



THE COMMUNICATOR

REV. TAKOUHI'S REFLECTION

Dear Trinity United Church,

What a year 2025 is turning out to be! Not only is it the 100th anniversary of this United Church of ours, but it also marks the beginning of our journey together.

If someone had told me on January 1, 2024, that I was going to start a new Call in a year, I would have laughed like Abraham's wife Sarah, as it never crossed my mind that such a moment was in store for me and my family. January 5, 2025, was the very first Sunday for me to lead worship celebrations at Trinity. It also was the 20th anniversary of the start of my educational journey's commencement to ordained ministry. My very first day of school to answer God's Call to ministry was January 5, 2005, at Concordia University in Montreal, where I obtained my B.A. minoring in English Literature and Majoring in Theology. That was followed by earning a B.Th. at McGill University in 2007 and finally obtaining M.Div. in 2011 from Montreal School of Theology through United Theological College. What a journey this has been, and having January 5, 2025, be my first Sunday at Trinity makes me sense that our journey together is a full circle of Love of God.

Here we are, April 7, 2025, ninety-six days into our Call, and I am writing my first newsletter reflection for Trinity. It is just appropriate that we are in the beautiful season of Spring where life blossoms, and fresh air lifts our spirits. Spring is not only a time that lifts our spirits with the beautiful symphony that the birds offer us, with the honking of the geese, but also gives us a feast to our eyes and senses with the blossoming of colourful flowers and scents that wake us up from a slumber.

Easter Sunday is celebrated on the first Sunday following the Paschal Full Moon, which is the first full moon of Spring. This year, Easter, or Resurrection Sunday as I prefer to call it, will be April 20. This is when we proclaim to each other and to the world: "Jesus Christ is Risen today" – "He is Risen indeed." These are victorious and celebratory words that followers of Jesus have greeted one another with as early as the second century, (www.britannica.com). However, were the first Easter narratives so victorious?

Think about it: The disciples were hiding with fear, and the women came to honour Jesus in the only way they knew how when someone has died. They brought spices to the grave – but they found the tomb empty. This is a double terrifying ordeal to face. However, the story does not end there. They encountered 'men in dazzling clothes' (Luke 24:4) who reminded the women – in Jesus' own words – that he had predicted his death and resurrection. The Gospel of Luke makes the point that 'Then they remembered his words' (Luke 24:8). Beloved, how often have you remembered words from your loved ones, in times of terror and trauma, that have helped you to carry on this journey called life? Sometimes, people may think that the Easter Narratives are idle tales of people who are utterly feeling lost. I know first-hand that Resurrection cannot be fully understood, even after completing three university degrees, but this story helps us live through Trauma with HOPE. This is no fake news, but TRUTH telling and LIBERATING stories.

It has been five years since the world learned of the COVID-19 virus, which is still silently hanging around. However, we have learned and are still learning how to keep away from this deadly virus, and other illnesses, as much as possible. As if the viruses were not enough, we are also facing other uncertainties of life. Difficult days do not disappear in thin air, but something, somewhere, somehow, we find our way and the courage carries us through with HOPE.

As a Community of Faith, that is what our purpose is: To help carry each other through the difficult parts of the journey and celebrate the Good Stuff with Joy!

The trauma of the cross and the empty tomb never disappeared from the minds and hearts of those who experienced it first-hand, just like all of us who have lived through pandemics and wars understand it well. My sisters and I know this first-hand. Trauma of war never leaves those who experience it first-hand, but they find the resilience to carry through this journey with HOPE. (Continued on next page)

Beloved, Holy Week is upon us. On Maundy Thursday (April 17, 6 p.m.), we will celebrate the Last Supper that Jesus shared with his disciples, where he mandated his followers to “Love as I have Loved You” and washed their feet. We will share Communion and a Potluck Meal. On Good Friday (April 18, 10:30 a.m.) we will remember the death of Jesus on the cross followed by the Annual Ecumenical Walk of the Cross. On Easter Sunday, Resurrection Morning (April 20, 7 a.m.) we will come together for an Outdoor Sunrise Worship with Communion, followed by breakfast. The Holy Week Journey concludes with the Resurrection Celebrations at Trinity’s Worship (10:30 a.m.).

