

CARE AND NURTURE FOR ALL

NEED A VISIT? If you, or someone you know, needs a visit—or even just a phone-call—from Foster or from a member of our Telephone/Pastoral Care team, please let Foster know ASAP! And if you—or someone you know—is in hospital (or expects to be in hospital), please let us know. THANKS!!!

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP This is an informal, weekly opportunity, for **anyone** working through grief—for any reason—to spend an hour in the company of others dealing with similar challenges. This is an ongoing, drop-in, no-obligation group which meets from **11:00 to noon on Tuesdays**. Open to all. **And please note the group meets even when Foster is away!**

NEED A RIDE to or from Church for the 11am Service? Speak with Rev. Foster at the Church Office!

TRINITY PRAYER LIST Charlotte Roe and the Family of Stan Mackey, Family of David Scobie, Scott Stacey, Jon French (Mary-Margaret Caldwell's husband), Scott Shore, Jennifer and Mark, Jono and Grace, Ryan and Shelley, Jeanne Winters, Marlene Yurichuck, Lois Anderson, the families of Jason and Jerrett be blessed with children, Virginia, William Prince, Ellen Davies, Domenic Logozzo, Mark & Giselle Allen, Michael Short, Nick R, Lee Mason, Terry Finch, Ilse Wetklo, Avis Ten Have; Joan LaPointe, Matthew, Mariah.

PRAYER LIST Please call the office directly at 250.390.2513 to add someone to our Prayer List, names will automatically be removed after three weeks.

Let's Celebrate – Month of March

Birthdays: Betty Smith (1st), Matt Hawkins (4th), Doug McBride (20th), Alan Surgin (22nd), Alex Retzer (23rd), Lenore Thomas (23rd), Gay Harrigan (24th), Barbara DeJonghe (27th), Melanie Barnum (30th).

Anniversary: Bev & Roy Roberts (7th), Joy & Harry Leeb (10th), Barbara & Lloyd DeJonghe (22nd).

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Office Hours:
Monday 9am – 12:45pm
Tuesday to Friday 9am – 1:45pm

March 1st, 2020 FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

Minister: Rev. Foster Freed	Music Director: Alison Dalton
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March 1st

Greeters: Garth & Linda Whittome
Ushers: Hugh Sproule
Reader: Garth Whittome
Coffee: Darlene S. & Wendy E.
Lock-up: Rev. Foster
Counting: Heather W. & Maggie S.
Projection: Brad Luoma
Sound: Brad Luoma
Sunday Sch.: Sue Luoma

March 8th

Marilyn D. & Carole R.
Ken & Maggie S.
Jan Webb
Matt & Dawna H.
Mel Wills
Archie W. & Marlene W.
Brad Luoma
Brad Luoma
Sue Luoma

March 2nd to March 8th

Tuesday	Grief Group	Lounge	11:00 am
Tuesday	Lenten Film Series	Lounge	1:00 pm
Tuesday	T.O.P.S	101	5:00 pm
Tuesday	Al-anon	214	7:30 pm
Wednesday	Prayer Circle	217	10:00 am
Thursday	Lenten Bible Study	217	10:00 am
Thursday	Pastoral Care Meeting	217	1:00 pm
Thursday	Lenten Bible Study	217	7:00 pm
Friday	Executive Meeting	213	10:00 am
Friday	Alpha	217	5:00 pm
Sunday	Choir Practice	101	9:15 am
Sunday	Sunday School	217	11:00 am
Sunday	Worship	Sanctuary	11:00 am

WELCOME!

WELCOME Good morning! Welcome to this service of worship which marks the beginning of the second major Festival Cycle in the Christian year: the cycle which culminates in the 50 days of rejoicing **known as Easter**, but which begins with a time of fasting and reflection **known as Lent**. Intriguingly, the word “Lent” comes from the same root as the word “lengthen”: in short, Lent—in addition to being a penitential season—marks the coming of Spring. In short, it is an ambiguous time: a time for sober reflection and self-evaluation, and yet a time hardly devoid of hope amid signs of new life. For that reason it is entirely fitting that we—here at Trinity—will continue our “reflective” (but not devoid of hope) series of reflections on the Jesus of Matthew’s Gospel. This morning: Jesus, **the Teacher**. In addition—and no less fittingly—we will mark the start to a new season by coming to the table where the risen Christ is our host. At the start of this bittersweet season of introspection, we welcome you to Trinity United!

