

## *Lenten Newsletter February 2017*

*A Note from Rev. Ted's Desk*

### **"SONGS THAT GET YOU THROUGH THE NIGHT"**

*"Why is it that music  
At its most beautiful  
Opens a wound in us  
An ache of desolation  
Deep as homesickness  
For some far-off  
And half-forgotten country?"*

Those are words from the poet Anne Porter, who recognizes the power of music in the soundtrack of our so-human lives. Some of those songs are celebratory, singing what Porter calls "*a shy yet solemn glory*." Others "*open a wound*," or sing out about "*the One who waits for us... and wanders where we wander*."

I think of the Psalms of the Bible. Psalm 142, for instance, claims to be from King David "*when he was in the cave*." And whom amongst us has not spent long nights "*in the cave*"? Who has not reached from that same cave for a music that simultaneously describes and alleviates our "*homesickness for some far-off country*"?

When I asked some of our musical friends, they responded with beloved songs "*that get them through the night*." This is a unifying theme for our Lenten season - singing the songs which sustain, strengthen, and enable us. Sometimes they are the songs that will not let us sleep, sometimes they are the songs that enable us to arise. These songs have the power of a prayer - may these prayers touch and move you as you worship with us this Lent.



### **"On a Musical Note"**

As we enter the Lenten season, we are reminded of the sacrifice of Jesus, our Christ. We anticipate with Easter joy, the rebirth that is to come.

Trinity Senior Choir continues to have a great time making music together. On Easter Sunday, we will continue our tradition & perform the Hallelujah Chorus, and enjoy the leadership of our Trinity Wind Ensemble. If you would like to join the choir for the Lenten and Easter season, please see me as soon as possible.

The children of our Trinity Junior Choir, under the leadership of Peggy Millar, are excited and proud to be part of our Lenten and Easter celebrations and look forward to sharing their music with the congregation. We rehearse Sundays from 9:30 – 10:00 a.m., and always welcome new members, J.K. age, and up.

On Sunday, March 26th, at 2:30 p.m. at Trinity, the J.O.Y. Band, Near North Voices, and four local authors will be presenting a concert, "March Gladness". This concert is sponsored by "Grandmothers for Africa", with proceeds going to support African grandmothers who are raising children orphaned by AIDS. Tickets will be available from any member of "Grandmothers".

The J.O.Y. Bands will be presenting an afternoon concert June 5. Watch the church bulletin for more information.

We would like to thank all those who have helped to enrich our services musically this year. Our choirs especially thank the congregation for their continued support.

Betty Farris, Minister of Music

### **Greetings from UCW in 2017.**

We are off to having a busy year. Meetings are held the second Monday of the month at 1 pm in the Fireside room.

Upcoming events over the next few months are: Friday, February 24<sup>th</sup> cafeteria style luncheon, March 3<sup>rd</sup> World Day of Prayer, March 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday Luncheon.

We look forward to sharing in fellowship, fun and laughter with all of you. All the best in 2017. Blessings.

Respectfully, submitted.

Roxanne Chartrand, President

### **Pastoral Care**

The Committee has booked the Spring/Lenten communion services. The Feb 13th - Empire Living service was cancelled due to a flu outbreak. The service at Nipissing Manor is scheduled for Mar 7th at 2:30 p.m. Anyone wishing to join us would be most welcome.

Letters of appreciation are being sent to Ann Clark, Ann Cann, and chauffer Bill Clark for their tremendous help in acknowledging the birthdays of the "Over 90s" members of our congregation. They have been a tremendous asset with their cards and visits to these important members of our Trinity family.

Submitted by Co-Chairs Claudette dePencier and Noreen Brewer

### **4 Trinity - Talent and Services Silent Auction 2017**

Coming soon! The 2nd annual Trinity Talent and Services Silent Auction. The starting date will be **Sunday May 7<sup>th</sup>** and final bidding will end on **Sunday June 4<sup>th</sup> 2017**. The monies raised will go directly to the church for general funds. Without Trinity as a building, without Trinity staff, without Trinity, it would be more difficult to do all that we do here. Please be generous and supportive of this auction.

