



Trinity United Church

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February 1, 2026

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

Black History Month



† Trinity is Welcoming, Open, Inclusive, Accessible and an Affirming Congregation. *If you are a visitor or a newcomer to this Community of Faith, either in person or virtually, we extend a warm welcome. May you come in as a stranger but depart knowing you are part of the family. **Welcome Home!***

*(Remember to pass this bulletin to someone else
You never know how you will Bless them)*

WE GATHER AS UNITED PEOPLE AND STILL UNITING

Prelude - Musical Improvisation

(We prepare our hearts for worship)

Welcome

Birthdays & Celebrations

Land Acknowledgement



(Picture: Credit to Indigenous Ministries and Justice – The United Church of Canada)

Spiritual Focus

“God reveals God’s self to us most clearly and consistently at our **places of deepest need.**”

The Rev. Dr. David Lose



Lighting of the Christ Candle & Affirming Candle



Call to Worship (Responsive)

One: What does the Lord require of you,

All: to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with God.

One: Let us Celebrate God’s Justice, and Steadfast Love.

(We stand in body and/or spirit)

Hymn of Praise: Voices United #222

“Come, Let Us Sing”

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(Please be seated)



Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (All):

Almighty God,
we have asked for your righteous judgment
against others,
but we have not acknowledged the sin in our own lives. *Isa. 58:2*
We have worshiped you with our lips,
but have dishonored you with our actions.
We have prayed for you to end the suffering in our world,
yet we have not practiced compassion and generosity
toward others.
Our religion has become the source of quarreling
rather than a testimony to your grace. *Isa. 58:4*
Forgive our self-righteousness and give us integrity
of heart, that we may shine forth the light of your salvation,
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

WE SEEK WISDOM

Hymn of Illumination: More Voices #88

"Over My Head" (vv. 1 & 2)

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Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Reader: *Lee Davidson*



Gospel of Matthew 5:1-12

The Beatitudes

Reader: Here ends today's reading.

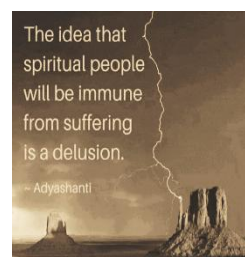
May God add understanding to our hearing.

All: Thanks be to God.

Ministry of Music

Life Lesson:

"Navigating Life's Challenges"



WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

(Please remain seated)

The Prayer Request Box is brought forward as we sing the next hymn.

Hymn of Assurance: More Voices # 91

"Cradle Me in Your Arms" (Repeat 4 X)

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Prayers of Hope and Healing

Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council's Prayer Cycle

We lift – **Église Unie St Marc - St
Marc United Church**

(473 Cumberland St Ottawa)



The Prayer that Jesus Taught His Followers (Spoken)

Your Generosity Matters (Mission Story) – Brenda King

The Heart of Winter

Invitation to Give as Able – Supporting God’s Ministries through our gifts, time and talent:

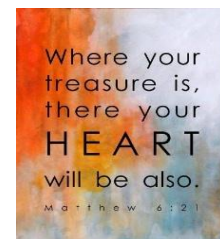
Like a spring whose waters never fail, *Isa. 58:11*

God calls us to share what we have received.

Let us offer ourselves and our gifts to God.

We give as able from the blessings we have received.

*The Offertory Plate is brought forward as we sing
the Offertory Song*



(Please stand in body and/or spirit)

Offertory Song: More Voices #187

“We Give Our Thanks” (English, French & English)

Words and music: traditional song. Botswana, as taught by Daisy Nsakazongwe; English paraphrase and transcription: I-to Loh; French trans. David Fines, 2006. Alternate English words: Andrew Donaldson.

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(Please remain standing)

Prayer of Thanksgiving & Dedication (All) *Matt. 5:1–12*

We thank you, God, that you have blessed us

with an abundance of gifts for the flourishing of your world.

May this offering of our life and labor reveal your love

as we seek to share your promised reign with all creation. Amen.