However, our journey continues with HOPE. There are different Resurrection stories in the Gospels, because NO ONE, NO ONE, can encapsulate the entire, real story with one story. This year, I invite you to join the women in the Gospel of Luke, who go to the tomb, not knowing what awaits them. In that emptiness, they find a new way of living – a Resurrected Life that still leads us with an abundant life even after His crucifixion.

Beloved, join the sounds and scents of Mother Nature and proclaim that Jesus Christ is Risen today and offer your life as an aroma of Grace to ALL you meet. Live in and through the Triune God and stop looking for the “living among the dead” like the ‘men in dazzling clothes’ (Luke 24: 4) informed the women.

“Jesus Christ is Risen today” – “He is Risen indeed.”

I remain humbly within God’s Grace – Your Servant-Leader, Rev. Takouhi Demirdjian-Petro, B.A., B.Th., M.Div.

SPIRITUAL LEADERSHIP TEAM

It has been a busy few months. We were so pleased to have welcomed Rev Takouhi Demirdjian-Petro as our minister. I have had many comments from people in our Community in Faith, all positive.

Of course with a new minister we have made many changes, while maintaining our sense of belonging, sense of community and unity. The sense of family that is felt makes us feel at home.

We were honored to have The Rev. Michael Blair, General Secretary of the United Church of Canada, join us for an introduction and tea with area churches, and then again for Rev. Takouhi’s Covenanting service. What a wonderful event that was. We were so blessed and honoured to covenant with Rev. Takouhi and celebrated with our special guests.

Patty and Cory Agnew have worked above and beyond our expectations. Online services, audio/visual during in-person services, our Website and many other aspects of worship have been improved by their contributions. We are forever grateful and look forward to continuing a relationship with them.

We have decided to have communion at the beginning of each Christian season. It will continue to be gluten free.

Sunday School continues to take place on the second and last Sunday of the month. Cathy Pickup and Kim Johnston are doing a wonderful job. We look forward to an increase in time during the service for The Young and Young at Heart.

We continue with our Potluck and Prayers on the third Tuesday at 6 pm of each month. It is an important part of our faith and fellowship. We are always looking for new ideas to enhance our service and fellowship time.

The Labyrinth, located at the back of the church, facing Elmsley St. is open for use. We are in the process of arranging for cement pads to be put in for a couple of benches and an instructional stand.

Book Study has not resumed as of yet, but we are looking into our possibilities. The bible study group has been studying a book on the Women of the New Testament. We meet at 9:30 every Wednesday morning. We have taken a short hiatus during Lent to concentrate on our Lenten study, “Something Sacred. Reflections on Music and Faith”.

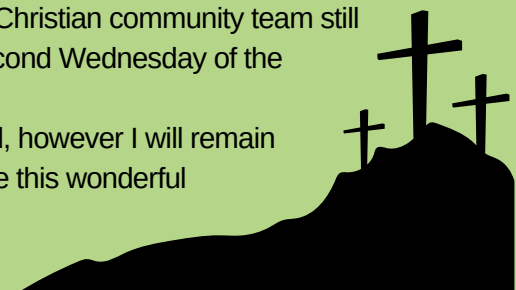
This year is a very special Year for the United Church of Canada. We can say we were here for the 100th Anniversary of the United Church. Plans are being made for a cluster service on June 1, 2025 with Bethel United Church, any ideas of special ways we can mark this occasion are welcome.

Make sure you sign up to join us on the bus to the EY center, in Ottawa for The Regional Celebration of Worship on June 15. Let’s fill the center with Joy and Grace.

The Spiritual Leadership Team has joined with The Christian Community Team. The Christian community team still maintains its responsibilities as will the Spiritual Leadership team. We meet on the second Wednesday of the month in the Upper Room at 1:30. We welcome all to attend and welcome your input.