We have a tremendous variety of creative people here at Trinity and we're really looking forward to seeing what talents and skills that you can contribute to the auction. We all have a talent to offer. We all have a service we can provide. Here are a few simple ideas that may inspire you; car detailing, hosting a meal, baking, cooking and delivering a meal, playing a music instrument at a special occasion, babysitting, offering "taxi" services, gardening, yard clean up, teaching a skill or craft, handyman skills. The ideas go on and on.

Once you have offered your talent or service, we hope you will be excited to bid on some of the other talents or services that will be available. We encourage you to be supportive of this auction through offering your skills and or talents and by bidding on what will be offered. Thank you. 4 Trinity

### **FATHER'S DAY TESTOSTERONE 2017**

Every year in June, a group of Trinity men go on a physically demanding canoe trip, knowing that the wilderness in our backyard is a place of profound beauty, as is the opportunity for friendship and deeper connection. This year's trip takes place on the Father's Day weekend, starting after work on Friday June 16<sup>th</sup>, returning for dinner on Sunday June 18<sup>th</sup>. A first come - first served sign-up sheet will appear in the Trinity Hall on Easter weekend. Numbers are strictly limited - get on board.

#### **GOOD FRIDAY AT TRINITY**

Trinity's "AOTS" men's group again hosts our celebrated Good Friday breakfast at 8 am on Friday April 14<sup>th</sup>. Stick around - because many friends from neighbouring United churches will join us for 10:30 Good Friday worship, upstairs at Trinity.

#### **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](mailto:tedharrison@hotmail.com)

*Trinity Families present*

# Red Hot Friday Night Annual Chili Cook-Off



**With Live  
Musical Entertainment  
Friday March 24<sup>th</sup>  
5:30 – 7:30 pm  
(music begins at 5)  
Trinity United Church  
All Welcome!  
Come on out and enjoy some  
delicious chili  
And listen to some great mu-**

## An Evening of Led Zeppelin

**Live in the Houses of the Holy—Michael White & The White**

**Saturday April 8th, 2017**

**7:30 PM**

**Tickets \$30—All Ages Welcome**

**Featuring the best of 2 classic albums:**

**Led Zeppelin I and II**

## **MAUNDY THURSDAY POTLUCK**

On Maundy Thursday (Thursday April 13th) members of the Trinity family are invited to a community potluck supper at Saint Andrew's United Church at 6 pm. Bring something to share, and be prepared for a brief service of worship and communion before we head home (or head to Easter choir practice!). Please bring something yummy and join United Church friends for this time of fellowship and unity!

# **Youth Prayer Vigil**



**Thursday April 13th, 6:00 pm until**

**Friday April 14<sup>th</sup> , 9:00 am**

**Trinity United Church  
McIntyre and Ferguson  
North Bay**

*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 (April 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>) 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 8 pm (McIntyre Street Entrance)

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



*Trinity United Church  
Cordially invites you to our annual*

# *Glitter Gourmet Dinner*

**Celebrating Trinity's 135<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
Catered by Chef Donnie Blais  
*Saturday May 27<sup>th</sup>***

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

*\$40 per person  
(includes a \$25 charitable donation receipt)  
All Proceeds to Trinity's General Fund*

## **Buffet Style Gourmet Entrées**

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



Presents

# *Malice in the Palace*

## *The Story of Esther*

**Friday June 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7 pm**

Mustard Seed Double Feature – second act is Godspell Reprise:  
a selection of songs and skits by the Godspell Cast

**Saturday June 3<sup>rd</sup> at 1:30 pm**

Matinee Performance

Starring 22 young people aged 5 – 12 years, the story of Esther has all the ingredients of a great Hollywood thriller—a brave and spirited heroine, a dark-hearted villain, a twisting plot full of danger and intrigue, and a cliffhanger of a climax. In the midst of this excitement we find a powerful message— even the smallest person acting bravely can make an enormous difference.

