

Trinity Presbyterian Church Weekly Newsletter

May 3, 2023

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE - MAY 7, 2023

Sermon – "Amazed by Creation" (Pastor Dave Whitecross) Scripture – <u>Psalm 19:1-6; Romans 1:18-25</u>

Trinity's sanctuary is open for in-person worship. Our service continues to be available virtually for those who are unable or uncomfortable to attend in person. Our services will be available via YouTube (and no longer via Zoom). Go to <u>https://bit.ly/3u7717U</u> to join Sunday's service at 10 AM (and also to access past services).

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Dave's regular office hours will be 9 AM - 12 Noon, Tuesday to Friday. Jennifer will be in the church office from 9 AM - 3 PM on Thursdays.



It's that time of year ... time to prepare our beautiful flower gardens for the summer season and to clean up the property! We will begin at 9:00 am on Saturday, May 6 and will be finished by 12 Noon.

Please consider helping if you can and come and enjoy the fellowship of working together outside. CINNAMON BUNS and coffee will be provided. Kindly let Bob Connelly know if you are able to attend.

TRINITY'S CALENDAR

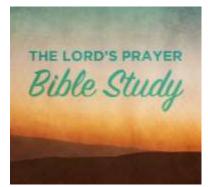
Wednesday, May 3
10:00 am Walking Group (499 Terry Fox Drive, Kanata)
7:15 pm Bible Study (Room 4/5)
Thursday, May 4
6:30 pm Choir Practice
Saturday, May 6
9:00 am Spring Garden Clean Up
Sunday, May 7
10:00 am Worship Service (in person & YouTube) & Sunday School for children
Thursday, May 11
7:30 pm New Member Classes (Room 4/5)

OUR COMMUNITY IN ACTION

The loose offering collected this week will go to Health Teams International.



Muriel Laughton will share more on Sunday morning about her upcoming trip to Egypt with Health Teams International.



Come and join us for Bible study on "The Lord's Prayer"! It will be held at the church on Wednesdays from 7:15 pm - 8:45 pm. As usual, all are welcome; no previous experience required. Come for education, inspiration, and good times. Refreshments provided.

A reminder that Hospice Care Ottawa will be holding their Tuesday and Wednesday day hospice programs at Trinity for the next several weeks while the 110 McCurdy site is undergoing renovations.

JOIN THE TRINITY CHURCH FAMILY



Here is your chance to become a member of the Trinity Church family of Faith. Maybe you were an active member of another church years ago, but that membership has lapsed in time gone by. Maybe you are already a member of another church somewhere else, but now you want to make Trinity Church your spiritual home. Maybe you have never been a member of a church before, and now you want to make a step in faith, answer God's call, and join the family of God at Trinity. Either way, we are glad to welcome you into the Trinity family with open arms, and with the love of Christ on Pentecost Sunday - May 28, 2023!

To help potential new members discover and decide about Church membership, three membership preparation classes will be held to discuss the basics of our Christian faith, what Presbyterianism is all about, what's involved in membership, and what it means to participate in a worldwide transformational movement which will usher in the dawn of a new heaven and a new earth! Pretty exciting stuff!

Membership Preparation Classes will be held at the church from 7:30 pm to 8:30 pm Thursdays - May 11, May 18, and May 25

Please call Jennifer in the Church Office (613-836-1429) or Pastor Dave (519-843-1505) if you would like to join. This is a great time to learn some new things about your faith, ask any questions on your mind, meet fellow Christians making the same bold step in faith, and have many laughs together! Refreshments provided!

TRINITY CHURCH PHOTO DIRECTORY 2023

Trinity Church is going with a new way for its membership to connect with each other through a new, on-line Church Photo Directory. This will enable everyone in the Church to learn who everyone else is by picture and name, and connect with each other easily by email, phone, or visit. This on-line program allows instantaneous updates of family pictures and contact info to our Church Photo Directory so that the directory is never out of date again. (Our last Church Photo Directory, which is still in use, is from 2015.)

Instant Church directory allows members to submit their own favourite digital or hardcopy family photos so there is no need to arrange for a professional photographer to take expensive family portraits anymore. You pick the picture people know you by, and you can change it for a better one whenever you like!

Instant Church Directory is password protected, and administered by our church office administrator. **Only** those people in the directory can get a password and view the directory from their computer or their cell phone. There is also a feature that allows printing of a complete Photo Directory for people without computer access. There is <u>no charge</u> to individuals for this resource. Trinity Church pays a minimal fee of \$10 a month for the entire congregation.

