



Trinity United Church



Christmas Eve 2011

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Christmas Heartburn

A Message from Rev. Ted

There are two kinds of heartburn that can accompany the holiday season—and it wouldn't quite be Christmas without either of them!

The first heartburn is the one that attends those awkward seasonal work parties and family gatherings. Half the time, you're not sure whether a hug or a handshake or a kiss on the cheek is the appropriate greeting. You're often faced with a string of unwelcome personal questions. So you make a beeline for the buffet, and you live to regret it!

The second heartburn is symbolized by the Christmas candles we light. It represents an abiding and gentle warmth that gets us through the less welcome aspects of the season. It is the confident companionship of hope, comfort, and a sense of deeper meaning. It is, in short,

the presence of the divine. It's burning still.

Your Trinity church family wishes you something of that second kind of heartburn. That this Christmas you will feel the reassurance of faith, and that you will engage with God and with us in nurturing that heart-warming faith now, and throughout the year ahead.

Blessings of the Christ Child to you and yours,

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Groups at Trinity

At Trinity, many groups and activities occur throughout the year. New members and visitors are always welcome to join in on an occasional or regular basis. Some of the groups are highlighted below, but for a more complete picture, please pick up an Activities guide. You will find the guide, as well as other information, downstairs in the narthex (the lobby where you may have come into church this morning).

Trinity Choir:

Trinity Choir offers a warm and enthusiastic welcome to all those who love to sing. Choir rehearsals are Thursday evenings from 7:15 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. For more information, please contact Betty Farris at (705)497-0499. Choir rehearsals will resume on Thursday January 12th.

Junior Choir:

Trinity Junior Choir is for children in Senior Kindergarten and older. Rehearsals are Sunday mornings in the sanctuary from 9:15 - 9:50 am. We have fun singing a variety of music styles, and always welcome new members. Come, and bring a friend. For more information, call Betty Farris (705)497-0499. Junior Choir resumes Sunday, January 8th.

A.O.T.S. (As One That Serves):

Trinity's AOTS men's group usually meets the first Saturday of the month. They meet at Burgerworld on Hammond for breakfast at 8 am followed by a business meeting at Trinity United Church. For more information please contact John Sheridan (705)476-0685

U.C.W. (United Church Women):

For fellowship, service and personal growth, join us on the 2nd Monday of each month at 1 P.M. All women of the United Church are automatically members of this group and are invited.

Nursery:

Preschool and infant children are cared for in our nursery by a paid caregiver. The nursery is located on the ground floor across from the washrooms and is available from 10:20 until the end of service. Our nursery is a cozy, safe and fun place for children to spend time in, while their parents, grandparents or caregivers attend worship service. All those who volunteer or work with children must submit a vulnerable sector police screening.

Sunday School:

Following Children's Time with Rev. Ted, the children are invited downstairs for Sunday School. Each week children experience God's story through games, cooking, crafts, drama, music and more! There are three Sunday School classes: 3 years up to Senior Kindergarten; Grades 1 -3 and Grades 4 - 8.

Youth and Young Adults:

Trinity also has two groups for youth and young adults. The youth group is for young people in grade 7 through to highschool and the Young Adult group is for those in grades 12 and up. Activities, biblical reflection, service projects and fun happen throughout the year. Please email Lisa at trinity.associate@cogeco.net for more information or to be added to the contact list.



The Longest Night



Friends from St. Andrew's joined us on Wednesday, December the 21st for our "Longest Night" service. Held on the evening of the winter solstice (the longest night of the year) this evocative evening of candle-lighting and meditative live strings music was a contemplative worship service in the midst of the season's crazy bustle.

A Christmas Carol Reading

This year's dramatic reading of the Dickens classic was a smashing success. The event held on Wednesday, December 7th, raised \$2,071.25 for the *Gathering Place*, North Bay's soup kitchen.

Word Search

- ANGEL
- BABY
- BETHLEHEM
- BIRTH
- DONKEY
- GIFT
- GLORY
- GOD
- HEAVEN
- HOLY
- INNKEEPER
- JESUS
- JOSEPH
- KING
- MANGER
- MARY
- MERCY
- PEACE
- REST
- SAVIOUR
- SHEPHERDS
- SON
- STAR
- VIRGIN
- WISE MEN

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Trinity after breakfast.

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Stump the Chef!

Sunday, January 15th

During worship bring in your creative ingredients for Chef John Sheridan to make into a deliciously unique soup.

U.C.W.

Monday, January 16th

1:00 pm in the Fireside
Room

Trinity's Soup Tasting Evening

Friday, January 20th

Communion Service

**Sunday, January 22nd
10:30 am**

Kindred Spirits

**Monday, January 23th
6:30 pm**

Games and Appetizers Night
– All ladies welcome –
more info to follow soon.

Young Adult Fondue Party

**Friday, January 30th
from 5:00 – 8:00 pm**

Trinity's Second Annual Coffee House

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enjoy an evening of musical
talent and delicious coffee

Trinity's Annual General Meeting

Sunday, February 12th
Following lunch

Thinking Day Scouting & Guiding Sunday

**Sunday, February 19th
10:30 am**

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

Tuesday, February 21st

Lent Communion Service

**Sunday, February 26th
10:30 am**

Gourmet Dinner by Chef Donnie Blais

Friday, March 23rd