

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 Frank Sartorio, 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, 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 8th, 2020 SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

Minister: Rev. Foster Freed

Music Director: Alison Dalton

March 8st

Greeters: Marilyn D. & Carole R.

Ushers: Ken & Maggie S.

Reader: Jan Webb

Coffee: Matt & Dawna H.

Lock-up: Mel Wills

Counting: Archie W. & Marlene W.

Projection: Brad Luoma

Sound: Brad Luoma

Sunday Sch.: Sue Luoma

March 15th

Garth & Linda W.

Pearl J. & Carole R.

Mary Thompson

Sue Luoma

Marlene W. & Cheryl B.

Brad Luoma

Brad Luoma

Sue Luoma

March 9th to March 15th

Tuesday	Prayer Shawl Group	214	9:30 am
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
Thursday	Lenten Bible Study	217	10:00 am
Thursday	Ladies Luncheon	Boston Pizza	11:00 am
Thursday	Lenten Bible Study	217	7:00 pm
Friday	Council Meeting	213	10:00 am
Saturday	Men's Breakfast	Kelly's	8:00 am
Saturday	Beryl Hamilton Funeral	Sanctuary	1:30 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 our service of worship for this, the **2nd Sunday in Lent**: as we continue our annual sojourn through this season of preparation, a season that culminates with celebration of the miracle of Easter. Because our path to Easter takes us on a route that incorporates the Cross, it is entirely fitting that it is preceded by a solemn time of simplicity and introspection, as we contemplate not only “who” we are but “whose” we are. This morning we once again ask those questions as disciples, those who seek to walk in the footsteps of the Lord, taking as our specific focus, this morning, Jesus **as Founder**: founder, above all, of what we know as the church. And yes: with good reason we wonder whether he would even begin to recognize the sprawling, multi-national, multi-denominational institution that is the church, some 2000 years after his death. **Stay tuned! And welcome 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.**

PASSING THE PEACE! In light of current concerns around the Coronavirus—concerns which have even prompted the closing of schools in nearby Seattle—we are asking that folks refrain (for the time being) from the informal “passing of the peace” handshakes and embraces that characterize that segment of our morning worship. A nod and a smile to your neighbour will have to suffice for the time being. God bless you!!

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE AND TIME

WORSHIP FOR MARCH 15th Next Sunday is the Third Sunday In Lent. Readings for this Sunday in the Church’s calendar include:
Exodus 17: 1-7
Psalm 95
Romans 5: 1-11
John 4: 5-42

However: Rev. Foster plans to continue (as a matter of fact, he plans to conclude) 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 One of Singleness of Heart and Mind**. Our text? **Matthew 26:36-46**.

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 Tuesday and Thursday. 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 Bordal 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 Friends please permit me to try another adjustment to this opportunity for service. I would like to have **only Greeters for the month of March**. The Greeters would also have the Bulletins and Sermons. Members can either leave them on the table or hold them as each person decides. I thank you for your patience with me while I explore efficiencies. Sincerely Mary Thompson

PRAYER SHAWL GROUP We meet the **second Tuesday** of the month (our next meeting will be **March 10th at 9:30am**). Please join us when you can.

LADIES LUNCHEON Thursday **March 12th** at Boston Pizza for 11:30am. All women welcome☺

MEN'S BREAKFAST Saturday **March 14th** at Kelly's Kitchen Cafe. We begin to gather just past 8am and generally order by 8am. All men are invited!

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.**

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!!**

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.**

BEYOND THE CONGREGATION

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**

NEC NEWS

NECS 2020 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING If last Sunday'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, next Sunday. 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 Wednesday **April 1st 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"!, continues this Tuesday. Once again led Phyllis Thompson and Rev. Foster, it will continue until April 7, with films screening at 1:00pm followed by refreshments and conversation. **This Tuesday** our feature will be a wise and funny film from France: *The Butterfly*, Future titles will include:

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 we enjoyed the Holy Spirit weekend which represents one of the special "places" in the Alpha-experience. Although it is likely too late to get involved with this current offering of Alpha, it is never too late to learn more about the programme! For information please contact Donna Bouvette.

LENTEN STUDY This year's six-week Lenten study continues. 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 #3 will be available this morning; please speak to Rev. Foster if you wish a copy! All are welcome!!**