GOD SENDS US INTO THE WORLD AS EPIPHANY PEOPLE

Announcements: Community of Faith in Action

(Please stand as in body and/or Spirit)

Hymn of Going Forth: Voices United #288

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

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(Please Remain Standing)

Commissioning & Benediction

Choral Blessing:

Postlude: Musical Improvisations

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Announcements: Community of Faith in Action

† Trinity's building is **open 9:00 am to 1:00 pm, Monday through Thursday - (Closed on Statutory Holidays)**

✚ If you need to meet with Rev. Takouhi please contact her directly to make an appointment. Rev. Takouhi's schedule is fluid and changes in a moment's notice. She might be at Bible Study, then run off to Palliative Care Unit at any given hospitals or be in a Worship Planning Meeting or doing a Chapel Service at one of the four residences in and around Smiths Falls. So, please, e-mail her to make an appointment revtakouhi@terrautopia.ca or call her confidential home office phone number – 613-777-0880



+ **Trinity United Church** endeavours to be scent free environment for the well-being of ALL people. There are many who are sensitive to scent. Help us keep the air we share healthy for everyone.

+ **Your Financial Contributions in Support of God's Ministries:**
Thank you for your generosity.

There are many ways you can partner up with **God's Dream** for this world through **Trinity United Church** and help make a difference. You may share your **gifts, time and talent**.

If you choose to make a financial gift you may do:

- + by cheque. Deliver in Person or mail cheque to church office:
Trinity United Church - 41 Market St N, Smiths Falls, ON K7A 2E7
- + by E-transfers to **secretary@trinityunitedsf.ca**
- + by Credit Card through **CanadaHelps**.



<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/dn/28301> or scan this QR code:

+ by PAR (Pre-Authorized Remittance) Forms are available at the entrance of Sanctuary.

+ **Honour a loved one by helping to sponsor a bulletin**

We will be continuing the bulletin sponsorship throughout the year. There are forms on the table at the back of the church that you can complete, and include in your offering envelope or contact the office via email or in person with the details. In order to keep these affordable, multiple people may sponsor the same bulletin. The cost is \$20.00 per memory or celebration.

+ 2025 Tax Receipts

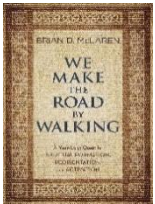
If you have not yet picked up your tax receipts, please do so today before you leave the sanctuary. They are located on the offering table. Any remaining after today, will be mailed out on Mon, day, Feb. 2nd.

+ Trinity's Monthly Food Bank Challenge for February

For the month of February, we will be collecting dry pasta and pasta sauce. Please check expiry dates. Your donations help fight food insecurity in our community. Thank you!

+ UCW Meeting – Monday, February 2nd – Gather at 9:00 for the meeting which will start at 9:30. *For those who also go to Chair Yoga, please note that it will be starting at 12 noon instead of 11 a.m.*

+ Wednesday mornings @ 10:00 – 11:30 a.m.

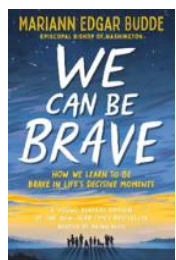


Bible Study February 4 - We explore Chapter: 20.

"We Make the Road by walking: A Year-Long Quest for Spiritual Formation, Reorientation, and Activation"
by, Brian McLaren.

+ Outreach and Social Justice Team Meeting – Wednesday, February 4th at 6 p.m. in the Upper Room. *If anyone is interested in serving on this committee and wonders what it is all about, please feel free to join us!!*

+ **V.I.B.E.** (*Venturing In Biblical Education*): **"We Can Be Brave: How We Learn to Be Brave in Life's Decisive Moments"** by **Mariann Edgar Budde**. With Study questions prepared by our own Moderator, **Rev. Dr. Kimberly Heath**. This will be a 7-week study group, starting Sunday, **Feb. 8, 1-2:30 p.m.** *If you are still interested to join, there is always room for more.*
Contact Rev. Takouhi: revtakouhi@terrautopia.ca



+ **Call to Serve as team members or Chair Persons for 2026/2027**

As of the annual congregation meeting in March, there are several committees looking for Team members and Chairpersons. Please prayerfully consider the various opportunities and talk to the individuals currently participating. The committees looking for Chair Persons are Outreach and Social Justice; Trustees; Stewardship and Treasurer.

