

TRINITY-ST.ANDREW'S UNITED CHURCH



*May 2025
Newsletter*



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A note from Rev. Wanda

“They were talking with each other about everything that had happened. As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them; but they were kept from recognizing him.”

Luke 24:14-16

Dear family in Christ

It seems like months have gone by since we gathered at the shore of Lake Ontario to welcome the Risen Christ into our lives! Since we baptized, confirmed and welcomed new members into our faith family... and yet it's only been a little over a week!

Thankfully, the season of Easter lasts longer than one intense weekend. We come through the uncomfortable surrender to the foot-washer, the anguish of the arrest and execution of a beloved friend, the confusion of the empty tomb of Easter morning, and we arrive at a month-long feast celebrating the risen Christ with us. Fifty days of Easter before we reach Pentecost on June 8.

So what does this mean for you? I'm reading Steve Bell's series of reflections on the Christian calendar, called "Pilgrim Year", and I'm reminded of how powerful hope is. I know there are a few reading this message who are unable to stand in the sunshine of Easter morning, because of the power of Good Friday is looming in your life... worry about a loved one, death, terrible loss, guilt. And I get it. Sometimes our own realities are simply too real, large, and they block out the sunshine. Everything but the pain feels false and empty.

Does that sound familiar? The thing is, that's not true. Being overshadowed by pain and suffering is real, but what would it feel like to place that suffering in the context of the One who arose on that third morning? The One who joined his disciples on the road to Emmaus, who seemed a stranger in the weight of their grief... but do you know when they felt their hearts lighten? As they broke bread together.

Jesus enters our lives in very ordinary ways, like sitting at the table and sharing a loaf of bread. Like taking a walk along the lakeshore with friends. Like gathering for a church supper and looking neighbours in the eye as you share a feast and a conversation.

I know it can be overwhelming when the world around you gets excited about returning birds and warm breezes, and your own heart is so heavy you can barely lift yourself out of bed in the morning. But Jesus is there with you. You aren't alone.

In this month long feast, let's figure out ways to make space for the risen Christ. Let's figure out ways to give hope a chance. Let's share a feast together, even if it's just toast and jam. Because Jesus meets us in the calm of the Easter Feast, and is inviting you into his trust.

Rev. Wanda

PS if you are looking for ways to see Christ anew in your life, join us **Wednesday mornings for Bible Study** - everyone is welcome! Or if you want to delve a little deeper into your spirituality, Irene Robb is leading Lectio Divina sessions (you can find out more about this ancient practice of reading scripture [here](#))

PPS You can also experience the presence of the risen Christ in community... join us for concerts and special 100th anniversary celebrations listed in this newsletter!



Center for Action
and Contemplation

Richard Rohr's Daily Meditation

Week Seventeen: Celebrating Resurrection

Wednesday, April 23, 2025

Death into Life

Sisters and brothers, especially those of you experiencing pain and sorrow, your silent cry has been heard and your tears have been counted; not one of them has been lost!... The resurrection of Jesus is indeed the basis of our hope. For in the light of this event, hope is no longer an illusion.... That hope is not an evasion, but a challenge; it does not delude, but empowers us.

—Pope Francis (1936–2025), "Urbi Et Orbi," Easter, 2025

Father Richard shares how we can receive the miracle of new life by embracing our own difficulties and “deaths” as Jesus did.

Death is not only physical dying. Death also means going to the full depths of things, hitting the bottom, going beyond where we're in control. In that sense, we all go through many deaths in our lives, tipping points when we have to ask, “*What am I going to do?*” Many people turn bitter, look for someone to blame, and close down. Their “death” is indeed death for them because there is no room for growth after that. But when we go into the full depths and death of anything—even, ironically, the depths of our own sin—we can come out the other side transformed, more alive, more open, more forgiving of ourselves and others. And when we come out the other side, we know that we've been led there. We're not holding on; we're being held by a larger force, by a larger source that is not our own. That's what it means to be saved! It means that we've walked through the mystery of transformation.

The miracle of it all—if we are to speak of miracles—is that God has found the most ingenious way to transform the human soul. God uses the very thing that would normally destroy us—the tragic, the sorrowful, the painful, the unjust deaths that lead us all to the bottom of our lives—to transform us. There it is, in one sentence. Are we prepared to trust that?