I have been Chair for a number of years and am moving on to be Chair of Council, however I will remain on the team. Norma Wrightly has graciously agreed to step in as chair as we celebrate this wonderful time in our Church’s history.

God Bless, Heather Quinn



United Church Women

Our Casserole Ministry has joined with "Craft and Chat" and "Outreach and Social Justice team" to help with making the casseroles for those in need. Those who are not able or if there are too many cooks in the kitchen, can do their crafts and chat. So far, they have made three delicious take outs that were well appreciated.

The UCW and the church did a great job with the collection of hats, socks, mitts (knitted or otherwise) for the First Responder Services. We have been advised that they have enough items for now. Cornerstone Landing support for youth has collected what we had on hand. Way to go Trinity!

UCW SUNDAY MARCH 2, 2025, did the service celebrating the 100th anniversary of the United Church of Canada with many UCW across Canada. Our UCW did a great service.

Covenanting Service "meet and greet" on Saturday March 1st and service for Rev. Takouhi was held on Sunday, March 2, 2025. UCW did a fantastic job to supply goodies for both. The Rev. Michael Blair, United Church of Canada General Secretary, presided at both.

UCW Kitchen Coordinators will purchase a Thinking of You Gift Basket for Bud and Gloria Fawcett. Also, Christian Community team delivered a prayer shawl to them.

March 6th was very successful with a soup and sandwich social time to raise funds for Trinity UCW. Funds raised were \$308

New to You Sale rescheduled to Saturday May 17.

Four Rivers AGM at Athens was on Wednesday, April 9th. I was very proud that we had 12 UCW members and they did a wonderful skit for the entertainment!

Next AGM is St. John's UC in Kemptville on Wednesday, May 14th, 2025. Sent your registration by May 1st to cdallas@ripnet.com

GENERAL COUNCIL COMMISSIONER

It has always been an honour to serve the church in whatever capacity I have felt called to. Last year at the regional annual meeting, I put my name forward to be a Commissioner for General Council 45. The vote was taken in the fall and I was elected to be a delegate from our region—the Eastern Ontario Outaouais Region.

This is a three-year appointment and the work has already begun. There are courses to take, reports to read, and ZOOM meetings to attend prior to our actual physical gathering in August in Calgary. And that is only the beginning.

Listening for and discerning what God is calling me to do is always a challenge; however, I believe that if I step forward with the love of God in my heart I will not be on the wrong path.

Thank you for your continued support.

Norma Wrightly



YOU ARE INVITED TO
THE CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION
FOR THIS UNITED CHURCH OF OURS:

Date: Sunday, June 15, 2025

Time: 11:00 a.m.

(departing from Trinity United @ 9:15 a.m.)

Place: EY Centre - Ottawa

✚ **Trinity United has reserved a comfortable coach bus.**

✚ **This is a once in a lifetime event – don't delay**
R.S.V.P. no later than MAY 25, 2025 – space is limited

Sign-up sheet is available at the entrance of the sanctuary – or contact the church office

613-283-4444 or secretary@trinityunitedsf.ca

✚ **If you wish, donations to Trinity United Church are welcome to help cover cost of transportation.**

PROPERTY TEAM

The Property Team lost its leader on April 4, 2025 when Bud Fawcett lost his battle with cancer. He will be sorrowfully missed by the team. His effort and commitment to all things property set a “Gold Stand”, as it was to everything he undertook, to which we will attempt to emulate.

Sanctuary Restoration: As reported in the Christmas 2024 Communicator the Property Team called in ServiceMaster to address several identified deficiencies that require repairing. However, the work has yet to be completed... we seem to have fallen off their radar. We'll pick up the pace on that score.

United Church of Canada – Faithful Footprints Energy Reduction Grant Program: This project has been completed. The grant application has not yet been submitted, despite my good intentions.

Property Projects: It also was reported in the December Communicator that a hand railing was to be installed on the chancel steps. As the plan would have it, the railing was installed before Christmas.

