



## **Holy Trinity December 2021 Update**

**To Holy Trinity Parishioners:**

We pray that you are safe and well. This email is to inform you about Holy Trinity's business and activities.

### **Parish Council Up Date**

The council meeting was held on Thursday, December 9, 2021.

Territorial Archdeacon Kim Van Allen began the meeting with a prayer. She explained the process that the selection committee would follow to help the Bishop understand the needs of the congregation, so that he can select an appropriate candidate.

The selection committee is: Heather Smith, Karen Rapien, Linda Smith, Calvin Charbonneau, Bryan Smith, Gary Raymond, and Dave Goddard.

The committee met with Rev. Kim on Sun., Dec. 12, 2021 in the afternoon to begin the process. Rev. Kim indicated that this process usually takes six months but the committee hopes to be ready to present our report to the Bishop on Jan. 31, 2022. As part of the process, at the beginning of January, the congregation will be asked to fill in a survey and return it to the committee so that the results can be compiled. The survey is a way for the congregation to communicate their thoughts and ideas. When you receive the survey, please take the time to complete it honestly.

Bryan Smith said that the Horizon technician fixed the problem with the sound system and the sound to the bell tower. Now Christmas music can be heard from the tower. Ken Latta repaired the heating cables on the roof. Quadro is now the new provider to the church for phone and internet service. The service seems to be working well.

Josh Marsden and Paul Marsden have resigned from council. Heather Smith thanked them for their past service. They have volunteered to continue to check our emergency equipment monthly. The council is asking for two volunteers to fill the vacant positions. If you are able to give of your time, please speak to one of the wardens.

Thank you to everyone who supported Holy Trinity's poinsettia fundraiser. \$750 was raised.

Phyllis O'Neil reported that Christmas cards had been mailed to parishioners over eighty from the Anglican Church Women.

Rev. Allan thanked Jackie Dix for her support in preparing the Sunday bulletins. He thanked the Christmas decoration committee and was delighted to join them for the activity.

During his time at Holy Trinity Rev. Allan has been delighted by the sense of mission demonstrated by our members.



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Karen Rapien has been in contact with the Diocese with regard to our increase insurance costs. Unfortunately, she received a call from the head of the subcommittee for insurance, that Holy Trinity will likely be paying the same amount for insurance or more when the rates are set at the end of the year.

The Regathering Sub Committee met on Wed., Dec.8, 2021, to review our protocols and to find ways to communicate their importance to our congregation. Amanda Jackman printed a set of rules that we should be following. Look for the rules on yellow paper in the individual pews. Please review the information below and make an effort to follow the guidelines to keep everyone safe.

### **COVID Reminders**

**With the number of COVID cases growing, please review the information below.**

If you are not feeling well, or if you have been in contact with someone who is unwell, please join us on facebook rather than in person

- Wear a mask upon entering the church and do not remove it until outside of the church upon leaving
- Clean your hands upon arrival using the provided hand sanitizer
- Keep a distance of six feet from others who are not in your family
- Clean your hands using the small sanitizer bottles in the pews, especially after touching or removing your mask
- Ensure that your mask always covers your mouth and nose, especially when singing, coughing or sneezing
- When arriving at church, please leave an empty pew ahead and behind you. This will ensure we are keeping the proper distance between ourselves and other

### **During Eucharist**

- Keep six feet apart from others in the line
- Leave your mask on until you return to your seat
- At your seat, remove your mask, consume the host, and replace your mask

By following these steps, we can continue to worship in the church and keep everyone as safe as possible.

### **Holy Trinity Outreach**

The council would like to thank the congregation and the community for a very successful "Fill the Steps for Merrymount Children". Your donations reflected a very caring attitude. Thank you.



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The ACW made a donation to the Ailsa Craig Food Bank and The Women's Rural Resource Centre.

The ACW continues to collect stamps for leprosy. Please place the stamps in the envelope at the back of the church.

### **Upcoming Dates**

Vestry reports are due on Jan. 7, 2022.

Vestry Meeting will be held on Sun., Jan. 23, 2022 following the service.

### **Upcoming Services**

All services will be streamed on facebook

Sun., Dec. 19, 10:30 a.m., Holy Eucharist, 4<sup>th</sup> Sun. of Advent

Fri., Dec. 24, 4:30 p.m., Holy Eucharist, Christmas Eve Family Service

Fri., Dec. 24, 7:00 p.m., Holy Eucharist, Christmas Eve Candle Service

(7:00pm service available on Facebook)

**\*\*Please note: you MUST register to attend the Christmas Eve services due to COVID restrictions. To reserve your spot, please call 519-227-4905\*\***

Sun., Jan. 2, 2022, 10:30 p.m., Holy Eucharist,

Sun., Jan. 9, 2022, 10:30 p.m., Morning Prayer

Sun., Jan. 16, 2022, 10:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist

Sun., Jan. 23, 2022, 10:30 p.m. Morning Prayer, **Vestry Meeting to follow.**

**Sun. Dec. 26, 10:30 a.m., Morning Prayer has been cancelled for safety reasons. Council felt the greater number of contacts that people have with family and friends at Christmas increases the risk for Covid spread.**

### **Interesting Tidbits**

**Ten years ago, Holy Trinity's baby Jesus went missing from the crèche outside the church. The story ended happily with Baby Jesus returning to his special place in the crèche scene three days later.**

If you have any concerns or suggestions, please feel free to contact us.

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We wish you and your family a Merry Christmas.  
Stay safe and well.

Heather Smith and Karen Rapien