

Trinity United Church



UPCOMING EVENTS

Get them on your Calendar!

Trinity Cookie Walk

Saturday, November 26th

Advent Communion

10:30am

Sunday, November 27th

White Gift Sunday

10:30am

“Joyful Bells” Concert

1:00pm

Sunday, December 4th

Sunday School Christmas Pageant

10:30am

JOY Band Christmas Concert

2:00pm

Sunday, December 11th

“A Christmas Carol”

(Sing-a-long begins at 6:30pm!)

Wednesday, December 14th

Choir Cantata

10:30am

Sunday, December 18th

“Longest Night”

7:00pm

Wednesday, December 21st

Christmas Eve

Family Service, 7:00pm

Communion, 8:15pm

Saturday, December 24th

A Note from Rev. Ted's Desk:

“CALLED TO SAY YES”

In recent months, news followers have had a rough ride. However you receive your news, it has been a litany of hate rhetoric, divisive politics, and life-denying frustration. The solemnity of Remembrance Day added to the weight of this endless series of disappointing “NOs.”

The celebration of Advent and Christmas does not put aside those sad realities, that anger or denial. Instead, our season whispers a faith-filled “YES” that enters into our darkness, and pushes back.

There is a lovely Edwina Gateley poem that has brought comfort to my heart and resolve to my spirit in recent days. The poem is “Called to Say Yes”-- that phrase appears again and again in the poem, counterpoised against statements about the world’s cruelties and our inhumanity to one another.

Gateley’s words remind me why I

need to pray with our hurting church family on “The Longest Night”-- as well as I why I need to laugh at the hope-filled redemption of Scrooge’s “Humbug.” Why I need to witness our children bringing the Nativity story to life, and why I need to join our choir in their unrestrained Sunday morning praise.

This season-- and always-- let's not let “no” be the last word.

“...We are called to say yes
To a God who still holds fast
To the vision of the Kingdom
For a trembling world of pain.”

(E. Gateley)

Yours in saying Yes,

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Some musical notes...from Betty Farris, Minister of Music.

As we move towards the Season of Advent, let us first reflect on a “musical fall” at Trinity Church.

We are grateful to the J.O.Y. Band, the Senior Choir, Junior Choir, and Marcel MacDonald, for their special musical contributions in our Sunday, November 13th Remembrance Day service.

Our Junior Choir is thriving under the capable leadership of Peggy Millar. Junior Choir rehearsals are Sunday mornings from 9:30 – 10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary. New members (J.K. and up) are always welcome. We look forward to enjoying their singing several times during the Advent/Christmas season.

Sunday afternoon, November 13th, we welcomed the J.O.Y. Band, as they presented “Musical Memories of the War” years. What a great afternoon it was, with a full house in attendance! Thank you to all the UCW members who helped in the kitchen, the stage builders, the ele-

vator operator, and all who helped with the organization and publicity for the concert. Through the generosity of our audience, over \$1200 was raised for the Brain Injury Association of North Bay.

Thank you especially to all of you who attended our concert, and warmly welcomed visitors with wonderful Trinity spirit. We hope to repeat this enthusiasm on Sunday, December 11! The J.O.Y. Band and Joy Band “Too” are presenting their Christmas concert, “Sweet Sounds of Christmas”, at Trinity at 2:00 p.m. This is an afternoon that the whole family will enjoy. A carol sing-a-long will start by 1:30 p.m. A goodwill offering will be taken, with the proceeds donated to the Trinity Infant Food Shelf, and the North Bay and Area Serenity Hospice. Complimentary refreshments will follow the concert.

As we move into the Advent and Christmas Season, our Senior and Junior Choirs have been preparing

special music! On Sunday, December 18, the Senior Choir will present a Christmas cantata “Let the Whole World Sing” at our morning worship service. This beautiful music will help draw us into the Christmas season, with its message of peace and hope. An exciting instrumental accompaniment is planned for the cantata.

Our Senior Choir continues to welcome new members. A love of music is all that is needed. Please see me if you would like to be part of the choir. Rehearsals take place each Thursday from 7:15 – 9:00 p.m. Music is fun and is food for the soul!

May you and your family experience the peace and joy of this blessed season now, and all year long.

