



1st Sunday of Advent
Sunday, December 1, 2024



Welcome and Announcements † Trinity is Welcoming, Open, Inclusive and Accessible. – Trinity is an Affirming Congregation

† Our building is open 9:00 am to 1:00 pm, Monday through Thursday (Closed on Statutory Holidays)

Special thanks to our guest speaker, Erin Lee, and to the Trinity United Church Women, who will be leading our service today.

Please join us for Social Time After Church in the Fellowship Hall – 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.

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

Smiths Falls Community Food Bank appreciates donations.

Offering Options

Trinity has several ways in which to offer our financial gifts for the life and work of the church, by...

- E-transfers to secretary@trinityunitedsf.ca
- delivery to church office
- through Trinity's website DONATE button
- and by PAR

Our offering plates are at the back of the sanctuary and aren't passed hand to hand since COVID and they aren't brought forward.

Hymns are not announced before we sing them. They are noted in the bulletin and projected. You are invited to stand in body or in spirit for all hymns unless otherwise indicated.

Special request regarding the Comfort and Joy concert with Tripoly and the Troubadours – with the busyness of the Christmas season, ticket sales for the concert are not what we hoped for. If everyone could commit to talking with and inviting at least one other person to the concert, it would be helpful! **Friday, December 13th at 7:00 p.m.** at Trinity. \$20 in advance or \$25 at door. Purchase your ticket before and after the morning service or from the Office at 613-283-4444. They also can be purchased on line at www.ticketsplease.ca

Cookie Sale – first three Sundays in December – Come prepared to purchase cookies for your Christmas celebrations! We will be selling cookies following the morning services.

“In Celebration Cards” – If you make a donation to any of the following ministries or initiatives, donation cards are available in the back of the Sanctuary and in the Fellowship Hall:

Trinity United Church General Fund

Canadian Foodgrains Bank

Lanark County Interval House

Multifaith Housing Initiative

Smiths Falls Police Services (mittens, hats, socks drive)

White Gift Sunday on Dec. 15th for Salvation Army

Christmas Hampers.

Gifts with Vision – In thinking about the upcoming Christmas season, Gifts with Vision is an excellent way to support those less fortunate such as providing a secure supply of food, fresh and clean water, reliable power, a social support network, clean laundry, and much more. Please visit www.giftswithvision.ca to view the many initiatives that Gifts with Vision is involved with.

On November 17th, in support of a request from the Smiths Falls Police Service, we started collecting hats, socks, and mittens (knitted or otherwise) which will be handed out, by officers or their MCRT team. Thank you all for your donations! We delivered 111 hats, 5 scarves/neck warmers, 3 headbands, 11 pairs of socks, 1 pair of mittens and 1 pair of gloves. We will continue to collect these items through the winter months. If you do not knit, purchased items are acceptable. Due to hygienic and allergy reasons, only brand-new items from smoke free homes will be accepted. There is a basket in the sanctuary to collect items. Thank you everyone!

Silent Auction for a large Gingerbread house to close on December 1st and delivered on December 7th to the lucky winner! If you wish to participate, the auction sheet along with pictures, is available on the table in the Fellowship Hall. Proceeds go to Trinity.

UCW Meeting and Christmas Luncheon – Monday, December 2 - Gather at 9 and meeting will start at 9:30 with a potluck luncheon to follow.

Chair Yoga – note that there will be **no** Chair Yoga on Monday, Dec. 2nd due to the UCW Christmas Luncheon. However, there will be classes on November 25th, Dec. 9th and December 16th at which time the classes will be suspended for the Christmas holidays. Classes begin again on Monday, Jan. 6th.

Healing Pathways will start up again on Monday, December 2nd, starting at 2 p.m. (*please note this change from last week's bulletin*). However, going forward it will regularly be on the first Wednesday of each month starting at 1:30 p.m. at Trinity. Please call the church office to set up an appointment at 613-283-4444.