SPECIAL WELCOME TO VISITORS A warm welcome to all who are visiting us this morning, whether you are visiting from afar, or church-shopping. If you are visiting with us today, we trust that you have been warmly received and made to feel welcome. If you are here from afar, we are pleased to have you in our midst. If you are worshipping from within Nanaimo, and seeking a Church home, we would love to tell you more about the life of this congregation. Whether you are a long-timer or a newcomer, we delight in welcoming you, this morning, to the Nanaimo Ecumenical Centre and to Trinity United Church! **If you are able, please join us for refreshments after worship.**

AN OPEN TABLE! If you are visiting us from another congregation or Christian denomination, please know that there is no denominational fence around our Communion table. If you are a disciple—seeking to live the new life in Christ—please know that you are welcome at this table, where saints/sinners/and those of us somewhere in-between are welcomed in the name and in the spirit of Jesus.

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE AND TIME

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING The date for Trinity United’s Annual General Meeting has arrived: **it’s set to begin after worship, this afternoon, at 12:45 sharp!** For those who have not yet accessed the Annual General Report, copies are available in the narthex: as well as an addendum containing the full minutes of last year’s AGM. In advance, we thank all of you who plan to stay for today’s meeting, with an extra special thanks to those who have brought “finger-food” for us to share once our time of worship is complete. As the classic hymn reminds us, “worship and work must be one”...and this morning—having worshipped together—we will have an opportunity to work together as a faith-community. And remember: **all are welcome to attend this AGM.**

WORSHIP FOR MARCH 1ST Next Sunday is the Second Sunday In Lent. Readings for this Sunday in the Church’s calendar include:

Genesis 12: 1-4a

Psalm 121

Romans 4: 1-5, 13-17

John 3: 1-17 (Alt)

Matthew 17: 1-9 (Alt)

However: Rev. Foster plans to continue his six-part attempt at creating a multi-dimensional portrait of Jesus based on texts drawn from Matthew’s Gospel. Next Sunday’s theme will be that of Jesus **the Founder**. Our text? **Matthew 16:13-20.**

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS NEXT WEEKEND! Don’t forget to set your clocks ahead by one hour next Saturday evening, it’s also a good time to change batteries in your smoke detectors!

FOSTER’S OFFICE HOURS Rev. Foster plans to keep office hours this week Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday mornings from 10:00 – 1:00, although study and fellowship groups will punctuate that time on all three days. You are encouraged to make an appointment during these hours or—if you wish to see him outside these hours—to be in touch with him.

COUNCIL MINUTES Council would like to make the meeting minutes available to those who wish to have them. Betty Bordial will compile a list and if you would like to receive the minutes via e-mail please contact her directly through the church office. If you desire a hard copy please find it in the envelope on Trinity United's bulletin board above the table in the Narthex. **This is a draft copy only and not yet approved by Council.**

GREETERS AND USHERS Dear Members I recognize that committing to a month of greeting or ushering is a "very big ask". My heartfelt thanks goes to the members who have helped me throughout the past months. I will try something new. **There will be a sign-up sheet in the Narthex.** Please write your names on dates you feel you will be at church. I have found this to be an onerous task and will gratefully appreciate your help. **Sincerely Mary Thompson.**

THE NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE is looking for folks to help on various committees. We have filled most vacancies for the upcoming year and are grateful to those who have volunteered. However, we still need to increase membership in a few areas. If you think you may be able to help out please speak with Donna Bouvette as soon as possible.

