

Bulletin

Announcements

Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost
Season of Creation – Week 2

September 20th, 2026



Philippians 1: 21-30

Paul's Present Circumstances

For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me, yet I cannot say which I will choose. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better, but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that, by my presence again with you, your boast might abound in Christ Jesus because of me.

Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel and in no way frightened by those opposing you. For them, this is evidence of their destruction but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ but of suffering for him as well, since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.



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September's Birthdays:



Sep 1st	Marilyn Day
Sep 9th	Bob Bebault
Sep 10th	Ella Ashcraft
Sep 10th	Caelin Haapala-Wilson

Church's Hours

Our office regular hours are Monday to Thursday from 8:30am to 1:30pm.

Pastor John's Office Hours

Pastor John's hours are Mondays from 8:30am to 1:30pm. If you want to reach out to him, his email address is pastorjohnuc@gmail.com and his cellphone is 236-238-1575.

Upcoming Events

Donations for Ukraine - Update

We heard from Fr. Stepan at St Michael the Archangel Church that they have already collected enough clothing to fill the donations' container and they are about to ship it. So, at this point they are no longer taking donations; however, they will let us know whenever they start filling another container.

He really appreciates your generosity and kindness!

Covenanting Service

We will be celebrating the ministry between Trinity United Church and Pastor John Helps with a special service on Sunday September 20th, 2026 starting at 10:00am. Friends from Cedar United Church and Pacific Mountain Region will be joining us along with other guests. The service will be followed by a finger food Lunch.



Spaghetti Dinner

Our next Spaghetti Dinner will be held on Friday, September 25th, 2026, at St. Andrew's United Church starting at 5:30 p.m. We will have door prizes. Don't miss this opportunity to visit with friends and enjoy fellowship!

Date: September 25, 2026 starting at 5:30p.m.

Location: St. Andrew's United Church, 315 Fitzwilliam Street

Tickets: \$20, family (2 adults, 2 children 5-12years) \$50

Contact: Joy Leeb: Text: 250 616 2357
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National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

On September 30th, we observe the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation to honour the survivors of residential schools and remember the children who never returned home. Please remember to wear orange this coming Sunday, September 27th, 2026, to show your support.



*"Remembering the children who went to residential institutions or who never came home from them, through worship as a public expression of our grief, reflects our commitment to reconciliation and Indigenous justice".
The United Church of Canada, 2025.*

Readers for the Month of September 2026



Date	Holy Scriptures	Mission & Service Stories
Sunday 6 th	Ella Ashcroft	Pastor John Helps
Sunday 13 th	Betty Bordial	Levena Bebault
Sunday 20 th	Cheryl Waye	Janice Webb
Sunday 27 th	Wendy Warner	Cheryl Waye

Great Ways to Get Involved

Food for Families

Once again, Trinity is partnering with our neighbors at the Pleasant Valley School to assist families affiliated with the school who are experiencing food insecurity. Speak to a member of the Trinity Council to find out how you can help to make a difference.

Trinity United Food Bank

Did you know that in Nanaimo 2 out of 4 families suffer from food insecurity? Please, remember to feed the Loaves and Fishes donation box at the back entrance to the Church. In addition to food and cash donations, they are in great need of egg cartons!

Community Donations to Trinity

Recycling your bottles and cans at the Nanaimo Recycling Centre? You can ask them to donate the money to Trinity. Also: if you have Save-On-More points, they can also be donated!

Weekly Services and Meetings



TUESDAYS

Grief Group

Most Tuesdays @ 11:00 am

Prayer Group

Meets the second Tuesday of each month @ 10:00 am

Ladies' Lunch

Meets the second Tuesday of every month @ 11:45 am



WEDNESDAYS

Ladies' Coffee Group

Third Wednesday of every month @ 2:00 pm



THURSDAYS

Prayer Shawl Ministry and Knitting Group

Second Thursday of every month @ 10:00 am

Trinity Choir

Most Thursdays @ 6:30 pm



SATURDAYS

Men's Continental Breakfast

First Saturday of every month @ 10:00 am, except for September 5th, 2026.



SUNDAYS

Worship Service

Our weekly worship service is on Sunday morning @ 11:00am both in-sanctuary and online via  YouTube. Join us online using this link:
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCs0O80HfYqa4uZOBJ0Tpow>

Pastor John's Message for Next Sunday September 27, 2026

Dear Friends:

After a special Sunday of celebration, I'll be back behind the pulpit next week!

We'll continue our **Season of Creation** and take some time to reflect on our relationship with the world around us, and with one another.

I'm looking forward to getting back to our regular Sunday morning rhythm and sharing worship with you again.

See you Sunday!

Grace and peace,

John

Land Acknowledgement

Trinity United Church acknowledges that we live out our ministry on the traditional territory of the Coast Salish Peoples, the region of the Snuneymuxw and Snaw-naw-as First Nations.

