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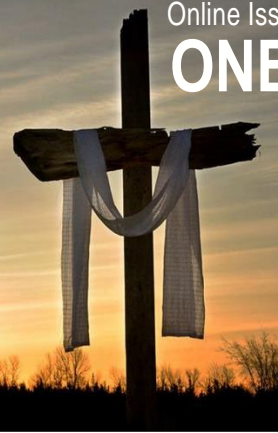
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# Easter

## He has risen

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# TRINITY

## UNITED CHURCH

Smiths Falls, Ontario, Canada



Some of the fundraisers and other events we have in the following articles may be **postponed or cancelled** as we endeavour to follow the fast moving rules regarding **COVID 19**. For up-to-date information on the changes happening at Trinity because of COVID 19, please check our website or our facebook page for more information.

[www.trinityunitedsf.ca](http://www.trinityunitedsf.ca)

[www.facebook.com/trinityunitedchurchsmithsfalls](https://www.facebook.com/trinityunitedchurchsmithsfalls)

Trinity United is currently closed due to the COVID 19 PANDEMIC. Sunday Services are recorded and played Sunday mornings at 10:30 am as well as on Cogeco, Sundays at 10:00 am and 2:00 pm **STAY SAFE!**

## Minister's Message

### Where did the Disciples find Jesus?

Matthew 28:6, 7

*He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you.*

“Where did the Disciples find Jesus?”

After the resurrection, Jesus was seen in a variety of places – at the Tomb, the Emmaus Road, Galilee, Jerusalem, Bethany. Some Christian thinkers try to reconcile these appearances; to put them in chronological order and deconflict what may be interpreted as contradictions. This is curious.

Why is it complicated for some?

“Where did the Disciples find Jesus?” Implies that;

- \* Jesus is waiting to be found.
- \* We have to be where Jesus is to find him.
- \* Finding Jesus in one place means that he cannot also be in another.
- \* We run to where Jesus is.

Perhaps the question is confusing.

What if Jesus prefers to appear where Mary Magdalene and the other Mary are? “Suddenly Jesus met them and said, “Greetings!” And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him.” Matthew 28:9

Perhaps the better question at Easter is, “Where does Jesus find us?”

This Easter, we will not find Jesus at Trinity because we will not be there. This Easter, we will not ask, Where do we find Jesus?” because the better question has always been, “Where does Jesus find us?”

The answer has always been quite uncomplicated, “Jesus will find us where we are.” Jesus always has. Jesus always will. Reverend Christopher Ryan

# Easter Message from Church Council

Alleluia!

This is the refrain or expression of rejoicing that comes with the hope of Christ's resurrection. It is the same utterance we hear this time of year from many Christians and non-Christians alike who, after a long, dark winter, delight in the re-discovery that death indeed brings new life.

From the tiniest buds on the trees, to the smallest green sprouts in the garden, there is much to rejoice and be hopeful for... in our backyards ... in our region ...and also at Trinity.

As members of your church Council we, too, share in that same sense of hope that this new season brings. Our busy congregation continues to inspire us to do more, and be more for those we represent -- as well as for those who are under-represented. This year, we are grateful for the continued support and dedication of our volunteers who have answered the call to tirelessly lend their time, talents and faith to meet the social and spiritual challenges of Trinity

through their involvement on Council.

Your 2020-21 Trinity United Church Smiths Falls Council includes:

Rev. Christopher Ryan - Minister  
Kristina Mausser - Chair  
Jan Montgomery - Past Chair  
Diane Bennett - Treasurer  
Norma Wrightly - Co-secretary/Regional Council Chair  
Chris Dickson - Co-secretary/Communication Chair  
Bob Swan - Board of Trustees Chair  
Cynthia Sirett - Christian Community Team Chair  
Judy Drummond - Ministry & Personnel Team Chair  
Lorraine Ryan - Outreach Team Chair  
John (Bud) Fawcett - Men's Breakfast Club / Property Team Co-chair  
Heather Quinn - Spiritual Leadership Team Chair  
Vacant - Stewardship Team Chair  
Linda Stronski - United Church Women Representative

Together with the congregation, we are looking forward, with hope, to the coming year ahead.

