

Spring Newsletter 2019

“The Lent Challenge”: *A Note from Rev. Ted’s Desk*

First of all, as we’re used to hearing the Angels of the Bible tell us: ***Don’t be afraid!***

Particularly here at Trinity: *Don’t be afraid to talk about faith.* About what you know and what you don’t. About what faith is, about how we exercise it. About how it helps, how it hurts, about the practicalities and foibles of living this funny, quirky, God-soaked life.

Traditionally the season of Lent has been a time of serious introspection and spiritual exploration. Throughout the Sundays of Lent this year, we’ll use our “Children’s Time” for conversations around our own spiritual practices. Each week we’ll hear about a new challenge designed to deepen your spirit life - and we’ll debrief how the other challenges are going!

This Lent, we want to “go deeper” on what generosity means, on practices of prayer and gratitude, about where faith sends us, and how we might meaningfully share that faith with others. Maybe we don’t talk enough about how to support one another on the Christian spiritual path. I pray that this season, our children can help to lead the way - blowing new honesty and vitality into our spiritual lives!

I hope you will join us,



“On a Musical Note”



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

The 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 are excited and proud to be part of our Lenten and Easter celebrations and look forward to sharing their music with the congregation. During Peggy Millar’s leave-of-absence as Junior Choir Leader this season, we welcome Laura Farris-Einarson as Interim Leader. Our children continue to praise God in innovative and exciting ways.

As well as contributing frequently to our Sunday services, they look forward to singing at other functions. On Saturday, April 27, at 7:00 p.m., the Junior Choir are special guests at “Stars”, the Rapport Singers’ spring concert.

On Thursday, May 16, the Junior Choir will again be part of our “Super Seniors Luncheon”. This is always a special event! If you know of any Trinity members or adherents who have reached the magic age of 80 and have not participated in this luncheon before, please speak to Maurice Laporte, or Betty or Rob Farris.

Laura invites any child of elementary school age to join this happy group. We rehearse Sundays at 9:30 a.m. in the sanctuary. Laura has enjoyed working with the children, and thanks our Junior Choir parents and Trinity members for their support.

The Joyful Bells, under the leadership of Brenda McLay, continue to enrich our lives. We look forward to their gift of music during the Palm Sunday service in April (and thank them for their participation on Sunday, March 3)

On Sunday, May 26, at 1:30 p.m., the J.O.Y. Bands will present “Maytime Melodies”, their annual spring concert. Plan to attend this very entertaining afternoon at Trinity!

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

Pastoral Care & Visiting Committee

The Pastoral Care Committee provides expressions of caring support to people of the Trinity family in a variety of ways. Among them are regular visits to Trinity members and adherents who are patients in hospital. Church visitors are assisted in finding people through the patient list that is now found at the hospital switchboard. It is important to remember that, when someone is admitted to hospital, the question of religious affiliation is often asked by hospital staff, but sometimes it is missed. People who are new to Trinity and were previously part of a different faith community might be on the list for a different faith community. Church visitors are now permitted to view only the list for their denomination, so a person's presence in hospital could be easily missed! Your personal religious information in hospital can easily be updated through a hospital chaplain. Note that a person does not have to be a formal member to be listed as affiliated with Trinity. Anyone who is interested in occasional visiting can contact the church office.

Special birthday visits continue to be made to Trinity folks who are 90 years or older. We try to keep our list current; if you know of someone who is reaching the age of 90 this year, please speak to someone on the Pastoral Care Committee or call the church office.

From time to time caring support is also given through visits to people who are not able to attend worship through special challenges, or who are residing in assisted living facilities. If you know of someone who would benefit from a visit, please contact us.

Following the annual congregational meeting, the Pastoral Care Committee will now be jointly chaired by Ruth McKinnon and Richard Smith. This change follows many years of faithful and dedicated leadership given by Noreen Brewer and Claudette DePencier. Fortunately, Noreen and Claudette are continuing to be part of the committee and their valuable efforts are so appreciated!

Richard Smith and Ruth McKinnon, Co-Chairs

The Gathering Place

Every Monday morning Trinity sponsors and provides three volunteers to serve breakfast at The Gathering Place. We also provide a team of six to prepare and serve lunch once a month.

