



PEWS NEWS APRIL 2024

TRINITY UNITED CHURCH, LISTOWEL

Worship in the Easter Season

In the Church year, Easter lasts for 50 days starting on Easter Sunday. Throughout the Easter season, we will be exploring the theme "Participating in Rebirth". How can we be an Easter people bringing hope and new life to our community and the world?

April 7 - "Holy Humour" led by Ruth Long (Atwood) and Ruth Ann Westover (Listowel)

April 14 - "Getting in touch with the Earth"

April 21 - "Caring for Creation"

April 28 - "Radical Inclusivity"

May 5 - "Building Just Societies"

May 12 - "Sharing Joy"

Beth will be on study leave after Easter (April 1 through April 8). She will be taking a Social Media Strategy Course from March 18 to April 12 as part of the Communications and Public Relations Certificate she is working on through University of Western Ontario's Continuing Studies program. Because the course goes over Easter (a busy time of the year in the life of the church), this will give Beth time to complete the coursework and assignment for the course as well as a slower pace in the week after Easter. She will be available for emergencies only during this time period. If it is an emergency, please call or text her cell (204-872-2370) and leave a message so she can get back to you (ringer will likely be off most of the time but she will check for messages periodically). For all other matters, she'll be delighted to connect with you after April 8.



TRINITY UNITED CHURCH
PRESENTS

FAMILY BINGO NIGHT

Thursday • April 25, 2024 • 7:30 PM
Trinity United Church Auditorium
230 Barber Ave. N., Listowel

NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS WILL
BE COLLECTED AS ADMISSION

A FUN, FREE EVENT FOR ALL AGES!



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- Between my job, my farming responsibilities, and other things, I have found it difficult to keep up with everything at times. My submissions for Pews News have fallen victim to my busyness. I am attempting to get back on track with this, so everyone has a bit of an idea what their Council is up to. I appreciate peoples' understanding and patience. The busy Spring planting season may just interfere though...
 - At the March Council meeting topics discussed included the following:
 - Council gave enthusiastic support for a new Outreach activity 'Cooking in Community' spearheaded by Marilyn King and Chris Karges by which they will use the church kitchen to teach community members basic cooking skills and how to stretch the food dollar, starting this Fall – awesome initiative ladies!
 - Judy Jones' Transfer of Membership was accepted from her former church in B.C. and she has volunteered to become our Regional Representative – WELCOME, and THANK YOU Judy!
 - Property topics for discussion and planning have included brick work on the south wall, resurfacing the inside of the east wall in the Sanctuary, and getting the carpets in the Sanctuary re-stretched
 - Karen Gerretsen has started playing piano for us – welcome, and THANK YOU Karen!
 - On a personal note, I am very happy and encouraged to see new faces again popping up at Worship. I have also been hearing stories of Trinity being recognized in the community as a place with a lot of things going on. We now host several groups and activities on a regular basis including Ramadan prayers and Tae Kwon Do lessons to name just a couple. Trinity United is gaining a reputation as being a very welcoming, inclusive, approachable community within North Perth – thank you to everyone's efforts which have made this recognition possible.
- Submitted by Jason Elg,
Chair of Trinity Church Council

Stewardship and Finance

- In the short month of February when weather and vacations tend to decrease attendance, our monthly targets for donations and fundraising revenues are low. PAR givings met expectations for February and electronic givings were \$405.
- Expenses exceeded revenues for the month of February by \$24,684. Paying for the Sanctuary Lights was the key contributor to this shortfall as the grant for \$19,000 was not received until early March. The cumulative loss for 2024 was \$10,144 if the Sanctuary Light Project is excluded.
- The expenses for February also included some higher than normal regular bills for items like snow removal (\$1,278), natural gas (\$1,306) and \$1,521 for repairs to the heating system.
- M&S Givings were also lower than projected with year to date givings being \$1,425 under plan.
- These loss positions are made up by the end of the year but Trinity must keep large balances interest-free in its bank account to cover these losses in the early months of the year. If more members signed up for the P.A.R. monthly giving plan, it would spread revenues more evenly throughout the year. If you are interested in switching to this easy method of supporting the church, please contact the church office.

Trinity Treasures Craft/workshop—Can't wait to see the final products. ONLINE Sale April 29-May 3. Join us on Sunday, April 7 1:30—4 for our next creative event.....





Shamrock Supper

Trinity celebrated Listowel's Irish heritage with a Shamrock Supper held on March 12. We would like to thank everyone who helped prepare the meal or supported the event by purchasing a ticket. Over 90 people attended enjoying a dinner of Irish Beef Stew, salads and a selection of homemade desserts.

The feedback received indicates that everyone who attended had a good time – making the event a social success.

The dinner was also successful as a fundraiser for the church. The revenue from ticket sales and purchase of left overs exceeded the cost of the meal by about \$1,400. This money goes to support the ongoing operations of the church.





