

EVENTS & NEWS ~ February 1, 2024



TRINITY CHOIR rehearses weekly at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesdays - please consider becoming part of our Lenten and Holy Week Choir. It is a very special time to sing as we journey the path through Lent into Passion Week and to celebrate Easter. Consider starting on February 21st and continuing until Easter Sunday - March 31st and share your voice with us and sing to God's glory. It's a short commitment but oh, the joy you will feel from singing in a choir. The benefits are huge!

CONTEMPORARY CHOIR - rehearsals Feb 7th, Feb 14th (to be confirmed) and Feb 21st, and March 3rd. Contemporary Choir will lead music in worship on February 18th and March 3rd.

HANDBELL CHOIR - rehearsals on Feb 7th, Feb 21st and will play in service on Feb 11 and 25th.

PLAY AND SING IN OUR SONG CIRCLE:- This is an invitation to those who play guitar, ukulele, fiddle, accordion or sing and want an opportunity to join a group in fellowship and fun to create music. We will meet after **February 11th** after Sunday service on the sanctuary platform. There are no set parameters or plans - let's just see where we are led by the Holy Spirit as we gather together in song and make music together for fun and worship.

FEED MY SHEEP: We host on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of the month. (next ones - **February 10th** and 24th)

UCW ANNUAL & MONTHLY MEETING: Will be held 1pm, Tuesday, **February 13th** in the parlour. Following the meeting, the Rev. Dr. Andrew Richardson will be speaking about MAID and the United Church. This will be at 2pm in the parlour. All are welcome to join in this discussion.

SHROVE TUESDAY: We will be offering pancakes for Shrove Tuesday on **February 13th** in the auditorium from 4:00pm to 6pm. We are asking for support with donations of pancake mix and "regular" pancake syrup. They can be dropped off prior to the 13th to the church office, please and thank-you.

ASH WEDNESDAY: Please join us on Wednesday, **February 14th** at 6:30pm for our Ash Wednesday service in the sanctuary. This will be an in-person service only.

TURKEY DINNER: Our next (community meal) turkey dinner will be **February 17th**. Volunteers needed on the afternoon of 16th and on the afternoon of the 17th. The dinners are for shut-ins and people in need.

COFFEE & CONVERSATION after church on Sunday, **February 18**. The Trinity Pastoral Care Team and Choir invite the congregation to the auditorium after service for fellowship, coffee and tea. (CNOY Team Walking Robins (Trinity UCC Summerside) will also offer a give what you can bake sale fundraiser.)

TRINITY WOMEN'S MONTHLY LUNCH will be held on Tuesday, **February 20th** at 11:30am at the West End Bar & Grill at Credit Union Place. All ladies welcome.

COLDEST NIGHT OF THE YEAR FUNDRAISER: The Walking Robins (Trinity UCC Summerside) are back with a 2024 Team for CNOY Summerside. Again we are walking in the Coldest Night of the Year walk (**February 24**) for LifeHouse Summerside (a transitional house and shelter for women and children). As a Team we are walking in the memory of The Rev. John Wilson who was a wonderful supporter and advocate for outreach. Our Team includes: Peggy Miles, Hannah Collicutt, Sharon Moyse, Joyce Hazard, Kevin Barbour, Jeremy MacWilliams, Olivia Richardson, Louise Elder, Suzanne Croken and Team Captain Rev. Rachel. Donations to support our team can be dropped off at the Trinity Church Office Monday to Friday 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. or speak directly to a Team member and they will happily accept your donation for our Team. You can also click on this link and donate easily online: [Team The Walking Robins](#) (Trinity UCC Summerside)

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER: The Summerside Presbyterian Church will be hosting this year on **March 1st**, at 11:00am. Lunch will follow. Storm date: Friday March 7 at 11 a.m. All are welcome.

BAPTISM SUNDAY: Looking ahead, our next baptismal date will be Palm Sunday, **March 24th**. Please have your requests in before March 10th.