Words by Tom S. Long, Music by Allan Pote

### **The Worship Committee Needs You!**

If you are interested in ushering and/or being a lay leader for Church services or for more information, please contact Gladys Banks-Bryer Tel. (705) 474-1908 email: [gmbb555@gmail.co](mailto:gmbb555@gmail.co)

## **DATES-AT-A-GLANCE**

<b>Saturday February 25<sup>th</sup></b>	Coldest Night Fundraiser for “The Gathering Place.” Join the Trinity “Sub-Zero Super-Heroes”!
<b>Sunday February 26<sup>th</sup></b>	Trinity’s afternoon Annual General Meeting
<b>Tuesday February 28<sup>th</sup></b>	Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper
<b>Friday March 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	Trinity hosts the “World Day of Prayer”
<b>Saturday March 4<sup>th</sup></b>	Camp Caritou Pasta Supper at Trinity
<b>Sunday March 5<sup>th</sup></b>	The season of Lent begins with a communion service, 10:30 am Trinity Youth and Trinity Families Curling, 3 - 6 pm
<b>Saturday March 11<sup>th</sup></b>	Adjust your clocks for Daylight Savings Time before bed!
<b>Friday March 24<sup>th</sup></b>	Red-Hot Chili Night at Trinity
<b>Saturday April 8<sup>th</sup></b>	Michael White performs Led Zeppelin I & II at Trinity, 7:30 pm!
<b>Sunday April 9<sup>th</sup></b>	Palm and Passion Sunday, 10:30 am
<b>Thursday April 13<sup>th</sup></b>	United Churches Potluck dinner at St. Andrew’s, 6 pm followed by the All-Night North Bay Youth Easter Vigil!
<b>Friday April 14<sup>th</sup></b>	8 am Good Friday AOTS Breakfast at Trinity, followed by 10:30 am Good Friday service, upstairs
<b>Sunday April 16<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Easter Sunrise Service, 7:30 am</b> outdoors at the corner of Ferguson and McIntyre (The Thomson Building) in case of inclement weather, the service will be in the Trinity Sunday School Hall)
<b>Sunday April 30<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Joyous Easter Sunday</b> Communion Service at 10:30 am, Trinity Trinity’s sanctuary is transformed for “Romeo & Juliet” - expect Shakespearean Sunday morning surprises for a couple weeks!
<b>May 4<sup>th</sup> thru 14<sup>th</sup></b>	Evening and Matinee performances of “Romeo & Juliet”
<b>Sunday May 14<sup>th</sup></b>	Mother’s Day Baptism followed by Trinity’s fundraising matinee of “Romeo & Juliet
<b>Saturday May 27<sup>th</sup></b>	TRINITY’S ANNIVERSARY GLITTER DINNER with Chef Donnie Blais



**Friday June 2<sup>nd</sup>**

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Mustard Seed Junior Production: “Malice in the Palace”  
followed by “Godspell Reprise”:  
featuring a selection of songs and skits

**Saturday June 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Mustard Seed Junior Production “Malice in the Palace”

**Sunday June 11<sup>th</sup>**

Celebrating our Sunday School teachers

**June 16<sup>th</sup>- 18<sup>th</sup>**

The Trinity Testosterone men’s canoe adventure!

**July 24<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup>**

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!

**July 31st – September 6<sup>th</sup>**

Trinity is closed for a summer break. You will be warmly met by friends on Sunday mornings at St. Andrew’s United Church, on Sundays at 10:30 am

**Sunday September 10<sup>th</sup>**

Rally Day Sunday - Covenanting with our Sunday School at morning worship - laughing and playing at Camp Tillicum in the afternoon for our Rally Back Picnic

Watershed Shakespeare Festival Collective presents



# ROMEO + JULIET

by William Shakespeare

Directed by Rod Carley

May 4, 5, 6, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 at 7:30 p.m.  
Sunday Matinees: May 7 and 14 at 2:00 p.m.

**Trinity United Church**  
(corner of McIntyre and Ferguson)

**Adults: \$30 / Students: \$15**  
**Tickets on sale now! Call 705-474-3310**

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