

The week of May 7, 2023

Announcements

Hybrid Worship on Sunday, May 7, 2023 at 10:30 am: This Sunday we are led in worship by **Rev David**. It is the fifth Sunday of Easter. To join the ZOOM on Sunday, ***CLICK HERE***. To read the order of service for Sunday, ***CLICK HERE***.

Governance Meeting: This **Tuesday, May 9 at 10 am**. In-person, in the Library.

Sarah Unit's Annual Outing: Inviting all who are interested to join in a walking visit to Lafarge Lake and Inspiration Gardens. Tea and Ice Cream from vendor on site! Car pool from church parking lot **1:30 pm Tuesday, May 9**. For more info contact Joy Galea or Syd Sawyer.

Memorial Service for Bobby Raghoobarsingh: Sat, May 13 at 11 am here at Trinity. Please be aware that the May Day Parade will take place on the same day and make plans to avoid the downtown when coming to the church that day.

Next Doers Meeting: Welcoming Spring with Fruit Salad, Ice Cream, and... Thinking! **Monday evening, May 15 @ 6:30 pm**. Come together to take part in the working community at Trinity. All interest groups will communicate their doings, concerns, and needs. Worship and Music, Christian Education, Pastoral Care, Property, United Church Women, Stewardship, and Trinity United Mens Club. Attend an interest group for the first time out of "curiosity and interest" - everyone is welcome. *Fresh ideas and input make for a healthy church family!*

Annual Reports: *Yes, it is that time of year again.* If you are responsible for a report for our Annual Report, please make plans to have it in to the office no later than **Monday, May 15**. (Email **Zoë** if you'd like a copy of last year's report to work from.)

Thrift Number this week: We have a resplendent total this week! \$552.90.

UCC News: Today, **Friday, May 5**, is National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls and Two-Spirit people. Red dresses are hung in public spaces and people wear red

shirts or dresses to honour those who have gone missing or been murdered. Please join this movement to say that you value Indigenous Women, Girls and Two-Spirit people, and to seek justice. **CLICK HERE** to read more.

Coronation Tea: TOMORROW. St Catherine's ACW invites you to a Coronation Tea **Sat, May 6** from 1 - 3 pm at St Laurence Anglican (825 St Laurence St, Coq.) \$10 ticket.

POCO Garden Club Plant Sale: TOMORROW. Sat, May 6, 9 am to Noon here at Trinity! Don't miss the PoCo Garden Club's annual plant sale (**cash only**). All plants are healthy, hardy, and locally grown in members' gardens. There will also be a bake sale, a raffle, and a garden-themed yard sale, plus 50% off Club membership when you spend \$10 or more.

Loss and Grief Workshop: At Eagle Ridge United Church, **Saturday, May 13,** 9:30 am to 4:30 pm. Led by **Kevin Hegseth**, contact the ERUC church office to register, eruc@telus.net.

Indigenous Plant Walk: With Inlet United Church **Thursday, May 18,** 6:30 to 8 pm. Meet in person at Inlet United Church, loco site; to register please email office@inletunited.ca. An easy-paced walk with Lori Snyder, Indigenous herbalist and educator of wild, edible, and medicinal plants.

Harmony Vocal Ensemble Concert: Sun, May 28, 2:30 pm here at Trinity! Spring Reboot - join their lovely singers for a nostalgic look at our lives during and after the pandemic, with a lot of memories and maybe even a "HAIR"-raising experience or two! Ticket available from the office, \$20.

PMRC AGM: Registration is now open for the 5th Annual General Meeting of the Pacific Mountain Regional Council, **June 1 - 4, 2023.** **CLICK HERE.** Keynote speaker will be The **Rev. Dr. Jacqui Lewis**, who comes to us with a desire to use her gifts to help create an antiracist, just, gun violence free, fully welcoming, and gender-affirming society. We're excited to see what Jacqui has to teach us as we gather in June!

Broadview Article of Note: Will ChatGPT put preachers out of a job? How these ministers feel about using AI for their sermons. **CLICK HERE** to read article.

Trinity + Worship: Missed the In-Person Sunday Gathering? For a video of the most recent Sunday service, **CLICK HERE**, streamed on our YouTube Channel on **April 30**.

Devastating Earthquakes in Turkey and Syria: Please continue to include the people of Turkey, Syria, and other countries affected in your prayers, and consider making a donation to the emergency relief fund. Going forward, Trinity will send all donations directed to the Emergency Global Response through the Mission and Service Fund. Label the envelope to indicate your wishes "Syria/Turkey Earthquake" or **CLICK HERE** to donate online.

Sponsoring Refugees: Challenges and Strategies: Join The United Church of Canada's Refugee Sponsorship staff to address the challenges of Refugee Sponsorship in the current political climate, and share strategies that are working. A United-in-Learning offering, online. **May 31, 2023, 10 am - 12 pm** Pacific. (*Info to follow*)

Help Support Ukrainian Refugees: The Russian war of aggression in the Ukraine continues. The invasion of Ukraine is costing precious lives and creating a humanitarian crisis as people flee to safety. You can help. Right now, **people urgently need shelter, clean water, food, and medical attention**. Please show your support by making a gift today. **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).

Prayers of the People: May 7 to May 13, 2023

In the Ecumenical Prayer Cycle of the World Council of Churches this week, we pray for India, Pakistan, and Sri Lanka. **CLICK HERE** to find out more about this part of the world and the ecumenical prayer cycle.

PMRC Prayers: In our own Pacific Mountain Region of the United Church of Canada, we pray for We Are One Church Plant (Port Hardy),

Weird Church Plants, West Point Grey UC, West Vancouver UC,
Westbank UC, and West Shore Church Plant (Victoria).

Healing Pathways: We are offering distance healing 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".

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