National Day of Remembrance & Action on Violence Against Women – Friday, December 6th at 11 am – This is a special Commemorative Service hosted by the Smiths Falls Women's Inter-Church Group and Trinity's UCW. This event will be held at Trinity United Church, 41 Market St. N., Smiths Falls.

Advent Walk – Sunday, December 8th at 4 p.m. – The walk will start at St. Francis de Sales Roman Catholic Church and proceed through the town, stopping at various churches and sites (including Trinity United), and ending at St. John's Anglican Church.

Amnesty International “Write for Rights” on Saturday, December 14th – Drop in between 1 and 3 p.m., as well as Sunday, December 15th following the morning service. This event is hosted by Trinity United Church, 41 Market St. N. in Smiths Falls. Every year, around Human Rights Day, people all over the world send messages of protest to end human Rights abuses and message of hope to those who are suffering. These words change lives. Please join us!!

Lanark Interval House – We continue to pack a parcel for Interval House for Christmas. Unopened personal items, small gifts for women and children would be appreciated. Please consider regular and fragrance-free items. Donations may be left in the box provided at the entrance to the Church. Last day for donations is **December 15th**. Contact Diane Combdon or Joanne Hunter for any questions.

Introit: *You are invited to sing along, remain seated*

Acknowledging Traditional Territory

Call to Worship

Hymn: VU 1 “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” (vs 1,2,5,7)

Lighting the Christ Candle

Lighting a candle in remembrance

Opening Prayer

Prayer of Understanding

Choir Anthem: Stars Were Gleaming” *(Turner/Wolford/Hobson)*

Scriptures: Jeremiah 33:14-16 (NRSV)
1 Thessalonians 3:9-13 (NRSV)

Meditation: “While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks”

Reflection: Erin Lee

Hymn: VU 35 “Good Christian Friends, Rejoice”

Mission Story: **Nurturing New Beginnings** (*Brenda King*)

Offertory

Hymn: VU 31 “O Lord, How Shall I Meet You”

Prayers of the People

The Lord’s Prayer (in Unison)

We Depart to Serve in Peace and with Love

Time for the Young and Young at Heart

Hymn: VU 7 “Hope is a Star”

Commissioning

Benediction

Choral Amen

Postlude: “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” (Young)

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Recurring Events and Activities at Trinity

First Monday, 12:00 noon Remaining Mondays, 11am	Chair Yoga (Cancelled Dec. 2 nd)
Every Monday, 1:00pm	Book Study - Start Date to be determined
First Monday, 9:30am	UCW – 9:30 a.m. (Gather at 9 am)
Fourth Monday, 9:30am (possible rebooking from time to time)	Property Team / Church Hall
Last Monday, 7:00 p.m.	Book Club
Every Tuesday, All Day	Pastoral Visitation – discontinued until further notice
First Tuesday, 2:00pm	Service at Van Horne Residence – (UCW coffee/tea time following service)
Third Tuesday, 9:30am	Stewardship & Finance Team
Third Tuesday, 6:00pm	Potluck and Praise
Every Wednesday, 9:30am	Bible Study / Seasonal Study
First Wednesday, 1:00pm	Healing Pathway (Trinity) – starts on Wed., Dec. 4 th (for month of Dec. meeting has changed to Mon., Dec. 2 at 2 p.m.)
Second Wednesday, 7:00pm	Spiritual Leadership Meeting
Fourth Wednesday, 1:00pm	Healing Pathway (St. Paul's)
Last Wednesday, 7:00pm	Council
Second Friday, 6pm	Rainbow 101
Every Sunday, 8:30am (Except Second Sunday)	Choir Practice
Second Sunday, 9:00am	Choir Practice
Second Sunday, 8:30am	Early Communion – discontinued temporarily
Second and Last Sunday, 10:30am	Sunday School
Last Sunday, 1:00pm	Lanark Drum Circle