

**Trinity United Church Huntsville ON
Congregational Meeting Agenda
Sunday, November 3, 2024**

1. Motion 1:

That all persons in attendance be granted voting privileges.

2. Motion 2:

That the Agenda as presented be approved.

3. New Main Street Signage for Trinity United Church

- Intro – Lynda/Len
- Costs/coverage - Will
- Questions/comments



Motion 3:

That the congregation support the purchase of a new digital electronic sign for Trinity's Main Street.

4. Adjourned

Minister: The Rev. Diane Knowles
Pastoral Care Coordinator: Judy White
Director of Music: Kyung-A Lee
Church Administrator: Suzy Simson
Custodian: Judy Hall

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Welcome to Trinity

All Saints Sunday
November 3rd, 2024
10 am

“Loving Hearts ... Open Minds ... Serving Hands”

“A saint is someone who shows us the love of God in action.”

WE GATHER AS GOD’S PEOPLE

Prelude: Kyung-A Lee

Introit (new): *“Love will be my guide”* (Scott Kearns)

In what I do,
in where I go,
through all my life,
I want to know -
that love will be my guide

In how I talk,
In what I choose,
In how I gain,
In how I lose -
Oh, love will be my guide.

(Chorus)

Love will guide, love will lead,
I will follow in word and deed.
Love will be my guide.

(Sing Twice)

Greeting

One: May the love of God, embodied by Christ’s saints, be with you!

All: And also, with you!

Good morning and welcome to Trinity United Church- the heart in the heart of Huntsville! If you’re looking for a place to connect and to make a difference, come on in! Come and be part of what we are doing here!

Welcome in Friendship, Faith and God’s saintly Love!

We gather each week as followers of Jesus to grow our hearts and to aspire to be better humans in order to build a better world for ALL God’s people. If you’re visiting with us or shopping around for a new spiritual home, we are glad you’re here with us. May this service be a blessing to you and may you be a blessing to others this coming week.

Announcements

Joys/ Concerns/God Moments

God is in the business of moving into the neighbourhood of humanity. In our joys and sorrow, in our peaceful times and our moments of crisis, God sticks it out right alongside us.

The Lighting of the Christ Candle

As we light our Christ candle here and at home may it remind us that we are light, love and energy in motion. May we also remember the light of “the Great Cloud of Witnesses” who have gone before us.

Moment of Meditation

Call to Worship

One: Beloved God, thank you for this spiritual pause in our busy week. A time of singing, praying, sharing and connecting with one another.

All: A time of remembering loved ones who once sat in the same pews we are sitting in this morning.

One: We give thanks for the privilege of having their lives touch our own. Their steadfast spirit is never far away.

All: Let us celebrate the radiant light of holy saints together!

Opening Hymn: *“The Saints of God are Down our Street”*
(Tune: *“The Battle Hymn of the Republic”*)

The saints of God are down our street
and round God’s throne of light.
There’s some with formidable minds
and some just live alright,
together in God’s family their different gifts unite:
God’s truth is marching on.

Chorus: **Glory, glory, hallelujah**
Glory, glory, hallelujah
Glory, glory, hallelujah
God’s truth is marching on.

They serve at checkouts, empty bins
and teach and make and mend,
they feed the hungry back from school,
the victimized defend,
to voiceless folk they lend an ear
and immigrants befriend:
God’s truth is marching on.

Chorus...

Their efforts gain no accolades,
they just supply the grace
which heals the world of many sores,

renews its battered face,
through such who live and love and care
in their own time and place:
God’s truth is marching on.

Chorus

Opening Prayer

God of our ancestors, we gather to our hearts all those who have influenced our lives with their love and their goodness. Although they are no longer present with us, their spirit continues to affect who we are and what we do. Like the sound of a bell resounding in the welcoming air, so has their goodness resonated with us. We are grateful for their wisdom and their inspiration. In our memories, we will cherish and honour them. Amen.

Anthem: *“My Song of Praise”*

(This anthem reflects a deep commitment to walking in faith and trusting in God’s presence. The lyrics express the peace and love we experience when Jesus walks along side of us and when we give thanks for all life’s blessings.)

Light Beamer Song: *“This is Where I Go to Church”*
(tune *Old MacDonald had a Farm*)

This is where I go to church
and I am part of it.
And in our church, there’s lots of love
And I am part of it.
God’s love is here. God’s love is there.
Here’s love, there’s love
Everywhere there’s God’s love.
This is where I go to church
And I am part of it!

Time with our Light Beamers

It's time to hear the stories of Jesus and how his stories teach us a better way to live. We strive to teach our Light Beamers to follow in the footsteps of Jesus growing in kindness and love. As their hearts grow larger, they can then go into the world and be the light of Christ, of love, for others.

