



TRINITY UNITED Church Newsletter

The Life and Work of Trinity United Church, Wallaceburg, Ontario

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Season of Lent

Lent is a time of reflection, a time to travel the Lenten road together. A time of meditation.

Lent began on Shrove Tuesday, February 9 followed by Ash Wednesday on February 10. Palms from 2015 were burned and ashes used in our first Service in Lent.

Holy Week Services will be held at Bethel 12:10 each day with a light lunch to follow. Freewill offering supporting various Ministerial local designations.

Trinity Lent Services ~

Palm Sunday, March 20

Good Friday, March 25, 10:30 am

Easter Sunday, March 27

(see back page for more details)



Palm Sunday Brunch

Sunday, March 20

Our Choir invites you to join us for Brunch following the Palm Sunday Service on March 20.

Stay after Service and enjoy the Brunch with family & friends!

The Brunch is *legendary* with our 'famous' omelettes, bacon & sausage, and other tasty items to fill your plate.

Includes coffee, tea & juice.

Brunch is hosted by the Senior Choir, a talented ensemble of musical voices as well as great cooks!

Please join us.

Cost: Adult ~ \$8

Child (6-12 yrs) ~ \$3

Child under 5 yrs ~ Free

We HOPE to see YOU!

Lent, 2016

Dear Trinity Friends,

So many of the important moments in life occur around a table. We truly are a people of the table. Can you imagine having a celebration of any kind without sharing food? Even in times of loss, we carry muffins and casseroles to the homes of the grieving, and join over table in post-funeral receptions.

I encourage you to think back on your life, and of the significant experiences you've had at a table. Perhaps you can remember being fed at the table as a toddler. Who sat at your table as you were growing up? What were the favourite foods of your childhood?

What other occasions at the dinner table can you recall? Pizza with friends? Birthday parties? Dates? Do you remember times when exciting news was shared or new plans dreamed up?

Remember your first time at a formal dinner party? All that silverware and multiple plates to manage - plus no elbows on the table.

Are there people missing from your table now? The loss is an aching hole.

Dinner Tables play an important role in our lives. Can you look back and imagine the many and varied tables in your lifetime?

Perhaps like me, you also think of a very special table... a communion table; that place where familiar ritual takes on mystery and wonder as it speaks deeply of God's filling presence in our lives, strengthening and sustaining and bringing so "More". That table is part of our identity as followers of God whom we know in Jesus Christ.

This Lent we are travelling on a journey through the tables of the New Testament; stories of tables which bring meaning to our journey to the Cross. The journey will take us through the pain of Good Friday and into the wonder of Easter as we come hungry for Good News, only to recognize our Risen Lord in the breaking of the bread!

Pull up a chair, friends. There is plenty of room at the table. There's room for all.

Blessings,

Cheryl

Cheryl Kirk



Deepen Your Relationship with God

"For behold the kingdom of God is in the midst of you."

Right here, right now ... the kingdom of God in the midst of you!

What can we do to feel this closeness?

How can we build this connection?

Join Sandra Maltby-Mills and this circle to embark on a journey of spiritual growth,
Tuesday's to March 15 (4 weeks), 6:30-8 pm.

See Sandra or contact church office (627-1472) to indicate your interest.

Public welcome. Invite friends!



Holy Humour Sunday, with Chatham Concert Band

Sunday, April 3, 2016

Psalm 126:2 Then our mouths were filled with laughter and our tongues with joyful songs.

Holy Humour Sunday is a Service filled with laughter.

You are encouraged to join us on April 3 and share the laughs.

Laughter is good for your health - get ready to laugh out loud!

The **Chatham Concert Band** will fill our Service with joyful music.

Don't miss a wonderful and joy filled Sunday at Trinity!

Invite your family & friends, one and all welcome

A Sunday to feel good - to laugh, to be happy, and share Good News in the pews!

Share in our worship, song and laughter!

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Wallaceburg & District Ministerial invite you to **Holy Week Services**

12:10-12:30 pm, at **Bethel** (McNaughton Ave - across from McDonalds)
followed by a light lunch each day.

Speakers: March 21 - Chuck Wilson - Bethel

March 22 - Josh Tuininga - Christian Reformed

March 23, Rob Browning - Living Word

March 24, Doug Cameron - Knox Presbyterian

The Services give us a brief time for daily reflection during Lent. A time to observe our Lenten journey together. Freewill offering accepted during Services and will be directed to local needs. All welcome.

Easter Flowers

Easter Flowers decorate our sanctuary and are shared with shut-ins. Remember loved ones with a \$10 donation for flowers whose names will be printed in bulletin on Easter Sunday. Surplus funds will be used toward silk flowers and other worship needs. Indicate **EASTER FLOWERS** on your envelope, enclose **\$10** and the information below **no later than March 13, 2016** -



Donor Name: _____ Envelope # _____

In Memory of: _____

Do you wish the plant after Easter? Yes ___ OR No ___ (check one please)

Earth Day 2016



Earth Day is Friday April 22, 2016. What are your plans? Make Earth Day everyday! Go to www.earthday.org or earthday.ca learn more.

