



PEWS NEWS

May 2024

**Trinity United Church,
Listowel, ON**

Coming Up in Worship

We complete our Easter Season where we have been focusing on the theme of Participating in

Rebirth with two more services

May 5 - Building Just Societies (and National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women)

May 14 - Sharing Joy (and Christian Family Sunday)

Then plan to come together on the long weekend for a special Pentecost celebration on **Sunday, May 19 at 10 a.m. at Trinity**. Your worship leader for this special service will be Angie Lannin.

Finally, end May strong on **Sunday, May 26** as we talk about how we are all called to tap others on the shoulder and invite them to share their gifts. It's Regional Meeting week so Beth will be in Port Elgin for the Tri-Regional Meeting that weekend and members of the Worship Committee (Trinity) and UCW (Atwood) will be leading this service provided by the Region.

Also, save the date for **Sunday, June 2** for a family-friendly all ages celebration of the end of the Sunday School Year. After worship, we will be celebrating Sundae Sunday. The Christian Education committee will provide the ice cream but you are invited to bring a topping to share (Skor bits, caramel sauce, strawberries, marshmallow fluff, gummy worms, bananas, whipped cream, etc., etc., etc. -- Whatever you could imagine putting on ice cream). At our Sunday School windup, we are celebrating colour! All colours! If you'd like, you are

Beth will be away on Study Leave from **May 15 to 22nd**. For pastoral emergencies, please contact Steve Cowley, Student Minister at Calvary-Zion at 905-807-7749 or steve.calvaryzion@gmail.com. Angie Lannin will be your worship leader on Sunday, May 19 for a joint Pentecost service at 10 a.m. at Trinity.

Are You Regular?

It feels good to be regular. Just like going to the gym or the pool or jogging, giving regularly is a healthy habit.

Sure, giving sporadically – as you can, when you think of it – is better than not giving at all. But if you want to become a generous follower of Jesus, you need intentionality and practice.

Watching how people's faces light up when they receive a gift. Knowing that your giving is really making a difference in someone's life. The feeling of satisfaction when you give someone what they need. It feels good to be regular.

After all, when everything around you is telling you to spend or hoard, giving is not always easy or first nature. Yet, that's what a life of discipleship means: choosing instead to follow the Way of Jesus.

So, if you're not yet regular in your giving, let me invite you to consider regularity. The month of May is PAR month. Giving by PAR (Preauthorized Remittance) allows you to automatically offer regular support to our church community without having to remember to give each week. To sign up for PAR or to change or increase your current PAR, speak to NAME at CONTACT INFO.

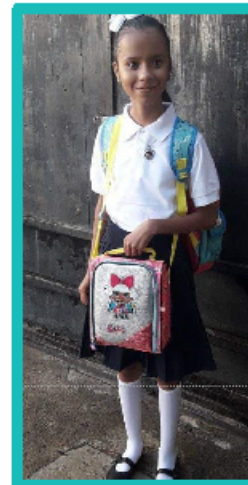
Trust me, it feels good to be regular.

**Sunday
May 5th**

Fair Auditorium
following church



Sunday School



How Can We Help?

1.

Attend our Bake Sale and make purchases by donation

2.

Sponsor her for one month at \$70. Receipts are available for this. Donations may be made at the office or on May 5.

3.

Donations of wrapped baking, preserves, etc. for the sale would be greatly appreciated. Items may be brought to the church Sunday morning, May 5th before the service or Saturday May 4th from 1:00pm - 3:00pm.

****Our goal is to raise enough money to pay her monthly costs, plus tuition, uniform, exams, and books for one year****

Being a blind person in Nicaragua is not easy for Rosita and her family. Trinity has been supporting her special education since 2017. She is now 15, and she still needs our help! Our fund has diminished and it needs replenished.

It costs about \$70 per month for school fees and transportation, plus each semester there are additional costs for textbooks, uniforms, exams etc.

