

NEWS from the PEWS

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CHURCH CALENDAR

Saturday, February 2 – Yoga, 9 to 10 am. N.B. no yoga Feb. 16 & 23. Yoga will resume Sat., March 2 and will continue most Saturday mornings throughout the year except in summer. For dates, rates, and information please contact Art Holden, for Yogi George.

Sunday, February 3 – Bradford Valley Eucharist & Hymn Sing, 2 pm. All welcome to come and sing!

Tuesday, February 5 – Evening Study Group, 7:30 to 9 pm. Following our study of Religion and Science, we decided to delve into a study on “Good and Evil” in hopes of gaining a better understanding of what we mean by these terms, what the bible has to say about them and about their influence on and in our lives. Tuesday evenings. If you have any questions or would like more information please speak to Rev. Dana

Wednesday, February 6

– **Soul Survivors, for anyone affected by cancer or chronic illness, 7:30 pm** in the choir room.

– **Compline, with anointing for healing and wholeness, 8:35 pm.** Compline is the service for the end of a day. This service is approx. ½ hour. Anyone may receive anointing, if desired.

Soul Survivors and Compline are available the first Wed. of each month. For info contact Gretchen Dewhirst.

Thursday, February 7– Afternoon Bible Study, 2 pm to 3:30 pm. We continue to explore the readings for the coming Sunday. Some people like to pre-read the readings, and so copies of the readings for the coming Sunday will available each week in the Upper Room. Thursday afternoons. If you have any questions or would like more information please speak to Rev. Dana

Friday, February 8 – Youth Group meets at 7 pm. For young people age 11 and up. Contact: Elizabeth Annand

Sunday, February 10 – Discussion/chat about a Social Justice Motion that will be voted on at our annual Vestry meeting February 24. The chat will take place immediately after the service and will be ½ hour (¾ hour max). Please read more on page 3 of this newsletter, and on the attachment to this email.

Wednesday, February 13

– **Krafty Knitters meet from 2 to 4 pm.** Everyone is welcome to come and knit or crochet, while enjoying a time of fellowship, and a cup of tea or coffee. Instruction is available for beginners. The Knitters meet the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month.

Sunday, February 24

– **Annual meeting of the Vestry, immediately following the church service. Everyone is encouraged to attend.** A list of parishioners eligible to vote at this meeting, along with eligibility requirements, is posted on the bulletin board in the Upper Room. If your name does not appear on the list, and you believe it should, please speak with one of the churchwardens. Child care will be offered.

– **Lunch will follow the Vestry meeting.**

Tuesday, February 26 – **Our 7-week “Animate Faith” study begins.** We will meet at 7:30 pm for worship, followed by fellowship and study. More detail follows below in the paragraph on LENT.

Wednesday, February 27 – **Advisory Board meets at 7:30 pm.** Interested parishioners may attend any of the Advisory Board meetings to observe.

Friday, March 1 – **World Day of Prayer, 1 pm at Bradford United Church.** Everyone is welcome. If you are interested in being in the choir, practices are as follows: Wednesday February 20 at 2 pm; Friday February 22 at 2 pm; and Wednesday February 27 at 1 pm for final rehearsal with choir, readers, etc.

Ash Wednesday, March 6 – **the beginning of Lent**

– **Ash Wednesday liturgy with imposition of ashes, 10 am and 7:30 pm.**

– **Soul Survivors follows at about 8:15 pm.**

Saturday, March 23 – **All Ages Game Night at the church! 6:30 pm to 9 pm.**

CHURCH NEWS

February’s Finance Feature

As the annual vestry meeting approaches and we look at the financial reports and budget, now is a good time to explain one of our larger expenses or liabilities— **the “allotment”**.

The allotment is our share of the diocesan budget, which includes for example the bishops' offices, and the valuable resource people we can call on at anytime with questions, concerns or for advice. A few examples of when Trinity benefited in recent years are legal advice when selling the house on John Street, the facilitator who worked with the selection committee for our new incumbent, and training and orientation for new wardens. All of these examples cost us nothing to access.

So— how is our portion determined? The allotment calculation is based on the annual financial report we send to the diocese. The assessable income is based on the total income minus designated outreach, grants, memorials and bequests, and capital, as well as deductions for pastoral staff (Rev. Dana and Elizabeth), capital and outreach. There are a number of other small factors that taken into consideration such as fundraising. Only the profit from the fundraising is considered income. Then based on a three year average, the allotment is 25% of that assessable income. It may all seem a bit complicated, but hopefully when you look at the financial reports and budget at the annual vestry meeting you will have a better idea of what is behind that "allotment" figure.

