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## *Advent Newsletter November 2019*

### **"NEVER WASTE A CRISIS": A Note from Rev. Ted's Desk**

"*Never waste a crisis*" is a phrase that's been uttered by politicians and pundits, marketers and economists. Because sometimes what some people might perceive as "*the end of the world*" is an opportunity to examine long-standing habits and unhelpful assumptions.

Trinity's compromised roof structure was just that kind of crisis. Not addressing that crisis would have meant that by now (Advent 2019) most of our church building would literally have been condemned. We were forced to act quickly and decisively to preserve our building and its value as the home to our worship, our activities, our outreach, and our many community partners. I want to thank our leaders and our donors for their labour and their generosity. In the midst of an emergency, you demonstrated extraordinary love for this church family. You got our problem solved efficiently and economically, and our ongoing special fundraising efforts have been meaningful.

*Nonetheless, we should not waste this crisis.*

Our 'roof emergency' reminded us of realities faced by ALL of our North Bay United Churches: dwindling congregations, decaying buildings, and mounting costs. We at Trinity have long resisted those trends, and are thriving in many ways. Out of that richness, your Board is trying to reach out to other congregations to cooperatively envision how *together* we will continue to be a blessing to North Bay. In this Advent season of hope and anticipation, we invite you to dream boldly with us about what that future might look like.

See you on Sunday,



### ***... from the DLM***

As we approach the Advent season I am sure that many of you are finding that your calendars are beginning to fill up. It can be challenging moving from one activity to another – we get caught up in preparing potluck dishes, in making or purchasing the perfect gift, in finding the right ugly Christmas sweater, in squeezing in one more activity. It can be exciting, but it can also be overwhelming.

Each Sunday in Advent, as we light candles, we are provided with a visual reminder of how we can prepare our hearts for the arrival of Christ in our midst.

On the first Sunday in Advent we light the candle of hope. What do we hope and long for deep in our hearts? What does God hope for us? How can we offer hope to those for whom Christmas is a difficult time – for those who are alone, or who are experiencing grief and loss?

On the second Sunday in Advent we light the candle of peace. In the busyness of the season, find time to reflect on the peacemakers in our world and in our lives. Imagine what a world fully at peace might look like. Allow yourself to dream radically and boldly – Isaiah reminds us that this is what dreams of peace look like.

On the third Sunday in Advent we celebrate and light the candle of joy. What ways can you spread joy to those people in need around you? In the midst of festivities, Christmas concerts, dinners and pageants, find ways of sharing that joy with others – allow that joy to linger in your heart and carry you beyond the Advent season.

On the fourth Sunday in Advent we light the candle of love. We are reminded that there is no greater power than love. *In Stranger in a Strange Land*, Robert A Heinlein writes: "Love is that condition in which the happiness of another person is essential to your own." Jesus' birth reminds us to not only love one another, but to love as if our own happiness depends on it!

As you journey through Advent remember to take pause for quiet reflection, to look for signs of God's abundant love and to sow peace, joy, hope and love wherever you can!

Wishing you the best the season has to offer!

Lisa

## Roof Restoration Project Update



In the last newsletter we reported that we were close to starting the actual roof and structural repairs. You'll remember the initial assessment that suggested we'd have to vacate the church for a year or more in order to replace the whole roof at a cost of well over \$1,000,000. We were able to find an engineer and contractor who were quite sure they'd be able to repair our roof rather than replace the whole thing and we were waiting for the engineering drawings and building permit. Our estimate for the work was \$200,000



We're delighted to report that the work is now almost complete. The scope of the project included replacing two rotten beams; reinforcing a third; replacing the complete roof system including ceiling joists, rafters, decking and ceiling in that front corner of the Sanctuary; replacing the shingles with a roof membrane system on the lower roofs on both sides; removing the failed eaves-troughs on the McIntyre Street side; repairing the checked column; repairing all the holes we had to make in the ceiling and repainting most of the Sanctuary. The only work left to do is to replace two of the "capitals" at the top of the columns and to add some connectors to the high timber-frame. The cost is now projected to be less than \$180,000 although it'll be a bit higher while we're waiting for our sales tax rebates.

There are so many people to thank...

All of you who have made this work possible by your interest-free loans, donations and support of the fundraising activities that have taken place. We're already over a third of the way to our goal.