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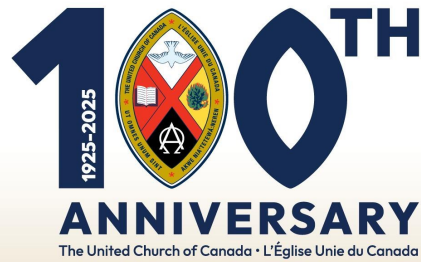
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Trinity United Church Listowel

Celebrating 100 Years of Deep • Bold • Daring



Save the Date!
Kick-off Worship Service
June 9, 2024, 4:00 p.m. EDT

Save the Date - **Sunday, June 9** the United Church of Canada will be launching the 100th anniversary year of our denomination with a special worship service that will be livestreamed from Toronto from 4 to 6 p.m. We're organizing a Watch Party at Atwood United Church for that afternoon. Bring a snack to share and join us to celebrate 100 years of the United Church. General Secretary, the Rev. Michael Blair will be the preacher for the service. If you wish to go in person, the service is at Metropolitan United Church, 56 Queen St. E., Toronto.

Save the date for Trinity's Anniversary celebration on Sunday, September 15,

2024. The Worship committee has decided to move the recognition of Trinity's anniversary to the third Sunday in September which corresponds with the service to rededicate the new building on the third Sunday of September 1941 after the original one was destroyed by fire in 1940. Because the recognition of Remembrance Day is always the Sunday before Remembrance Day (November 11) which is sometimes the first or the second week in November depending on how the Sundays fall, it was sometimes challenging to fully honour the anniversary celebrations and appropriately recognize Remembrance Day. Moving to a September date allows each event to be honoured appropriately and reminds us that we are a resilient congregation who have built and rebuilt the way we are church together many times over our long history



Here at Trinity-Listowel and Atwood, we are part of the Western Ontario Waterways Regional Council which came into existence on January 1, 2019 as part of the reorganization of the church (Regions replaced Presbytery and Conference). WOW is a decision making body of the United Church of Canada responsible for oversight and support of the communities of faith in our area. WOW meets twice a year. In the Fall, the meeting is virtual only and in the Spring, it is a hybrid meeting with in person and on-line options.



This Spring, the meeting is from May 24 to May 26 in Port Elgin in cooperation with two neighbouring regions (Antler River Watershed and Horseshoe Falls). Moderator Carmen Lansdowne will be a special guest at this Spring meeting. We will be represented at this meeting by Angie Lannin (lay representative from Atwood) and Judy Jones (lay representative from Trinity) along with Beth as our minister. Beth also serves as a member at large of the WOW Regional Executive (which is why you might sometimes hear her voice in the office on the third Wednesday morning of the month with the door closed).

During the upcoming meeting of WOW, you are invited to pray for the work of our Regional Council and for all the communities of faith that make up the three regions that are meeting together. Since this meeting requires ministers to be away on Sunday morning, a service has been prepared for use in congregations and lay people will lead that in each place on Sunday, May 26. Be sure to come out and offer your support.

Kids Across the Regions is a fun, faith-filled weekend for children (in grades 4-8) from across the three regional councils of Antler River Watershed, Western Ontario Waterways and Horseshoe Falls of The United Church of Canada!

Please note: your GPS and/or Google Maps will not lead you to the camp! Download a [Camp Map](#) and [Directions](#), [Participant Letter](#), [Permission Form](#) and [Packing List](#).

Knowing that families have different financial realities, we offer a Voluntary Three-Tier Pricing System. Participants can choose the tier that is most suitable for their family: \$50, \$60, \$70 (closest to actual cost). There is no cost for Leaders.

Payment is by E-Transfer to hfrc@united-church.ca.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: MAY 24th Your application, signatures & payment are required to complete your registration. If you don't receive a Confirmation Email after submitting the registration form please call Kathy Douglas at 519-441-0656 to confirm we have received your registration.