Looking to 2025 : The property team's top project for 2025 is the installation of two (2) accessibility ramps from the Market (gym) Street entrance into to the gymnasium. Works of Iron Inc. (Brockville) in collaboration with Eastern Engineering Inc (Brockville) have designed the ramps (including the necessary drawings). A grant application for a Town of Smiths Falls Community Improvement Plan (CIP) has been submitted. There are several stages of application evaluations. Grant approval usually takes place by the end of June.

Your property team for 2025 is John Quinn (Chairman); Bob Swan (Trustee Rep); Cory Agnew (Communications Tech/Accessibility); Diane Combdon (UCW Rep) and Mike Murphy (Member at Large). Certainly, the team would welcome additional members to the team should you be interested. Contact John Quinn – 613-206-1795 or talk to him on a Sunday morning.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Investment Report: With the approval of Trinity's Ministry (Financial) Plan by the Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council, the Board of Trustees made a total investment of \$880,000 in Trinity's BMO Wealth Management Account. The account is held with BMO Nesbitt-Burns (Perth). The portfolio is conservative and is made up of a mixture of short-term, medium-term and long-term investments. Trustees are in regular contact with Nesbitt-Burns to assess our investment portfolio.

As the investment plan has been performing quite well, until the Trump Administration introduced into law as series of tariffs which have adversely thrown world trade into disarray including an unprecedented drop of stock market values, which has a negative ripple effect on Trinity's investment portfolio.

As a reminder, a portion of the revenue earned through Trinity's investment program is transferred to the General Fund and Capital Account when needed to meet expenses. Already in 2025, the Treasurer has requested \$20,000 from “funds-in-trust” to meet expenses.

Any additional financial help you can provide to the General Fund and/or capital Account would go a long way to ensuring we have a healthy investment portfolio. Perhaps you can find a way to increase your weekly contributions to the General Fund OR perhaps you could make a donation to the “Funds-in-Trust” to help the investment plan continue to be a source of funds as we move forward. Both options are tax deductible.

The Board hopes you will see the value of and would agree that a “Funds-in-Trust” donation is where Trinity's financial security, viability and sustainability is anchored and thus the future of Trinity and its ministries can be relevant contributors to our community and beyond.

Submitted by Bob Swan on behalf of the Property Team and Board of Trustees.

Ministry and Personnel

The Ministry and Personnel Committee is responsible for good communication between the congregation and the paid staff of Trinity. Remember, we always enjoy passing along compliments!

We wish each one of you a blessed Easter. Carol Williams – carolwilliams.ca@proton.me , 613 269 4427, Becky DeGroote, David Johnston and Lee Davidson.



Outreach and Social Justice

Greetings Trinity family. The past several months outreach and social justice has been in a transition period as Lorraine Ryan stepped down as chair and moved back to her Maritime roots. She left big shoes to fill. Patty Agnew has stepped up as the new chair of this committee and she has an amazing team of 10 others. We have started the year off with a bang!

A Church is not just a building. Outreach and Social Justice is not just for the people at our place of worship. It is for ALL people! It is our way to show the Love of Jesus in practical and tangible ways for today's world. Our focus for the future is on Building Bridges, Not Walls!

We strive to extend Hospitality, Diversity, Justice not just with words but with actions too. We are called to raise awareness and respect. We are called to raise hope. We are called to raise funds for the community. We will work toward those by Education, Advocacy and Action. We are committed to the welfare of and justice for the most vulnerable and to the earth.

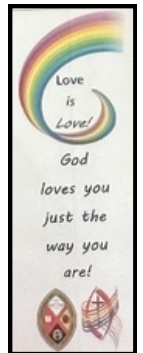
Our five main areas of focus are:

- Inclusivity and Gender Equity
- Environmental Stewardship
- Homelessness/Food Insecurity/ending Poverty
- Indigenous Reconciliation
- Awareness Campaigns and Services with Intention



Fundraising Efforts: Our year is just getting started and we have already made many strides in driving our ministries mission forward. In February and March 2025 Outreach and Social Justice team raised money for three local charities. Coldest Night of the Year Walk raised \$2137.75 for Cornerstone Landing Youth Services. Big Brothers Big Sisters Bowl for Kids raised \$915 with our team from Rainbow 101 and a couple of Trinity Congregation Members. Polar Plunge raised \$707 for Special Olympics with Sandy Rankin jumping for Trinity.

