

**Trinity – Clifton Community of Faith
United Church of Canada**



February 23, 2020 10:30 a.m.

Transfiguration Sunday

Welcome

We are glad that you are here as a visitor, a seeker, someone looking for a new church home, or as a regular worshipper or member. All are welcome in this place.

*Please rise as you are able.

Thought for the day: What is the biggest transformation that has happened in your life? What role did your faith play in that?

The Gathering

Prelude Sonata Op 65 no. 2, movements 1 and 2 Mendelssohn
Canon Op 39, no. 3 Merkel

Words of Welcome Rev. Doreen Bird-Daley

Lighting of the Christ Candle Camden & Paige Carpenter

The light of understanding, the light of compassion, and the light of community are all represented by the light that shines out from this candle. Let that light illumine our lives, our worship, and our way forward, as we gather as God's people (adapted from words by Peter Chynoweth - used with permission - The Gathering)

Lighting of the Rainbow Candle

Acknowledging Traditional Territory

Quiet Time in Preparation for Worship

Call to Worship

The church is a group of people coming together to share in the mission of Christ.

We are brought together in order to gather in a time of worship.

The church is a group of people coming together to share our joys and our struggles.

We are provided with examples of inspiration and encouragement as we gather.

The church is a group of people coming together to pray for each other.

We are instructed to be those who will teach by word and by example.

The church is a group of people coming together to learn to live in the image of Christ.

Together, we are a faith community caring for each other.

***Introit** God We Praise You for the Morning VU #415, vs. 1

**God, we praise you for the morning;
hope springs forth with each new day,
new beginning, prayer, and promise,
joy in work and in play.**

***Prayer of Approach**

We may not be able to climb a mountain like the disciples to see Our Divine One, but we gather to worship You in this place. We may never see You completely changed in our presence, but we can catch glimpses of transformation in our lives. We may not

have the words to explain all that You are, but we have hearts that want to spend time here in Your presence. May we meet You in this place and in other parts of our world when we go from here. Amen.

***Opening Hymn** Christ Whose Glory Fills the Skies VU #336

Prayer of Confession

Like the disciples of old we stand looking at the sky.

Forgive us for not taking time to reflect.

Like those disciples we stand and remember, but may fail to act on what we know we have been asked to do.

Forgive us for our non-action on Your behalf.

Like those disciples, we may forget the vision too soon, and we may excuse ourselves by saying: "God cannot possibly expect us to do THAT!"

Forgive us when we hold back from what you are calling us to do.

Words of Assurance

Faith is a great adventure. And, like aging, it is not meant for the faint of heart. But let us remember...

We are each blessed to be a part of this community where God is present.

The New Creed VU, Page 918

Children's Hymn Come, Let Us Sing VU #222, vs. 1-2

Time for All Ages

Children's Hymn Come, Let Us Sing VU #222, vs. 3-4

The Word

Prayer for Illumination Judy Irwin

and commitment. May all that we offer this day be transformed into gifts of hope and promise. Amen.

Sending Forth

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

***Closing Hymn** We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding VU #104

***Commissioning and Benediction**

Postlude Sonata Op 65 no. 2, movements 3 and 4 Mendelssohn

Greeters:

Head Greeter: George Neale

North Side: Enid Carter, Bev Bishop, Roger Gordon

South Side: Kathy Birt, Elizabeth Pippy, Bruce Fitchett

Balcony: David Younker, Alan Edwards

Clergy: Rev. Cathie Crooks

Supply Minister: Rev. Doreen Bird-Daley

Music Director: Donald Fraser

Custodians: Lorraine Worth & Andy Gagnon

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Announcements

Today's bulletins are in loving memory of Fremont & Phyllis Archer presented by daughter Judy Irwin and husband Bill.

Happy Birthday to Shirley I. MacDonald on Feb. 26, to Bessie Gallant on Feb. 27, to Kent Shaw & Anne Love on Feb. 28, and to Gayle Mills on Feb. 29.

Note: Following the resignation of Rev. Anne Dalziel Singer, clergy coverage for pastoral care through visitation will be provided by Rev. Doreen Bird-Daley. She can be reached at 902-940-1863.

Congregational Pastoral Care is available during this review period by contacting Rev. Keith MacPherson at 902-969-6784.

Food Bank donations collected during the month of February will be given to the UPEI Food Bank. You can drop off donations during the week or on Sunday mornings. Most needed items are Kraft dinner, cereal bars, juice, canned meats and fish, and pasta.

A Serendipitous Encounter: Notes from Trinity Church

Archives - In November, I took the City of Charlottetown's Heritage Officer, Natalie Munn, on a tour of the church sanctuary and Archives Room. She was introduced to Ellen, and immediately upon hearing her name was Munn, Ellen had remembered a large Bible that had Munn names listed in it; someone had dropped it off to the church office. Mistakenly it had been put in the wrong car in a parking lot. The Bible languished unclaimed in the church office for several years. Ellen showed it to Natalie and to Natalie's great surprise, it was her families' Bible replete with several generations of names. It is now back home with the Munn family. Katherine Dewar (for archives).

Sock-it-to-'em-Sunday: The Outreach and Service Committee is collecting socks for Blooming House and Bedford MacDonald House. Please bring your donations of warm, all sizes, any colour, new or gently used socks during the month of February.

2019 Tax Receipts are ready for pick up in our church office.

The Trinity-Clifton Annual General Congregational Meeting

will take place after church on Mar. 29. The Worship & Stewardship Committees will serve lunch after worship. Those with last names from A to M are asked to bring sandwiches and those with last names from N to Z are asked to bring desserts. Please be willing to stay to help with the clean-up.

Gift Cards for gas, groceries, restaurants and department stores and more are available in our church office during the week, while supplies last.

