



Trinity News for the week of April 17, 2022



Letter from our Governance Team

To a church in social isolation

Hello Trinity congregation;

Spring has been good to its usual promises: rain, hail, wind and sun. **We bless the variety and enjoy the green growth, birds singing and neighbours spending more time outdoors!** Our church lawn has had its first cut thanks to Sheri, and the weeds are showing their faces calling those who really like to see order.

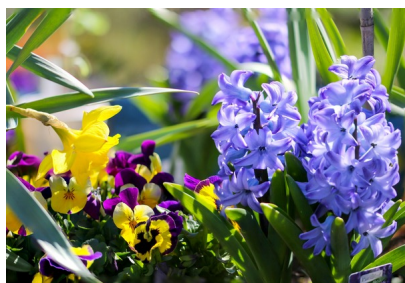
Thank you to all who participated in the Doers meeting this week. Working together on decisions, hearing each others' thoughts and communicating the important work of our congregation is key to having a healthy church family.

A few have asked, "What is the course that Governance team is attending?" The Course is called "Moving from Decision Making to Discernment" led by Susan Beaumont. This week a line that was highlighted said: **"In Spiritual discernment we seek to bring God's ways and our ways into congruence."**

Holy week is upon us. In closing I'd like to quote from "Easter for Progressive Christians" by Donald Schmidt:

"The truth behind the powerful myth shared at Easter is that the Risen Christ knows each of us and calls us by name. God's intimate love for each of us cannot ever be diminished."

May peace come to all this Holy week,
Trinity United Governance team: Judi Carroll, Wendy Squires, Pat McCann, Rev. Cathcart, and Syd Sawyer



The week of April 17, 2022

Announcements

Easter Sunday Sunrise Service: We are so happy to offer our traditional **Easter Sunrise Service this year at 8:00 am on Sunday, April 17 at Lions Park.** This is an in-person only event, so we hope to see folks there.

Hybrid Worship on Easter Sunday, April 17, 2022 SUNDAY at 10:30 am: Rev David will lead our 2nd Easter Sunday worship at 10:30 am on

ZOOM and in-person at the church. To join the ZOOM Meeting, **CLICK HERE** to "log on" on Sunday morning or dial 778-907-2071 to participate by phone. We will send out an email with all the ZOOM information on Sunday morning as well.

Covid Update: As you are all aware the vaccine passport requirement has now been lifted for indoor gatherings. This affects all the groups using the church and they have been informed. It does not affect our worship services as we have not needed to check passports. **What it does mean is that hopefully in the near future we may be able to resume having coffee after services, but for the time being we will stay as we are.** We will keep you up to date with any decisions made. It certainly will be nice to be able to meet for coffee after service again. Thank you for your patience and understanding. - *Your Governance Team*

Camp Spirit 2022: Trinity United will be again hosting a week of Camp Spirit this year! **July 11 - 15, 2022**

Camp Spirit encourages campers to explore faith through listening and experiencing the sacred stories, enjoy times of creativity and science, move to music, share a meal together and appreciate getting to know one another! We are looking for donations to cover "camper-ships" to cover the weekly rate of \$150 for a camper! Make your donation out to Trinity United Church, but make a note that it's for Camp Spirit Camperships. That money will be made available to folks who want to register their kids but need financial help.

Membership Sunday: Due to circumstances beyond our control, we will be postponing Membership Sunday until further notice. Thank you to everyone who expressed an interest in becoming a member, we look forward to celebrating with you at some point in the future.

Directory 2022: Copies of the new, updated Directory will be available at the 10:30 am service this Easter Sunday. Please **CLICK HERE** to download a PDF copy.

Mission & Service Emergency Fund: United Church **Mission & Service** partners are responding to the War in Ukraine. You can help by donating through Mission & Service Emergency Fund: as part of this Fund, 100% of your donation goes directly to emergency relief, with 85% of your donation responding to this designated emergency and 15% responding to future emergencies that do not receive intense media coverage. Right now in Ukraine, people urgently need shelter, clean water, food, and medical attention. **To DONATE: CLICK HERE.**

Trinity Prayer Circle: We have two prayer circles set up to receive and act on your prayer requests. Please refer prayer requests to Linda Lund (778-883-3064/linda.lund60@gmail.com).

Trinity + Worship: Missed the In-Person Sunday Gathering? Check out the Lent 6 - Palm Sunday service presented by Rev David **CLICK HERE**, streamed on our YouTube Channel this past Sunday, April 10.