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

Prayer of Illumination

Today's Scripture reader today is Jeannette McCullough.

One: As we read your words today, O God, remind us of how your infinite love fills the world, is revealed in your saints, and seeks to flow through us to others. Amen.

New Testament Reading: Mark 12: 28-34

(The religious leaders are continuing their interrogation of Jesus and trying to trip him up with the question: "What is the greatest of all commandments?")

Second Reading: Matthew 5: 14-16

(We too are called to shine God's light into our hurting world.)

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

All: Amen.

The Minister's Message: "Be a Light"

Celebrating the Radiant Light of the Holy Ones

One: Divine Light, Light of all Lights, we call upon all the saints to be with us. We remember how each one brought a touch of your light into our world. We recall how each one reflected the radiance of your goodness.

Now, I would like to invite you to come forward and light a candle for a saint who inspired you. As the candle is lit, think about how that person reflected the Divine Light into your world and be grateful for that light. If you prefer to light the candle in your seat, I am happy to bring your candle to you.

Let us link arms and pause in silence and give thanks for all we have learned from these people and for the ways in which they have helped us reflect the goodness of God. As we remain seated let us sing together.

Hymn: *"Let There Be Light" (VU 679 - verses 1-4 only)*

Our Offering Invitation

One: May the love of God made visible in Christ and poured into us by the Holy Spirit be with us and be shared through us today and always. Our morning offering will now be received.

Our Offering Hymn: *"To Love More Truly"*

To love more truly this is my goal.

To care more deeply with all my soul.

To show compassion, extend forgiveness.

To make a difference, I give my all.

Our Offering Prayer

God of our spiritual ancestors, we give through our gifts of money but also through our gifts of action and loving service. Bless these gifts we offer now with our love. Transform our offerings into cups of water for those who thirst, embraces of comfort for those who are in pain and bread for those who hunger in body or in spirit. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

Hymn: "Prayer"

(sung to the tune of "Rock of Ages Cleft for Me")

God of life and God of love,
Holy Spirit, Blessed Dove,
in each moment of my life,
in times joyful, times of strife,
listen to the words I share,
as I come to you in prayer.

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father,
who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.

Our Closing Hymn: "Oh, When the Saints Come Marching in"

We are travelling in the footsteps
of those who've gone before
But if we stand reunited
then a new world is in store.
Oh, when the saints go marching in
When the saints go marching in
O Lord, I want to be in that number
When the saints go marching in.

And when the sun begins to shine
And when the sun begins to shine
O Lord, I want to be in that number
When the saints go marching in.

When we all have food to eat
When we all have food to eat
O Lord I want to be in that number
When the saints go marching in.

When our leaders learn to love
When our leaders learn to love
O Lord, I want to be in that number
When the saints go marching in.

We need God's love, we need God's care
Oh, how we need God's love and care
to help us build a better world
and to live in harmony.

Commissioning

In the Spirit of love we have gathered, now in the Spirit of love let us depart.

The Benediction

May the love that made the stars be our guiding light.
May the love revealed in Jesus be our hope and inspiration.
And may the love of the ever-present Spirit give us courage
and hope now and forever. Amen.

Postlude: Kyung-A Lee



Join us in Trinity Hall following today's Congregational Meeting service for a cup of tea or coffee and fellowship time.

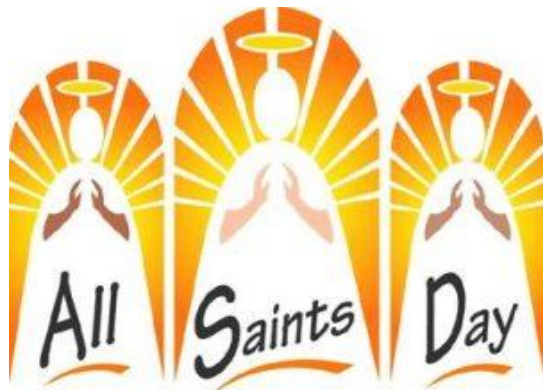
Your hosts today are the Knitting Group.



Spiritual thought for your week

"Saints are those who, in some partial way, embody the challenge of faith in their time and place. In doing so, they open a path that others might follow."

Robert Ellsberg



ANNOUNCEMENTS AND OTHER STUFF!

Seeking a volunteer to join the Worship Team. Please contact Faye McKnight by email, in person or by phone. Approximately four meetings between September and June. 53faye@gmail.com or 705-783-0070.

The Outreach Team thanks you for helping to collect food for the Salvation Army and the Table Soup Kitchen, two of our local food banks.

