gathered don't think they are heroes.

Yet some of these folks have been on committees for decades and I still saw the passion, the hope, the optimism that we as a community of faith can find new and creative ways to be witnesses of our faith, worshipping God, and sharing God's love with all.

This is our desire. This is our passion. This is Trinity's Mission statement!

Sure, the pandemic has been hard. Yes, it has caused a wee implosion to how we gather, what we can do, how we serve others, and how we support our church.

Yet I believe that God is creating a new thing in the midst of the chaos. In Isaiah 43:18-19 God tells us to "Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing!"

Yes, we may have to forget the former things to embrace the new way that God desires for us.

But let's not throw out baby Jesus with the bath water! Worship remains our cornerstone, pastoral care our priority, sharing God's love in action is our purpose.

As such, at our meeting our council decided that each committee will be sponsoring a month to reach out to those who may be seeking hope that may not be in a traditional worship service.

By doing this I can remain focused on our worship, pastoral care, and supporting, guiding, and celebrating our leaders.

There is new vision. New hope. New enthusiasm. Let us "Journey to Christmas" and beyond together. You're right. The pandemic is still a reality, Christmas is still a sad time for some folks, illness, poverty, hurt still exists in the world.

But at Trinity we lift up others rather than criticize. We ask "how can I help" rather than complain. And celebrate and thank everyday heroes in our midst.

And that includes YOU!



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Please stay in touch! Call me if you have questions or concerns. Call me if you know of someone who is having challenges and needs a visit. Call me if you want to meet with me for a chat. 519-401-5529. Text, call, message, email, you can always connect with me.

My friends it is an honour to continue to be a part of this community! May God continue to bless us, may Jesus walk beside us, and may the Holy Spirit bring you peace, joy, hope, and love throughout this season and beyond.

Many blessings, Sharon



The Technology Committee is a new group created to support the technology for our community of faith. We are excited to have had the support of council to purchase and install new equipment to help us to become more accessible and especially to provide a better experience for those joining us on Zoom. As we work through the challenges of learning the new system, we ask for your patience. We are a small group and are working doing what we can to learn and optimize. If you are technologically savvy, we'd love some extra hands to help us out. Feel free to contact Sue Elliott at 519-365-3835 if you'd like more information. Stay tuned as we continue to expand our electronic capabilities into the new year.

Ministry and Personnel

Advent is such a special time of year. A time when we begin to prepare for the celebration of the birth of Christ. Our world, and our lives have changed in numerous ways since the time of Christ some 2000 years ago. One of the most significant ways has been the development of technology in our lives. Devices such as smart TV's, cell phones, tablets, and gaming devices have changed our lives forever.

We had a power outage recently in Wallaceburg and for the most part, when the power goes out, so does the use of your internet and your ability to use many of your devices. You ask, OK, now what do we do. It wouldn't have been an issue 2000 years ago, when there was no power to begin with.

There was a different kind of power. There was the mystery and wonders of this entity called God. There was the warmth and emotion of connecting with the Holy Spirit. And of course, after the birth of Christ, there were the lessons of the greatest teacher the world had ever known. Teachings of loving your neighbor as yourself.

During this season of advent, as we prepare for the celebration of the birth of Christ, lets recall the mysteries and miracles of our faith. Let's recall the Holy Spirit within us and the emotions of our spiritual moments. And let's recall the teachings of love from Jesus Christ.

These are the things that will never disappoint us and never let us down. These are the things that will stay with us forever.

Herb deJong



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 2021.

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



MISSION AND OUTREACH



The Christmas season will soon be here! The M&O committee are busy coordinating with the Wallaceburg Salvation Army for the Snowflake Tree. The Snowflake Tree will be ready for the congregation and community members to choose gift tags from starting after church on November 28th. There will be a sign out book near the tree for you to record which snowflake tag you have chosen, your name and telephone number. All gifts must be returned **unwrapped and with the snowflake tag attached no later than Sunday, December 12th**. Then sign the book to indicate that you have brought your gift. We appreciate how generous our congregation and community members are in supporting this endeavour every year!

Also, we will be hosting the **Help Us Remember Christmas Concert** on **Sunday, November 28, 2021 at 7 p.m.** There will be a variety of musical performances and poetry to help you rejoice for the season of Christmas.