Building on the solid foundation of last year's tremendous efforts to: balance the budget; increase our presence and servitude to our community; and, embrace new ways of communicating through technology, we will endeavour, individually and through our teams, to continue connecting, inspiring and serving.

"There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens."

Let this Easter season bring you and yours, and our whole congregation, the faith ...anticipation ...and excitement for the promise of hope of what is to come.

Easter blessings to all,

Kristina Mausser  
Council Chair



## Mushroom Compost Fundraiser

Trinity will be having its mushroom compost sale at REAL DEAL on Sat. May 9.

The profits from the sale will be split 50:50 with REAL. A 30L bag will be sold for \$10.

**Volunteers needed for the event.** REAL will also have rain barrels as a fundraiser for the Monarch Butterfly garden that day from 9am to 4 pm. These should be preordered from <https://rainbarrel.ca/realdeal/>

## United Church Women

The UCW normally meets monthly. The Friendship Unit meets in the ladies parlor the first Thursday at 1 PM. The New Horizons meets the second Wednesday in the ladies parlor at 7 PM. The General Meeting is the third Wednesday at 7 PM in the lady's parlor.

Every second month, Feb., April and Oct, the general meeting is an afternoon of Fun and Fellowship. We play games, do crafts and share snacks. Last Oct. we made beeswax wraps which were sold at the Holly Tea. Feel free to join any of the events.

Upcoming events are the Anniversary Ham and Bean Dinner on Sun April 26 from 4:30 to 6, and the Strawberry Social in June.

Submitted by Linda Stronski

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## OUTREACH AND SOCIAL JUSTICE

Spreading the Good News  
Matthew 28:6-8 (NIV)

“He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples: ‘He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him.’ Now I have told you.”

So the women hurried away from the tomb, afraid yet filled with joy, and ran to tell his disciples.

By the time you read this newsletter it would be difficult to imagine that anyone would not be aware we are living in unprecedented and unnerving times. COVID-19 has forever changed the lives of the World’s citizens. However, the Easter lesson from the Angels to those at the tomb has not

changed we are confronted with fear and separation. Look for the good news and then go out and share it with others. This is the resurrection story. This is how we all live again. So, what good news can you share today, albeit by phone, social media platforms or email? The shared work of the Outreach and the Spiritual Leadership teams continues each Tuesday as we joyfully connect with the most vulnerable of Smiths Falls through our Brown Bags and Blessings. If you know someone whom you feel would benefit from receiving a takeout lunch to their door please email Betty Lou Kempt (chuck.bettylou@gmail.com), Lorraine Ryan (lorraineallison.ryan@gmail.com), or Christopher Ryan (minister@trinityunitedsf). Our time to pass out these lunches has changed in order to have one consistent time with other faith groups in Smiths Falls. Our new time is 11:30-1:30 p.m. each Tuesday. Also, please don’t forget the work of those leading the Phone Tree Calls in your prayers as this is an invaluable way to connect and check in with those in our congregation.

## Trinity Needs Your Help

During these trying times, Trinity’s life and work continues in many ways. While our Sunday services and many other things in our lives are on hold until further notice, and our building is closed, our staff and members are still active and operational costs continue.

There will be no opportunity for the regular collection of offerings each week, so Trinity needs you to share your gifts in a different way. We have 4 options:

1. Please visit the [www.trinityunitedsf.ca](http://www.trinityunitedsf.ca) and use the “DONATE” button. It takes you to CanadaHelps.org where you can make a safe and secure, one time or monthly donation as often as you want.
2. This may also be a good time to start using Pre-authorized Payments. The form for that is attached to this post and can be printed off and mailed to the church office at 41 Market St. Smiths Falls, K7A 2E7
3. We have also set up an e-transfer account to accept your donation. Please use [secretary@trinityunitedsf.ca](mailto:secretary@trinityunitedsf.ca). Password not required. Please note your envelope number.
4. Of course you can always mail a donation to the church office at 41 Market Street, Smiths Falls, ON K7A 2E7

If you require assistance or have any questions about making donations, please do not hesitate to contact the church office at 613-283-4444 or by email at [secretary@trinityunitedsf.ca](mailto:secretary@trinityunitedsf.ca).

Thank you.