Many of our volunteers started when The Gathering Place opened more than 15 years ago. We are now working out of the new location on Cassells Street where they offer many other programs to those in need. This is a very worthwhile and much needed service to the community and our volunteers are very much appreciated.

Submitted by Jean Rideout.

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This year's Trinity's Talent and Services Silent Auction will start on **Sunday April 28th and final day of bidding will end on Sunday May 19th 2019. The monies raised will go directly to the church for general funds.**

We have tremendous variety of creative people here at Trinity. Consider what your talent or skills are and help contribute to Trinity's silent auction. Give some thought to what your talent or service can be.

Submitted by Barb Roberts

GOOD FRIDAY AT TRINITY, THEN AT OMOND

Trinity's "AOTS" men's group again hosts our celebrated Good Friday breakfast at 8am on Friday March 30th. From there, we'll gather at Omond United Church at 10:30am for the North Bay United Churches "Good Friday" service.

TRINITY FAMILIES PRESENT

Red Hot Friday Night



Annual Chili Cook-Off

Live Musical Entertainment

Friday March 22nd

5:30 - 7:30 pm

(Music begins at 5)

Trinity United Church



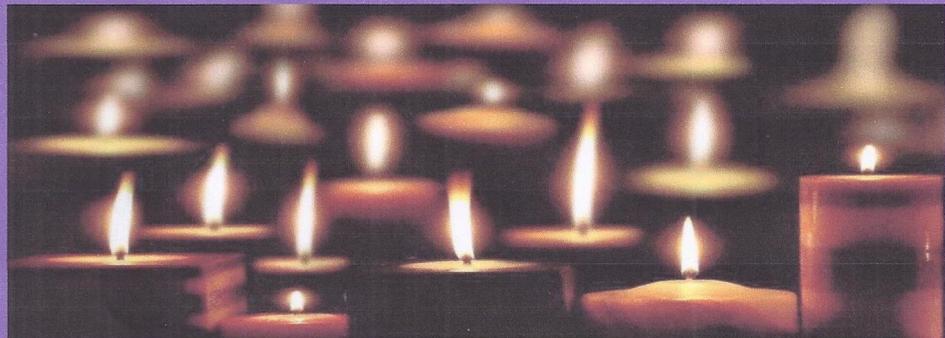
All are welcome!

Come on out and enjoy some delicious chili
and listen to some great music!

Free Will Offering

Youth Prayer Vigil

Thursday April 18th, 7:00 pm - Midnight



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.

Trinity United Church will be holding a Youth Prayer Vigil (April 18th) beginning at 7 pm and concluding at midnight. (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 prayer sessions and reflections, participating in prayer stations, having a midnight agape feast, and more. For more information please contact Lisa Blais at 474-3310 or lblais.trinity@gmail.com



MAUNDY THURSDAY POTLUCK

On Maundy Thursday (Thursday April 18th) members of the Trinity family are invited to a community potluck supper at St. Andrew's United Church at 6pm. Bring your plate and cutlery, and something "foody" to share. Be prepared for a brief service of worship and communion before we head home (--or to your Easter choir practice!).

TRINITY WOMEN'S WEEKEND

Why should the guys have all the fun?! This year begins a possible new annual ritual of a Trinity Women's Weekend at Camp Caritou on beautiful Lake Nosbonsing! Weekend of April 26-27-28. Watch for more information soon!

Trinity United Church

Cordially invites you to an extra special evening

Glitter Gourmet Dinner

Catered by Chef Donnie Blais

Saturday May 25th, 2019

Entertainment 5:30 pm

Dinner served at 6:00 pm

All Proceeds to Trinity's General Fund

Tickets: \$40 per person (\$25 tax receipt)

Buffet Style Gourmet Entrées will include salmon, beef, chicken, vegetables and Salads, decadent desserts and more
(Gluten-free and Vegetarian Options available)

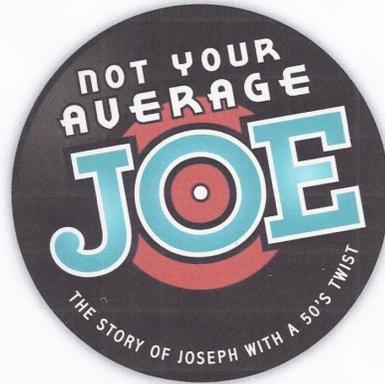
Tickets Available from the Church Office soon!