The roofing team members - Brenda Holbein, Dave McKenney, Gerry Foster, Jim Dickson, Jim Evans, John Hafliidson, Kirk Elliott, Michelina Beam, Ryan Rozicki and Rev. Ted Harrison for their knowledge and guidance.

The Trinity Board for all their support.

The various engineers, contractors and companies that did the work – including Eugene Longstreet (structural engineer), Robert Loewen (general contractor), Peter Bonnell (column capitals), Ja-Con Construction Ltd. (structural work), Designed Roofing Inc. (roof membrane), Thermo Coustics Ltd. (dry walling & painting) and Murray Howe of Howe's Lighting (hanging light).

The dozens of people who came out to our *Sanctuary Cleaning Parties* and made the whole place shine again.

Rev. Ted for his writing skills so beautifully demonstrated in the various letters and updates we've introduced.

And now we're passing the work on to two other groups. Darlene Laferriere is heading up the fundraising efforts for the project. She's already doing a great job with things like the "Non-Event," Doris Hack's Birchbark Creations, Wes & Karen Johnson's Go-Fund-Me campaign, Heather & Kirk Ready's Tiny House tour and the posters in the Narthex. There is a lot more to come, including "It's a Wonderful Life" in December, "A Taste of India" in January and the grant application Brenda Holbein is sending into the North Bay and Area Community Foundation. If you have any other fundraising ideas be sure to discuss them with Darlene. We're expecting it to take up to 3 years to raise all the money but we're confident that, with your continued support, we can do it.

At its October 15 meeting the board passed a motion "that an ad hoc committee be created to review other existing and potential major issues with our building and develop a long-range plan to investigate and resolve as necessary." Jim Dickson has agreed to head up this committee, and we have a strong contingent of volunteers to help. They'll be looking at other building issues and developing a strategic plan to investigate and prioritize these issues in order to keep our building safe and beautiful.

Thank you all,  
John Roberts

### Donations to the Trinity Roof Project

If paying by cheque, please make it payable to Trinity United Church and add a note that it's for the roof project.

If you want to pay by e-transfer, please get in touch with Michelina.

If you have any questions feel free to get in touch with John Roberts at 705-724-9829 or [jrobertsnb@gmail.com](mailto:jrobertsnb@gmail.com).

**Thank You!**



# Trinity United Church

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Dear Trinity Friends:

In September, while our church was fragrant with apples, and buzzing with many dozens of volunteers, we wrote our first letter of thanks to many of our generous donors to the Trinity Roof Fund. After that, we wrote thanks to the folks whose generous interest-free loans enabled us to pay for our structural work long before we'd raised the necessary funds!

The pie project is a wonderful example of big-heartedness. In the last 19 years, we've produced well over 25,000 pies-- but there's much more to the abundance! Many of our customers give a little extra for their pies, because they know something about the good work that happens at Trinity. There's the remarkable variety of pie volunteers: Lots of them are folks whom we don't see on Sunday mornings, who nonetheless roll up their sleeves out of love for Trinity!

This year, our urgent roof repairs inspired a similar generosity. We've received many meaningful donations *from beyond Trinity's membership*. From members of other churches and faith groups, from people who know Trinity primarily through our community partnerships, from individuals who value our church's role in our neighbourhood and our city.

Instead of asking "*Who belongs to Trinity?*" maybe we should be asking, "*To whom does Trinity belong?*" Because clearly Trinity belongs to the wider community. So many people are just so *glad that we're here, doing what we do*.

The cost of the roof and structural repairs totals to approximately \$180,000. So far we've raised just over a third of that sum. Over the next year or so, we hope to cover it all—even as we initiate talks with other churches about how we might pursue deeper cooperation in serving our city.

Trinity has a policy of respecting the discretion of our donors-- which means that, other than our donations secretary, your staff and leaders don't know the names of all our donors, or the amounts donated. What we do know is that we are surrounded by generous and caring people who support their church with tremendous love, effort, and consideration. If your own family has yet to discuss your contributions to Trinity and our roof project, please make time for that conversation. Maybe you also have an idea for a creative venture or fundraiser to help us with our costs—we would treasure your input!

In closing, we want to say, simply: Thank you. Thank you for your generosity. Thank you, too, for the ways you help to make Trinity a beloved treasure of our wider community. Together, we will continue to make you proud.

With much gratitude,

John Roberts  
Trinity Board Chair

Darlene Laferriere  
Coordinator, Roof Fundraising

Ted Harrison  
(Rev. Dr.)