Inclusivity and Gender Equity: You may have noticed we have a new sign at the front of the Sanctuary. Love is Love! Also available are Pronoun Buttons at the back of the Sanctuary near the offering plates. Rainbow 101 continues to meet the second Friday of every month in the Fellowship Hall at 6:00pm. We have watched movies, had music trivia, and some very deep conversations into the struggles and victories of the 2SLGBTQIA+ Community. Food is usually a big part of the night as well. Come out and have some laughs, insight and food with us!



Environmental Education: We have updated our recycle stations (we now have two stations) with new bins and better signage. We are now collecting the used coffee grinds to compost. We will be participating in the Rideau Eco Literacy Workshop for a couple months and maybe beyond. REAL is always utmost in our minds with Pitch in Days to clean up our community.

Food Insecurity: In January, the UCW and Outreach have partnered to provide a Free Meal once per month to help combat food insecurity. We have had 50 or more people coming to get a meal to take out. "This Casserole Ministry" is served on the 4th Tuesday of the month for now at 1:00pm. We are making a difference and showing the Love of Jesus!

Awareness days/ Services with Intention: Pink Shirt Day, the anti-bullying campaign was observed in Trinity with pink shirt buttons being made and distributed on February 23rd.

On Sunday April 27th Outreach and Social Justice are leading worship for FARM SUNDAY. We plan to invite and Bless the Farmers. Afterall, without the Farmers we all die!

Indigenous Reconciliation and Relations: Lanark Drum Circle is holding a Drum Making Workshop on April 26th from 9am – 3pm in the Gym. This sounds like so much fun and educational too.

On May 4th at Trinity we will be remembering our Missing & Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls with the Red Dress Service of Memoriam. Then on May 10th in the Town Gazebo in Smiths Falls, Flora Riley will be hosting a County Wide Event for Red Dress Memorial. Join us in remembering and Prayers for the survivors and the grieving families.

Article Submitted by Patty Agnew–Chair on behalf of the team (Norma Wrightly, Mary Wright, Kari Cunningham, Betty Lou Kempt, Brenda King, Peter Au, Flora Riley, Heather Quinn, Becky DeGroote, Diane Combdon)

STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE TEAM

Thank you to all who make Trinity a regular part of your charitable givings. Generous giving, combined with love, energy and faith with your help allows us to continue to Connect, Inspire and Serve.

Our Narrative Budget 2025, as approved by the Community of Faith at its Annual Meeting on Sunday, April 6, 2025 is enclosed with this edition of The Communicator. The Narrative Budget sets out “What does Trinity do with your gifts?” As expenses continue to exceed funds coming in, it becomes most important that we manage our cash flow efficiently so the Church Treasurer does not need to request use of funds-in-trust from the Trustees. Depletion of the invested funds diminishes the interest that could be earned, which interest in turn helps with supporting operational expenses. We would ask that you consider making your donations on a regular basis either through PAR (Pre-Authorised Remittance) or setting up regular bank transfers through your financial institution. Consistent cash flow will make it easier to manage payment of operational expenses.

UPCOMING FUNDRAISING EVENTS you don't want to miss:

TRINITY MUSHROOM COMPOST SALE located at the REAL DEAL Store Parking Lot, 85 William Street, Smiths Falls. ON SALE FROM SATURDAY MAY 10 . TRINITY VOLUNTEERS WILL BE ON SITE FOR THE LONG WEEKEND, SATURDAY MAY 17 and MONDAY MAY 19.

We will be looking for volunteers to shovel and bag compost from TUESDAY MAY 6th.. Contact Jan: jmontgomery827@gmail.com or 613-812-1881

This Sale was well supported last year and gardeners are looking forward to it again this year.

