



Fifth Sunday in Lent - B
March 17, 2024
Annual Congregational Meeting

“Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus."”

John 12:20, 21

Welcome and announcements

Trinity is Welcoming, Open, Inclusive and Accessible.

– Trinity is an Affirming Congregation

We continue to pray for those who were impacted by the legacy of Residential Schools.

Our building is open 9:00 am to 1:00 pm, Monday through Thursday (Stat holidays on Mondays, the office is closed).

In person Sunday School is the 2nd and last Sunday of each month.

Smiths Falls Community Food Bank appreciates donations.

Please join us for Social Time After Church – If you wish to volunteer to help with Social time, the sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board. Individuals or groups are invited to sign-up.

Easter Services

Maundy Thursday Seder Supper – Thursday, March 28th at 6:00 pm

Good Friday Tenebrae Service – March 29th at 10:30 am to be held at Westminster Presbyterian Church

Easter Sunrise Communion – Sunday, March 31st at 7:00 am

Easter Sunday Worship, March 31st at 10:30 am

Potluck and Praise – Tuesday, March 19 at 6 p.m.

The Book Club at Trinity United Church has been meeting monthly for over 25 years. We are an informal group that enjoys reading and discussing books – primarily fiction and we are looking for **new members**. We meet on the last Monday of each month from 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. In the winter months we meet on Zoom and in the spring/summer months we meet in person at Trinity United Church. The next meeting will be online on **March 25th at 7 p.m.** On April 29th we will start meeting again in person. Contact Barb at dhicks11@cogeco.ca to be added to our mailing list.

UCW Craft and Chat – Wednesday, March 27th - 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Bring a lunch and whatever craft you want to work on. You don't need to craft to come and chat with us. Let's fellowship with crafting, eating and gabbing. Build each other up and have fun too!

Broadview Magazine Group Subscription – If you are interested in subscribing to Broadview this year and taking advantage of the yearly Group Subscription price of \$30, please submit a cheque made out to Trinity United Church, indicating on the memo line of the cheque that it is for the Broadview Subscription. Subscription requests and cheques should be submitted to the Trinity office no later than **May 19, 2024**.

April Events

New to You Sale – **Saturday, April 20th – 8:00 am to 1:00 p.m.** - Looking for donations of clothing, books, shoes, purses, jewellery, trinkets, glassware, linens, puzzles, games, etc. No furniture or large items. Please submit your items to the stage in the Church Hall starting **Monday, March 18th**. Many thanks!!

Pete Woods Quartet Concert - Stardust of a Song

Saturday, April 27th, 7:00 pm. Tickets will be \$25 in advance, \$30 at the door. More information to follow.

Geraniums for sale – Order your Geraniums by calling the Church office at 613-283-444 or orders will also be taken following Sunday morning services. Colours this year will be red, white, pink, salmon and orange, 4 plants for \$12. Some colours will be limited, so order early so you don't miss out. Pick up date will be Saturday, May 25th, 9:00 a.m. until noon.

Introit: VU 318 “Christ Be with Me”

Lighting the Christ Candle

Acknowledging Traditional Territory

Smiths Falls is located on the traditional territory of the Algonquin peoples dating back countless generations. We are grateful for our neighbours and recognize the opportunity to exercise the Ministry of Reconciliation.

Call to Worship

Lenten Liturgy

Prayer of Gathering

Hymn: VU 642 “Be Thou My Vision” (Irish traditional melody: Slane)

Scripture: Psalm 51 (VU776)
John 12:20-33

Choir Anthem: “The Minstrel Boy” (Moore)

Reflection

Opening the Court:

It is in the name of Jesus that we invite the Spirit to be with us and declare our Annual Meeting open for the conduct of business that may regularly come before it.

Election of Chairperson and Secretary

Chairperson – MOTION

Secretary MOTION

Operating Procedures: Chairperson

a. Constitution of meeting

b. Quorum

c. **Voting process MOTION**

d. **Voting entitlement MOTION**

i. “Pursuant to section B.3.4.2 of the UCC Manual 2021, the definition of an adherent is the responsibility of the governing body.

ii. Trinity United Church, Smiths Falls defines an adherent as long standing, committed participants in the work and life of Trinity UC who do not hold membership in another denomination.”

e. Transportation

Corrections: Spelling, grammar, typographical errors.

MOTION

Adoption of Agenda:

MOTION

Minutes of Annual Congregational Meeting: 05 March 2023, page 7-12)

MOTION

Minutes of Special Congregational Meeting: 11 June 2023 (pages 13-14)

MOTION

Business Arising from the Minutes

Offering

Prayer of Dedication

Hymn: VU 273 “The King of Love” (St. Columba)

Reports, Approval of:

a. Prose Reports: Minister, Council Chairperson
(pages 15-19)

MOTION

b. Prose Reports: Board of Trustees, Teams, United Church Women, Groups, etc.) (pages 20-32)

MOTION

c. Statistical Reports (pages 33-34)

MOTION

Financial Review 2023:

The Financial Review and reports 2023 for Trinity United Church, Smiths Falls is in process and will be provided when completed. (This includes all financial reports for 2023 which have been included in the Annual Report – see below under Financial Reports). No motion to be held at this time. A special congregational meeting

will be held upon completion of the review. Please refer to page 35 – 42 (including any financial inserts).

Financial Reports 2023:

- a. Board of Trustees (page 36) See additional insert provided. – In process – for information purposes
- b. Senior Choir, U.C.W General – In process - for information purposes (pages 37-38)
- c. Church Treasurer (Capital fund, M&S, Gifts and Memorials, Good Samaritan, General Fund (pages 39-42) – In process - for information purposes:

Appointment of Financial Review Person for 2024:

MOTION

Church Budget for 2024: Treasurer on behalf of Stewardship and Finance Team (pages 43-45):

MOTION

That the Total Congregational Budget, for the calendar year 2024, be accepted as follows:

Expenses:

M & P:	\$171,994
Ministry Teams	\$ 20,545
Property, Admin, Fixed Costs	<u>\$ 76,045</u>
Total Expense Budget	\$268,584
Financial Objective:	
Mission and Service	\$ 10,000
Capital	<u>\$ 3,000</u>
Total Church Financial Objective:	<u>\$281,584</u>

Budget detail is provided on pages 43 – 45 in the Annual Report.

Business Arising from Church Budget 2024

Prayers of the People:

The Lord's Prayer

Hymn: VU 135 “Beneath the Cross of Jesus” (St. Christopher)

Church Council:

- a. Thank you to the outgoing Council (page 46)
- b. **Resignation/Retirements** MOTION
- c. **Election of Council for 2024-2025 (page 47)** MOTION

Other Business:

Representatives to the Eastern Ontario Outaouais Region Council (page 47) MOTION

Adjournment: MOTION

We Depart to Serve With Joy

Hymn: 586 “We Shall Go Out with Hope of Resurrection” (Londonderry Air)

Commissioning/Benediction

Choral Amen