Prayers of the People: April 17 - 23, 2022

In the Ecumenical Prayer Cycle of the World Council of Churches this week, we pray for the peoples of Belarus, Moldova, Russia, and Ukraine. ***CLICK HERE*** to find out more about this part of the world and the ecumenical prayer cycle. In our own Pacific Mountain Region of the United Church of Canada at Easter, we pray for New Life and Resurrection in the Church!

Healing Pathways: We are offering distance healing during those times or whenever convenient for both practitioner and receiver. Contact Linda Lund (778-883-3064/linda.lund60@gmail.com). We may not connect "Hand to Hand," we must deepen our practice of connecting "Heart to Heart".

This week's prayer roster:**April 17**

Jean Becker
 Jim and Sharon Black
 Eunice Blancaflor
 Maureen Boguzki
 Sherie, Anibal, Felix and Kamila Bohorquez

April 18

Carol Butterfield
 Margaret Cahan
 Liz and John Chichka

April 19

Dale and Lois Deguire
 Roderick, Dizeree, Jessica, Derick and Jasmine DeVera
 Debra, Rebecca and Sephora Dobbs
 Barb Massie

April 20

Alf and Barb Dumont
 Isabel Eckford
 Merv and Shirley Evdokimenko
 Mark, Bonnie, Sarah and Zander Fabricius
 Maxine and Frank Fairclough

April 21

Mark, Nancy, Sarah and Liam Fernandes
 Norma Fida
 Marie and John Findlay
 Bill, Gail, Matthew and Daniel Flasch
 Mike and Karen Forrest

April 22

Bryan Furman
 Ken Gould
 Stephen Grootendorst
 Polly Hawkins

April 23

Anne Jaeggle
 Donna Jepson
 Richard Jewel
 Niki Karmali
 Bev King



DOERS virtual meeting

Notes from ZOOM meeting April 11, 2022

Doers Zoom Meeting – April 11, 2022

This virtual meeting was attended by 22 Trinity-ites. The meeting was hosted by Joy Galea. Rev. David presented opening and closing worship.

Financial Report:

- Our income for Mar. was \$19,000 and the expenses were \$20,000 (which included \$600 for Water & Sewer and Worksafe BC, yearly expenses). Insurance for the period Dec-Mar amounted to \$2,730.00. So far we are okay but the big concern is over the summer.

Governance Team Update:

- Covid update – Passports are no longer needed and all groups have been informed. Communicable disease plans are still needed and a template at the office is available. Note that washing of hands, ventilation, cleaning areas, masks if you wish, and staying home if you are feeling ill (sore throat, coughing, fever or tested positive for covid) are required.
- Coffee time – No date known at this time and a suggestion was made to ask the congregation for help with this once a decision is made. A communicable disease plan will be necessary.
- Receptions – How will we go about starting up and serving food. Ideas around this will be discussed so that food is handled & served in a safe manner.
- The PoCo Foundation will issue grant money that benefits the community. Two years ago, we applied and received money to help purchase masks, gloves etc. If anyone has any ideas on how we might make use of this grant, let Syd or Judy know as an application needs to be in by end of April. A couple of suggestions were – purchasing disposable cups & cutlery and possibly putting in raised vegetable beds in the front lawn.
- Paul's Place (soup kitchen)- Tom Shaw is hoping to start up again but no date has been decided upon yet.
- Trinity's AGM will be held June 26th and reports to be in by May 16th.

General Items:

Fundraising Idea update:

- The Valentines Non Event dinner was a great success.
- The movie industry application has been filled out and photos taken. Ross is still looking for someone to be a liaison as he is away a lot of the time over traditional movie productions. Please contact him if you can help out.
- The Car boot sale is in the planning stages so we will be hearing more on this when plans are firmed up. Please continue to bring forward any fundraising ideas you may hear about, no matter how big or small!

Security Checks

- Decision will come from Property if this will continue on or not.

Christian Education:

- Camp Spirit will be held July 11-15/22 for ages 5-11. The 12-14 aged group will be leaders in training. Irene McKinney will be the site co-ordinator and she expects things will be run similar to last year with the inside of the Church only being used for washrooms. The weather conditions at the time could make for changes to the plans. Camperships will be \$150, so please if you are able to donate any amount that would help those not able to pay would be appreciated. When you make your donation, please make clear that it is to go to Camp Spirit Campership.
- 2211 has carried on over covid and they are now reading the book "Cause For Hope". Anyone interested is welcome to attend.
- Explore has started again (with 2 children) on Sunday April 10th.

Nominating:

- Beth Anderson noted that along with Jo-Ann, Peggy & Syd helping, progress is being made.