The AMAZING GRACE

Kids Across the Regions 2024
Friday, June 7 (7pm)-Saturday, June 8 (6:30pm)
 at Camp Bimini

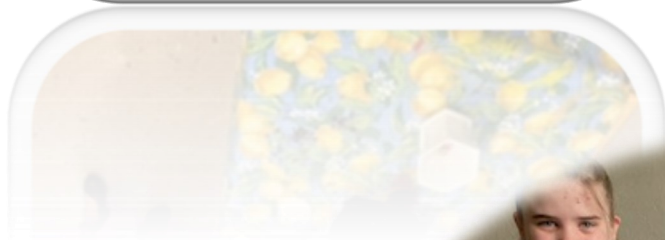
*A fun, faith-filled overnight retreat for children (**grade 4 to 8**)

*Three-tier pricing: \$50, \$60 or \$70

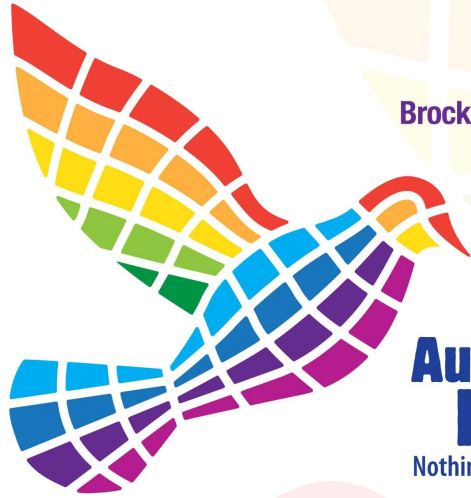
*Youth Leadership Opportunities as Cabin Leaders (**high school +**)

*Build Community with Adult Leaders

"The Sunday School children enjoyed getting their hands dirty by working with the earth and planting a succulent. They added a special figurine to create their own unique "Teddy Bear Garden"



July 3–6, 2024
Brock University, St. Catharines, ON



Audacious Hope

Nothing to hold us back.

Worship Leaders



Adele Halliday
United Church Anti-Racism
and Equity Lead



Mitchell Anderson
Lead Minister, St. Paul's
United Church, Saskatoon

Event for youth, young adults, and those who lead them.

Audacious Hope youth and young adult event is happening July 3-6, 2024 at Brock University in St. Catharines, ON. It promises to be a life-changing event!

Join us for transformative worship with leaders, Adele Halliday and Mitchell Anderson, cutting-edge workshops with Moderator Carmen Lansdowne, Jim Cain, Andrew Hyde, Julian Munro, and many others.

Visit the Audacious Hope website to learn more about all the amazing leaders, speakers, and workshop presenters and to get all the info you need. <https://AudaciousHope.ca>

Nothing to hold us back!

Registration is now open:

<https://united-church.ca/events/rendez-vous-2024-audacious-hope>

Fantastic NEWS...ARW,WOW and HF Regional Councils are offering \$325 discount (you pay only \$100!) for the first 100 registrants. Let us celebrate 100 years of UCC!!"

To get this discount **CODE** before registering...

*contact Kathy Douglas Kdouglas@united-church.ca

*Registration must happen before May 15, 2024

Calvary United 2nd Annual BBQ & Vender/Bake Sale

May 11th | 10AM-2PM
BBQ | 11AM-2PM



Calvary United Church Listowel
Corner of Wallace and Binning

New Books in the TUC Library

Thank you to Trinity friend, and proud Aunt, Marian Roberts, for her donation of two new books that will appeal to early readers in the 7-10 years bracket; those who enjoy *magical, fantastical, mythological creatures*, especially those creatures rumoured to be found in Canada! Bring on Sasquatch, and Ogoopogo!



The Curious Case of the Canadian Cryptids: The Creature Collection #1 by Avery Greaves

Join cryptozoologist Dr. William Maxwell as he travels the four corners of the world! His first adventure lands him in Canada when he is asked by his peers at the *Canadian Council of Cryptid Conservationists* to assist in dealing with a Sasquatch incident in Castlegar, British Columbia. He welcomes this Canadian adventure, along with the opportunity to teach the truth about sasquatches to the Donnelly Family and area residents (seems they are not the big scary beasts we have been led to believe).



