



# Trinity United Church

The Life and Work of the Church

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## Season of Lent

*Lent is a time of reflection, a time to travel the Lenten road together. A time of meditation.*

Lent began on Shrove Tuesday, March 5 followed by Ash Wednesday on March 6.

Palms from 2018 were burned and ashes used in our first Service in Lent.

**Holy Week Services will be held at Wallaceburg Christian Reformed Church, Monday to Thursday 12:10pm each day with a light lunch to follow.**

Freewill offering supporting various Ministerial local designations.

### Trinity Lent Services

Palm Sunday, April 14

Good Friday, April 19

Easter Sunday, April 21

**All Trinity services start at 10:30 am**

*Lent* IS A TIME TO  
**GROW**  
 CLOSER TO JESUS

## Palm Sunday Brunch Sunday, April 14

Our Choir invites you to join us for Brunch following the Palm Sunday Service on April 14th. Stay after Service and enjoy the Brunch with family & friends!

The Brunch is *legendary* with our 'famous' made to order omelettes, bacon & sausage, and other tasty items to fill your plate.

Includes coffee, tea & juice. Brunch is hosted by the Senior Choir, a talented ensemble of musical voices as well as great cooks!

**Please join us...**

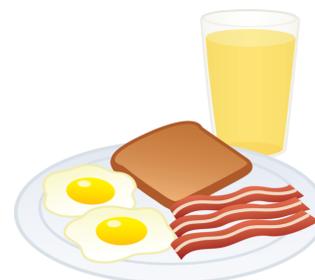
**11:30 am - 1:00 pm**

Cost: Adult ~ \$8

Child (6-12 yrs.) ~ \$4

Child under 5 yrs. ~ Free

**We HOPE to see YOU!**



## From Sandra's desk...

Lent is a time for reflection and sorting out of our priorities. The result of this Lenten journey of reflection can be growth; growth in our faith, our trust and our personal ministry. Some people and churches have a practice of giving things up for Lent, in order to remember all that Jesus sacrificed for us, by living his life for God and serving others. During Lent, the United Church pays special attention to the stories of Jesus' ministry and all that he taught us. With this in mind, this year we have been offered a practice or challenge to engage more deeply in this reflection. Our challenge is to participate in our own ministry, in some way different than you would normally do, and hopefully as a result open to growth. For each week, we have been given a different challenge.

The challenges are as follows:

**Gratitude:** Perform random acts of gratitude and list 3 different items you are grateful for.

**Prayer for enemies:** Take a moment each day to pray for someone who has hurt or offended you; or maybe someone with whom you have a difficult relationship with; or someone you just don't see eye to eye with, or can't understand.

**Generosity:** Perform random acts of generosity.

**Reach out:** Reach out in some way, to someone who may be lonely, or someone you have been meaning to contact for a long time.

**Sacrifice:** Do something that costs you a little bit, maybe it costs you time or money; or maybe go out of your way for someone.

Index cards have been given out or left for you to record your ideas. You can share anonymously. You are welcome to share what you have done, any ideas you have had, or the experience of the challenge. There will be boxes at each door on Sundays to hand in your cards. It will be interesting to review everything shared on Easter Sunday.

*May your Lenten preparation of nurturing and challenging produce a garden of fresh growth and Easter joy!*

### Pastoral Care

It is such a gift to have this position. It is an honor to accompany people in their spiritual journey and faith formation. I am able to witness love, strength, compassion, kindness, and wisdom – truly the best in people. I am so grateful.

### Youth Ministry

We had a great time at our KD build this year. We had 1,100+ boxes to work with this year! Thanks to everyone's donation. The senior youth group is continuing to meet once a month – with some great discussions and enthusiasm for yoga and meditation. Trinity Kids are prepping for the Palm Sunday Intergenerational service and hope you can make it out to participate with them!



This January and February, I was enrolled in an online course with the Centre for Christian Studies (for Diaconal Ministry). This course was 'Living Scripture' - a learning circle for understanding and interpreting the bible in our current day and age. I found it quite inspiring. I would love to explore some of the tools and techniques with a group after Easter. Let me know if you are interested!

Blessings on your Lenten Journey...

*Sandra*

**FOOD RESCUE:** The Food Rescue Program, under the network of Second Harvest, is the latest initiative Trinity and other churches are involved in as a means of giving back to the community and helping those who need it most. Every day a large amount of soup is donated by **The Black Goose Restaurant** for use for the community meals and scooped into containers to be distributed to those who need it. Trinity is in its third month of picking up the soup one day a week. We served it at February and March's community meal and delivered the rest to residents at a low income housing.



**This is just another way we can feel proud of helping out our community.**

The partnership between the **Ukulele Program and Trinity** began just over a year ago. Who would have imagined the level of achievement and demand, 120 beginner students from 10 classes and an advanced group called the WADUKES who have preformed at several regional events. There is also a waiting list for the fall beginner classes!



Barry Betts reports the Trinity facilities have been first rate. A big "thank you" goes out to Trinity for helping to launch this exciting program.

**COMMUNITY MEALS:** Trinity's application for CK Community Homelessness Prevention was approved and we received a \$3000.00 cheque that will help out with our community meal program...what a blessing! The community meal is on the fourth Friday of the month. On these Fridays, the kitchen is a very busy place with delicious aromas filling the church. Trinity's Community **Meal begins at 5:30** and always consists of a hot, nourishing dinner, salad, juice, coffee, tea and of course home baked goods for dessert. This meal is open to the whole community. **There is always room at Trinity's table.**

# NEWS

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# EVENTS

**FUN AND FRIENDLY EUCHRE:** Wednesday afternoons are very fun and lively at Trinity as 6 to 8 tables of euchre players enjoy playing several games and of course a great half time snack. This group is exactly as the name implies, **Fun and Friendly, NOT serious.** If you have not played for a long time or do not know the game very well then this is the perfect spot for you.