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### *... Some Musical Notes*

During the fall season, our Trinity family has enjoyed the joyful music of our Junior Choir under the enthusiastic and capable leadership of Laura Farris-Einarson. Chris Mogan has done a wonderful job as accompanist. The Junior Choir thanks Amanda Silk for her support as flautist and Lorie-Anne Mercier as Junior Choir Assistant. The whole congregation enjoyed joining with the Junior Choir and Dixieland ensemble for their rendition of “When the Saints Go Marching In”, on All Saints Sunday, November 3. We look forward to the Junior Choir’s participation in worship services during the Advent and Christmas season.

Sunday, November 10 was a special day of Remembrance. The J.O.Y. Band played all hymns and other musical selections during the service. The Junior Choir sang the anthem “Flying Free”, with flute by Amanda Silk.

Thanks to Marcel MacDonald, who played the Last Post and Reveille, and Rob Sanders who played the Lament and postlude.

On Sunday, November 17, the J.O.Y. Band will present “Musical Memories of the War Years”. This special musical afternoon at Trinity will begin at 2:00 p.m. with a sing-a-long of war era songs, followed by several instrumental selections by the band. Refreshments will be served.

We look forward to Sunday, December 1, 10:30 a.m. worship service, when the Joyful Bells, under the direction of Brenda McLay will help “ring in” the Advent season.

On Sunday, December 15, the J.O.Y. Bands will present their annual Christmas Concert, “A Most Wonderful Christmas”. A sing-a-long will begin at 1:00 p.m., followed by the bands at 1:30 p.m. The goodwill offering will help support the North Bay Warming Centre. Refreshments will follow the concert.

We would like to thank the Senior Choir as they faithfully fill our church (and choir loft) with music each Sunday. Choir members attend rehearsals each Thursday to prepare for the Sunday services, and they are to be thanked for their dedication to leading our worship services.

On Sunday, December 22, the Junior and Senior Choir will present the musical cantata “Joy Has Dawned” at the 10:30 a.m. service. This beautiful cantata by Lloyd Larsen celebrates the eternal message of Christmas joy. Scripture narration, soloists and full instrumental accompaniment will support the choirs in their presentation.

May the hope, peace, joy and love of this blessed season remain with you and your family throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted, Betty Farris, Minister of Music

### *... from the Finance Committee*

As most of you are aware, a summary of the church’s year-to-date income and expenses as of October 15<sup>th</sup> was provided in the October 27<sup>th</sup> bulletin. Thanks to Bill Brownlee for again providing a financial summary (“View from the Vault”) that contributes towards informing Trinity Folks about the church’s finances. Obviously a major financial item this year is the Roof Restoration Project, an update for which is provided by John Roberts elsewhere in this newsletter.

Year-to-date weekly and PAR Offerings show increases of 6% and 3% respectively over last year’s amounts. We appreciate your ongoing contributions and encourage you to donate to the upcoming Advent Offering Project, an annual event that Trinity has been carrying out for many years. Proceeds from this special project are given to two charities. The first is “Sleeping Children Around the World”, a charitable community of volunteers and partners who help children in developing countries by providing bedkits for a good night’s sleep. The second is “Packsac Smiles”, a local charity who provide children with essentials required for school, including backpacks filled with items carefully collected to fit the needs of each child.

And if you are able, a special Christmas offering for Trinity’s general account or to the Roof Fund would be much appreciated. Out of town folks who have an affiliation to Trinity may wish to make an electronic donation through the church’s website – a quick and convenient method for those who do not live in the region.

It is encouraging to note that this year’s normal property expenses for such things as water, heat, hydro and insurance, are similar to last year’s.

We would urge you to consider getting on PAR if possible. Stewardship Folks will be undertaking at least one PAR initiative in the future.

Submitted by John Hafliidson

### ***UCW Report***

The UCW continues to be a visible group in Trinity United Church. The group holds many money-raising activities to allow it to support various groups in the community, as well as the Church.

The ladies seem to be happiest when they are working together for the good of others. This seemed particularly true at the recent bazaar. The joyous chatter, the many smiles, and numerous hugs are evidence of a group of people who enjoy each other.

The Near North UCW (formerly North Bay Presbyterial) met in Sept. We decided to continue as a group. It is our hope that many of the UCW groups who have folded will be comfortable attending these meetings, so that friendships will not be lost. We will gather together again in the spring.