## Spiritual Leadership Team

*Spiritual Leadership Team has temporarily lost our chairperson due to illness but we have faith Heather will return when she is able. After finishing a busy Advent Season, we were looking forward to the same during Lenten. Unfortunately, The Lenten Study, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday Services have been modified to an on-line format or cancelled due to COVID 19 There was good participation at the Adult Book Study: Parker P. Parker: “Let Your Life Speak” and was enjoyed by all. The material for The Vacation Bible School has been ordered and a very willing team has been asked to lead it. The library has been moved to our comfortable Ladies Parlor to be enjoyed by all. WAK “We Are Kids” has been busy preparing the gym for a new look. All help would be appreciated in assisting them. The Spiritual Leadership team is open to everyone and supports the work of all Teams and Ministries.*

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# On Tuesday

*"This is an awesome ministry—keep doing what you are doing." Charlotte Hoy, Addison United Church.*

*That sums-up what the volunteers feel about Trinity on Tuesday too. We see the same folks each week and it is more than just a free meal. Why do I say that? Well, folks have come for the food and then they don't return because they were not expecting a worship service to be part of the package. That is ok, but it is a package deal—food for the body and the spirit.*

*We are very encouraged by the young people who attend; this includes both young adults and children. Often, attending church is something new for them, but we have seen consistent attendance, respectful ways of acting during the service—yes, that does mean their peers have had to tell them how to act at times, a willingness to learn our gathering hymn, "Come in, Come in and Sit down, you are a part of the family" and join in the Lord's Prayer. And then there are the Prayers for the People . . . the genuine concern for family, friends, those in our community and beyond, at least for me, makes the entire evening worthwhile.*

*Please, feel free to join us any Tuesday evening for a short worship service and a light meal. Come with an open heart and mind and be ready to be fed: body and soul.*



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## Treasurer's Report

*The joyful news that He is risen does not change the contemporary world. Still before us lie work, discipline, sacrifice. But the fact of Easter gives us the spiritual power to do the work, accept the discipline, and make the sacrifice. - Henry Knox Sherrill*

As I struggle to write this article, I could choose the path of despair or the path of hope. I choose hope!

One may ask, how can I choose hope when we ended 2019 with a dismal deficit? I choose hope based on the following factors:

1. I believe the projections for revenue and expenses in the 2020 budget are more realistic giving us a clearer picture of the financial needs for Trinity. I hope the financial needs of 2020 will be met.
2. We created a fundraising team in October 2019 and during that short time we had a successful bake sale, an afternoon of entertainment by The Continentals, and an evening of entertainment by the SFDCI Reunion Band. I hope that our future fundraising efforts will continue to be as successful or more successful.
3. We have a wonderful fundraising team for 2020 and we have created a plan of fundraising events for the whole year. Our new motto is **"It will be fun!"** I am hopeful that the fundraising team continues their hard work with fun! All are welcome to join us. We meet the first Monday of each month.
4. The Teams on Council are very careful with spending, and I hope there will be no unnecessary spending.
5. I hope that the Congregation and Community will continue to support our fundraising events like they did for the luncheon after church on February 16<sup>th</sup> and the Paint Party held on February 23<sup>rd</sup>. These two events raised \$1,476.42 for the work and ministry at Trinity.
6. In 2019, our Gift Card Program raised \$3,840. I hope that people will continue to support this program and that we can convince more people to participate in the Gift Card program. In the 2020 budget we projected sales of \$3,000, I would like to see this number increase by at least 50% which would mean an additional \$1,500 to carry out our work at Trinity. **Please join me in purchasing Gift Cards at Trinity! It does not cost you anything!**
7. I will be approaching the Stewardship Team to conduct a fundraising campaign on a one-time debt reduction to try and deal with the deficit of 2019. I hope that the Stewardship Team will agree to work on this and that the Congregation will consider helping out in whatever way they can. If we can get rid of the deficit, the 2020 financial picture at Trinity would be a whole lot less stressful for everyone.

