

# Trinity United Church



## Lent 2015 Newsletter

### UPCOMING EVENTS

Get them on your Calendar!

#### Shrove Tuesday

Pancake Supper  
Tuesday, February 9th

#### The Season of Lent begins

Sunday, February 14th

#### Trinity Families Retreat

Family Day Weekend  
February 13-14-15

#### Coldest Night

Fundraiser for  
"The Gathering Place."  
Join the Trinity "Sub-Zero Super-  
Heroes"!  
Saturday, February 20th

#### Thinking Day

celebrate Guides and Scouts  
with us  
Sunday, February 21st

#### Annual General Meeting

after church  
Sunday, February 28th

#### "Red Hot Chili Cook-Off"

Friday, February 19th

#### Palm Sunday

Sunday, March 20th

### *A Note from Rev. Ted's Desk:*

## "THE JOURNEY"

Before they were even called "Christians," our ancestors in faith called themselves simply "Followers of the Way." "The Way" referred to the road or trail blazed by Jesus that we still follow. Scripture sometimes calls "the Way" light and easy, and in other places it is named as narrow and difficult. Sometimes it is a lonely journey through the valley of shadow, and other times it is a joyous pilgrimage. In our lives, we know it to be all these things—and more.

As has been our practice in recent years, I've asked our many musicians to consider bringing the secu-

lar music that has touched their hearts into our Lenten worship. Our musicians and music-lovers recognize that contemporary music often taps into universal spiritual themes. This year the Lenten theme is "The Journey": the journey of living, learning, and faith. A journey marked with set-backs and celebrations, growth and challenge. A journey in which God is both our companion and our destination. I hope you'll join us.

Travelling mercies,

### *MEMBERSHIP AT TRINITY*

It's been several years since Trinity has had a membership class. If you or somebody you love is interested in becoming a member, please be in touch with Rev. Ted to express your interest. His e-mail address is: tedharrison@hotmail.com

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## Message from the Chair

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Greetings from the Board Chair. As we approach the Season of Lent, there is a sense of anticipation of approaching change. Besides a changing of our Board executive & committee members, there are other areas of the overall United Church that are being possibly changed. 2016 will be an exciting & challenging year as we move forward. I hope and pray that as we do move ahead, that we as individuals and as a united congregation we can accept the changes gracefully & keep an open mind & embrace them.

There is a lot of wonderful and fun activities going on once again throughout this year. I hope you will take the time to check out the activities that are listed in the newsletter. There is something for everyone.

*We cannot change yesterday that is clear*

*Or begin tomorrow until it is here.*

*So all that is left for you and for me*

*Is to make today as sweet as can be.*

Respectively submitted,  
Roxanne Chartrand  
Board Chair

## WORSHIP COMMITTEE

Every Sunday we need ushers and lay leaders to help with the church service. Although we are blessed to have dedicated people who volunteer to do these jobs, we are always looking for new people to help out.

If you are interested in ushering and / or being a lay leader or just finding out more information about what is involved, please contact;

Gladys Banks-Bryer  
(705) 474-1908 or email  
gmbb555@gmail.com

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## "4 Trinity" Fundraising Team

The "4 Trinity" committee is a small group dedicated to fundraising for the Trinity Church Family - we'll have some innovative new fundraising ideas and will resurrect some that worked before. We sold gourmet salad dressings at the AOTS "Soups On" night in January -- an idea that was enthusiastically embraced! From Sunday, May 1 to Sunday, May 29 we will have a Talents and Services Auction. We are looking for folks to offer their talents or services for this auction. The monies raised will go directly to the church. Once you have offered your talent or service we would also like you to bid on some of the other talents or services being offered.

Here are some ideas for the types of services you might be inspired to offer.

- Host a birthday party. Supply the food and activities for someone's birthday. It might be the ideal gift for the person who is difficult to buy for.

- Help with yard clean-up, window washing, car washing, etc.
- Boat Rides/Tours of our lakes. Offer boat tours of one of our many lakes.
- Provide transportation for a person or family to get out and enjoy the country-side.

These are just a few ideas. Be creative with your suggestions, and please be generous with your talents and services. Thank you.

~ For more information please contact Barb Roberts at brobertsnb@gmail.com, Lynda Moseley-Williams at lyndapetermw@gmail.com, Brenda Holbein brendaholbein@gmail.com or Heather Shouse at hcshouse@sasktel.net.

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## Pastoral Care

We are continuing to visit the hospital, nursing homes and retirement living complexes. We have been doing home visits as well and would like to know of any one who would appreciate a contact with the church and a visit.

Claudette Depencier  
Noreen Brewer, co-chairs

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## Lenten Book Study: "The God We Can Know"

Reading "The God We Can Know: Exploring the 'I Am' Sayings of Jesus" by Rob Fuquay—the book will be available for you. Sunday afternoons through Lent, beginning February 14th through March 20th – bring your lunch, we'll be together in the Fireside Room from 12:30 until 2pm. For more information, please contact Sandi Rozicki: 705-495-3415.