Did you know ... Plastic rubbish will outweigh fish in the oceans by 2050 unless the world takes drastic action to recycle the material.

Read more at: <http://phys.org/news/2016-01-plastic-outweigh-fish-oceans.html#iCp>

It's your turn to lead. *What will YOU do on Earth Day?*

What can one person do today??? Even small contributions help -

~use environmentally friendly personal water bottle (not plastic) ~use cloth towels not paper, pack an earth friendly lunch using containers not plastic wrap, turn off lights when not in use, use environmentally friendly household cleaners, start a vegetable garden and don't forget to share extra produce with friends or the Salvation Army Food Bank (behind Shoppers), recycle clothing and household items to various resale shops. Talk to your friends ... spread the word.

SO many things one person can do to help our environment.

SHUFFLEBOARD & EUCHRE NEWS

The Shuffleboard Group at Trinity continues with the merriment! We play every Monday & Thursday morning, 9:30-11:30 am. New players always welcome.

In December the *Shufflers* donated \$375 to Trinity for use of space and utilities through the year. All this from the \$1 a week 'fun fee'.

Come out and join us on any/every Monday and Thursday, 9:30 to 11:30 am. Absolutely no experience necessary. The only qualification is to be willing to have fun! Bring a smile!

The Shuffleboard circle expressed a desire for *friendly games of euchre* at Trinity.

Trinity now hosts Wednesday afternoon euchre! Please join us **Wednesday's** at **1:30** for **friendly euchre**.

Everyone welcome ... join us for *fun only*, non-competitive, euchre on Wednesdays.

POP CANS = \$\$\$ for Trinity's Community Meals

Trinity collects POP CANS with the funds from scrap metal toward our Community Meals. Community Meals at Trinity are on the last Friday of the month, and are FREE meals open to the entire community. We thank our volunteers for making this possible!

If you have pop cans to be picked up please call Jayne Glover, 519 627 5332 OR you may drop them off in the driveway of 66 Napier Street. We really appreciate the your pop cans. We are recycling for the good of our planet and helping fund Trinity's Community Meals!

NOTE: NEW drop off location - 66 Napier Street

MARILYN'S MEALS

Marilyn's Meals is a program which offers prepared meals for a couple weeks to those returning home from hospital or who may have mobility issues, If you have this need please contact the church office. Marilyn's Meals originated with Christian Development Committee member, Marilyn Chatterton, and is continued by Trinity women with the same compassion. Marilyn gave selflessly of herself in this endeavour and we are anxious to carry on this wonderful outreach in Marilyn's memory.

LIBRARY CORNER

Be sure and make use of Trinity's Library, which boasts a wide variety of books, videos and DVD's. All on a self-serve basis for your enjoyment. We have devotionals, craft ideas, children & teen books, Veggie Tales & other DVD's, church history, theology, discipleship and stewardship resources. Remember ... no late fees. We do encourage borrowers to return items in a timely fashion so others may also borrow items.

Note: please return any long overdue books to the church library - thanks!

Trinity Calendar - mark your calendar

World Day of Prayer 2016

World Day of Prayer is a worldwide movement of Christian women of many traditions who come together on the 1st Friday of March yearly to observe a common day of prayer. Prayer and action are inseparable and both have immeasurable influence in the world.

ALL are welcome to join in celebrating World Day of Prayer at **Holy Family Church** (Murray Street), **March 4, 2 pm.**



Service written by the World Day of Prayer Committee of Cuba.

The Season of Lent

(Services at 10:30 am unless otherwise indicated)

Feb. 27 - Lent 3

Mar 6 - Lent 4

March 13 - Lent 5, Easter flower deadline, Daylight Savings Time begins

March 20 - Palm Sunday Intergenerational Service. Brunch after Service (see pg 1)

March 25 - Good Friday Service, 10:30 am
Community Meal, 5:30 pm
SWELL in Sarnia, 7 pm

March 27 - Easter Sunday, Communion

April 3 - Holy Humour Sunday (see pg 3)

May 24 - Pentecost Sunday - Communion

Community Meals

Community Meals at Trinity are a successful adventure! No doubt due to the dedication and hard work of volunteers who believe in good quality food, prepared in a simple and imaginative manner for all to enjoy. Our 'shoppers' also keep an eye on the budget. It is truly amazing to see (and smell!) these great meals prepared.

THANK YOU to all our volunteers!

Community Meals are for EVERYONE in the community! Anyone ... singles, parents, kids, teens, neighbours and friends.

Invite a friend and come out for our FREE full course meal and fellowship.

Community Meals have been prepared since 2008 and are getting bigger, better & tastier every month. Remember ... there is no charge to you. **Next Community Meal - Good Friday, March 25, 5:30 pm**

A thought for Lent ...

Lent is a time of truth, a time to strip away that which weighs us down and is heavy in our soul. Lent is the beginning of a wonderful journey to the core of who we are and how we express it. It is a journey that has all the possibilities of drawing us closer to God.

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