APPRECIATION STATION: You are invited to interact with the Trinity Appreciation Station, found at the main entrance on Sunday mornings, or in the auditorium during special events. You can take a note for yourself, to give to someone in the community, or perhaps to the person sitting next to you at church. You can also WRITE a note to leave for someone else to let them know they are appreciated. Theme ideas include 'words of wisdom', bible passages, skill sharing or jokes. This time of year also allows for notes themed around Valentine's Day, Lent and Easter.

COMMUNION: Our next communion service will be on **Easter Sunday, March 31st**. The Worship Team is looking to build a list of persons available to assist with Holy Communion 4 times a year, either: a) assisting with preparation and set setup for service; b) assisting with serving of elements; or c) clean up and return elements for storage. Training will be provided. If interested, please contact Nancy Small (Smallnancy61@gmail.com) or leave contact information at the church office.

BENEVOLENT FUND: A benevolent fund is a fund to help those in need in a timely way. With your help Rev. Rachel is able to quickly respond to someone in need. Donations to the Benevolent Fund make a first hand difference and can be placed in the little wooden church on the Welcome Table. Alternatively, you can indicate Benevolent Fund on your envelope or make a special contribution at the office during regular hours. Thank you.

BOARDROOM RENOVATIONS: FYI, renovations are to take place throughout the month of April. Any groups that normally would book this room, please contact Joyce in the office to make alternate arrangements. 902-436-3155 or admin@trinitysummerside.ca

BOTTLES/CANS FUNDRAISER: Your dropped off recyclables earned **\$529.20** for the food box program in 2023! Drop off your bottles and cans to Don's Bottle Exchange and let them know that it's on behalf of Trinity United Church. They take care of the rest! Thank you for supporting our food box campaign in this way.

CONTACT INFORMATION: If you have moved or changed your email/phone number please update the church office to stay connected. Please call 902-436-3155 or email admin@trinitysummerside.ca

DR. C. DUANE MOLLINS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP: Applications for those students graduating grade 12 this year are now available by contacting the church office or emailing admin@trinitysummerside.ca. Please see our regular church bulletins in February for more details but note that the deadline for applications in 2024 will be March 22nd by 3pm.

FOOD BOXES: The items we are looking for are posted on our website and Facebook page. You can drop off your items anytime at the office or on Sunday Mornings. We are also looking for donations of reusable shopping bags and unsoiled egg cartons. Thank you. If you are planning ahead, the next Food Box Blitz will be Saturday, March 30th.

HOME VISITS: If you would like a home visit from Rev. Rachel and have not received one yet, please contact our church office at 902-436-3155 or email Rev. Rachel at rachel@trinitysummerside.ca or put your name and phone number in the Visitation Book at the back of the sanctuary.

HOSPITAL VISITATION: Please call the office 902-436-3155 to notify us of a loved one who might be in hospital. Be sure to indicate your association with Trinity United Church Summerside with hospital personnel to ensure our clergy are updated.

JUNIOR CHURCH & JUNIOR YOUTH GROUP Sunday programming for ages 3 to 15. Come to church with your grown-up and head to the auditorium after the children's hymn. For info please contact hannah@trinitysummerside.ca

SILVERTONES: Ladies, do you like to sing? Come join the Silvertones on Thursday afternoons from 1-3 P.M. in the sanctuary. We sing a variety of music styles, we share our love of music and we have fun while learning under the direction of Christa McDougall. If interested, please contact Bev Cornish (902) 436-6374

TRANSFER OF MEMBERSHIP: If you would like to transfer your membership to Trinity United Church Summerside please call our church office at 902-436-3155 and we will help you with that process.

TRINITY Café with Rev. Rachel (a weekly study and social group) We meet Thursdays for 1 hour from 9:30 a.m. till 10:30 a.m. in the sanctuary. No previous biblical knowledge required. Various themes explored.

ZOOMING THE LECTIONARY Every Thursday from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. The lectionary study will take place in the sanctuary and on zoom. Come as we explore the scripture for the upcoming Sunday. No previous Bible knowledge needed. We will learn and grow in wisdom together.

***** MARCH EVENTS:** Please advise Joyce in the office by calling 902-436-3155 or send an email to admin@trinitysummerside.ca if you have an event for the next takeaway sheet. (by February 23)***