# TRINITY TESTOSTERONE 2016

There's a story about a mother who grew concerned that her son was disappearing for longer and longer trips into the forest. "What do you do in the woods?" she asked her son. "I go to listen for the voice of God," he replied. "That's good," observed the mother, "but don't you know that God is the same everywhere?" "Yes," replied the son, "Yes, but I am not the same everywhere."

Every year in June, a group of Trinity men go on a physically demanding canoe trip, knowing that the Temagami wilderness is a place where we too are different, where we linger in fellowship, and take stock of life. This year's trip takes place on the Father's Day weekend, starting after work on Friday June 17th, returning for dinner on Sunday June 19th. A first come-first served sign-up sheet will appear in the Trinity Hall on Easter weekend. Numbers are strictly limited!

## MAUNDY THURSDAY POTLUCK

On Maundy Thursday (Thursday April 2nd) members of the Trinity family are invited to join members of St. Andrew's and Omond United churches for a community potluck supper at Omond United Church at 6pm. Bring something to share, and be prepared for a brief service of worship and communion before we head home (or to Easter choir practice!).

Please bring something yummy and join United Church friends for this time of fellowship and unity!



Greetings from the Trinity UCW ladies! As we get into 2016, there will be lots of opportunities for the ladies to show their talents, by baking, knitting & catering. Some dates to take note of are: - March - World Day of Prayer.

March 06th-UCW Sunday Luncheon free will offering

April 08th- NB Presbyterial UCW Executive meeting at Trout Creek.

April 26-27th Manitou Conference UCW AGM at St Stephens on the Hill.

June 05th - UCW Sunday worship service.

June 13th. UCW annual potluck with a guest speaker (more info to follow).

Of course don't forget our monthly Friday luncheons, the last Friday of the month.

Come & see what we are all about. We meet the second monday of the month in the fireside room at 1 pm. Take an opportunity to share in fellowship, fun & some refreshments.

*There is a destiny that makes us sisters,  
None goes her way alone,  
All that we put into the lives of others  
Comes back into our own.*

Respectively submitted,  
Roxanne Chartrand,  
UCW President

## CHILDREN'S CAMPING OPTIONS

"Camp Lorrain," the United Church camp in Manitou Conference, completed its children's camping programming in 2015. For 2016, United Church campers are encouraged to investigate other Christian Camping opportunities. One nearby option is "Camp Lau-Ren" near Deep River, which has camping options throughout summer 2016 for children between the ages of 6 and 16, as well as job opportunities for Camp Staffers (go to: [www.camlau-ren.com](http://www.camlau-ren.com)).

Other nearby United Church camping options include "Camp Big Canoe" in Bracebridge ([www.campbigcanoe.ca](http://www.campbigcanoe.ca)) or "Sparrow Lake Camp" in Severn ([www.sparrowlakecamp.com](http://www.sparrowlakecamp.com))

*Trinity Families present*

## Red Hot Friday Night Annual Chili Cook-Off

Friday, February 19th 5:00 – 7:00 pm



Mustard Seed is beginning production on a planning a new musical: **The Sailor's Bible!** This lively and entertaining musical features the stories of Noah and the Great Flood, Jonah and the Great Fish, and Paul's Shipwreck and is directed by Darlene Laferriere with musical direction by Brenda McLay. We are holding an information session at Trinity United Church on Sunday January 24th from 1 -3pm. We invite young people in Senior Kindergarten and up, to attend the information session.

Rehearsals will begin in February with performances on **Saturday May 14th and Sunday May 15th, 2016.**

## **Subzero Superheroes Coldest Night Team**

Trinity and the FIRST Robotics Team 1305 have joined forces again to battle hunger in our community. Our team, the Subzero Superheroes, is participating in the Coldest Night of the Year on February 20th!

The Subzero Superheroes Coldest Night Team is looking for super people to join our team! You can sport a fine toque and join us for the walk and/or you can pledge one of the walkers. All proceeds will go towards the Gathering Place.

If you would like to make a donation or join the team, please email **Lisa** at [blais.trinity@gmail.com](mailto:blais.trinity@gmail.com)



# **YOUTH PRAYER VIGIL**

**THURSDAY MARCH 24TH, 6:00 PM UNTIL  
FRIDAY MARCH 25TH, 9:00 AM**

**ALL YOUTH IN GRADE 7 AND UP ARE WELCOME TO JOIN US WHILE WE TAKE  
A DEEPLY SPIRITUAL AND REFLECTIVE JOURNEY THROUGH GOOD FRIDAY.**

The I-DYG (Inter-denominational Youth Group) and North Bay Presbytery Youth Group will be holding a Prayer Vigil (March 24th and 25th ) beginning at 6 pm with a community potluck at Omond Memorial United Church, followed by an all-night prayer vigil at Trinity

United Church. Those who can't join us for the potluck are welcome to join us at Trinity any time after 7:30 pm (McIntyre Street Entrance)

The inspiration for the vigil is from the gospels of Mark and Matthew, when, in the Garden of Gethse-

mane, Jesus asks the sleeping disciples, 'Could you not watch one hour?' (Mk 14:38)

Throughout the night we will be holding hourly prayer sessions and meditations, participating in prayer stations, quiet games, etc.

