

Trinity Presbyterian Church Weekly Newsletter

January 19, 2022

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE — JANUARY 23, 2022

Sermon – "Communion and Community – Part III" (Rev. Bob MacKenzie)

Scripture – Joel 2:28-29; Galatians 5:13-26

The Christian faith involves both communion with God in Christ through the Holy Spirit and living in community as God's own people. The Old Testament covenant between God and his chosen nation Israel included duties to both God and to one's covenant brother and sister, as the Ten Commandments make clear. The new covenant in Christ is based on our individual and corporate communion with Christ through the Spirit and calls on believers to love one another in community. We will look at what it means to abide in Christ and to love one another, which together make up a fruitful Christian life.

For the next several weeks, worship services will continue to be available by Zoom only. The link will be sent out from the Church Office on Thursday. A reminder that services are recorded and made available from Trinity's website.

The church will remain closed for in-person worship, as well as for events, until February 8. Session will continue to monitor the developing COVID situation and will reassess at their February meeting.

Grocery Cards: If you wish to place an order, please contact Marilyn O'Brien by the end of the day on **Sunday**, **January 23**.

Marilyn will be at the church on **Thursday, January 27** for the sale/pickup of the cards from 1:30 pm until 3:00 pm.

TRINITY'S CALENDAR

Friday, January 21

11:59 pm Annual Reports due to Marg Connelly

Sunday, January 23

10:00 am Worship Service (Zoom)

Tuesday, January 25

2:00 pm Pastoral Care Team Meeting (Zoom)

Thursday, January 27

1:30 pm Grocery Card Pickup

Sunday, February 27

post-service Trinity's Annual General Meeting (Zoom)

OUR COMMUNITY IN ACTION



Committee reports and other submissions for the 2021 Annual Report need to be submitted by Friday, January 21, 2022. Submissions can be sent to Marg Connelly and/or to Jennifer at the Church Office (info.trinity.kanata@gmail.com).

Trinity's Congregational Profile: Good news!!! We are now able to move on to the next step of advertising for a new minister. Last evening, the Presbytery of Ottawa approved our congregational profile. Our interim moderator, Chris Clarke, has sent it to the Presbyterian Church in Canada for it to advertise the vacancy. We thank the search committee for the excellent work done in preparing the profile. More information on next steps will be provided in next week's newsletter.



Jennifer will be working from home for the next few weeks. In the event of an emergency, contact the Church Office (613-836-1429), or Trinity's Clerk of Session, Marg Connelly.



Trinity's Annual General Meeting Sunday, February 27, 2022 after worship, via Zoom Mark your calendars!

Session is considering the possibility of hiring a student Minister for the months of May through August. One of the requirements for the hiring is that Trinity would need to provide room and board for the student. Accordingly, Session wonders whether members of the congregation would be willing to accommodate a student Minister for some or all of the four month period. Please advise Marg Connelly if you are able to assist.

DONATIONS, OFFERINGS & FINANCIAL UPDATE

Thank you for your continued generosity to Trinity. Donations can be made via eTransfer, credit card (via CanadaHelps – note that Trinity incurs a fee for this service), PAR donations, or cheque.

Offerings can be dropped off at the church when Marilyn O'Brien is selling grocery cards. For the month of January, that will be on Thursday, January 27 from 1:30 pm - 3:00 pm.

Please do <u>not</u> send cheques to the church by mail at the present time. The mailbox at the road is not very secure and we are unable to check it on a daily basis. If you choose to mail a cheque, please send it to Bob & Margaret Connelly's home address.

TRINITY MISSION ACTIVITIES



Every January for the last several years, a Trinity team has come together to provide frozen meals for the refugees residing at Matthew House. In the past, we have met together to use Trinity's fabulous kitchen, but COVID protocols led us to do it differently last year. People made casseroles, soups, or baking in their homes, and then dropped them off to a central location, where they were stored frozen and then delivered to Matthew House. We will do the same thing this year in order to be able to provide meals safely.

Matthew House is very appreciative of our meals, and the need is even greater this year because they, like other groups, are short-staffed. If you wish to participate in this ministry, please prepare a casserole (large family size, eg. 11" x 13" pan) or other meal, or baking and bring it to Susan Hahn's home by Sunday, February 6. The freezer is empty and waiting for your donation! One note: if you are making a meal, no pork please as they serve a number of Muslim clients.

Thanks for your help to serve those in need. If you have any questions, please contact Susan.

Trinity received a shout-out in the most recent OMNI Newsletter, for our participation in the 2021 Angel Tree program! Thanks to everyone in our congregation who provided gifts for the residents at Forest Hill. If you are interested in reading the article, it is available at the following link: https://omniway.ca/all-forest-hill-residents-had-gifts-to-open-christmas-day-thanks-to-annual-initiative/

CONNECTING WITH THE BROADER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The January edition of the Animator's Newsletter for the Presbytery of Ottawa can be found here. Recently released, the January newsletter for Youth Leaders and Sunday School Teachers is accessible here.

The January 2022 Edition of PC Connect is available here.

Presbyterian College, Montreal is offering an online course – "The Bible for Doubters". The 8-week course (held weekly at 7:00 pm) begins on Thursday, February 3. More information is available at: https://www.presbyteriancollege.ca/2022/01/06/open-online-courses/

OTTAWA PASTORAL CARE TRAINING PROGRAM

Ottawa Pastoral Care Training Program will once again be offering courses and events this spring, all of which will be delivered on Zoom.

The **Basic Pastoral Care Course** will run for nine weeks and begins in March. Participants can choose between an afternoon session or an evening session. Registration is required by March 10.

OPCTP's Spring 2022 Continuing Education Event will be held on April 5, 2022. Linda LeDuc will give a presentation on **Exploring Dementia**. Registration for this evening event is required by March 28.

For more information, including dates, times, course outlines, and registration fees, please visit https://ottawapastoralcare.com or contact Terri Skuce (ottawapastoralcare@gmail.com).