**Feel free to join us anytime starting at 1:30.**

## We welcomed guest shuffle boarders from Lindsey Road United Church



Join us **every Monday and Thursday morning from 9:30-11:30am.** Coffee and treats are always included with your \$1 'fun' donation. **All ages and skill levels are welcome!**



Dear Trinity Friends,

How quickly the two months have passed since my retirement – I should say, our retirement, since both Rob and I retired at the end of December!

We are adjusting to the new reality of retirement. It seems that we are still quite busy doing things, but we are doing them at a slower pace. We enjoy being able to go a little slower in the mornings, and being able to let something wait for tomorrow if we want.

So many people ask if we have taken a trip or have one planned. Not yet! We are simply working away at the many jobs that have been on our to-do list for too long. Plus we have had to find a place here at home for the many, many books that I moved out of the office!

Once again I thank you for your great kindness at the time of my retirement. The wonderful retirement party and all the gifts!! The cards, kind words and hugs!!! All have meant so much. It was a very special ending to my time with you.

We are enjoying our retirement, but we miss all of you. It seems so strange to get up on a Sunday morning and not go to Trinity! I know that things are continuing well with the list of Pulpit Supplies for services and with Sandra Maltby-Mills, assisted by Administrative Assistant, Debbie, coordinating the on-going day-to-day operation of the church. I was sorry to hear about the flooding caused by the faulty sprinkler! I confess that I was not sorry that I was retired before that!

My prayers are with you and with the Search Committee seeking to find your next minister. I know that it is hard to wait. But as my mother always says, **‘Good things come for those who wait.’** She’s a wise woman, and so we should listen to her.

May your waiting time be filled with hope and with the discovery of the wonderful gifts that you already **have** in your midst.

Blessings to you,

*Cheryl*  
Cheryl Kirk

Thinking  
of  
you

We were delighted to welcome Vaughn Pugh and the Chatham Concert Band into our midst for worship Sunday March 24. It was a wonderful morning filled with many favourite hymns and lovely arrangements. Their gift of music was a blessing to us! Thank you, Chatham Concert Band!



The Mission & Outreach Committee would like to thank the congregation for your tremendous support towards Kaiser and Cupcake Sunday. It was a huge success and with your generous donations we were able to make a \$500.00 donation to the Canadian Food-grains Bank!



Thank you for your continuous support!

A BIG THANK YOU to all the volunteers who serve coffee and goodies on Sunday mornings. What a great ministry and so appreciated!



**Pre-Authorized Remittance, or PAR**, allows you to support your church through an automatic monthly withdrawal from your bank account. Besides being convenient, using PAR for your offering ensures regular monthly giving to help the church's ministry even when you are away. Contact the church office for more information or to easily set-up your account with PAR.



Do you know of someone ill or in need of a visit? Please contact the office so that staff can be aware of the need.

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## Easter Puzzle

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- EGG
- DYE
- CHICK
- JELLYBEAN
- BASKET
- HOLIDAY
- DUCKLING
- CHOCOLATE
- RABBIT
- SPRING
- LAMB
- EASTER
- CANDY
- HUNT
- CRACK
- BONNET
- DAFFODIL



## Save the Date

### April

Saturday, April 13  
 Sunday, April 14  
 Friday, April 19  
 Sunday, April 21  
 Monday, April 22  
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 Friday, April 26

Palm Parade Practice 1:00-4:00pm - bowling included  
 Palm Sunday Service, 10:30am - brunch to follow  
 Good Friday Service, 10:30am - Office Closed  
 Easter Service, 10:30am  
 Earth Day - Protect Our Species  
 Easter Monday - Office Closed  
 Community Meal at Trinity, 5:30pm

### May

Monday, May 2  
 Sunday, May 12  
 Wednesday, May 22  
 Friday, May 24

Victoria Day-Office closed  
 Happy Mother's Day  
 Council Meeting, 7:00pm  
 Community Meal at Trinity, 5:30pm



### June

Sunday, June 2  
 Saturday, June 8  
 Sunday, June 9  
 Sunday, June 16  
 Friday, June 21  
 Friday, June 28

Youth Year End party - YMCA ropes challenge, Sarnia  
 Trinity's Annual Yard Sale and BBQ, 8:00am-1:00pm  
 Decoration Day - Riverview Cemetery  
 Happy Father's Day  
 Summer Solstice  
 Community Meal at Trinity, 5:30pm

**Have you joined our online mailing 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 **trinity@mnsi.net** and we will be happy to add you to our electronic mail out list.



Church repairs have begun and should be completed in the next several weeks.

Thank you to the many hands who pitched in to clean, sort, organize, move chairs etc. with the many jobs!

**Minister:** Vacant

**Pastoral Care & Youth Ministry:** Sandra Maltby-Mills

**Music Director:** Laura Rintjema

**Administrative Assistant:** Debbie Courtis

**Caretaker:** Ana Nogueira



**Trinity United Church Office Hours:**

Monday to Thursday 8:30am - 4pm  
 Closed from 12-1pm for lunch.