Jesus' death and resurrection is a statement of how reality works all the time and everywhere. He teaches us that there's a different way to live with our pain, our sadness, and our suffering. We can say, “Woe is me,” and feel sorry for ourselves, or we can say, “God is even in this.”

None of us crosses over this gap from death to new life by our own effort, our own merit, our own purity, or our own perfection. Each of us—from pope to president, from princess to peasant—is carried across by unearned grace. Worthiness is never the ticket, only deep desire. With that desire the tomb is always, finally empty, as Mary Magdalene discovered on Easter morning. Death cannot win. We're finally indestructible when we recognize that the thing which could destroy us is the very thing that could enlighten us.

Friends, the Easter feast is a reminder to all of us to open our eyes and our ears and to witness what is happening all around us, all the time, everywhere. God's one and only job description is to turn death into life. That's what God does with every new springtime, every new life, every new season, every new anything. God is the one who always turns death into life, and no one who trusts in this God will ever be put to shame (Psalm 25:3).



Jesus said, “Wisdom is proved right by all her children.” – Luke 7:35 (NIV)

Have you ever heard the Naija saying, “Wisdom is chasing you, but you are faster”? It’s a startling image—wisdom running after us, blessings right on our heels, while we race ahead, too distracted or stubborn to slow down and receive them.

In Luke 7, Jesus grows frustrated with how much we miss the gifts God is offering. The people were scandalized by him, rejecting the healing right in front of them because it didn’t fit their expectations. They tripped over their own assumptions, outrunning the wisdom of his truth.

Have you ever outrun your blessing? Wisdom was chasing you, but you were faster. The healing you needed was offered, but you resisted.

So what do you do when you find yourself running? You stop. Running from your blessing is exhausting. It puts distance between you and the healing you need. And that healing? It often requires a correction. We call that confession.

Confession is the act of stopping. It’s when we quit running long enough to admit what’s got us tangled.

Here’s the good news: Try as you might, you’ll never outrun God. God is behind you, but God is also before you. God is even within you.

You will never outrun God. Stop. Just for a moment. And watch what God will do.

Prayer

God of wisdom and grace, I confess that I have been running—from truth, from healing, from you. Help me to stop. Help me to trust. Help me to receive the blessing that is right here, right now. Amen.



Volunteer Appreciation Week

We have been monitoring and collecting volunteer hours since 2024. The United Church of Canada requires us to keep track now, as part of the statistics that we have to submit yearly.

This has enabled us to learn of the staggering number of volunteer hours required to run our worship and ministries here at Trinity-St. Andrew's United Church. Thanks to our very dedicated volunteers, we recorded over 9000 volunteer hours!

This international week of celebration, in the least, allows us to say 'THANK YOU'.

Thank you for your time, your talents, your ideas, your labour, your kindness and

other ways that have bettered our community.

This week also challenges us to look for ways that we can be active participants in all that we do. If you think you may want to help out, in any way, please contact Rev. Wanda or the church office and we will gladly steer you in the right direction and

connect you with the right people.

Many hands make light work!

From the Moderator

In celebration of National Volunteer Week (April 27 to May 3), Moderator Carmen Lansdowne shares a message of profound gratitude for the incredible dedication of United Church volunteers. We sing of "God's good news lived out," and you embody that spirit through your selfless service and commitment to our loving community. Join us in recognizing the countless individuals who share their gifts for the good of all. Thank you for your heart, your joy, and your unwavering support!



Trinity-St. Andrew's United Church

When: Fri. May 2 & Sat. May 3

Where: Church Hall
56 Prince Edward St.

Time: Fri. 8 to 5
Sat. 8 to 2



Red Dress Day

May 5th is **Red Dress Day** across Canada, a time we pause to remember and honour Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls and 2-Spirit persons. Since 2010, these dresses have become a symbol of both sorrow and resilience. Outreach Committee will be hanging red dresses outside the church in recognition of this ongoing crisis and to serve as a call for awareness and action. It is important not only to honour the lives lost, but also to demand recognition and justice for the victims and their families.