Although Instant Church Directory is a secure, password protected, and Trinity Church administered website, it does involves posting photos and contact info on-line, and so **if you wish to opt out** of placing your photo and/or your contact info in the Church Photo Directory, please let Jennifer in the Church office know on or before May 31. You can add, update, or remove your family photo and contact info anytime. There will be a demonstration of this on-line Church Photo Directory in the narthex of the church after worship for the next few Sundays. Come and check it out!



As you look out at your gardens you are no doubt surprised at how quickly perennials are pushing their way up into the spring sun. Spring is such a busy time and there's no time to waste for splitting up those extra plants. We desperately need everyone's support if our plant sale is to be successful. June 10 is just around the corner!

As soon as possible, please bring any extra pots (or other suitable containers) of all sizes to share with others (or plant them up, too). Drop off is at Trinity's back door (big plastic tub). If you have plants to share but no pots, please take what you need. Labelling would be so appreciated!

Note - we are just taking empty pots at this point due to limited storage space. We will keep you advised each week of latest news and also provide useful garden tips and chatter.

Tip #1: Kanata is considered zone 5, meaning we expect/hope the last frost to be over by May 24. Sometimes that works; sometimes it doesn't. A late frost warning can send gardeners scrambling to cover up those delicate annuals or bringing their basil inside for a few more days. Zones can be a bit flexible, too and can be influenced by wind breaks like fences and hedges, totally sunny spots or extra hardy seeds/plants. Good record keeping helps combat Mother Nature but it is usually a losing battle! However, it can be fun trying and may just give you boasting rights for having produced the earliest tomatoes or the treat of the family's traditional freshly picked yellow bean soup a week early. What's your spring garden's favourite treat? Rhubarb, fresh green onions, ...

Any queries this week - call Bette Maidment or any Decorating Team member. We need your support! and your pots! and your Plants! So, don't forget to drop off those pots, ready your donations and think spring, declutter, recycle, and renew. Next week's tips - some organic suggestions for battling garden pests. Also if you have a favourite, well tried gardening tip, please share by sending to Bette Maidment and we'll share with congregation.



Trinity Presbyterian Church Saturday, June 10

Refer to the following list for items we are seeking:

- Linens: Bedroom/Dining Room/Kitchen (sizes marked)
- Bathroom
- Entertainment: Movies/Videos/Records/Puzzles/Games/CDs
- Jewelry
- Home Décor: Artwork/Frames/Lamps/Decorative Items
- Musical Instruments
- Luggage: Suitcases/Briefcases
- Sporting Equipment: Bikes/Exercise Equipment/Hockey/Curling
- Furniture
- Crafting
- Outdoor: Garden Décor/Lawn Furniture/Plants
- Holiday Corner: Christmas/Easter/Halloween
- China: Dishes/Ornaments (NO chipped or cracked items)
- Books: Paperbacks/Children's Books (NO textbooks, encyclopedias, hardcover or magazines)
- Children's Corner: Dress up Clothes/Toys/Games
- Clothing: Women's/Men's/Children's/Baby (sizes marked)
- Shoes
 - Purses
 - Tools
 - Hardware
 - Pet Stuff

Items need to be clean and in good shape. More information will follow in the coming weeks!

DONATIONS, OFFERINGS & FINANCIAL UPDATE

Thank you for your continued generosity to Trinity. Session has decided to resume collecting offerings during the Sunday morning service by passing the collection plates. It is understood that many will still prefer to make their donations via eTransfer, credit card (via CanadaHelps – note that Trinity incurs a fee for this service), PAR donations, or cheque.

Offerings can still be dropped off at the church when grocery cards are being sold, and they will be counted by Marilyn O'Brien and Terry Bishop. For the month of May, that will be on Thursday, May 25 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.

BEYOND TRINITY



Kanata United Church's Book Drop is now OPEN! Books can be dropped off until April 24 (33 Leacock Drive, Kanata). Annual Book Fair on May 3 - 6, 2023. Volunteers welcome; contact <u>books@kuc.ca</u> for details.

URBAN CHRISTIAN OUTREACH 30th Anniversary Celebration Service & Luncheon

You are invited to join us on Saturday, May 6 at 11:00 am in the basement chapel of St. Peter & St. Paul's Anglican Church (152 Metcalfe Street, Ottawa. Please RSVP to 613-233-6633.

TRINITY'S COVID PROTOCOLS

COVID Protocols Lifted

Masks are welcome, but not mandatory. Proof of vaccination is no longer required.

For those who are **uncomfortable or unable** to attend church in person, the service will continue to be offered virtually.

If you are unwell, please stay home and connect to the service virtually. Coffee and a time of fellowship will be available after the service.