Everyone who attends are asked to be masked and have proof of double vaccination. There will be a bake table with homemade goodies to purchase after the concert. All proceeds will go to help the Wallaceburg Salvation Army with the Christmas hamper program.

Nancy MacLennan



PROPERTY COMMITTEE REPORT

Many housekeeping issues have been successfully resolved at the writing of this submission.

The Elizabeth street entrance doors have been repaired and are locking properly now.

The church defibrillator has been upgraded and is viable until 2024.

Lastly, the Peace Pump has been put to bed for the winter months.

There are future projects that will be addressed in the spring.

Wishing everyone health and happiness for the holiday season.

Doug MacLennan



FOOD RESCUE SOUP PROGRAM

Trinity continues to be blessed with leftover soup from the Black Goose to whom we give thanks.



On Wednesdays and Fridays we pick up the soup, ladle it into containers and they are put into our freezers. Usually we can fill approximately 40 to 50 containers.

It is then delivered locally and handed out to people who are very appreciative of it.

We gratefully accept donations of 500 ml. cottage cheese/sour cream etc. and 650 ml yogurt containers. This saves us buying them.

We are thankful for our helpers and if you are interested in being a volunteer driver to help deliver as a two person team please call Jayne Glover.

Herb deJong

COMMUNITY MEAL PROGRAM

A group of dedicated volunteers under the leadership of Jayne Glover continue to produce takeout dinners for our monthly Community Meal.

We are now producing 200 bags of food each month. Each bag has a container of entrée, a bag of lettuce salad with a small container of dressing, a bag of 2 home-made cookies and a piece of fruit.

Due to the restrictions that Covid-19 imposes on our activities, we limit the number of volunteers from our Community of Faith that work preparing the food bags.

We work over 2 and a half days to produce the meals including grocery shopping, cooking food, picking up cookie donations, making salad and filling bags. Thirty-four dozen cookies are baked and donated each month by our volunteer bakers.

We have volunteer drivers who deliver about 20 meals to people connected to our Community of Faith who are not able to pick up their meal at the church.

It can be very tiring work but satisfying to know that many people from Wallaceburg enjoy a delicious and well-balanced meal because of our Community Meal Program.

Thanks to all the volunteers that make this possible.

Submitted by Evelyn Mayo



EUCHRE

Wednesday Euchre has begun!



Requirements are You need to show proof of being double vaccinated and wear a mask while playing . During our coffee and tea break masks can come off .

We are getting approximately 20 people now and welcome more . It is a nice social, no pressure just fun!

Come out and try it...you might really enjoy it!

Liz Morrison

CHOIR

Another advent season is upon us here at Trinity, which means the opportunity to come together to bring joy, hope and reflection to the season through music.

We have been lucky to be able to resume singing in safe, creative ways and continue to welcome new voices to our worship.

Coming up, we are thrilled to have the opportunity to fundraise for the snowflake tree through Pat Lee and Nancy MacLennan's Christmas concert taking place on November 28 at 7:00 p.m.

We are also excited to host the Ministerial Community Carol Sing here at Trinity on December 7 at 7:00 p.m.

As always, we thank everyone for their contributions to the music here at Trinity and continue to welcome others to share their gifts with us!

Laura Rintjema

POP CANS

Trinity has been collecting pop cans for many, many years and this is to confirm that, YES, we still are. They can be dropped off at 66 Napier St. anytime.

We started collecting the cans way back to boost the scouting group finances until it was no longer necessary so it was then used towards the Community Meals.

This past year the money received will go to buy Snowflake Gifts sponsored by the Mission and Outreach committee.

Many small bags of aluminum cans do add up and are put to good use.
Jayne Glover





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 13, 2021

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Need a Gift Idea?

Are you looking for meaningful gifts to give this Christmas? The United Church's [Gifts with Vision](#) catalogue is a great way to make a difference and show someone that you care. This year's catalogue is filled with gifts that don't need wrapping or tags, just your love.



Offering Envelopes

They will be arriving soon! Should you desire offering envelopes but do not have an envelope number yet, please contact the church office for assistance 519-627-1472.



DECEMBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
5 Advent 2	6	7 Community Carol Service, 7pm	8	9	10	11
12 Advent 3 White Gift/ Snowflake Tree	13	14	15	16	17	18
19 Advent 4	20	21 Longest Night Service, 7pm	22	23	24 Christmas Eve Service, 7pm	25 Christmas Day
26 Boxing Day	27	28	29	30		