+ **February 22, 2026 – First Sunday of Lent**, we will be welcoming new Full Members to this small but courageous Community of Faith. Are you interested to call Trinity United Church Your Spiritual Home Address? Contact Rev. Takouhi before **Feb. 8** – **revtakouhi@terrautopia.ca**

+ **Self-guided Lenten Study: February 18—April 2, 2026**

We will be placing a bulk order of the United Church of Canada's new Lenten Study Guide: **"Bless, Break, Share: Recipes for Faithful Living"** (2026). In this six-week series, join Rev. Christine Jerrett as she uses this United Church's new Devotional Book, to guide a time of reflection and discussion on food and hunger

throughout Lent. ***If you wish to purchase a copy, please, place your order with the church office at 613-283-4444 no later than February 8 to allow time for the books to be shipped.***

There is a 20% discount 5 and over and we have met that quota, so cost is now \$13.84 plus shipping and taxes. **Or** if you wish to join an on-line study with the Rev. Christine Jerrett, you must register for ChurchX at <http://churchx.ca> and sign up for the study. Please call the church office if you need assistance with this process. It will be held on **Tuesdays at 2:00 - 3:00 pm ET, February 24 - March 31, 2026.** The cost is \$39.00 and includes a downloadable PDF of the book.

Community Fundraising Season is here!

You will see the fundraising table outside the Sanctuary on Sunday Mornings before and after services.

Please donate, pledge, share and join us to raise funds for the following organizations:

1. On February 28th Rainbow 101 and Trinity Trotters will be bowling for **Big Brothers Big Sisters Bowl 4 Kids Sake**. Last year we had an absolute blast throwing the ball down the alley. They didn't always land in the gutter! Come join us and have a ball!



2. On March 7th Trinity Trotters and Rainbow 101 will be walking in Smiths Falls at 3:00pm for **Cornerstone Landings Coldest Night of the Year Walk**. The National Event is taking place in Carleton

Place on February 28th but we are going to walk in our own community instead. Cornerstone Landing is supporting 44 youths in Lanark County. They are supporting them with healthy food boxes, rent help, mental health support, transitional housing and many other services. Please take a moment to read the brochure on the fundraising table. We are walking for just a small amount of time in the cold, so hopefully we can help the youth in need stay warm, safe and healthy. Our help could be the stepping stone they need to stay alive!



*3. Also happening on March 7th from 11:00am to 1:30pm our very own **Sandy Rankin** will be Plunging into the water at Lower Reach Park as part of the **Polar Plunge Smiths Falls Police Services fundraiser for Special Olympics**. This will be Sandy's third year doing this plunge. Are you brave enough to plunge along side Sandy and freeze like a Popsicle for this very important cause.*



This Week at Trinity...

Monday, February 2 – Office UCW Chair Yoga	9 a.m. – 1 p.m. 9:30 a.m. (gather at 9 am) 12 noon to 1 p.m.
Tuesday, February 3 - Office	9 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Wednesday, February 4 – Office Bible Study – Chapter 20 Rosebridge Manor – Chapel	9 a.m. – 1p.m. 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. 2 p.m.
Thursday, February 5 – Office Van Horne Manor – Chapel	9 a.m. – 1 p.m. 2 p.m.
Friday, February 6	Office Closed
Saturday, February 7	Office Closed
Sunday, February 8 Worship: Fifth Sunday After Epiphany VIBE – Chapter One	Office Closed 10:30 a.m. 1 p.m.