

The week of Mar 5, 2023

Announcements

Hybrid Worship on Sunday, March 5, 2023: This Sunday we are led in worship by Rev David. It is the second Sunday of Lent and we will have our rescheduled Town Hall meeting. To join the ZOOM Meeting on Sunday, ***CLICK HERE***. To read the order of service for Sunday, ***CLICK HERE***.

TOWN HALL: **This Sunday** after the worship time in the Fellowship Hall. **After last weekend's wintery blast, we will be having our Town Hall meeting (and soup and bun lunch) in the Hall.** *Be sure to attend, as this second meeting will be a time for the Development Steering Team to hear your responses to their presentation in January.*

Tuesdays @ 2211: is again meeting in person on (you guessed it) **Tuesdays at 6:00 pm**, in the Church library/narthex. The first meeting will be **March 7** and will be a Bring Your Own Dinner event. We will discuss the same book that our Prayer/Study Group is currently studying, "Building God's Beloved Community - Discipleship in the United Church of Canada". For more information contact: Irene MacIver. ***If you need a copy of the book, let Zoë in the office know (office@ucpoco.ca) asap, cut off for orders is Tuesday, March 7.***

Doers Meeting: **Monday, March 13 @ 6:30 pm** in the Church Hall. *Green is the lucky colour!* Discipleship is seeing how our lives are a sacred calling and, out of our faith, connecting our gifts with the world's needs. Come together at Trinity to be a part of the "Doing" and hear what each other is doing and wants to do. We will hear reports from Worship + Music, Governance, United Church Women, leaving time for Property, Christian Education, and Outreach interest groups to meet as well. Hope to see you - *Joy Galea, Syd Sawyer, and Irene MacIver.*

Wed Morning Coffee Chat: Last Wednesday, the Coffee Group celebrated their 150th Wed ZOOM chat. **Congratulations to everyone on their amazing weekly commitment to connecting in this way.** If you are not receiving the ZOOM invite to the Chat and you would like to, contact the office (**office@ucpoco.ca**).

Truth and Reconciliation News: Upon hearing the preliminary research findings on deaths and unmarked graves at the Albern residential institution, The Rt. Rev. Dr. Carmen Lansdowne, Moderator of The United Church of Canada, said: *"The church will not look away from the truth that continues to be uncovered. The United Church of Canada continues our commitment to live into our Apologies, to be accountable, and to further the work of truth and reconciliation in concrete acts of justice and reparation."* **CLICK HERE** to read more of this initial response.

First United Lenten Calendar: This year's theme for Spiritual Care at First United is truth-telling. As we enter the Season of Lent, we offer a calendar of prayer and contemplation based on the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's **Call to Action #60**. Just click the links on each day of the calendar to access new content! **CLICK HERE** to get the First United Lenten Calendar.

Games Night Sat, March 18: Tickets now available for TUMS Games Night March 18. *Contact Harvey.*

Thrift Number this week: A subdued **\$353.25**. It was a bit snowy...

Card-making Workshop: The Sarah Unit invites you to a fun and creative card-making workshop. **Saturday, April 1st from 1 - 3 pm in the Church Hall.** Each person will be guided through completing five beautiful cards. Pat Bradley or Syd Sawyer will be in the Hall after service to answer questions or take your registration. Cost of registration is \$25.00. **CLICK HERE.**

Help Support Ukrainian Refugees: We sadly mark the one-year anniversary of the Russian war of aggression in the Ukraine. 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.**

Devastating Earthquakes in Turkey and Syria: Please 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.

Trinity + Worship: Missed the In-Person Sunday Gathering? Here is the Sunday service, **CLICK HERE**, streamed on our YouTube Channel on **February 26th** with Rev David. And **CLICK HERE** for the PDF (written) version of the service.

TriCities Homelessness Count: TriCity Homelessness and Housing Task Group are looking for volunteers to help with the homeless count on **March 7th to 8th. Volunteers** – If you or someone you know is interested in volunteering the day of please use this web form: **CLICK HERE**.

First United Toast Talks: Be sure to register so you can hear all the latest updates on First United's latest programs and the redevelopment. **Thursday, March 16, 4:30 pm - 5:15 pm** followed by our AGM at 5:30, Online, via Zoom. **CLICK HERE** to register.

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: Mar 5 to Mar 11, 2023

In the Ecumenical Prayer Cycle of the World Council of Churches this week, we pray for Ireland; United Kingdom: England, Northern Ireland, Scotland, and Wales. **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 St. Andrew's UC (North Vancouver, Quesnel, Rossland, Williams Lake), St. Andrew's UC / St. Mary's, and Anglican SM (Lillooet).

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".