On a Regional note, Canadian Shield Region has 30 UCW Units. Those Units have donated \$43,780 to their respective churches; 5 Units reported that they have donated \$11,551 to community outreach; and 9 ladies serve their Region as Licence Lay Worship Leaders.

On a National note, there are 17,280 UCW members; and \$1,133,000 to Mission and Service.

The Blessing Song, which we use at the close of our UCW Church Services is based on Psalm 129:8.

May the blessings of God be upon you,  
We bless you in the name of God.

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May I, on behalf of all the ladies, ask God's blessing on each of you this Christmas Season and may each of you find peace and joy in the birth of a tiny baby.

Respectfully submitted, Judy Biondi

### ***Prayer Shawl Report***

Prayer Shawls have become an integral part of Trinity Church. As I mix with people in the congregation, I often hear of how they have touched someone. It is the wish of the group who knit, crochet, and donate yarn that this continues to be a viable outreach of our Church.

If you know someone who has received a shawl, but still would appreciate prayers, consider taking them a Prayer Pocket with a special blessing, or prayer in it. These are available on the table with the prayer shawl display.

The Prayer Shawl Group wishes each of you a blessed Christmas Season.

Respectfully submitted, Judy Biondi

### ***Welcome to Sunday School!***

Our fun and energetic Sunday School is well underway for the year! Rehearsals are beginning soon for our annual Christmas pageant, which will be performed on December 22<sup>nd</sup> at 1:30.

The Sunday School classes are aimed at children ages 4-13. The staffed nursery is available for children 3 and under, and teenagers (or those who feel too old for Sunday School) are always welcome as helpers in the Sunday School and the nursery. This is a great way to earn volunteer hours for high school!

We are very much in need of more Sunday School teachers! If you have been considering volunteering, please speak to Lisa Blais, Marcel McDonald, or Carling Lutecki. The rotations typically run 3 weeks at a time, the lesson plans are provided ahead and can be tailored to your preferred activities (crafts, games, baking, etc). No experience necessary!

### ***Trinity Families***

Trinity Families is an all-inclusive group aimed at encouraging togetherness, friendship, and fun. We would love to welcome you and your family to any of our events or outings.

Our mission is to provide fun for the whole family, young and old. We're already planning, and fundraising for, our amazing annual Winter Retreat to Spirit Point in Trout Creek. Keep an eye out for fun upcoming events! We have our Santa Clause Parade viewing parties, movie nights, camping trips, game nights, and fun parties throughout the year.

We want everyone to feel welcome to come out to any of our activities. There's no age limit and you don't need to have children to join us. Check out our private Facebook Group (search Trinity Families and ask to join) and follow us for information on upcoming events.



## HOLY GROUNDS YOUTH EVENT

All youth and young adults in Grade 7 and up are invited to take a deeper look at the Christmas season. We will unpack the Christmas stories through crafts, cooking and discussion. Friday Nov 29<sup>th</sup>, 6 to 8 pm, and Sundays Dec 1<sup>st</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> in the Fireside room from 12 to 1:30 pm. Bring a lunch  
Fancy coffee (or hot chocolate) and dessert will be provided.

### Cookie Walk

The 4 Trinity Cookie Walk will be held on Saturday November 30th 2019. Door open at 10:00 a.m. and close at 1:00 p.m. or earlier if we sell out of cookies. Plain, fancy, gluten free cookies and some vegan cookies will be available.

Bakers and customers are always needed. If you are able to bake, please bring your baking to the church either Friday November 29th in the a.m. or Saturday November 30th at 9:00 a.m. which is the day of the sale. If you have any questions please contact Barb Roberts at [brobertsnb@gmail.com](mailto:brobertsnb@gmail.com) or Brenda Holbein at [brendaholbein@gmail.com](mailto:brendaholbein@gmail.com)



*It's a Wonderful Life, the beloved holiday classic, comes to captivating life as a live 1940s radio broadcast - a Christmas fund-raiser to aid with Trinity's roof repairs.*

*Directed by Rod Carley, It's a Wonderful Life features Marty Brown, Nathaniel Brubacher, Rod Carley, Gavin Pigeau, John Power, Geoff Richardson, Tracy Richardson-Sloan, and Meg Stokes bringing to life over 50 characters. Come and enjoy the piano stylings of Chris Mogan & the acapella quartet "Heartbeat"*

*Performances take place at Trinity on Friday, December 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m.*

*Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. and a Sunday Matinee on December 8<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m.*

*Adults: \$15.00*

*Students: \$10.00*

*Tickets available at: Trinity United Church office and at the door*

*Call 705 - 474 - 3310 to reserve tickets.*

### **White Gift Sunday**

White Gift Sunday began in the early 1900's when the wife of a Methodist Minister came up with the idea of wrapping gifts in white in order to shift the focus away from the value of the gift so that no-one would feel ashamed of their gift and everyone could share in the joy of giving to others.

