

## &gt;&gt;&gt; NEWSLETTER &lt;&lt;&lt;

# THE TRINITARIAN

All are welcome, all are loved

## &gt;&gt;&gt; PASTOR'S PEN

## OUR MINISTRY IS ESSENTIAL

*"Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.'"*

*Matthew 25: 45*

The latest copy of the *Anglican Journal* arrived at the office last week.

Usually, I put the copy of the publication out in the Narthex when it arrives in the mail, but this time I was waiting for the choir members to arrive for rehearsal (I'm the Thursday doorman) before going on with my day.

So, I glanced through the pages while I was waiting at the counter.

Two articles caught my attention. The first was about the financial challenges a number of Anglican congregations are facing. Like Lutheran congregations, the Anglicans are dealing with a drop in offerings and with the reduction in the number of available priests to minister congregations.

Just for comparison, our synod - which stretches from Halifax to Wawa - currently has 15 open congregational calls due to retirements and departures.

While congregations face such challenges, the need for their ministries is increasing and will continue to increase as the world faces the realities created by the U.S. administration. We're feeling the effects in Canada and elsewhere in the world. It would be naive to believe otherwise.

In the other article, Canon Maggie Helwig, rector of St. Stephen-in-the-Fields Church in Toronto, said:

"We are already seeing a harder, meaner attitude here in Canada, too: things being blamed on immigrants, things being blamed on trans people, things being blamed on homeless people, on 'drug addicts.' Blame and targeting and othering."

I have heard the blame game being played in my travels in the city and even echos of it within the halls at Trinity. People seem to believe that the leadership change in the U.S. and the attempts at division by political leaders here in Canada gives them free reign to voice and practise bigotry and hatred. In those times, we need to remember Jesus' words in Matthew's gospel.

Weeks later, I remain haunted by the woman entering at the Downtown Mission after the Coldest Night event. Her eyes were a mixture of terror and desperation.

## UPCOMING

### APRIL 13 - PALM SUNDAY

COME, JOIN THE CELEBRATION AS WE MARK JESUS' TRIUMPHANT ENTRY INTO JERUSALEM. BRING A PAIR OF NEW SOCKS TO WAVE WITH THE PALMS. THE SOCKS WILL BE COLLECTED AND DONATED TO THE DOWNTOWN MISSION. MORE SOCKS, THE BETTER.

### APRIL 2 - APRIL 16 HOLDEN SERVICES

MIDWEEK SERVICES IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL DURING THE LENTEN SEASON. A SIMPLE MEAL PRECEDES THE SERVICES. THE MEAL BEGINS AT 5 P.M. AND THE SERVICE AT 6 P.M.

### APRIL 12 - TRINITY ARTS CONCERT

THE WOODWARD STRING QUARTET WILL PERFORM AT TRINITY BEGINNING AT 4 P.M. TICKETS ARE \$20 FOR ADULTS AND \$10 FOR STUDENTS. PROCEEDS SUPPORT OUR MUSIC OUTREACH PROGRAM.

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## »» SHROVE SUPPER



The tables were set and diners were beginning to enter the Fellowship Hall for the Shrove Pancake Supper. The meal of pancakes and sausages set the stage for the beginning on Lent that followed with the Ash Wednesday Service on the next night. More pictures appear on page 7.

## »» PASTOR'S PEN

# Demands will increase, so should our resolution

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I cannot shake that look or of the look of brokenness of the man leaning against the wall behind her.

In that same article, Helwig and Archbishop Anne Germond, acting primate of the Anglican Church of Canada, called on their members to continue to speak on behalf of marginalized and victimized persons.

They also argue that this atmosphere of uncertainty and displacement makes the work of churches more essential and in demand. Are we up to the challenge?

Those of us who have taken part in the midweek Holden services and meals have seen this at Trinity.

The number of persons joining us for soup and bread has increased each week. Some of them have benefited from our Monthly Clothing Giveaway. They, in turn, have spread the word about our ministries and the Trinity is a place where people back up their words with actions.

The numbers bear out the Anglican clergy's statement about the heightened demands being placed on churches. The numbers also have me wondering if the soup and bread meal should be a regular ministry at Trinity.

What is clear is that Trinity is needed, Trinity is making a difference in lives and Trinity needs the work and support of all to fully live into the gospel.

As we move forward into the uncertainty and anger of the world that has been sparked largely by the orange-haired one in the States and his supporters, congregations' advocacy and ministry becomes will be an essential part of peoples lives.

I hope that we all remember the words in Matthew and that we embrace the Gospel Imperative of feeding, comforting, loving and protecting the poor, the outcast and the stranger. I believe we are up to the challenge.

## FINANCE

### Treasurer Update

Here is our financial statement as of February 28, 2025.