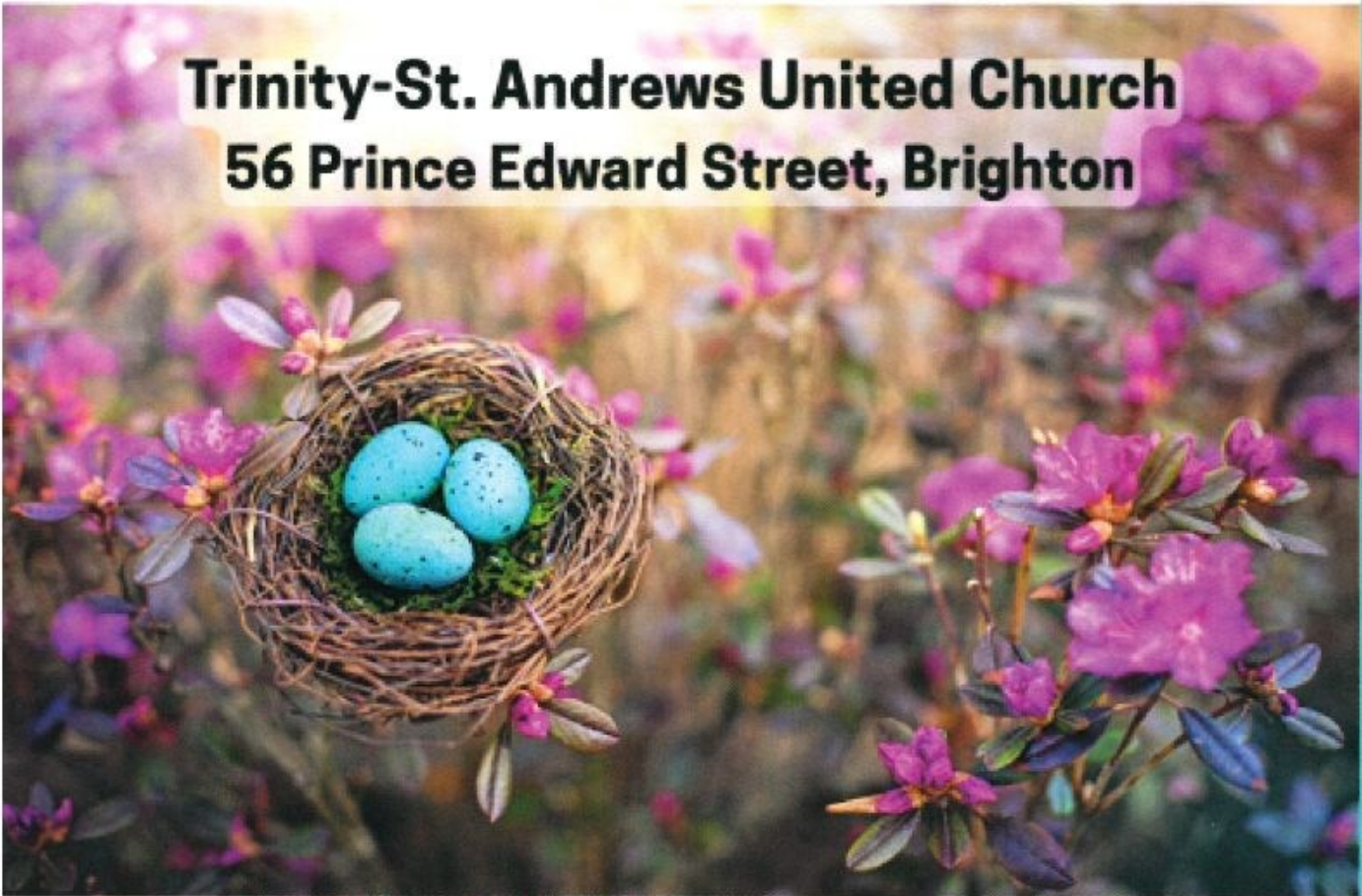
Please reach out to Irene Robb (eneri1414@gmail.com) or the office (admin@trinitystandrews.ca) if you are interested in coming together once a month (or so!) to practice an ancient way of listening for God's voice in scripture. You can learn more about Lectio Divina or sacred readings here: <https://www.anglicancommunion.org/media/253799/1-What-is-Lectio-Divina.pdf>

We are gathering Wed. May 14th and Wed. June 11th at 2pm in the Quiet Room.