Onion Skins & Peach Fuzz: The Farmerettes

This September, Blyth Theatre is offering the World Premiere of **Onion Skins & Peach Fuzz: The Farmerettes**. This play, inspired by the book of the same name, is a story about teen girls working on Ontario farms to ensure food supply during World War II, while our men were overseas in the fight for freedoms and democracy. Trinity's own pioneering Miriam Carter was one of those teen girls who went after adventure and independence along with hard work and 10-hour days picking cherries for \$0.25/hour.

The **Farmerette Movement**, a part of Ontario's history, has been overlooked, unrecognized, and unnoticed. But the change is a-coming! Let's go to Blyth! Let's get educated! Let's be entertained! Book your ticket now!

The dates are picked; the tickets are booked; the deposit is paid; the route to Blyth is planned! We are almost ready to 'start the car'.

Available:

12 tickets for **Tuesday, Sept.3, 2024 at 2 p.m.** (Rows H, I) ***** **PLEASE NOTE! As of March24th, only 5 tickets left for Sept.3rd matinee.**



12 tickets for **Wednesday, Sept.4, 2024 at 8 p.m.** (Rows E, F) **Cost:**

\$43.42 (\$43.40) per person, a savings of \$7.00 off regular price

Book your ticket:

Contact Kathy Watt through the Trinity Church office email trinityunited@wightman.ca with your questions or to reserve your tickets.

Cash is preferable, or postdated (August 1st) cheque made payable to Kathy Watt.



Payment in to church office by **August 1st, 2024**. Personal receipts for cash will be provided by Donna S. or Donna T. upon payment for tickets.

Church Hours – Monday, Wednesday 9 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. and Thursday 9 - 11 a.m.



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Trinity United Church Listowel

Being Good Neighbours

On Saturday, March 2 from 2 to 4 p.m., we were delighted to welcome Tesfazghi, Helen and their daughter Ariam as our first presenters in our Good Neighbours series. They shared about their journey to Listowel from Eritrea (via Sudan) and about the traditions of Eritrean Tewahdo Orthodox Church. A group of about 20 people gathered to listen to their presentation, ask questions and share refreshments. Most of us knew very little about Eritrea and the Tewahdo Orthodox tradition before this gathering and went away with a much deeper knowledge of this country on the Red Sea in the horn of Africa and this branch of Christianity.



**Calvary United
2nd Annual BBQ &
Vender/Bake Sale**

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



Calvary United Church Listowel
Corner of Wallace and Binning



BEING GOOD NEIGHBOURS

LEARN ABOUT NEPAL AND HINDUISM
PRESENTERS: PUJA AND RUPESH
WHEN: SAT. APRIL 27 FROM 2-4 P.M.
WHERE: TRINITY UNITED CHURCH,
230 BARBER AVE. N., LISTOWEL





it's that time of the year again.

Time to clean out household clutter and **DONATE** to the rummage sale.

Please drop off your small household items,
gently used clothing and linens, kids clothing, toys and books
during office hours or contact the church
to arrange an alternate time.

Please no winter clothing, Christmas or Hallowe'en items.



LAST DROP OFF TIME FOR
RUMMAGE SALE DONATIONS IS

MONDAY APRIL 15TH AT 12 noon

NO EXCEPTIONS



...at TRINITY'S **SPRING RUMMAGE SALE.**

TELL A FRIEND, BRING A FRIEND!!

THURSDAY APRIL 18TH 10am-1pm & 4pm-7pm

FRIDAY APRIL 19TH 12pm-3pm & 5pm-7pm

Most items **\$3** and under!!!!

"FILL A BAG" for \$5 on Friday night!!!

ADD A LITTLE "LIFE" TO OUR SPRING SALE



Plant donations kindly accepted during our 2 week set-up period.



We need **ALL HANDS ON DECK** to ensure that
TEAM TRINITY'S SPRING RUMMAGE SALE
is a huge success.

Please plan to help unpack and organize sale items
at one or many of the following times.

No need to call ahead or be asked – just show up and help out!

SET UP TIMES:

**** Please note set up time changes due to Ramadan prayers****

** Tuesday April 9 th	NO SET UP	
Wednesday April 10 th	9 – 11am	7 – 8:30pm
Thursday April 11 th	9 – 11am	7 – 8:30pm
** Friday April 12 th	9 -11 am ONLY	
Monday April 15 th	9 – 11am	7 – 8:30pm
Tuesday April 16 th	9 – 11am	7 – 8:30pm
Wednesday April 17 th	9 – 11am	7 – 8:30pm

