

Mission Statement

Guided by Holy Scripture and the Holy Spirit, we the congregation of Holy Trinity pledge our lives to Christ. Through worship, love, and service to one another, we will bring witness and encouragement to the community.

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Today's bulletin has been given to the glory of God and in loving memory **George Norris** by Barbara, Judy, Marion, Louise & Families.

SERVICE TIMES FOR JANUARY 29 – FEBRUARY 5, 2017		
<i>Today, January 29 Epiphany 4</i>	Holy Communion (BCP)	8:30 a.m.
	Holy Eucharist (BAS)	10:30 a.m.
<i>Thursday</i>	Holy Communion (BCP)	9:30 a.m.
<i>Sunday, February 5 Epiphany 5 Food Bank Sunday</i>	Holy Communion (BCP)	8:30 a.m.
	Morning Prayer (BCP)	10:30 a.m.
	Evening Prayer/Light (BAS)	7:00 p.m.

Readings: Micah 6:1-8
Barbara Leyte

1 Corinthians 1:18-31
Dale Butler

Matthew 4:5:1-12
David Mercer

Welcome. We welcome everyone to our worship today. We pray that this time might be one of refreshment and spiritual joy. If this is your first time at Holy Trinity, please introduce yourself to our Greeters and Clergy and sign our guest book in the foyer.

Annual Meeting of the Altar Guild. The meeting will be held tomorrow, January 30, at 6:45 p.m. in the Vestry Room. Any ladies of the congregation interested in serving on the Altar Guild are always welcome.

ACW Tea. The ACW is having a Valentine Tea on February 8 at 7 p.m. We are inviting the St. Alban's ACW, the Memorial United Church UCW, and you, the ladies from our own congregation. If you will be attending, please contact Dale (489-7409) or Sandra (489-4092). We need to know the numbers by *February 1*.

Food Bank Sunday. Thank you so much for your generous support to the Bank in 2016. Here at Holy Trinity the first Sunday of each month is designated as Food Bank Sunday. We encourage everyone to bring along some non-perishable food item next Sunday to help struggling families in our community. A box is provided in the main foyer where you can drop in some food items at any time.

Baptism Service. The next baptism service will be held on Sunday, February 26 at the 10:30 a.m. worship service. Baptism preparation for that service will be held on Friday, February 24 at 7 p.m. in the church. Anyone desiring baptism at that time is asked to speak to Rev. Randy as early as possible.

One Month From Now Will Be Shrove Tuesday. As always, we plan to do a Pancake Supper at the church. The date is Tuesday, February 28. Sign-up sheets for both volunteers and donations will be available at the back of the church. As in past years, we will serve pancakes, sausages, cookies and tea/coffee. The cost will be \$5 for adults and \$3 for children.

Lent Is Drawing Very Near! From the previous note, you can tell that it won't be long before we will be making our journey through the season of Lent. We have five weeks of preparation for the events of Holy Week and Easter. Rev. Randy has ordered a new weekly series this year titled *At The Crossroads*. Many of those involved in the story of the Passion of Christ came to a crossroads and had to decide which way to go. Some chose well, some did not, and the stories of each of these experiences at various crossroads help us to know what to do and what not to do when we encounter similar crossroads in our own lives. In the end, each service in the series reveals in some way how Christ and his cross lead us to follow the path of God's will. The weekly themes of the series are as follows: Ash Wednesday – *Confession*, Week one – *Betrayal*, Week two – *Judgment*, Week three – *Compassion*, Week four – *Declaration* and Week five – *Obedience*. Of course, we will begin with our Ash Wednesday services on March 1 and invite you to come journey with us for the entire five weeks of Lent.

VOCM Sunday Broadcasts. Unfortunately, when the local station closed in our town several months back in 2016, VOCM informed all the churches that the radio broadcast schedule would be suspended at least temporarily. Since that time, it has been difficult to get up and go again as some of the local churches that were doing live broadcasts declined to do pre-recorded services. For a number of years, we have been doing pre-recorded services here at Holy Trinity--ever since we moved our time of service to 10:30 a.m. Except for one other church in town, all the others were live services. We found the experience of pre-recording the services to work very well for us, as it allowed us opportunity to edit our own services (thanks to George Dominix). Rev. Randy is ascertaining exactly how many churches might consider doing this in the near future, to determine how many Sundays there may be a service to air. In the past, many of our broadcasts were sponsored by individuals or families in memory of loved ones, as this reduced the expense to the parish (cost then was about \$265). If anyone would like to sponsor a broadcast in 2017, please let Rev. Randy know. Since the cancellation of the services, we have heard from so many that they miss the weekly services on VOCM. There is no promise that the services will resume, but we will try our best. Having a number of sponsored broadcasts will help us at Holy Trinity decide how many Sundays we could be scheduled.

Festival of Praise. The Canadian Bible Society will be holding its Annual Festival of Praise on Tuesday, February 7 at 7:30 p.m. at St. Joseph's. Tickets are \$5. You may purchase them at the door or from Audrey Goulding (489-5078).

Annual Meeting of the Congregation, The meeting will be held on Sunday, February 26, starting with a short worship service at 6:30 p.m. The Rector asks that all reports be submitted to him by February 15, in preparation for the meeting. We hope that many members of the parish will come out for this very important meeting.

New Members of Vestry Are Needed! If you would like to offer your time to serve on Vestry (the governing body of the parish), please let us know. The names for new members will be put forth and accepted at the annual meeting in February.

Confirmation Classes. Classes will begin in February. The date for Confirmation is Sunday, May 7 at 10:30 a.m. The young person being Confirmed must be at least 11 years of age by May 31. We also welcome any adults who may be interested in being Confirmed. Please let Rev. Randy know if you wish to be confirmed.

Help Required in the Sound Booth. The sound for our morning services is controlled by volunteers. We welcome teenagers as well as adults. If you would like to help out, please speak to George Dominix, who does the scheduling or Rev. Randy. We can schedule you for Sundays that you are available. Training is provided.

Have You Considered Doing a Cursillo Weekend in the Past but Couldn't Find the Time to Go to Mint Brook? Good news! The next Cursillo weekend has been scheduled for May 5 – 7 at Lion Max Simms Memorial Camp. Many Diocesan events this year have been scheduled for Max Simms Camp. This camp is just down the highway from us, and it is a very comfortable place to stay. More information will be made available in the coming weeks. We hope that many who have considered experiencing a Cursillo Weekend in the past will choose to attend this year.

Greeters Today. David Mercer, Gerry Dobbin, Ena DaCosta, Anne Hiscock, Winston Ellsworth, Amanda Constable

Items for the Messenger. Please have your submissions to Linda by Thursday. You may contact her at 489-9801 or e-mail linda.pafford@nl.rogers.com.