Social Justice Notice

Every year the Social Justice and Advocacy Committee of the diocese has forwarded a motion for congregations to discuss and vote on at their annual vestry meeting. These vestry motions are intended to raise awareness of social justice and outreach issues and elicit conversations about them. This year that motion is focused on poverty reduction and advocacy, but allows each congregation to tailor it to their own community. At the recent Advisory Board meeting we decided to engage the congregation in shaping our vestry motion. **Attached to this email is information from the diocese**, with the vestry motion and background information, which was also handed out at church on Sunday January 27. We ask that you read, pray and reflect on this information and we invite everyone interested in being part of the conversation and shaping the motion to gather after church on Sunday February 10 for a half hour, or no more than 45 minutes. There will also be an opportunity for further discussion at the vestry meeting on February 24.

LENT

Lent is only a month away; now is the time to start thinking about the various activities, studies and services. Listed below are three of the offerings you may want to consider as you think how you will observe Lent in 2019.

1. Lenten Study: “Animate Faith” is a seven-week program that will actually begin the week before Lent on February 26 in order to fit in all the sessions. The Lenten Study will take the place of our regular Tuesday Evening study group. We will be meeting for worship at 7:30 followed by fellowship and study. “Animate Faith” is a short video and discussion series. Each week a different leading modern-day Christian writer considers key topics of our Christian faith. The sessions are:

- God: Faith is Quest
- Religion: Spirituality is not Enough
- Jesus: The Revolution of Love
- Salvation: Abundant Life Now
- Cross: Where God is
- Bible: A Book like No Other
- Church: An Imperfect Family

2. Lenten Ecumenical Worship: Each year the local churches have a five-week Lenten series in which one church hosts and someone from another church preaches. It is a wonderful opportunity for the Churches of Bradford to gather together. The services will be March 13, 20, 27, April 3 and 10. A detailed list of service locations will be in the March News from the Pews.

3. Bishop Peter Fenty’s Lenten Study: Bishop Peter is going to do one evening in each of the deaneries. As a small deanery we have combined with another, on March 20 at 7 pm at St. Paul’s Newmarket. More details should be coming shortly.

Trinity’s 2nd Hand Shop is open Thursday and Saturday mornings, 9:30 to 12:30. Please drop in! More good items arriving every week! We offer good used clothing; household items; toys; and misc. items at very reasonable prices. Donations of same are welcome, as long as the items are in excellent, clean condition, and complete. Since our volunteers are mostly seniors, and space is limited, we are unable to accommodate heavy, large, or bulky items.

Long-time Trinity parishioner Gretchen Dewhirst received the Order of the Diocese of Toronto! Medal presentation occurred during a service of Evensong at St. James Cathedral on January 1st. Gretchen is honoured for her many continuous years of dedication in Trinity Church and in the Diocese. She has held nearly every position that there is, in our church and at the diocesan level, and done it well. She has worked with many priests and bishops and in various committees and boards over the years. Gretchen has always served our congregation with love and compassion and is most deserving of this prestigious award. A celebration cake was served at our fellowship lunch January 20 to recognize this momentous occasion.

Easy Volunteer Opportunities

If you may be interested in any of these volunteer opportunities, please let the church secretary know and she will direct you to the appropriate contact.

Trinity's Phone Tree is activated only a few times each year, for important messages such as a change in information, a death announcement etc. The Phone Tree passes along information to parishioners if they do not have email. A few more 'phoners' are needed to call 4 or 5 people, only a few times per year.

Kwarterly Kouriers help the church save money on postage by delivering occasional letters, tax receipts etc. to parishioners who live on their own street or nearby, who have not picked up their letter from the church.

The 2nd Hand Shop is a busy little shop that could use more volunteers, for Thursday and for Saturday mornings. If you are free to help for a few hours once a week or from time to time, we will be pleased to hear from you!

The projection team is seeking more people to be part of this important ministry. It can be just running it Sunday mornings, or programming it as well. Please speak with Stewart or Sandra if you have questions or are interested. Training is provided.

Setting up the coffee (and later clearing it away) for after-church fellowship on any Sunday morning. Volunteers are needed, and guidance is readily available to help you get started. This ministry requires very little time commitment, and can be done as often or as seldom as suits your schedule. It involves no 'homework' or meetings, but is enjoyed by many fellow parishioners! 😊

To arrange for convenient pre-authorized monthly giving, or to be assigned 2019 offering envelopes, please speak with Bonnie Connolly.

Please note *Before borrowing any items* from the church, please speak with Margaret, the church secretary.

If it is difficult for you to go up for Communion, you are encouraged to let the sides person know so that Communion can be taken to you in your pew.