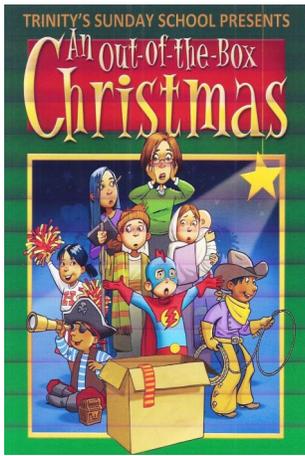
You are invited to bring gifts, money and non-perishable food items on Sunday December 8<sup>th</sup> for Trinity's special White Gift Service. These gifts will be brought forward during worship and will be donated to Trinity's Food Shelf Ministries or Trinity's Christmas Gift Bag Project.

Thank you for reaching out and sharing God's love with others this Christmas season!

### **The LONGEST NIGHT Service**

The Advent and Christmas seasons can inspire profound highs and lows in our lives. On Saturday 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 the actual longest night of the year.





**Sunday School Christmas Pageant**  
Sunday December 22<sup>nd</sup> at 1:30 pm  
**An Out of the Box Christmas Pageant**  
Directed by Darlene Laferriere  
Come hear the Christmas story as told (and sung)  
by the Trinity United Church Sunday School.  
**Rehearsals begin Sunday November 24<sup>th</sup> during Sunday School.**  
**All friends are welcome to participate!**

### **CHRISTMAS EVE**

Come early for a good seat at our family service, 7 pm on Monday December 24<sup>th</sup>. That Service will include the scripture story and lively singing of many Christmas favourites. After the busy 7 pm family service, there will be a brief centering service of communion and prayers at about 8:15 pm.



### **SOUP TASTING NIGHT**

Join us in the Trinity Fellowship Hall on Friday January 17<sup>th</sup> at 5 pm for our popular "Soup Tasting Night" sponsored by the "A.O.T.S." Men's Group. We welcome your delicious "Soupy" contributions!

### **A TASTE OF INDIA, January 25**

*On Saturday January 25<sup>th</sup> between 5 and 6:30 pm, Don & Pat Clydesdale will cater a "taste of India" dinner here at Trinity. The menu is expected to include: beef curry, fragrant lamb in cardamom cream sauce, chicken tandoori, chick pea and greens, eggplant foam, masala green beans, carrots with ginger, samosa pie, spicy rice, all accompanied with Indian pickle, raita, naan bread, papadums and baklava with fruit for dessert. Drinks include chai tea and coffee.*

*This will be a connoisseur fundraiser for the Trinity roof project. Tickets will be \$40 each and must be purchased in advance. Tickets can be purchased at the church office and will include a \$25 Charitable tax receipt. Only 120 tickets will be sold - so get yours before they're gone! Wouldn't this make a great Christmas gift?  
Or get a group together and enjoy a great dining experience.*

### **Snowshoe Sunday**

Trinity's 6th Annual Snowshoe Sunday will be held on Sunday February 2nd 2020. We will be heading out to Camp Cartiou in Bonfield again this year. We will meet at the camp at 1:30 pm. If you don't snowshoe, please still consider coming out to enjoy some fellowship, hot chocolate and the campfire. We always finish the afternoon by 4:00 pm as it gets dark early. Printed copies with the directions to the camp will be available closer to the date. Submitted by Barb Roberts





## Trinity's Christmas Gift Bag Outreach

Each year Trinity's youth group collects items for the Christmas Bag Outreach Project. We provide 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 and Four Elm's Residence, Futures Youth Crisis Centre, etc. and to patients at the North Bay Regional Health Centre - Mental Health Forensics Unit.

Items that would bring comfort and joy to folks who need it would be appreciated. Some suggestions are: mitts, socks, slippers, treats (regular and diabetic ones), playing cards, games, toiletries (**no hotel soaps please**), colouring and activity books, journals, crafts, word search and other puzzle books, etc. Christmas gift bags or money to purchase gifts are also appreciated. Thank-you for supporting this important outreach project!

