

# EVENTS & NEWS ~ January 7th

**CULTURE SUMMERSIDE** invites the public to view its seasonal exhibit "Christmas Trees through the Ages" from **January 8-12** from 9-5 at the Lefurgey Cultural Centre located at 205 Prince Street.

**TRINITY CHOIR:** begins **January 10** at 7:00 pm. All singers invited to come and share their talents. We would love to have more choristers!

**FEED MY SHEEP:** We host on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of the month. (next ones - **January 13<sup>th</sup>** and **27<sup>th</sup>**)

**JUNIOR CHURCH** Come to church with your grown-up and we'll let you know when to head to the auditorium. We start up again on **January 14<sup>th</sup>**. Hannah is still seeking volunteers if you can assist in this ministry.

**JUNIOR YOUTH GROUP** For those in grade 6 to age 15 years. Come to church with your grown-up, we'll let you know when to head to the Upper Room. We meet again on **January 14<sup>th</sup>**.

**COVENANTING** during the service on **January 14** with the Trinity Choir

**TRINITY WOMEN'S MONTHLY LUNCH** will be held on Tuesday, **January 16<sup>th</sup>** at 11:30am. (location to be determined) All ladies welcome.

**HANDBELL CHOIR:** begins **January 17** at 5:45pm in the sanctuary

**TURKEY DINNER:** Our next turkey dinner will be **January 20<sup>th</sup>**. Volunteers needed on the afternoon of 19<sup>th</sup> and on the afternoon of the 20<sup>th</sup>. The dinners are for shut-ins and people in need. However, a few turkey dinners are available for a \$20 donation and can be arranged in the office.

**COFFEE & CONVERSATION** after church on Sunday, **January 21**. The Trinity Pastoral Care Team invites the congregation to the auditorium after service for fellowship, coffee or tea and a few sweets as we celebrate the winter season.

**BIRDSONG FEATURING SIRENS (Concert) January 21**, 2:30 pm in our sanctuary. Amidst the countless species of birds, each one is a masterpiece of nature's creativity, showcasing the boundless diversity and uniqueness that enriches our planet's tapestry of life. Join Sirens in *Birdsong* as they perform selections from *The Lost Words: A Spell Book*, a choral project featuring compositions by 10 Canadian composers who set poems from Robert Macfarlane and Jackie Morris' bestselling book of the same title. Tickets can be purchased on [sirenschoir.com](http://sirenschoir.com).

**USHERING:** The Worship team is looking to build a list of persons to act as head usher for in-person worship services. If you are interested or have questions, please contact Nancy Small, Bill Martin or leave contact information with church office on or before **January 25**.

**COMMUNION:** Our next communion service will be on **January 28**. 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](mailto:Smallnancy61@gmail.com)) or leave contact information at the church office on or before **January 25**.

**KITCHEN ORIENTATION:** Our church kitchen is an important part of Trinity life, allowing food and fellowship to be shared with our congregation, community members and visitors. Are you interested in being a Trinity Kitchen Volunteer? A Kitchen Orientation session will be held on Saturday, **January 27** from 10:30 - 12 noon in the kitchen. This is open to current volunteers and potential new volunteers. See how the facility operates and learn how to use the various appliances. We look forward to adding new folks to our team of volunteers to assist in church activities and outreach. This could include coffee & conversation after church, Feed My Sheep Breakfast Program, funeral receptions and special events such as Pancake Supper, Easter Sunrise breakfast, turkey dinners. There are opportunities for all schedules. Please register with the church office at 902-436-3155 or to [admin@trinitysummerside.ca](mailto:admin@trinitysummerside.ca).

**ANNUAL REPORT DEADLINE:** It's that time of year again where chairs of Teams and groups send in reports of their activities for the year to be used to prepare the 2023 Annual Report! Please forward your report to Joyce by **January 31**, 2024. [admin@trinitysummerside.ca](mailto:admin@trinitysummerside.ca) Please use WORD format, thank you!

**BAPTISM SUNDAY:** Looking ahead, the next one will be Palm Sunday, **March 24<sup>th</sup>**. Please have your requests in before March 10<sup>th</sup>.

**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, renos 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](mailto:admin@trinitysummerside.ca)

**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](mailto:admin@trinitysummerside.ca)

**INITIAL HOME VISITS:** Has Rev. Rachel visited you at your home yet? If you would like a visit, please put your name and contact number in the fall visits book in the welcome centre of the church or call the office at 902-436-3155 and request a visit.

**FOOD BOXES:** We gave out 328 food boxes and approximately 30 lunch bags in 2023! The need will remain great in 2024. 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.

**FORKS!** The kitchen at Trinity is very low on dinner forks! If you have some that you would be able to donate, we would certainly appreciate it!

**GRIEF SUPPORT:** Are you experiencing grief and looking for support? Contact the Grief Support Coordinator at Hospice PEI to receive grief support or make a referral. Hospice PEI offers an eight week structured, face-to-face grief support group in Summerside. Groups are small and cover emotional well-being and grief education and will build coping and adapting skills in a safe and nurturing environment). Hospice PEI also offers online and telephone grief support. Visit [www.hospicepei.ca](http://www.hospicepei.ca), call 902-330-3857 or email [griefsupport@hospicepei.ca](mailto:griefsupport@hospicepei.ca).

**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.

**REBEKAH, THE VALLEY OF HOPE:** Sharon Moyse has several copies of this Book 2 in the Women from the Bible series by Betty Radford Turcott. Please see Sharon if you would like a copy, \$22.

**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 you are interested in joining us, 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. Bring your tea/coffee. Resumes January 18th.

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY** The Salvation Army In-person lunch program hopes to put together groups of 5-6 volunteers from each church who could commit to one day per week for an entire month. This commitment would be from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm. Individuals interested in volunteering can contact the Salvation Army via [e-mail: Elaine.Brave@salvationarmy.ca](mailto:Elaine.Brave@salvationarmy.ca). Mention you are from Trinity. If our church does not have the 5 or 6 volunteers to form a team, you can still volunteer and you will be placed on a team.

**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. Resumes January 18th.

\*\*\* **FEBRUARY EVENTS:** Please advise Joyce in the office by calling 902-436-3155 or send an email to [admin@trinitysummerside.ca](mailto:admin@trinitysummerside.ca) if you have an event for the next takeaway sheet. (by January 29)\*\*\*

**SPONSOR OPPORTUNITY!** Coldest Night of the Year (Summerside Walk for LifeHouse Shelter) will be held February 24th and Team *"the walking robins"* (the Trinity staff plus Jeremy!) are participating under Rev Rachel (Team Captain). We certainly would appreciate your support in raising funds for this cause. You can find us on [cnoy.org/home](http://cnoy.org/home). Thank you in advance!