HOT OFF THE PRESS – The long awaited 2020 Spring Planned Giving Workshop has now been officially set for after Worship on Sunday, April 26th. Immediately following the service there will be a light lunch, with the Workshop starting promptly at 12:45 PM. This event will be led by three presenters; leading off is the UCC Pacific Mountains Regional Financial Planning Officer **Jane Harding**. Jane will be assisted by two local members of the Nanaimo community – **Trina Brubaker**, with the law firm of Johnston, Franklin & Bishop, her practices are Wills & Estates, Real Estate, and Civil Litigation, she enjoys working with clients to create plans tailored towards their individual needs, and advocating on their behalf – **Brian Dugaro**, with IG Wealth Management, provides well thought-out plan for ones financial future which is an integral part of building the life you want for yourself and your family. - - Stay Tuned - - **Additional information may be obtained by contacting the Trinity United coordinator for this event, Hugh Sproule.**

OUTREACH

MISSION AND SERVICE Congratulations! Trinity United gave a total of \$7,089 in 2019 to M&P. **Thank you so much everyone for your contribution.**

AL-ANON Affected by your loved ones drinking? Al-Anon meets at NEC on **Tuesday nights at 7:30pm** in the couch room.

LOAVES AND FISHES Nanaimo's food-bank is a local outreach which we, here at the Nanaimo Ecumenical Centre, seek to support. Monetary gifts—as well as gifts of cash—are always welcome. With the “festive season” now behind us, there is the very real danger that we will forget all about the foodbank. **Your generosity is always appreciated!**

THE CHALLENGE OF HOMELESSNESS The City of Nanaimo--in co-operation with the Nanaimo Homeless Coalition and the United Way—is holding a series of "Design Labs" to improve the way the challenge of "homelessness" is addressed in Nanaimo. If you wish to learn more about these Design Labs, or if you would be interested in participating, please head to: **nanaimohomelesscoalition.eventbrite.ca.**

MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE!

ADULT WORSHIP CHOIR Our Choir meets for weekly rehearsal at 9:15 on Sunday mornings. They all gather twice monthly for Thursday late-afternoon rehearsals, starting at 5:30. (The choir will next gather on Thursday, March 12th. **New members are always welcome; please speak to Alison for details!!**

NEC NEWS

NECS 2020 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING If today's Annual Meeting of Trinity United left you wanting more (!), note that you have the opportunity to attend the AGM of the Nanaimo Ecumenical Centre Society, two Sundays from now. Mark your calendars and plan to attend! **Sunday March 15th at 10am**, downstairs in the Hall. Please note the time for this meeting which takes place at the end of Trinity Catholic's morning mass, and an hour before the start to Trinity United's morning worship!!

FACILITY RENTALS AT TRINITY UNITED / NEC Seven venues available with seating from 25 to 300, full audio-visual system and a fully equipped commercial kitchen with serving window to 3,500sq.ft. hall.

MEMORIAL PLAQUE MINISTRY For those who are new to the Nanaimo Ecumenical Centre, you too can place a plaque on the Memorial Rock in the Trinity Garden. This service is open to members of both congregations and to participants of the wider community. In other words, to anyone. The ***Garden is a memorial to loved ones, to those we wish to remember and honour, no matter their beliefs.*** You can have a plaque mounted for a loved one with first and last names, and with birth and death years, or you can mount a Reserved plaque for yourself or another. Just give a donation of \$250 to the Nanaimo Ecumenical Centre and ***you will receive a tax receipt for the full amount and a mounted plaque.*** When the person for whom the Reserved plaque is mounted passes on, it will be replaced at no extra charge with a plaque with the name and dates of that person. For further information, please contact Sarah, at the NEC Office: 250-390-2612.

Mission Statement

Trinity United Church exists to be a supporting and outreaching community that provides spiritual nourishment to all through worshipping Jesus Christ.

We are creating, with God, a world of love, compassion, and respect for all creation.

FUTURING

SEARCH COMMITTEE UPDATE Each week our team members are approached with questions about our search. We really appreciate your interest. Unfortunately it is sometimes difficult to answer because, while we are committed to keeping you informed, we are also mandated to keep any applicant information confidential. That said, we are excited to tell you we are starting the interview phase. Plans are in place to interview, via internet, this month.