### Celebration Tree

The 4 Trinity Team will have a *Celebration Christmas tree* in the Sanctuary this year. Here at Trinity we have lots to be thankful for. Lots of good things have happened this past year. What better way to help celebrate all that we have than by buying a light for the tree. The cost is \$5.00 per light. Please. consider buying a light to help light up the *Celebration Christmas Tree*. All money raised will go towards the Roof Restoration Project.

Thank you for your support, The 4 Trinity Team

### Trinity Families Winter Retreat

Saturday February 15th 1 pm – Monday February 17th 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: \$80 Adults and \$60 per child (12 and under).

Spirit Point is located on the northwest corner of Algonquin Park. [www.spiritpoint.ca](http://www.spiritpoint.ca)

Registration deadline February 2, 2020.

For more information and to register please contact

Marcel MacDonald at [glen.slim@hotmail.com](mailto:glen.slim@hotmail.com) or Lisa Blais at [blais.trinity@gmail.com](mailto:blais.trinity@gmail.com)



### THE TRINITY COFFEEHOUSE

On Friday February 28<sup>th</sup> at 7pm, Trinity's fellowship hall is transformed into *North Bay's biggest Rec Room!* Join folks from all over North Bay for a night packed with music, talent and laughter.

A sign-up sheet will be placed in the fellowship hall in January.

### *Red Hot Friday Night Chili Cook-Off*

*Friday March 27<sup>th</sup>, 5 - 7:30 pm*

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

*Free Will Offering. Prizes awarded for best chili, best dessert, best dressed!*

*For more information or to submit your Chili or Dessert contact*

*Rob Sanders at [eeffoc@gmail.com](mailto:eeffoc@gmail.com)*

## **FOR YOUR FRIDGE - DATES AT A GLANCE**

Fri Nov 29<sup>th</sup> - Holy Grounds Youth Advent Study 6:00 to 8:00 pm

Sat Nov 30<sup>th</sup> - Cookie Walk 10 am to 1 pm

Sun Dec 1<sup>st</sup> - Advent Communion and Confirmation service 10:30 am

Holy Grounds Youth Advent Study 12:00 to 1:30 pm

Dec 6, 7 & 8 - "It's a Wonderful Life"

Sun Dec 8<sup>th</sup> - White Gift Sunday

Sat Dec 14<sup>th</sup> - Youth Group - Christmas Bag Packing and Party 1 to 4 pm

Sun Dec 15<sup>th</sup> - afternoon JOY Band Christmas Concert singalong at 1 pm concert at 1:30 pm

Holy Grounds Youth Advent Study 12:00 to 1:30 pm

Sat Dec 21<sup>st</sup> - Our "Longest Night" evening service at 7 pm

Tues Dec 24<sup>th</sup> - Christmas Eve Family Service, 7 pm. Communion, 8:15 pm

Sun Jan 12<sup>th</sup> - Baptism Sunday (contact the office ASAP with your interest) 10:30 am.

Fri Jan 17<sup>th</sup> - Trinity Soup Tasting Night hosted by Trinity AOTS! 5 pm

Sat Jan 25<sup>th</sup> - Trinity's Indian Dinner (see article)

Sun Jan 26<sup>th</sup> - Robbie Burns Sunday

Sun Feb 2<sup>nd</sup> - Trinity Family Snowshoe afternoon 1:30 pm

Feb 15<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup> - the Trinity Families Retreat at "Spirit Point"

Sun Feb 23<sup>rd</sup> - Thinking Day: celebrate Guides and Scouts during our morning worship

Trinity's afternoon AGM

Tues Feb 25<sup>th</sup> - AOTS Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

Fri Feb 28<sup>th</sup> - Trinity's Coffeehouse, 7 pm

Sun Mar 1<sup>st</sup> - Communion service, beginning the season of Lent

School March Break: March 16<sup>th</sup> through 20<sup>th</sup>

Fri Mar 27<sup>th</sup> - "Red Hot Chili Cook-Off" Dinner 5 to 7:30 pm

Sun Apr 5<sup>th</sup> - Palm Sunday

Thur Apr 9<sup>th</sup> - Maundy Thursday Youth Vigil

Fri Apr 10<sup>th</sup> - Good Friday AOTS Breakfast 8 am

Good Friday service at Trinity 10:30 am

Sun Apr 21<sup>st</sup> - Easter Sunday: Sunrise and Communion services