ANNUAL GERANIUM SALE – pick up at Trinity UC Parking Lot:

Date still to be finalized but it looks like SATURDAY, MAY 31st 9:00 a.m. – 12:00

Order forms will be available in April Cost: 4 plants for \$12.

Limited number of each colour so order early to select the colours you want.

If you have a Fundraising idea, the Stewardship & Finance Team would be pleased to work with you. Contact Jan at 613-812-1881 or jmontgomery827@gmail.com or call the Church Office and leave your name.

Prayer: God, we thank you for giving to us so that we have something to give. Bless what we give – money, food, time or talent – and help us to give as much as we can, no matter how small it may seem. Help us to give it cheerfully. Amen.

(taken from Called to be the Church - Discipleship IS Stewardship)

Cheerfully submitted,

Your Stewardship & Finance Team,

Bob Swan (Chair, Trustees Rep), Jan Montgomery (Treasurer),

Joanne Hunter (UCW), Mike Murphy (Member-at-large)

Being a Licensed Lay Worship Leader is a bit like being Martha and Mary with a hint of Lazarus for good measure. I serve over 20 communities of faith. No two are alike, even sister churches of the same Pastoral Charge—in fact they maybe the ones least alike.

You can see the dilemma. One must be flexible enough to suit the values of the congregation, but firm enough in one's own faith, beliefs and core values so as not to be compromised.

Authenticity is a must.

So, like Martha, I try to be practical in what I pray; like Mary, to be prophetic enough in what I preach and like Lazarus I strive to bring something new to what was, even to things that may seem dead.

That is the life of an itinerant preacher.

Submitted by, Norma Wrightly, Licensed Lay Worship Leader





Mushroom Compost Sale

Saturday May 10, Saturday May 17
& Monday May 19 9-4pm

\$10 per bag

REAL Deal Store Parking lot
85 William St.
From May 21st onwards
Wednesday to Saturday 10am-5pm
while supplies last



Proceeds to the life and work of Trinity United Church

Narrative Budget 2025

Total Operational Expenses:

\$ 297,307

What does Trinity do with your gifts?

Our aim is making the Love, the Peace, and the Wisdom of God relevant and evident for all in our context as we are all representatives of Christ at this very moment.

We accompany and support each other through times of celebration and sorrow; offering resources for counseling and care to those facing crisis, transition and need.

We stand with our larger community, offering aid for body and soul.

We consider issues affecting our community and share resources in support of all.

Generous Giving, combined with love, energy and faith with your help allows us to continue to - Connect Inspire Serve God's People

Church Council - \$5,000

Council Coordinates, Communicates and Empowers the work of each Team and is responsible to the Community of Faith and the Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council (EOORC). Council consists of Team Chairs, Minister, Chair of Trustees, UCW President, EOORC Representative, Church Treasurer and Council Chair and Vice-Chair. Most of the Council's Budget is held in reserve as a Contingency Fund for unanticipated challenges or opportunities.

Christian Community - \$340

We are a caring community that includes those whom we see every week, those whose mobility is limited, those whose life is filled with joy and those who find themselves walking a difficult way.

Trinity supports Worship in Retirement Residences, home visits, Christmas and encouragement cards, Healing Pathway and the Annual Senior's Luncheon. We support one another as we walk with Christ.

This year, we hope to expand our visiting Team, update our phone records and purchase name tags to be visible to newcomers.

Spiritual Leadership - \$12,950

To "Inspire" includes Worship, Potluck & Praise, Music, Bible Study, Book Group, Sunday School and Youth Ministry. We support individual spiritual experiences inside and out through the Labyrinth in the backyard, Worship in the Sanctuary and Spiritual Mentorship in the Chapel and Parlour. Themed Worship Services weave the work of all Teams into our Pilgrims' journeys.

This year the United Church of Canada is celebrating its 100th Anniversary and Trinity plans to host Bethel United Church in a cluster church service on June 1st. The Region (EOORC) will be celebrating a Mass Service on June 15th at the EY Centre in Ottawa for all churches in the Region. Trinity has plans to take us there so we are part of this wonderful time in the history of this United Church of Canada.