➤ **November is PASTA SAUCE!**



Your FundScrip orders are today!! Gord Booker will pick up your orders and payment. For more information, telephone Gord at 705-789-2062. OR email your order to: gordmitchell46@gmail.com. Thank you for your support!



Coffee for Sale! A new shipment of Kenyan coffee has arrived. Proceeds go to the Home of Grace Orphanage in rural Kenya.

Cathy and Craig Fairley are selling coffee in Trinity Hall during Coffee Hour today!



The **Knitting Circle** will meet on Wednesday November 6th



from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm in the Arnold Room.

Questions, call Joan on 705-788-5838.

Mug Up with the Minister! – Join us this coming Thursday November 7th in the Arnold Room at 10 am and enjoy a cup of coffee with your church family. This is a wonderful opportunity to catch up with friends, meet new people and explore how our faith connects with our everyday lives. Bring your own mug and we will supply coffee or tea.



Trinity's Inspirit Fall Speaker Series in Celebration of The United Church Of Canada's 100th Anniversary has begun!

Dessert is served between 6:30 pm and 6:55 pm.

Presentations begin at 7:00 pm.

Special Guests include:

November 7th

Social worker Bernadine Togertz will be discussing the topic of estranged adult children. Why do they cut off ties and communication with their parents? And more importantly how can we move from conflict to connection again. What can be done to help repair these broken relationships? This issue is more prevalent than we may think.

November 14th

Do you have a plan for your future health and personal care? While many of us think it's a good idea, in reality less than 20 percent of us actually have a plan. Join Dr. Pam McDermott as she shows us how we can take control of our health care journey through advanced care planning.

Chuck's Coffee House is back! Live Acoustic Music - **Saturday**



November 9th at 7:00 pm in Trinity Hall! It's gonna be a fun night out for \$10 - no tickets required! For more information call Chuck 705-571-1229.

Outreach Committee - needs your loving help!

This November, we are collecting **hats, mitts and socks** to help those who are in need in our community. You can help by bringing these items to Trinity Hall before or after church service or dropping them off in the office. Donations are given to several organizations.



White Gift Sunday is December 1st!

Again, with your faithful support, we are hoping to ease the stress of Christmas for families in need. We have found that it is more helpful if gift certificates/cards were given by members of the congregation to be distributed as required. If gifts cards are used, these can be purchased through our FundScrip program. Orders must be placed with Gord Mitchell either by Sunday November 3rd or Sunday December 1st. If ordering your White Gift cards through our FundScrip program, please let Suzy know as a tax receipt can be issued.

Regardless of the value of the gift card, all express the same love and compassion. The cards will be distributed to various organizations beginning the week of December 16th.

Thank you for your goodwill and generosity!



Trinity's Frosty Fair! – Saturday, December 7th from noon to 2:00 pm.



Join us for a High Tea Lunch as we commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the United Church of Canada. We will be dressed in our best 1920's fashion feel free to do the same!

The UCW is asking for your contributions to the Bake Table, jams, jellies, candy and preserves.

We are also bringing back "Art in the Pews" and encourage donations of paintings, prints, original Group of Seven or Tom Thomson, anything you wish to give to the church for this sale. All items can be dropped off on Friday December 6th between 10 am and 4 pm in Trinity Hall.



Our Board of Directors' mandate (from Trinity's Constitution) is:

1. To envision the future, engage in strategic decision making, articulate the Mission and Vision of the Community of Faith and hold its members and the Teams accountable for organizational performance and stewardship.
2. To create congregational policy and guiding principles and ensure that these are continually updated in written and digital form and filed in the church office records.
3. To regularly review the Community of Faith finances and prepare the budget prior to the Annual Congregational meeting.
4. To make interim appointments to the Board to fill vacancies that occur by resignation, death, or transfer. Such interim appointments shall be ratified at the next Congregational meeting.
5. To appoint ad hoc Team Leaders for one-time, specific short-term initiatives.

Lynda Arnold
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TRINITY UNITED CHURCH

SOUPER SANDWICH LUNCH

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 11.30-12.30

SOUP - \$3.00 SANDWICH - \$4.00

Green Pea/Ham	Ham/Onion/Cheese
Tomato-Veg	Twisted Turkey Wrap
Tomato Beef/Pasta	Egg Salad
Apple/Squash/Maple	Tuna Salad

DESSERT - \$3.00

Butterscotch Square.	Chocolate Cake
Cherry Cheesecake	Lemon Fluff

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“DINE -IN or TAKE-OUT”

TAKEOUT DEADLINE: NOVEMBER 5th

Call: 705-789-5679