Betty Farris
Minister of Music

The Trinity Sunday School Presents

Manger Tales

Directed by Darlene Laferriere

Sunday December 11th, 2016 10:30 am

Rehearsals have just begun.

Dress rehearsal Saturday December 10th at 10 am.

All Children are welcome to participate!

Come hear the Christmas story as told by the Trinity United Church Sunday School and plan to stay for a potluck lunch afterwards.



Please bring your cold potluck items to the Sunday School Room before the service. Thank-you!

LENT 2017:

Songs That Get You Through the Night

In March and April of 2017 we'll engage with Lent through the musical theme of “songs that get you through the night.” If you have a secular song that fits this theme, please share it with Rev. Ted in the next few weeks. We hope to have some local “musical guests” booked for Lent, long before January is through!

Designated Lay Minister's Report

As I begin to prepare myself for the Advent and Christmas season, I find myself thinking about a particular winter from my childhood. It has been a difficult time for my Mom. Young, single, and unemployed, she had not been able to pay the hydro bill. As a result, and despite the fact that it was winter, our hydro was turned off. We packed up our sleeping bags and clothes and moved into the garage (which happened to be heated by a woodstove). My Mom carried with her the burden of poverty, loneliness, and worry, yet for the sake of a child, she laid those aside and all I knew was love. For me, it was a grand adventure, almost like going on a camping trip. It is a wonderfully warm memory that I think about often.

In this time of political unrest, of worry and fear, I find myself re-

flecting on the world that Jesus was born in to. Jesus' world was not entirely unlike ours: poverty, oppression, fear, religious and political upheaval were as likely topics of conversation then, as they are now. Despite being quite pregnant and away from home and despite having to give birth in a stable, for the sake of a child, Jesus' parents laid their worries and fears aside, and the world knew love.

In the scriptures we read during this season we encounter the words "Do not be afraid." According to some estimates, phrases like do not be afraid, appear in the bible 365 times – although that is debatable, it is clear that we are urged to let go of our fears and worries. Letting go of fear and worry does not mean complacency – quite the opposite – it means not allowing fear and worry to prevent you from acting. The baby born

over 2000 years ago in a time of turmoil and unrest reminds us that love is the most important commandment: Love God, love your neighbour and love yourself! So, for the sake of a child – let us lay our worries aside and act out of a place of love this Advent season.

Throughout this newsletter you will find many ways to act out of love: sharing, giving, serving, singing, celebrating and welcoming. Jesus' birth reminds us to not only love one another, but to love radically – reaching out to those who are sometimes difficult to love. As you journey through Advent remember to look for and share God's abundant love.

Wishing you each a season filled with hope, peace, joy and love!

Lisa

Christmas Bag Outreach

Dear Friends,

The Trinity Youth will be collecting items for the Christmas Bag Outreach Project. Last year we provided over 150 Christmas gifts to children, youth and adults in our community! These bags are packed according to the age of the receiver and delivered the week prior to Christmas. We provide gifts bags to women and children at the Transition House, and Ojibway Family Resource Centre, to adults and youth at the Crisis Centre Four Elm's Residence, Futures Youth Crisis Centre, Nipissing Attendance Centre, etc. and to patients at the North Bay Regional Health Centre – Mental Health Forensics Unit and Long Term Care.

These bags are always warmly re-

ceived and very much appreciated! If you would like to contribute to this project please bring any of the following items in to Trinity United Church on White Gift Sunday (December 4th) or to Lisa by Sunday December 11th.

For Men and Women

- personal items: toothpaste, toothbrushes, lotion, shampoo, (please no hotel soaps – we have enough)
- socks, slippers, mittens
- puzzle and word books, playing cards
- treats (candy, chips, chocolate, etc.) ***please keep these separate from any soap products***
- Diabetic/Sugar Free treats
- any other item that might pro-

vide comfort (journals, gifts, books, mugs, etc.)

For Youth – with an emphasis on teens and young adults

- personal items: bubble bath, toothbrushes, soap, lotion, etc.
- socks, slippers, hats and mittens
- colouring and activity books
- videos, books or DVD's
- games and craft items
- toys (no stuffed toys please)
- treats (as above)
- any other items that you think a youth might enjoy

Christmas gift bags and money for us to purchase the needed items are also appreciated.