For more information please contact Lisa Blais at 474-3310 or [blais.trinity@gmail.com](mailto:blais.trinity@gmail.com).

## Finance & Stewardship Committee

Trinity is a very generous Church. In 2015, we received \$250,000 in offerings. THANK YOU! Through your weekly donations, memoriams, estate givings, fund raising and other income we made our budget this year. This is very good news. We are able to hold beautiful Sunday services and Sunday School, build a strong church community, keep our building maintained and heated, help those in need through our food bank and mother care, and support the work of the greater United Church through Mission and Service (M&S).

In December, we raised \$2000 for Sleeping Children Around the World and PakSac Smiles, \$3850 to support refugee settlement in North Bay and gave \$2,000 to Mission & Service.

Beyond our financial support, we have been sharing our time and talent. The Church is always buzzing with hard working volunteers.

However, we still have our challenges. Offerings were less than we expected and about \$11,000 below 2014 offerings. Expenses for 2016 will be higher.

As we finalize the 2016 budget, it is clear that an active, growing church like ours will require more funding to support all the amazing programs, people and our ministry. Please take a moment to review your own giving pledge. Every dollar helps!

Thank you,

Your Finance and Stewardship  
Committee

*Trinity United Church*  
*Cordially invites you to our annual*  
**Glitter Gourmet  
Dinner**

*Catered by Chef Donnie Blais*

**Saturday April 16th, 2016**

**Entertainment 5:30 pm**  
**Dinner served at 6:00 pm**

All Proceeds to Trinity's General Fund  
Tickets: \$40 per person (\$25 tax receipt)  
Available from the Church Office  
or from Doris Rae Brownlee.

For more information call (705)474-3310

*Menu Includes*

- \*Salmon \* New York Striploin \* Chicken \* Pasta
- \* Decadent Desserts
- \*Vegetarian and Gluten-Free Options
- \* Salads \* and much more!

## AN EVENING OF LED ZEPPELIN

Live in the Houses of the Holy  
Michael White & The White  
with Trinity United Choir

**Saturday, April 2nd, 2016**  
**8:00 PM**

All Ages Welcome  
Doors 7 p.m. / Show 8 p.m.

Tickets \$30  
(plus applicable charges)  
**CAPITOL CENTRE**  
**BOX OFFICE**  
**1-705-474-4747**

Also available at:  
**Gulliver's Books & Toys**  
**Music City**



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### **Maundy Thursday**

6:00 pm Pot-luck supper at Omond United Church, followed by worship

### **All-night Youth Vigil**

Thursday, March 24th

### **Good Friday**

8:00 am AOTS Breakfast at Trinity, followed by  
10:30 am Good Friday service at St. Andrew's United Church  
Friday, March 25th

### **Easter Sunday**

7:30 am Sunrise service corner of Ferguson and McIntyre (The Thomson Building)  
10:30am Joyous Easter Sunday Communion Service  
Sunday, March 27th

### **Michael White's Led Zeppelin**

Tribute Concert with Michael White and The White!  
Saturday, April 2nd

### **GLITTER DINNER**

with Chef Donnie Blais  
Saturday, April 16th

### **Mother's Day**

Baptism Sunday. Inquire today about baptism!  
Sunday, May 8th

### **"A Sailor's Bible"**

Come see the Mustard Seed Players Production  
May 14-15

### **Worship with The JOY Band**

Sunday, May 29th

### **Manitou Conference**

"Neighbours Praising God"  
weekend in Sudbury  
June 4-5

### **Celebrating our Sunday School teachers**

Sun June 12th

### **Trinity Testosterone**

men's canoe adventure!  
June 17 - 19

### **Summer Break**

You will be warmly met by friends on Sunday mornings at St. Andrew's United Church, on Sundays at 10:30am  
June 20th - July 26th  
Trinity welcomes our friends from St. Andrews to worship with us!  
July 31st - August 28th

### **Vacation Bible Camp**

Trinity's famous Vacation Bible Camp hosts over 50 children for a week of fun, surprises, and spiritual growth! Get your registration kits from Trinity's office!  
August 15th-19th

### **Rally Day Sunday**

Covenanting with our Sunday School at morning worship—laughing and playing at Camp Tillicum in the afternoon with our Annual Rally Back Picnic!  
Sunday, September 11th