TESTOSTERONE 2019—FATHER'S DAY WEEKEND

Every year in June, a group of Trinity men go on a physically demanding canoe trip, knowing that our local wilderness is a place of fierce beauty in which to forge friendships! This year's trip takes place on the Father's Day weekend, starting the afternoon of Friday June 14th, returning for your Father's Day dinner on Sunday June 16th. A first come-first served sign-up sheet will appear in the Trinity Hall on Easter weekend. Numbers are limited --and there's always a wait list!



Is excited to present



Saturday June 8th, 7 pm
Sunday June 9th, 1:30 pm

It's about Time! Adventures Across the Ages with Trinity's VBC

Trinity's Vacation Bible Camp will travel through time to encounter some amazing bible stories.

The week of adventure and fun begins
Monday July 15th to Friday July 19th
9:30 – 3:30 each day.

Children in Junior Kindergarten through to Grade 6 are welcome.

\$75 per child - all snacks, materials and a camp shirt included.

Music, Crafts, Baking, Games, Experiments and more!

Youth in Grade 7 and up are welcome to help out for the week.

High school "volunteer hours" will be granted for those who qualify.

Registration is limited to 50 children.

Registration packages will be available soon! There are a small amount of camp bursaries available to those who need them.

For more information contact Lisa Blais at

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DATES-AT-A-GLANCE

- **Tuesday Mar 19th**: First Meeting of Trinity's 2019 Board
- **Fri Mar 22nd**– Red-Hot Chili Night at Trinity (*Sign up your chili downstairs!*)
- **Sunday Mar 24th**- “Trinity Rocks” curling afternoon (sign up in the Fellowship Hall)
- **Sun Apr 14th**- Palm and Passion Sunday, 10:30am
- **Thur Apr 18th** – Youth Prayer Vigil – 6:30 - midnight
- **Fri Apr 19th**- 8am Good Friday AOTS Breakfast at Trinity, followed by 10:30am Good Friday service at Omond United Church
- **Sun April 21st**- Easter Sunrise outdoors at the corner of Ferguson and McIntyre (The Thomson Building) at 7:30am (in case of inclement weather, the service will be in the Trinity Sunday School Hall)

Joyous Easter Sunday Communion Service at 10:30am, Trinity

- **Apr 26-27-28**- Trinity Women's Retreat
- **Sunday Apr 28th**- Holy Humour Sunday (Bring a Joke to Share!)
- **May 12th**- Mother's Day Baptism Sunday
- **Saturday May 25th**- Trinity's final “Glitter Dinner” with Chef Donnie Blais
- **May 30th – June 2nd** - The Inaugural Canadian Shield Regional Council General Meeting, Sault St Marie
- **June 8th and 9th**: “Junior Mustard Seed” Presents *Not Your Average Joe* – a 50's musical with a twist!
- **Sun June 9th**- Pentecost Sunday with Communion. Also: Celebrating our Sunday School teachers!
- **June 14th-16th**- The Trinity Testosterone men's canoe adventure!
- **July 15-19th**: Trinity's famous Vacation Bible Camp hosts over 50 children for a week of fun, surprises, and spiritual growth! Get your registration forms today!
- **Sunday July 21st**: Guest Preacher Tony Campolo (Regular American television guest on the Colbert Report, Nightline, Larry King, Charlie Rose). Sponsored by “World Vision.”
- **July 29th- Sept 4th**: Trinity is closed for a summer break. You will be warmly met by friends on Sunday mornings at St. Andrew's United Church, Sundays at 10:30am
- **Sun September 8th**- Rally Day Sunday—Covenanting with our Sunday School at morning worship—Playing at Camp Tillicum in the afternoon with our Annual Rally Back Picnic!