Thank-you for supporting this important outreach project!

Property and Grounds Report

Your Property and Grounds Team has had a quiet summer but are looking forward to the fall as we begin to look at the general maintenance items which need to be tackled at Trinity.

We are going to refurbish the Board Room behind the Sanctuary by installing a short wall to close off the odd corner which exists there now. This space will become an out of site storage area for all the things we use week to week in the Sanctuary. It will also give us a bit more wall space to better display the items in that room now and possibly some of our other art work. This work will also see us patch and paint the walls of this space and we will be officially dedicating and renaming the room as the "Murray Arnill" Board Room when it is finished.

We are waiting for work to begin on the refurbishing of our Boiler #2 any day now. There is significant

corrosion to be inner chambers of this boiler and we have contracted with our heating people to get the work done before the cold of winter puts a stain on our system.

We will be doing some touch up painting throughout the fall as we work to keep our Trinity looking her best as we get ready for the Christmas Season.

As always if you see something that looks like it could use some repair please let one of our members know your concerns or mention it to the office so we can take care of it.

Thanks goes out to the members of this Committee and also the Trinity Members who regularly help out with tasks around our Church.

Sincerely
David McKenney
--Chair of Property and Grounds

Worship Committee

One of the roles of the Worship Committee is to have ushers and lay leaders for every Sunday service.

If you would be interested in either ushering or being a lay leader or just getting more information, please contact Gladys Banks-Bryer @ 705- 474-1908.

Thank you for your consideration.

Gladys Banks-Bryer,
Chair of the Worship Committee

The Nominations Committee

The Nominations Committee of the Board has now begun its work to recruit new elders. Trinity is organized under a Board and Committee structure. All persons who are members of Trinity United Church may serve as elders. Elders are assigned to a Standing Committee. The committees include Building & Grounds, Christian Education & Outreach, Communications, Finance & Stewardship, Ministry & Personnel, Pastoral Care & Visiting, Worship. Assignment to a committee considers the expertise and interest of the individual. Please consider serving as an elder. Volunteers are always welcome or you may be approached by a member of the Nomination Committee. We also need volunteers to serve on the Trustees. Information about the committees and the roles and responsibilities of elders is available from the church office or by contacting Roxanne Chartrand. (705)471-2043

**PLEASE STEP FORWARD
AND VOLUNTEER DON'T
WAIT TO BE ASKED.**



On Friday January 20th at 7:00pm in Trinity's fellowship hall, join folks from all over North Bay for a night packed with talent and laughter. The Trinity Coffeehouse has become a beloved tradition of winter warmth that brings more and more remarkable local talent into the Trinity spotlight!

A sign-up sheet will be found downstairs in the fellowship hall.

The LONGEST NIGHT Service

The Advent and Christmas seasons can inspire profound highs and lows in our lives. On Wednesday Dec. 21st at 7pm, members of Trinity United, along with friends from St. Andrew's United, will gather for a service of heartfelt string music and candlelit prayer in the Trinity sanctuary. It's an opportunity for a spacious pause, to contemplate the hopes, fears, and prayers that fill that longest night of the year.



CHRISTMAS EVE AT TRINITY

Come early for a good seat at our family service, 7:00pm on December 24th. That Service will include the scripture story and lively singing of your Christmas favourites. After the raucous family service, there will be a brief quieter service of communion at about 8:15pm. Christmas Day falls on a Sunday this year, and we welcome people to come-as-you-are! Pajamas are welcome for an informal service of stories and praise.



UCW REPORT

Greetings from the ladies of the Trinity UCW. After enjoying a beautiful summer, fall has arrived & of course comes the cooler temperatures. The changing colors of the leaves, reminds us God's handiwork & the beauty he provides. With these changes, the ladies thoughts & minds turn to fall activities & projects. Of course the biggest for us is the Annual Christmas Tea and Bazaar, on Saturday, November 12th. The theme this year was: A Snowman's Christmas.

On Friday November 25th join us for our regular monthly cafeteria style luncheon.

Plan to stay after church on Sunday December 04th for a freewill offering luncheon put on by us.