Rev. Dana and Stewart spend 15 minutes in prayer, in the church, from 9 to 9:15 am Sunday mornings. Parishioners are welcome to come and pray before the service as well.

Bradford Community Welcomes a New Refugee Family

Many people at Trinity Church will remember the Al-Shteive family who arrived in Bradford from Syria in early 2016, sponsored by the Bradford Refugee Interdenominational Group (BRIDG). They are now flourishing in Canada, are working and in school. Their success was helped in no small part by the work of Mr. Sam Mati, a member of Holy Martyrs of Japan Roman Catholic Parish here in Bradford. Himself a onetime newcomer from Iraq, Sam was their first friend in Canada, working as a translator and taking a lead role in driving them to the many appointments needed as the Al-Shteives established themselves here in Canada.

Sadly, the needs of refugees in the Middle East continue, with millions displaced across the Region. Right around the time of the first family's arrival, several members of Sam's family were themselves forced to flee their homes in northern Iraq. Their faith made them targets in a very unstable part of the world, and they have been living in Lebanon as refugees since 2016. Sam and his wife, Cecilia will be welcoming a total of eight family members into their home in the next few months. Sam's nephew is expected to arrive in early February, and the remaining family members have been accepted as refugees and are awaiting final processing of their entry visas to Canada so that a travel date can be set. Our newcomers range in age from 10 to 73. Several of them are educated professionals. Two are children. One is a grandmother.

What is the Plan?

This is primarily a family sponsorship - Sam, his wife and adult children will be supporting their family as they arrive. The United Church of Canada is the Sponsorship Agreement Holder, and Holy Martyrs Parish is also involved in assembling the furniture and household goods needed for the family to start a home. I have been helping with the immigration paperwork and coordinating a dedicated group of volunteers from several churches working to help make this family welcome. We have been fortunate to locate a temporary home for the family in King Township, for a few months until they can find their own place to rent here in town.

We need your help!

For now, we are asking for a few special things from the Bradford community:

1. Most urgently - mattresses, beds and linens: we need seven gently used beds, one of them a double or larger.
2. Furniture:
 - a sofa and chairs.
 - kitchen table and chairs
 - Other furniture would be gratefully appreciated!
3. Driving help: Sam drives, but none of his family do. We are looking for volunteers, both for regularly scheduled trips (like going to work) and for occasional unplanned trips like going to the doctor.
4. Moving help: on Family Day Monday, February 18, I am looking for a truck with a hitch. We have the trailer.

If you can help, or for more information, please contact me at (905) 836-0314, or wpcwhite@sympatico.ca
Bill White

“Welcome Folders” are available in the Upper Room (narthex) on the table near the top of the stairs for newcomers or anyone interested in information about Trinity Church, or the Anglican church in general.

To place flowers at the chancel steps for any Sunday morning service, in memoriam or other reason, please contact Sandra Longthorne, 705 456 6138. A donation of \$35 or more is requested (if special flowers are requested a larger donation may be needed). Flower money allows the Altar Guild to provide fresh flowers each week, as well as communion wine and wafers, candles and other items.

Rev. Dana's day off is Monday of each week. She may be reached at the church office, 905 775 2200. In case of crisis or death, you may call her at 289-383-1036.

"Seasons of the Church Year" is a leaflet explaining briefly the liturgical seasons and colours of the church year, and is available on the table under the bell tower.

Regular Service Schedule

1st to 4th Sundays of the month, 10 am: Holy Eucharist (BAS)

5th Sunday of the month (when applicable), 10 am: Holy Communion (BCP)

1st Wednesday of month, 8:35 pm: Service of Compline, with anointing for healing and wholeness

1st Sunday of month, 2 pm: Eucharist & Hymn Sing, Bradford Valley Seniors' Residence

Large print copies of prayer books and hymns books are available on the shelf under the table near the top of the stairs. If you cannot find what you are looking for, please ask a sides person to help you.

You can follow Trinity Church on Facebook!

Our main room downstairs may be rented for special occasions for \$100 per day, or part day. Insurance is mandatory and may be easily purchased through the Diocese's insurance company at a very reasonable rate, starting at about \$35. For rental information or to book the room, please contact Margaret, the secretary.

When a parishioner is hospitalized, it would be helpful if the patient, a family member, or close friend would let us know, as well as the legal name so that we can find them. A visit or call, according to the patient's wishes, will be arranged.

Pre-arranging a funeral or a celebration of life service can be helpful to a family at a stressful time. If you wish to leave your final wishes and instructions in a file in the church office, please speak with the priest.

The next issue of "News from the Pews" will be Sunday, March 3, 2019.

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