Outreach & Social Justice - \$16,500

Outreach and Social Justice's focus for 2025 is on building bridges in the church, in our community and beyond by Raising Awareness, Raising Hope and Raising Funds, (Education, Advocacy and Action). We are committed to the welfare of and justice for the most vulnerable and to the earth. This includes, but is not limited to, "Affirm" initiatives, food and shelter insecurity and basic income to end poverty, indigenous reconciliation, and environmental stewardship. We host and support 2SLGBTQIA+ as we continue to be a safe place for inclusivity and gender equity.

Communications - \$6,145

The Communications Team at Trinity is responsible for church communications in the form our website, Facebook page, YouTube, newsletter and other forms of media as required. Several upgrades were made to microphones, wiring and other Audio-Visual equipment in 2024. Trinity UC, Smiths Falls Worship Services are aired on Cogeco Your TV in Smiths Falls and now in Brockville. (continues on next page)



We hope to expand the broadcast coverage into the Kingston area in the future. Your continuing generous financial support of the church means we can make investments into technology and the support personnel that allow us to bring Trinity into people's homes.

Property - \$39,500

Provides a safe, accessible and well-maintained facility for Church and Community use. Responsibilities include - Maintenance, Upkeep and Repair, Utilities, Inspections and Custodial Services.

Looking to 2025, there is one project that is being undertaken in 2025 ... the design, manufacture and installation of two (2) accessibility ramps into the gymnasium. The ramps are being designed to handle walkers, wheelchairs and electric-powered scooters. Works of Iron Inc (Brockville) is being engaged to manage the project.

Stewardship and Finance - \$500

Stewardship & Finance is responsible for management of God-given gifts of time, talent and treasure. We advise and educate the Community of Faith and its Leadership on policies and procedures that support good financial stewardship. We encourage giving to the work of the wider church at home and around the world through Mission & Service.

This year, we hope to renew and innovate much needed Fundraising Opportunities. We will be encouraging the use of United Church of Canada Pre-Authorized Remittance (PAR) program, a monthly way to donate to Trinity to provide stable, consistent cash flow to meet operating expenses.

Ministry and Personnel - \$173,547

We are responsible for supporting, overseeing, and supervising Ministry Personnel, lay staff and service providers. Salaries and benefits of Minister and Secretary plus remuneration for Music Director, Bookkeeper Media Editor, Tech Support and Custodial Services are assigned to this Team.

Trustees - \$100

The Board of Trustees has the legal (fiduciary) responsibility to hold and protect all congregational property in accordance with the "Property Rules" of the United Church of Canada. Areas of responsibility are - Standard of Care; Use of Facilities; Property Transactions; Inventories; Renovations; Maintenance and Repair; Insurance; Administration of Funds held in Trust; Investments; and Trinity's Legacy (Giving) Program.

Office/General Administration - \$42,725

Includes a variety of support functions that enable the Ministries of all Teams and Groups including day to day running of the Office. "The cost of doing business" is included here - United Church Assessment, Insurance, software, phone Bills, printing, computers and fundraising.

UCW

The UCW's mission is to love God; foster Christian commitment, faithfulness, and spirituality; and promote respect and love for all God's creation. Along with providing important networking and social bonding opportunities, the UCW has conducted Sunday services, raised significant amount of funds to support Trinity and made regular visits to friends in retirement and nursing homes to name a few.

We all recognize that United Church Women are the "hands and feet" of the church.

UCW is self supporting and represents one of the crucial Ministries of Trinity United Church.

COMMUNICATIONS TEAM

The Communications Team is responsible for this Newsletter as well as Facebook, the church website and the recording and distribution of our church services on YouTube and YourTV/Cogeco. We would invite anyone who would like to submit or share articles, news or an item of historical interest to the congregation to forward to Arlene Hunter at arlene_fraser@hotmail.com



The work of the church is carried out through the faithful and dedicated service of many, many individuals. The sharing of our talents and time is an expression of our faith. If you feel called to participate more fully in the life and work of Trinity, please reach out to any individual listed below or contact the church office for more information.