Sunday, March 1: Lectionary Readings – Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7, Psalm 32, Romans 5:12-19, Matthew 4:1-11

Trinity Events

Sherwood UCW, Tues., Feb. 25, 10 am.

Weekly Meditation, Wed., Feb. 26, 4:30 pm.

Weekly Pickleball, Thurs., Feb. 27, 5:30 pm.

Weekly Handbell Practice, Fri., Feb. 28, 4:30 pm.

The Tuesday Supper Club will meet on Tues., Mar. 3 at 6 pm. The speaker will be Dr. Olive Bryenton. Dr. Bryenton obtained her PhD in Education from UPEI at the age of 82—a remarkable achievement. Dr. Bryenton will speak on "Some Realities of Women 85 and Older." Price of the meal is \$10 and tickets are available after church at the Richmond Street entrance or during the week from the Church Office. Everyone welcome.

Other Church and Community Events

Winsloe United Church Winter Series Ceilidh will be held on Mon., Feb. 24, at 7:30 pm. Host Colleen MacPhee will be welcoming three special guests - the multi-talented Keelin Wedge along with her musician friend and popular entertainer Eddy Quinn, and a very special visit from Sarah, a comedy skit presented by Barb Perry. Admission is \$10 at the door; doors open at 6:30 pm.

St. Peter's Cathedral Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper: Shrove Tuesday is all the buzz! February 25, 5:30 pm. Tickets at the door - \$5.00 adults and \$3.00 children 12 and under.

Spring Park United Church Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper will take place on Feb. 25, 5 – 6:30 pm, featuring music by the students of Linkletter Music Studio. Cost: Donation as the spirit moves you. Meal includes: Coffee, tea, juice, pancakes, sausage, & fruit!

Concert - March 1, 2 pm. Kensington United Church invites you to attend an inspiring afternoon of gospel music with a return of the

popular gospel group, Jericho Road, (Emily and Vans Bryant and Harold and Marnie Noye) and the talented Stiff Family (Heather, Dave, their children, Aaron, Hannah, Elizabeth and Abigail).

Ecumenical World Day of Prayer Service: A 2020 World Day of Prayer Service will be held on Fri., Mar. 6 at 2 pm at Zion Presbyterian Church. This ministry of the Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada (WICC) brings Christians from more than 170 countries together in prayer for issues that affect women and children. This year the service was prepared by the women of Zimbabwe, who share their experiences and concerns. The theme of the service - *Rise! Take Your Mat and Walk* - was chosen by our sisters from Zimbabwe to be a call to act in love for peace and reconciliation. Members from nine churches of different denominations will be participating in the service, including Trinity. Refreshments will be served. Offerings collected will be used to provide grants that benefit women touched by injustice around the world. Info: Zion Church 902-566-5363, Mon-Thurs 9am - 2pm.

Winsloe United Church Roast Pork Loin Dinner on Sat., Mar. 7, serving from 4 - 6:30 pm. Take-outs available at 3:30 pm. Adults: \$20, children under 12: \$8, and ages 6 and under: no charge. For tickets, contact the church office at 902-368-1233 or Faye at 902-368-1175.

Camp Abby's Annual meeting is on Mar. 11 at North Bedeque United at 6:30 pm. As with all Annual meetings, it's good to have stake holders join the conversation. Our congregations are our stake holders. We are asking for ONE person from each pastoral charge to join us for that meeting – no we won't give you a job or pressure you to be on the Board. We do need your input to help us in our planning and dreaming. Send your name and Pastoral Charge name to Pix Butt, pixmpc@bellaliant.net. THANK YOU!

Trinity Fall Fair 2019 Recap

Table	Friday	Saturday	Total Sales
Baking	1086.00	410.00	1496.00
Books	1261.35	551.00	1812.35
Candy	840.05	185.00	1025.05
Cider/Cookies	588.30	32.00	620.30
Emily Bryant	422.00		422.00
Crafts	755.50	1016.80	1772.30
Deli	1231.25	317.95	1549.20
Jams/Jellies	2477.00	1288.05	3765.05
Jewellery	865.75	252.20	1117.95

Kitchen	1765.10	1438.50	3203.60
Sewing/Knitting	1327.00	651.00	1978.00
Silent Auction		1603.00	1603.00
Treasures Chapel	1502.75	616.00	2118.75
Mall			1180.00
Greenery	710.00	85.00	795.00
June Sale			955.85
Office			2060.00
Sales Sub-total	14,832.05	8446.50	27,474.44
Total Expenses			2326.54
Profit	14,832.05	8446.50	\$25,147.86

Trinity-Clifton Vision Statement

We, the Trinity-Clifton Christian family, believe that God has blessed us with diversity, including diversity in sexual orientation, gender, gender identity, race, age, ability and faith. We believe that Jesus challenged boundaries by reaching out to all people, welcoming and honouring all in their uniqueness.

We publicly declare our commitment to openness, growth, action, and education, honouring diversity and challenging injustice in solidarity with those who experience discrimination.

We offer our resources and talents with open hands and hearts in love and service to all as we work for reconciliation and justice locally, regionally, and globally.

As an Affirming Ministry of the United Church of Canada, Trinity-Clifton is committed to broadening social justice concerns within church and society.

The United Church of Canada has stated:

“In order to promote mutual respect, peace, and friendship, the 40th General Council encouraged the recognition of Traditional Territories of First Nations, Metis and Inuit peoples at the gatherings of the Courts and Pastoral Charges of the United Church of Canada. A proposal has been brought to the General Council Executive to encourage Parliament to include a similar acknowledgment in its Opening Address.”

We follow the lead of the United Church of Canada in acknowledging that the land on which we gather is the traditional and unceded territory of the Abegweit Mi'kmaq First Nation.