Happy Easter, Diane Bennett, Treasurer



Event	Save the Date or Look for Tickets
Geranium Sale	Orders April 2020 Delivery May 2020
Fiddler's Sunday	Sunday, April 19, 2020 during Sunday Service
Ham & Bean Supper & Silent Auction	Sunday, April 26, 2020
Fashion Show	TBD (6 -8 pm)
Mushroom Compost Fundraiser Partnering with REAL	Saturday, May 9, 2020 (We need lots of help)
Bake Sale & Mega Sale	Saturday, June 13, 2020
Gladiolus Sale	Orders Sunday, June 7, 2020, Pick-up August 29, 2020
Bake Sale	Date to be determined
The Continentals	Sunday, September 27, 2020
Trash Fashion Show	Saturday, October 24, 2020
Vendor Sale	Saturday, October 31, 2020

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### STAIRWELL CAROLLERS FUNDING CONCERT

Fundraising has been a hot topic for our Church and one that has definitely been on our minds.

The choir has booked the Stairwell Carolers to perform at Trinity on Dec 5, 2020, *for a one and half hour concert with a 15-minute break.*

This a cappella group was started in 1977 and although only a few of the original people are still singing, they continue to make a name for themselves. It all started at University of Ottawa when a music student, their director Pierre Massie, missed the caroling from home and got a small group together to sing carols in the residence stairwells. They started at the top, threw open the doors and invited people to join them as they proceeded down the stairwell. By the time they got to the bottom, the stairwell was full of singing.

They continue to sing a cappella filling their concerts with carols and secular music. This is a wonderful event for all ages to enjoy at the Christmas season.

You may wonder why we are presenting this so early in the year, it's because we have an idea. We want to fill the pews and *come up with a new seating plan to have all seats pre-allocated. To maximize our fundraising efforts, we are creating a sponsorship system that we can approach businesses and individuals for their support with tickets and tax receipts for donations from individuals. Business donations are usually made as advertising expenses.*

*All sponsors will be given tickets to the concert and formally acknowledged in all our promotional materials/platforms. The different levels of sponsorship are listed below:*

#### SPONSOR CATEGORIES

Title	Amount	Tax Receipt *	Benefits	Recognition
Friends	\$50	\$20	2 Tickets	Listing in Program
Bronze	\$70	\$40	2 Tickets	Listing in Program
Silver	\$100	\$70 or \$55	2 or 3 Tickets	Listing in Program
Gold	\$150	\$90	4 Tickets	Listing in Program
Diamond	\$200	\$110	6 Tickets	Listing in Program

\* If a Sponsor does not take all their allocated tickets, their tax receipt would be higher.

We are asking each one of you who *want to be a sponsor or know of someone, please contact:*

Susan Newport [s\\_newport@yahoo.com](mailto:s_newport@yahoo.com)

Committee Members: Daisy and Peter Au, Janine Hanna, Mary Joynt, Susan Newport & Wendy Stokes-Earl.





# PAR AUTHORIZATION FORM

FOR USE BY PAR ADMINISTRATOR	
PAR congregational number:	_____
Church PAR administrator:	_____
Phone number:	_____
E-mail:	_____

- For registration of new PAR donors  
**or**  
 For banking changes for existing donors

**Donor name:** \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Province: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal code: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_ Envelope# \_\_\_\_\_ Gift amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name of local church: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

This gift to the above church is to benefit

Local church: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Mission & Service: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Other: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## Option 1: Pre-authorized debit

**Please attach a VOID cheque.**

I/We request/authorize The United Church of Canada to debit my/our account on the 20th of every month, starting the 20th \_\_\_\_\_ of, 20\_\_\_\_. I/we also recognize and agree to the following:

- I/we may change the amount of my contribution at any time by contacting our church PAR contact.
- I/we have certain recourse rights if any debit does not comply with this agreement. For example, I have the right to receive reimbursement for any debit that is not authorized or is not consistent with this PAR agreement. To obtain more information on my recourse rights, I may contact my financial institution or visit [www.cdnpay.ca](http://www.cdnpay.ca).
- I/we waive my right to receive pre-notification of the amount of pre-authorized remittance (PAR) and agree that I do not require advance notice of the amount of PAR before the debit is processed.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

## Option 2: Visa/MasterCard/American Express

Please note that a 2–3% service charge reduces the total of your donation to your congregation.

Card number: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiry: \_\_\_\_\_  
MM YY

Name on card: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

**Thank you for your generosity.**