Also, once again this holiday season, cheer plates will be made up for our Trinity members who are alone, ill or shut in.

December 12th is our Christmas luncheon at Cecil's. You are welcome to join us from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm. Everyone is responsible for their own meal, which can be ordered off the menu. In lieu of a gift exchange, a \$5 donation can be made to the Trinity Food Shelf.

The ladies would like to say thank you to Trinity, for all your help, & support that you give us year around. We hope & pray that all of you embrace the true meaning of the Season of Advent. May you find peace, joy & happiness as you travel this journey, called life, with Jesus Christ as your companion.

Blessings, Roxanne Chartrand
UCW President

Prayer Shawl Group

On Thanksgiving Sunday, the group was delighted to present a shawl to the baby who was baptized. It is our pleasure to continue this ministry at baptisms, honouring both the child, and the family. We hope that it will give them a reminder of the promises that were made that day.

On that day, as well, 8 shawls were blessed. We thank everyone who has contributed to this ministry.

The yarn that has been donated has been sorted. We, at Trinity, are blessed to have many generous friends who have donated. At this time, no more yarn is needed -- the cupboard is full!

May each of you who creates, donates towards, or presents prayer shawls continue to be blessed by the things that you do.

Judy Biondi
Leader

Finance & Stewardship Committee

Thank you for your kind donations. While your donations include time, talent and treasures, your Finance and Stewardship committee's role is to focus on the "treasures."

The huge majority of our income is from your donations. We do get a bit from things like rentals, but it is mostly your donations that sustain our church. With donations being down this year we've had to withdraw money from our estate investments to cover some larger maintenance projects, as well as some of our ongoing expenses. This, of course, can't continue so we're hoping that we can get donations back up again or find ways to reduce expenses.

You've all been invited to join your Board at the "Whole Life Stewardship" meeting on Sunday, November 20th, at 1:30pm. We'll be exploring themes of how, when, and why we give of our time, talent, and treasure as individuals, fami-

lies, and as a church.

Our church does an amazing amount of great work. We not only support the United Church of Canada's Mission & Service work, but there are many other initiatives that we support directly - the Food Shelf, the Infant Food Shelf, SCAW (Sleeping Children Around the World) and Packsac Smiles (via Advent Offerings), Christmas Bag Outreach, The Gathering Place, Hope2Kenya and Global Disaster Relief initiatives, as required.

So, once again, thank you for all that you are and all that you do. But please review your donations and help us out as you are able. If you're on PAR - have you considered increasing your donations recently? If you're not on PAR - have you thought about it?

Thank you,

Your Finance and Stewardship
Committee

Pastoral Care and Visiting

We will be holding a communion service at Nipissing Manor on November 27th.

We visit Barclay House, Empire Living and Marina Point. We try to visit the hospital once a week. We also keep in touch with our Trinity families whenever needed.

If you know of someone who needs or would like a visit, please let us know.

We now have greeters at the McIntyre entrance and have name tags for those who would like them.

Ann Cann and Ann Clark continue to visit the over nineties.

Submitted by,

Noreen Brewer and
Claudette dePencier, Co-Chairs.

ADVENT OFFERING PILL BOTTLE BANKS

This time of year we all receive numerous solicitations to help fund worthy projects. For as long as our "old timers" can remember Trinity has offered another opportunity for your consideration through our Advent Offering. This is a once a year project that will go on for four weeks only. Our two projects this year will be:

SLEEPING CHILDREN AROUND THE WORLD (SCAW)

was started by Murray Dryden, the father of the hockey Drydens, in an attempt to help children in third world countries get a decent sleep at night. Each bed kit contains a mattress, blankets, ground sheet, clothing and personal items. The estate of Murray Dryden covers all administrative expenses so 100% of your gift gets to the children. This has been one of our projects each year over the last 20 years.

PACKSAC SMILES is a local initiative started in August 2005 by Darlene Tripp and our own Sandra Rozicki. Packsacs full of clothing, school supplies and personal items are given to needy children before school starts so that they can start with the supplies their classmates start the school year with. In 2005, 13 packsacs were delivered. In 2012 they delivered 217 at an average cost of \$130 each. Because all the work is done by volunteers, all of your donation goes to the work of the project.