Stewardship:

- Please consider donating One Days Pay during the Lenten season to support Trinity's ministry. Envelopes are available and if you donate another way, please make note that it is for One Days Pay.
- The United Church of Canada has an emergency fund for people wishing to donate to these causes. The breakout is- 85% goes to the current emergency relief and 15% is held back for future emergencies. There is a link in the Friday newsletter under Concern for Ukrainian Communities that you can click on and follow instructions if you wish to donate to this emergency.

Break Out Rooms:**Pastoral Care:**

- The Prayer roster has been done by Wendy to the end of August.
- The new phone directory is completed and will be mailed, e-mailed or can be picked up at the Church.
- Thoughts around the social aspect of the zoom services not being like they were when everyone was worshipping on zoom.

Property:

- Lawn Maintenance – a lawn mower has been purchased from Beth Anderson and the first cutting has been done by Sherie.
- Tree Stump removal (Dawn Redwood) – Ross received a quote of \$427 to remove but this has been put on hold at this time. Sherie will look to see what can be done around the stump for the summer.
- AED training to move forward and be offered to all users of the Church. Cost of training might be covered by PoCo grants or TUC discretionary Funds. Ross to follow up.
- Movie Industry – Dave Squires and Sherie Bohorquez have stepped forward to be the liaison persons, so this application will be put forward.
- Emergency Procedures drill – Will review procedures and report to Doers . A plan for a fire drill one Sunday sometime in the summer is being considered.
- Security checks – Property suggests that every person with a key to the church could walk down the hallway from the office to the kitchen to ensure: no gas leak is evident, no water underfoot, no broken windows etc. During the summer this would be extended to KKP entrance.
- Squirrels/rodents (Air Duct) -this will be looked at by Ross & Steven with the suggestion to use chicken wire with smaller openings.

UCW:

- As the last one-day Thrift Sale in March wasn't as successful as the first one, the thought is to open up Thrift once again in the Thrift room. This would start out as a one day a week only on a Wednesday from 12:00 PM-7:00 PM. A communicable disease plan must be made and forwarded to Governance for review before a date for opening is announced.
- Coffee time – Suggestion has been made to approach the congregation to help with this as there will not be enough UCW women to keep this going on a rotating basis. Once a communicable disease plan has been presented to governance and reviewed, there will be an announcement to the congregation and a sign up sheet will be made available to those who wish to help.
- Receptions – This will need a communicable disease plan made with all the safety measures necessary for this to go forward. UCW will have to look at the hall and figure out how tables etc. will be placed and how the food will be prepared and served in a safe manner.
- The Pacific Mountain UCW AGM will be held via Zoom on April 30th from 1:30-4:00 pm. Joan will contact Zoe so the link to this meeting can be added to the Friday newsletter.
- The UCW will be covering the service on Mothers Day, May 8th.

Worship & Music:**Worship Services:**

W&M would like to see the following items returning to worship services, effective June 2022.

- Minute for Mission (scripture reader will read).
- "Service" music – introits and responsive singing.
- Monthly Hymn Sing before service.
- Flowers – repost sign up sheet.
- Easter Sunday – W&M to bring floral arrangements

Going Forward:

- May Services – Rev David away for month
- Guest worship leaders have been booked for four of the five Sundays.
- May 22 – Join via Zoom another church worship -ie. St. Andrew's Wesley.
- Zoom attendees – there is a need to increase/encourage more social interaction before and after Zoom worship.

Summer Services:

- Continuing hybrid services through the summer.
- "Home" worship – suggestion that Rev. David occasionally conduct Sunday service via zoom from Trinity member's homes.

Other Business:

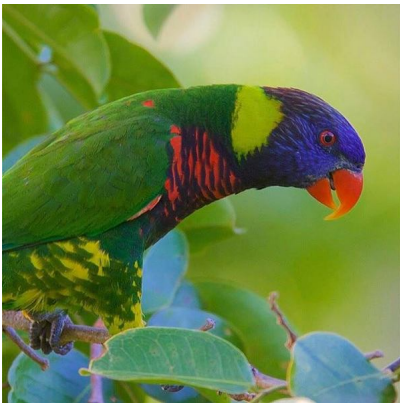
- Suggestion to offer a flower sticker to visitors at entrance to Sunday service if they would like one.
- Needs: W&M still seeking Zoom hosts.

Lent & Holy Week Services:

- Maundy Thursday, April 14 – 7:00 PM service via Zoom.
- Good Friday, April 15 – 10:30 AM via Zoom and in person.
- Easter morning, April 17- Sunrise service 8:00 AM at Lions Park.
- Easter morning April 17 – 10:30 AM Service – via Zoom and in person.

Next Doers meeting to take place in June.

From your Doers Team (Irene, Joy, Peggy)



Actual photo of the holy spirit...reminding you to let your true colours shine through...that's why She loves you. So don't be afraid.