WFCU Accounts	Value	Previous Month	Comments
Chequing Account – Account 3	\$87,227.09	\$87,716.43	
Alto Savings – Account 13	\$33,899.52	\$33,893.02	
Alto Savings – Account 14	\$23,940.82	\$23,936.23	
Alto Savings – Account 15	\$5,868.71	\$5,868.03	This is the Memorial Fund
Term Deposit #10	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00	Matures August 14, 2025
Bingo Account	\$4,067.12	\$4,066.77	
ELFEC Investment	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00	
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>\$230,003.26</b>	<b>\$230,480.48</b>	
Due Back to Savings	Value	Previous Month	Comments
Gift Cards	\$4,525.00	\$5,980.00	New \$5,000 order on 01-10-25
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>\$4,525.00</b>	<b>\$5,980.00</b>	

The following are our restricted fund accounts:

Restricted Funds	Value	Previous Month	Comments
Memorial Fund	\$5,868.71	\$5,868.03	
Endowment Fund	\$30,705.21	\$30,705.21	
Congregational Growth	\$1,700.00	\$1,700.00	
Youth	\$1,857.84	\$1,857.84	
Family Assist	\$890.00	\$865.00	
Music Ministry	\$325.00	\$325.00	
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>\$41,346.76</b>	<b>\$41,321.08</b>	

The following is our year- to-date income-expense totals.

END OF February 2025	Budgeted		Actuals
INCOME TOTAL	\$132,206.00		\$16,922.20
EXPENSES TOTAL	\$164,670.68		\$26,146.33

END OF February 2024			Actuals
INCOME TOTAL			\$21,277.68

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to me.

*Submitted by Bob Swiatoschik (Treasurer)*

# »» Holden Services

## MIDWEEK MINISTRY AND WORSHIP AT TRINITY



Since March 12, Trinity has been offering midweek Holden Services in the Fellowship Hall. Each week a different theme is offered during the candlelight service. Music is being provided by Anthony, Esther and Brandon during the six-week series. Before each service a meal of soup and bread is shared.





# Holden 2025



## ➤➤➤ OUTREACH

### Music Ministry Update:

**Saturday, April 12 – The Woodward String Quartet** – This is our next music offering. It will start at 4pm. Tickets will again be \$20 for adults and \$10 for students.

Visit our new Trinity Music Windsor Website. You can see past and upcoming concerts, sponsors and you can even purchase tickets on-line!!

**“[www.trinitymusicwindsor.com](http://www.trinitymusicwindsor.com)”**

### Next Events:

**October – TBD – Stay tuned!!**

**Saturday, December 20 – The Academy Brass Quintet** – They are coming back!! If you missed this performance last year – DO NOT miss it this year.

## ➤➤➤ COUNCIL

# JOIN US ON THE SPIRITUAL ROAD

Our Lenten journey is heading into the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent on March 30. Until now, we have experienced three Wednesday evening Holden Prayer Services in the Fellowship Hall. Having had our soup and bread, we gather afterwards to sing, pray, and ponder in the soft glow of many candles that light the spiritual road to the cross.

One of our previous readings from Romans 10 : 9-13, reminds us that declaring Jesus is Lord and believing in our hearts that God raised us from the dead, we will be saved. It also states that we believe with our hearts and are justified. We profess our faith with our mouths and are saved. Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

As Christians, we call on Jesus to help us and give us the strength and perseverance we need to assist our

fellow men and women with help and support in various ways in everyday life and living.

So, I am calling on all of you as members or friends of this church, and as members of the body of Christ, bolster your faith in God and Jesus Christ, participate in our outreach efforts, as you are able.

Come to worship and share fellowship with God and God's people. As ever, we need your active participation, by attending, giving financially, and using your time and talents, to build and maintain this steadfast community of believers.

So, please, share God's love with those in need in your words and especially your actions.

**Dagmar Raulin**  
Trinity Council Chair

## OUTREACH

# HELP NEEDED WITH MONTHLY GIVEAWAY

Trinity's monthly Clothing Giveaway outreach endeavour will be happening again on April 12, 2025, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. sharp.

The second Saturday of every month "Free Clothes" signage, invites people from the neighbourhood or area to come, say hello, and pick up needed clothing. We have almost everything you can imagine from baby clothes, toddlers, boys and girls, menswear and womenswear – some coats and jackets, a variety of shoes and boots, hats and scarves.

Trinity's Clothing Giveaway is now in its 7<sup>th</sup> month, and the need is still great. We have a few regulars who come to get clothing, but also new faces, all manner of age and orientation, have come to visit us. They are so very appreciative.

Trinity's Outreach workers say a big thank you to our donors, known and often unknown, who kindly give of their no longer needed, in good condition and repair clothing items.

Agencies, such as the Windsor Children's Aid receive donated clothing, but have also reached out to us for that distribution. We are grateful to them for assisting us in this way.

Should you have or know anyone who has a donation, we can gladly arrange to receive it or pick it up. Call the office at 519-977-7787, or let Pastor Chris or myself know.

**Dagmar Raulin**  
Co-ordinator Clothing Giveaway

## PANCAKES!



The action was brisk in the kitchen during the Shrove Pancake Supper. Pancakes and sausages were served to diners in the Fellowship Hall and a number of take-out orders were taken to those who couldn't attend the meal.

# »» Ash Wednesday

**SERVICE INCLUDED BROKEN RELATIONSHIP ACTIVITY**



Besides the imposition of ashes, the service included an activity in place of a sermon. Participants were asked to take two pieces of branches and tie them together as a Lenten reminder of the need to mend the broken relationships in our lives.