CHURCH COUNCIL 2025

Rev. Takouhi Demirdjian-Petro – Minister	Heather Quinn – Church Council Chairperson
Jan Montgomery - Treasurer	Bob Swan - Board of Trustees, Stewardship & Finance Chairperson
Arlene Hunter - Communication Chairperson	Carol Williams - Ministry & Personnel Chairperson
John Quinn - Property Team Chairperson	Patty Agnew - Outreach & Social Justice Chairperson
Norma Wrightly - Spiritual Leadership Chairperson	Betty Lou Kempt - United Church Women, President
Vacant – Secretary	

TEAMS AND GROUPS 2025

It is with appreciation that we acknowledge those whose names are not listed here but who serve on several Task Groups within the Council's Teams

Board of Trustees

Steven Blair
David Johnston
Stewart Graham – Advisor
Rev. Takouhi Demirdjian-Petro
Vacant – Vice-Chair
Vacant – Treasurer
Vacant - Secretary

Communication Team

Peter Au
Daisy Au
Mary Joynt – Secretary

Outreach/Social Justice Team

Norma Wrightly
Betty Lou Kempt
Brenda King
Peter Au
Heather Quinn
Kari Cunningham
Flora Riley
Mary Wright
Becky DeGroot
Diane Combdon

Property Team

Bob Swan
Cory Agnew
Mike Murphy
Diane Combdon – UCW
Klaas Van Der Meer-Custodian
Vacant - Secretary

Stewardship & Finance Team

Vacant – Secretary
Jan Montgomery - Treasurer
Joanne Hunter - (UCW Rep)
Mike Murphy
Regional Council Reps
Brenda King
Norma Wrightly

United Church Women

Becky DeGroot - Vice-President
Marilyn Devlin - Treasurer
Vacant – Secretary
Women of our Congregation
Ministry and Personnel Team
Lee Davidson
Becky DeGroot
David Johnston

Spiritual Leadership Team

Lee Davidson – Secretary
Betty Lou Kempt
Heather Quinn
Patty Agnew
Ann Marleau – UCW
Cathy Pickup – Sunday School
Kim McKenna – Sunday School
Vacant - Ushers
Rev. Takouhi Demirdjian-Petro (ex-officio)
Wendy Stokes-Earl (ex-officio)

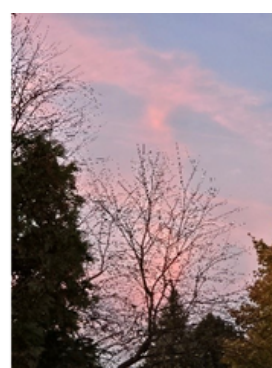
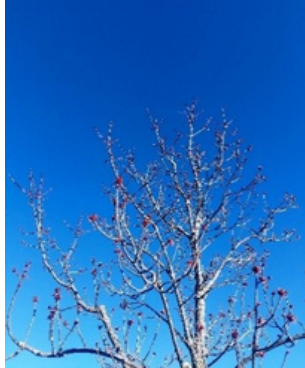
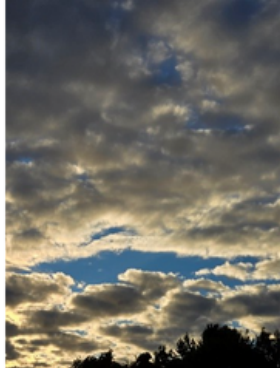
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Pot Luck & Praise

Join the Spiritual Leadership and Christian Community team every 3rd Tuesday of the month for a pot-luck supper and a short worship service. Starts at 6:00 pm. The coffee pot is always on.

Sunday School

Second & Last
Sunday of the
month



Rainbow 101

Second Friday of each
month 6pm - See
'Rainbow 101 Lanark' on
Facebook for location



Lanark Drum Circle

Last Sunday of
each month
1pm in the gym