Once our interviews are complete, we need to bring any successful candidate for an on-site visit. That travel expense, along with the moving cost, is our responsibility and we are grateful for the donations you are making to the Transition Fund. We had a thought that, in order to make the Transition Fund go as far as possible, anyone with AirMiles they have no plans for might consider donating them for that purpose. If that opportunity is something you may be interested in, please speak to Donna Bouvette.

TRANSITION FUND At the October meeting of Trinity United Council, the decision was made to establish a "transition fund", to help meet the extra-ordinary expenses that will likely be incurred as we search for a new minister. We have set, as our initial target, \$10,000.00 which we hope will be raised by "over-and-above" gifts to this fund. **We have now reached—and slightly surpassed-- \$6500.00 to this important fund!** Please continue to give this fund your prayerful consideration over the coming weeks and months! And, as always: **thank you for your generosity!**

OPPORTUNITIES FOR GROWTH AND LEARNING

PRAYER CIRCLE Our next monthly prayer circle gathering is scheduled for **this Wednesday March 4th at 10am**. Please speak with Rev. Foster for more details. And please note: we are cracking open a new book on prayer: Anthony Bloom's small classic: "Beginning to Pray". Please speak to Rev. Foster if you wish a copy of this book. And remember: **all are welcome to join us for our monthly gathering of the prayer circle!**

UPCOMING LENTEN FILM SERIES a 6-week **Retrospective** series—featuring our "greatest-hits"!, begins this Tuesday. Once again led Phyllis Thompson and Rev. Foster, it will be held from March 3 to April 7, from 1:00pm – 4:00pm. This Tuesday our feature will be the marvelous Canadian film: ***A Company of Strangers***. Future titles will include:

March 10th: *The Butterfly*,

March 17th: *Joyeux Noël*

March 24th: *Paper Clips*

March 31st: *Of Gods and Men*

April 7th: *Babette's Feast*.

No charge; refreshment and discussion follow each movie. **ALL ARE WELCOME!!**

ALPHA Our current offering of Alpha is forging ahead. This weekend represents the "Alpha" weekend, with a special focus on the witness and work of the Holy Spirit. We will gather this Friday at 5:00 in the late-afternoon, and then again Saturday morning starting at 9:00 a.m. **It's not too late to get involved!** For information or to register please contact Donna Bouvette, details available at the office.

LENTEN STUDY This year's six-week Lenten study launched this past Thursday. As in year's past, there will be two sessions offered: **Thursdays at 10:00 or Thursdays at 7:00**. Titled: "Journeying through Lent with the Hebrew Scriptures", Rev. Foster—unlike previous years—is designing a "curriculum" for our use, rather than making use of a published curriculum. **Copies of the study-sheets for Session #2 will be available this morning; please speak to Rev. Foster if you wish a copy! All are welcome!!**

BEYOND THE CONGREGATION

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER Please join us at Hope Lutheran Church on Departure Bay, for the World Day of Prayer, a day which invites us to enrich our faith with the experience of Christians from other countries and cultures and to bring hope to women touched by injustice. **THIS Friday 6th March at 1:30pm**. Service written by the World Day of Prayer Committee of Zimbabwe.

THEOLOGICAL BANQUET WORKSHOP The Theological Banquet workshop with Janet Gear has been rescheduled for **March 7th** at Camp Pringle. An online registration form can be found on the Pacific Mountain Region website, and will be distributed by email. Registration is now open for the Theological Banquet workshop at Camp Pringle with Janet Gear. The workshop itself is \$25, and you have the option of arriving the night before for some rest and relaxation at Shawnigan Lake for an additional \$20. Contact Tif with any questions. To register fill in the online form here: <https://form.jotform.com/PMR-UCC/theological-banquet-2020>

KNOX (PARKSVILLE) PRESENTS The Arrogant Worms, an exciting trio who offers lively, fun-filled, musical entertainment to folks of all ages. **March 15th 2:30pm. Tickets are \$30 each at Eventbrite.ca, for more details go to kucparksville.ca / arrogantworms.com**