ATWOOD UNITED CHURCH UCW

Take-out Salad Supper

Sunday, April 28, 2024

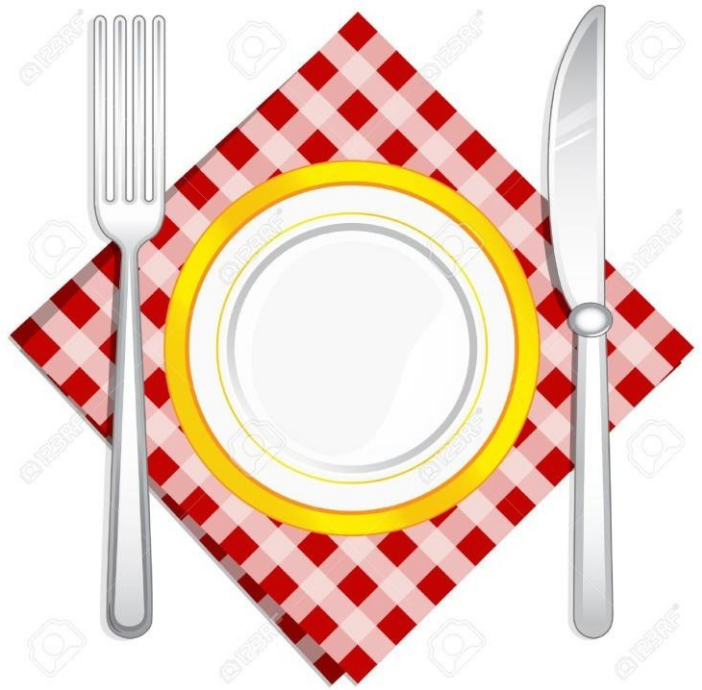
Pick-up from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Elma Memorial Community Centre

Atwood, ON

Menu:

Ham,
potato salad,
bean salad,
deviled eggs,
dinner roll
and dessert



\$20.00/meal

For tickets contact:

Diane Osborn – 519-418-2430

Each year, we mark March 21 as the **International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination**. It is a particular time to focus on anti-racist actions and to dismantling racism in all its forms. This international day has been observed around the world every year since 1966.

In the United Church, we honour this important day. As the United Church's anti-racism policy reminds us, the struggle against racism is a continuous effort. This means that anti-racism work is important on any day and every day.

Here are 10 suggestions to work towards anti-racism from The United Church of Canada.

1. **Take tangible actions locally.** You might be inspired by what people in United Church congregations and networks are already doing about anti-racism. What faithful actions might you take in your own context?
2. **Join a community of practice.** A new online gathering starting April 11, called [Wait—Is This Racist?](#) is based on the popular book of the same name. This gathering aims to be a community of practice. Sign up through CHURCHx.
3. **Download the United Church anti-racism app.** We have recently updated the design for our mobile app called [AR4YT \(Anti-Racism for Youth Training\)](#). It's available from [Apple's App Store](#) and [Google Play](#). The app was designed by Black youth aged 18-22 who are members of the United Church. Although the app is youth oriented, it can also be used by adults who want to learn about becoming anti-racist.
4. **Explore the priorities of the United Church Foundation.** Two of the four priorities focus on anti-racism and on reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples. In addition to reading about this work, financial gifts to the Foundation can support anti-racism efforts.
5. **Explore anti-racism education.** Several new courses explore anti-racism education. Upcoming courses include [Racial Justice for White Ministers in North America](#), [Racial Justice for White Lay Leaders](#), and [What Now? Action Plans to Dismantle Systemic Racism](#). Or, watch the recordings from a recent course that focused on antisemitism and anti-Judaism within Christianity, featuring faculty from our United Church theological schools and guests. Recordings will be available on CHURCHx.
6. **Coming soon! Pick up a copy of *I Am a Changemaker*, the new anti-racism children's resource.** This brand-new United Church of Canada curriculum is written for leaders of children aged 6–12 who are looking for ways to teach anti-racism, raise anti-racist children, and advance racial equity in a faith-based and supportive way. It will be available in the [United Church Bookstore](#) at the beginning of April.
7. **Financially support Indigenous-led initiatives.** Support healing and language programs for Indigenous Residential School Survivors and their families by giving a gift to the United Church's [Healing Fund](#). You can also support the [Indigenous and Racialized Youth Gathering](#) by offering financial support to Mission and Service and through your prayer support.
8. **Read about Leadership Counts!** Results are out about the United Church's [identity-based survey](#) about leadership! You can learn more about who our leaders are—our ministry personnel and members of national committees—through the mid-term report.
9. **Review the 40 Days of Engagement on Anti-Racism.** Have you had a chance to read the most recent [written reflections](#)? They are all available online. You may also want to view some of the recordings of the live events on the United Church's YouTube channel. The ones on [Indigenous Identity in the Christian Church](#) and [environmental racism](#) were particularly popular.
10. **Pray and sing justly.** Pray continuously! And explore ways to sing justly in your community of faith. The United Church's [Then Let Us Sing! music portal](#) offers principles to consider around copyright justice and musical misappropriation.