We use PILL BOTTLE BANKS to collect for Advent. We suggest you place it on your meal table and each day put a coin in it at grace time. Explain to your children what it is for. Before the end of the year bring in your offerings. If your pill bottle is too small, dump out the coin, replace it with the value in larger currency and use the other coins again. Cheques and folding money also fit nicely in the banks. Be sure to take one home today.

ADVENT "SINGING BIBLE STUDY"

with Rev. Kathy

For three weeks after church, join Rev. Kathy in the Fireside Room to study Advent and Christmas themes through the beloved hymns and carols of the season. Bring your lunch and join us between noon and 1pm on the Sundays of November 27th, and December 4th and 11th.

TRINITY FAMILIES WINTER EVENTS

Downtown Christmas Walk & Lasagne Supper

Friday, November 25th

Join us for a bite to eat before the walk and then come back after for hot chocolate. Lasagne, salad and buns will be available from 4:30 – 6 pm. (Good will donation) All are welcome!

All proceeds to support future Trinity Family Winter Retreat.

Please RSVP on the sign-up sheet in the Sunday School Room or by email to Lisa Blais
blais.trinity@gmail.com

Trinity Families Winter Retreat

Saturday February 18th 1 pm – Monday February 20th 11 am

Spirit Point Wilderness Academy, Mink Lake Road, Trout Creek

Join us at Spirit Point Wilderness Academy for a fun filled Family Day weekend! Outdoor games, skating, family worship, campfires, warm indoor activities and more!

Registration: \$75 Adults and \$50 per child (12 and under) for the first two children and then \$25 per child for any additional children. Children under 3 are free. Room Rental: \$25 per room (sleeps 4)

Spirit Point is located on the northwest corner of Algonquin Park.
www.spiritpoint.ca

Registration deadline **February 1, 2017**. First come, first served – last year was sold out!

For more information and to register please contact Marcel MacDonald at glen_slim@hotmail.com or Lisa Blais at blais.trinity@gmail.com

LET IT SNOW!

Sunday, February 6th

Trinity family and friends will enjoy our third annual snowshoeing afternoon at the Canadian Ecology Centre (Samuel de Champlain Provincial Park) on the afternoon of Sunday February 6th. A sign-up sheet will be available January in the fellowship hall.

LENT 2015:

“The Journey”

in February and March of 2016 we'll engage with Lent through the theme of “the journey”—the metaphor of travelling, seeking, and pilgrimage. If you have a secular song to share on this theme, please share it with me in the next few weeks. I hope to have some local “musical guests” booked for Lent long before January is through!

Red Hot Friday Night: *Chili Cook-off*

March 24, 2017 5:00 – 7:00 pm

All Welcome! Come on out and enjoy some delicious chili and listen to some great music! Free Will Offering.

Prizes for Fan Favourite and Runner up as well as Best Dressed and Best Name.

For more information contact Rob Sanders at eeffoc@gmail.com

“Christmas, a Humbug?”

Wednesday December 14th

Featuring David Fox

Beloved North Bay musician Jim Harney is back in action, and he's bringing some friends to celebrate the perennial Christmas Classic at Trinity! This year's evening of Yuletide song and Dickensian storytelling in support of “The Gathering Place” takes place
Wednesday December 14th 2016.

Tickets \$15. Children 12 and under are free. Carol-Sing at 6:30pm, Program starts at 7:00pm.

The Watershed Shakespeare Festival

is back this spring with
William Shakespeare's
beloved tale of star crossed love

ROMEO AND JULIET

Adapted and directed by Rod Carley

Christmas Subscription Packages now on sale

(includes a ticket to any performance, 6 lecture tickets and a fund-raiser ticket): only **\$100.00**.

A savings of \$45.00!!! See Rod Carley (rdcarley@hotmail.com)

Cheques can be made out to Trinity United Church (write Romeo and Juliet on the memo line).

All donations to the production receive a charitable tax receipt. See Brad Stenning for details.

Individual show tickets, lecture tickets and fund-raiser tickets are also on sale.

ROMEO AND JULIET SHOW DATES

May 4, 5, 6, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 – 7:30 p.m. May 7 & 14 * – 2:00 p.m.

