Trinity Presbyterian Church
Weekly Newsletter

October 28, 2026

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE – NOVEMBER 1, 2026

Sermon – "Life is Not About You - Purpose" (Pastor Dave Whitecross)
Scripture – Colossians 1:16-20; Jeremiah 29:10-15

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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, Tuesday to Thursday.

For all pastoral care needs, please do not hesitate to reach out to:

Pastor Dave Whitecross (519-843-1505; davewhitecross@hotmail.com),
Mattie Montgomery,
or
Muriel Laughton.

If you would appreciate home cooked meals during an illness or a ride to an appointment, please reach out to Sheila Brady.

If you would like prayers said for you, your family, or a friend, please reach out to our Prayer Team coordinator, Jean Gallant.

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ends this weekend!

Remember to turn your clock back one hour before you go to bed on Saturday!

TRINITY'S CALENDAR

Wednesday, October 28
10:00 am Walking Group
7:15 pm Bible Study (Trinity Nursery)

Thursday, October 29
1:00 pm Grocery card pickup at the church
6:30 pm Music Team Rehearsal

Saturday, October 31
8:30 am Session Retreat at Trinity

Sunday, November 1
10:00 am All Saints' Sunday Worship Service

Monday, November 2
7:00 pm Trinity Hilltop Ringers Rehearsal

Tuesday, November 3
1:30 pm Chair Yoga

On Sunday, we will reflect and give thanks for those people in our lives who were pillars of faith and love, and who have passed away.

You are invited to bring a picture (in a self-standing frame) of a loved one (or a few) from your own life whom you would like to remember and give thanks for.

OUR COMMUNITY IN ACTION

Sunday will be the first Sunday of the month, so please remember to bring your loose offering!

Loose offering collected at Sunday's service will go to support **Ottawa Furniture Bank (Matthew House).** By donating to the Furniture Bank, we are giving the gift of dignity, comfort, and home. Over 25,000 individuals and families in our community are facing life without basic furniture. A bed is more than just a place to sleep - it is a foundation for security, well-being, and growth. Our financial support empowers the Furniture Bank to transform empty, cold spaces into welcoming homes.

Did you order grocery cards this month?
Heather will be at the church tomorrow – Thursday, October 29 – for the sale/pickup of the cards between 1:00 pm and 2:30 pm.

Join us for our weekly Wednesday Bible study!
We meet Wednesday evenings from 7:15 pm – 8:45 pm at the church.
Come to discuss and learn, as well as to enjoy fellowship and tasty treats!

Discovery Bible Study

Wednesdays 7:15 pm - 8:45 pm
at the Church

"The Parables of Jesus"
starting November 4

Everyone Welcome!
(No previous experience required.)

Good fellowship, great discussions,
lots of laughs, and tasty refreshments.
Come learn, discuss, listen, share, and grow!

The call for nominations for Elders for the next term (2027-2033) has formally been announced! Eldership is for life, but those elected will serve a six-year term of active service on Session. Please prayerfully consider whom you could nominate.

Details and nomination forms have been sent out from the Church Office, and paper copies are available at the Church. Nomination period closes on Sunday, November 8, 2026.

Don't let November get you down! Join us for Chair Yoga!

Next session begins Tuesday, November 3, 2026 at 1:30 pm for six weeks. Please contact Marilyn Harris for more details.

Anniversary Potluck Lunch

We're celebrating our 49th anniversary with a potluck lunch following the worship service on Sunday, November 15. Don't fuss too much … bring a favourite dish to share and come and enjoy the fellowship!

Do you have material to project during the worship service? Photos, announcements, etc. must be sent to the office by 12 Noon on Thursday. If you will have photos from an activity that takes place Thursday - Saturday, arrangements need to be made in advance to have them included in the Sunday service.

ZERO A.D. As the season of Advent approaches, a new movie about the birth of Christ is being released December 11. As of now, the only dates confirmed for Landmark KANATA are December 11-15, although it looks like it will be there and elsewhere in Ottawa right up until Christmas. The trailer and additional information can be viewed at Zero A.D.: The Birth of Christ Tickets & Showtimes | Angel. Muriel and Brian Laughton are thinking of going December 11 or 13 and invite others to consider joining them to make this a Trinity event.

Trinity's Holly Berry Bazaar Saturday, November 21

The countdown is on … it's now less than one month to go until our 2026 Holly Berry Bazaar!

We have begun collecting puzzles, toys, jewellery, and "collectibles" … but there's still time to bring in more contributions! Please drop off items in Room 3.

The Great Trinity Shortbread Showdown

Hello bakers! It's that most *marvellous* time of year again when butter reigns supreme, sugar sparkles like morning dew, and flour dusts the air like a winter's snow. It's time for **Trinity's 2nd Annual Shortbread Cookie Contest!**

The challenge is simple in name but difficult in practice – create the perfect shortbread. Your cookies can be classic rounds, pressed with intricate patterns, or daringly flavoured with a modern twist, as long as it's your favourite.

Once again, the contest will take place at the **Holly Berry Bazaar on Saturday, November 21, 2026**.

Please bring a minimum of six cookies for tasting to the Trinity Kitchen before 10:00 am on Bazaar Day.

For any further information, please contact Heather Caughey.

So butter up those pans and steady your nerves — it's time to channel your inner Mary Berry and prove that at Trinity, the real star baker could be **you!**

Sweet accessories, new home

Please gather together your forgotten fave earrings, dramatic necklace, unique leather purse, or ruby red silk scarf and let us find a new home for your sweet treasures at the Trinity bazaar on Saturday November 21.

Call or email Sheila Brady if you need more guidance.

All donations warmly welcomed.

Shoppers too.

Can you pitch in to help us?

We will need lots of helpers – not only on the day of the bazaar, but also in the days leading up to the bazaar.

If you are interested in helping us to make the day a grand success, please add your name to the sign up sheet in the Sign Up Binder!

DONATIONS, OFFERINGS & FINANCIAL UPDATE

Thank you for your continued generosity to Trinity. Collection plates are passed during the Sunday morning worship service, although many may still prefer to make their donations via eTransfer (sent to info.trinity.kanata@gmail.com), credit card (via CanadaHelps – note that Trinity incurs a fee for this service), PAR donations, or cheque.

Trinity Financial Update as of September 30, 2026

This is a summary of the financial update presented to the congregation on October 25. Trinity continues to be blessed with generous donations allowing us to continue God's work in our congregation and community.

Operations budget: The $347,549 annual budget was approved at our March annual general meeting. At the end of September, we had a deficit of about $7,000, due to unexpected repairs to the foyer window, classroom furnace and the purchase of a new iron-removal unit for our water treatment system. Without these costs, we would have broken even. We hope to eliminate the deficit by year-end.

Paid in Full Campaign: This anniversary project began in 2024 to raise $50,000 so that the remainder of the loan for the church construction can be repaid by the end of 2028. So far this year we raised $6,300 for a total of $32,000 since 2024. We are more than halfway to meeting our target!!

Presbyterians Sharing: We have received $16,000 to date which is about $1,400 above our budget. The budget is 70% of the amount recommended by the Presbyterian Church in Canada.

Benevolent Fund: The fund has received approximately $14,000, primarily to support Jossel Mpiana, and currently has a balance of about $6,000.

Our worship services continue to be available virtually (via YouTube) for those who are unable or uncomfortable to attend in person. To join Sunday's service at 10 AM (and also to access past services), go to https://bit.ly/3u7717U.

If you have issues with the livestream on a Sunday morning, please check the YouTube chat to see if we are experiencing technical difficulties. If we are, we will aim to have a recording of the service posted as soon as possible, so please check back later in the week.