The Catastrophic Clash of the Canadian Cryptids: The Creature Collection #2 by Avery Greaves

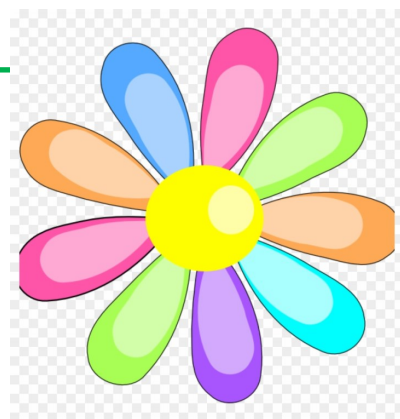
After resolving the Sasquatch situation, Dr. Maxwell stays on in Canada to visit friends in Kelowna, British Columbia. Unexpectedly, he finds that something seems amiss at Okanagan Lake.

Since he has always wanted to meet Okanagan Lake's Ogoopogo, Canada's most well-known sea serpent, he offers his friends his help in determining what exactly is going on at the lake. Things really get interesting, and more difficult, as more *magical, fantastical, and mythological creatures* show up!



New author and librarian Avery Greaves is married to Marion's nephew, Hamilton Baker, who is also a librarian for Huron County Library. I thoroughly enjoyed the first two books in The Creature Collection, especially because they take place in Canada. The books are a great introduction to 'chapter books' and would make shared-bedtime-reading by parent and child most enjoyable! The teacher in me also appreciates the inclusion of discussion questions in each book, definitely an added bonus for parents.

-Submitted by Kathy Watt





...with a HUGE thanks to all who helped to make this year's Spring Rummage Sale a success, our
GRAND TOTAL IS

\$5228.80!!

It takes a TEAM...from those who donated, to those who helped sort, set up and price, to those you helped to get the word out, to those who worked the cash, to those who dropped off un-sold items, to those who cleaned up, to those who cheered us on...we thank you all!!



...need to switch up your Costco gift cards, now that they are no longer being offered as a part of the gift card program?? Contact Catherine at 519-292-6383 or through the church email, to choose some new cards to keep giving back to Trinity!!

Kudos! Hand Claps! Bouquets of Flowers!



.... to Catherine, Jodi, Donna, Tanya & Scott, Brea, Allyson, Julie and all supporters and helpers who helped in any way to make the recent Rummage Sale and Trinity Treasures Sale a successful venture! Your Trinity Family is proud of your accomplishments! Thank you! Thank you!



Report of Stewardship and Finance

In March, givings were strong largely due to the five Sundays in the month, one of which was Easter Sunday. Total givings were \$ 11,409 which is \$ 1,934 over March plan over the conservative plan amount for the month. Givings through P.A.R. were \$5,618 – \$118 over plan; up \$100 from February while other general givings stood at \$4,560 – which is \$1,010 over plan; up \$1,860 from February \$3,905. Electronic Contributions were \$1,230 - \$755 over plan.

In addition, \$1,810 was received from a short term GIC investment along with \$900 in income from Trustee investments. The Shamrock Supper added \$1,400 in net revenue to the March results. Rental fees from church users are becoming an important source of revenue providing \$1,020 toward church operating costs in March.

Givings to Missions and Service for the month were \$2,912 which is \$40 under year-to-date plan.

Despite these positive trends on the revenue side, total expenses at \$ 29,632 essentially equaled these revenues leaving a net surplus for March of \$657. This leaves a year-to-date shortfall of \$9,486. Revenues from the spring Rummage Sale and Trinity Treasures will be reported as part of the April and May results will help offset this shortfall but strong general givings will also be required to offset the current deficit.

Thank you for your financial support.

What's happening at Trinity in May

Monday evenings-Al Anon, Taekwondo

Tuesday evenings-Scouts

Wednesday –Coffee Clutch at 10:am evenings Taekwondo

Sunday-church service at 11:00 am with Sunday School during the service except for Sunday, May 19 –Joint service at 10:00 am.

Sunday-afternoon Ukrainian choir

Every evening-Muslim Community evening prayers

April 29—May 3-Trinity Treasures online Spring Fever sale

Wednesday, May 8-Full Council meeting

Friday, May 17-Chess Tournament for 48 Grade 3 and 4 students from Lis-towel Eastdale and North Perth Westfield schools being run by Warren Wray

Saturday, May 18-Ukrainian service

Wednesday, May 29-Trustees meeting

Friday, May 31/Saturday June 1-Scouts Cub Car Rally