(*benefit performance for Trinity)

Ticket: \$30/Student: \$15

SIX PART LECTURE SERIES (\$15 EACH)

WHAT THEY DON'T (CAN'T) TEACH IN HIGH SCHOOL

with Rod Carley
Sunday, January 8th, 2017, at 1:00 p.m.

A PLAYER'S GUIDE TO DATING IN 1595

with Rod Carley & Friends
Sunday, January 29th, 2017, at 1:00 p.m.

INTRODUCTORY STAGE COMBAT FOR CHILDREN

with Joshua Bainbridge & Friends
Sunday, February 12th, 2017
Session One at 1:00 p.m.
Session Two at 3:30 p.m.
(maximum of 20 participants per session)

DEMONSTRATION & THEORY – RAPIER COMBAT FOR ADULTS

with Joshua Bainbridge & Friends
Sunday, March 5th, 2017, at 1:00 p.m.

HOW MODERN EDITORIAL PRACTICE CHANGED THE FIRST FOLIO(OR, WHAT WERE THEY THINKING??!!)

with Rod Carley

ADAPTING ROMEO AND JULIET – CONTENT VERSUS CONTEXT

with Rod Carley
Sunday, April 9th, 2017, at 1:00 p.m.

VALENTINE'S POP SONNETS FUND-RAISER

Featuring the Heavenly Hosts and members of the Romeo and Juliet acting company.

Reception to follow.

Friday, February 10th, 2017, at 7:30 p.m

mustard seed productions presents

GODSPELL



Friday January 13th and Saturday January 14th, 7:30 pm

Sunday January 15th, 1:30 pm

Trinity United Church, North Bay

\$10 Adults and \$8 Students

Mustard Seed Theatre was created in 2007 to provide opportunities for youth to build community around a common love of theatre. Our inaugural theatrical offering was performed in the spring of 2008 and was *Godspell*, a musical conceived and written by John Michael Tebelak with lyrics and music by Stephen Schwartz. We are thrilled to be re-staging this fantastic musical with a brand new cast! *Godspell* was originally performed off Broadway in 1971 and has appeared on many stages around the world. Under the direction of Darlene Laferriere, a small cast of youth in Grade 7 – 12 will take to the stage on January 13th and 14th at 7:30 pm and January 15th at 1:30 pm at Trinity United Church, North Bay.

For more information contact Lisa Blais at blais.trinity@gmail.com

UPCOMING EVENTS Get them on your Calendar!

Informal Sunday worship

PJs welcome!
10:30am

Sunday, December 25th

Baptism Sunday

(contact the office ASAP
with your interest)
10:30am

“Romeo & Juliet” lecture

Sunday, January 8th

Trinity Soup Tasting

hosted by Trinity AOTS!
Friday, January 13th

“Godspell!”

Mustardseed Productions presents

January 13th-15th

The Trinity Coffeehouse

sign up your act!
Friday, January 20th

Robbie Burns Sunday

10:30am

Christian Unity Service

2:00pm

Sunday, January 22nd

2nd “Romeo & Juliet” lecture

2:00 pm

Sunday, January 29th

Trinity Family Snowshoe afternoon!

Sunday, February 5th

“Pop Sonnets” Concert

featuring “The Hosts” and the
cast of “Romeo and Juliet”

7:00pm

Friday, February 10th

Thinking Day

celebrate Guides and Scouts
Afternoon children’s Shake-
spearean Stage-fighting
workshops

Sunday, February 12th

Trinity Families Retreat

Family Day Weekend
February 18-19-20

“Coldest Night”

Trinity’s “Coldest Night” walkers
in support of “The Gathering
Place”

Saturday, February 25th

Annual General Meeting

after worship
Sunday, February 26th

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

Tuesday, February 28th

Season of Lent begins

Theme: “Songs That Get You
Through the Night”

“Romeo & Juliet”

Rapier Workshop

Sunday, March 5th

“Red Hot Chili Cook-Off” Dinner

Friday, March 24th

“Romeo & Juliet” lecture

Sunday, March 26th

Palm Sunday

10:30am

Final “Romeo & Juliet” lecture

Sunday, April 9th