Vocalese Spring Concert

Sunday May 4th, **2025**
2:30pm

Trinity-St. Andrews United Church
56 Prince Edward Street, Brighton



**Tickets available: at the door,
from choir members,
and at Lighthouse Books
(Cash only)
located at 65 Main Street, Brighton**

**Adults - \$20
Students (13-19) - \$10
Under 13 - Free**



THE DOVE PRESENTS

JOHN PRINCE AND A PIECE OF THE ROCK

OFFERING A DIVERSE MIX OF TRADITIONAL, MARITIME, FOLK AND BLUEGRASS MUSIC, THIS GROUP OF TALENTED MUSICIANS, OFFER STRONG VOCAL HARMONIES AND LYRICAL MELODIES, AS THEY PERFORM OLD FAVOURITES AND ORIGINAL COMPOSITIONS AND PRESENT A MEMORABLE MUSICAL EXPERIENCE THAT LEAVES AUDIENCES YEARNING FOR MORE.

THE DOVE,

**TRINITY ST. ANDREW'S UC
56 PRINCE EDWARD ST.
BRIGHTON, ON**

10 MAY 2025

**7PM,
DOORS OPEN AT 6:30
\$30 PP**



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TICKETS AVAILABLE AT THE CHURCH OFFICE,
OR
LIGHTHOUSE BOOKS MAIN ST.



UCW of Trinity-St. Andrew's United Church
is sponsoring a presentation on
Defensive Driving
Wed. May 21, 2025,
6:30pm in the Church Hall.

following Supper's Ready.
The presenter is Gordon Hoard,
an instructor with Young Drivers of Canada.

Come and learn the fundamentals of
defensive driving,
along with some safety tips for older drivers.

For more information contact Barb McMullen,
bjmcmullen@sympatico.ca or 613-475-4281

The Last Supper Reimagined



Last week, on Holy Thursday (April 17), The United Church of Canada unveiled a bold photographic reimagining of The Last Supper, marking a significant moment for its centennial celebrations this year. Revealed for the first time at Metropolitan United Church in Toronto, the reinterpretation challenges traditional depictions of the iconic scene and affirms the United Church's belief in an all-encompassing love that embraces each person as their authentic self.

[Discover the stories and people behind this historic image](#) and read the [full news post](#).

175th Anniversary Shirts for Sale

Trinity-St. Andrew's dove logo shirts continue to be popular with members of TSA and beyond!



They are available in a variety of colours and sizes for adults and youth at a cost of \$20 for short-sleeve or \$30 for long-sleeve shirts.

To place your order, please speak with Jeanette Cournoyer after church, email jeanettecournoyer@gmail.com or call 647-341-6095.

News from the Affirm & Equity Committee



Affirm and Equity Terminology for May:

Love, Faith and Bold Action – 2SLGBTQIA+ Global Speaker Series

Amid rising anti Two-Spirit-LGBTQIA+ sentiment and global setbacks, queer and trans communities face growing discrimination fueled by colonialism, inequity, and anti-gender movements—including in Canada. Yet courageous advocates, faith leaders, and allies are driving change, championing radical inclusion and hope. Their message is clear: no matter who you are or where you’ve been, you belong. In challenging times, they’re building spaces of welcome and affirmation for all.

Join The United Church of Canada’s [Love, Faith, and Bold Action webinar speaker series](#) starting **May 6, 2025** for an opportunity to listen, learn, and act in solidarity with global leaders who are transforming faith spaces into spaces of inclusion and justice for Two Spirit-LGBTQIA+ individuals.

The Global Speaker Series is a 4-part series every Tuesday in May on May 6, 13, 20 and 27. You can attend as many or as few as you like. Registration is free at CHURCHx.

[Register on CHURCHx](#) for all of the upcoming sessions. The CHURCHx registration link is https://churchx.ca/local/shop/product.php?id=290&utm_source=E-Newsletters&utm_campaign=b11fae92bb-ES_250311_COPY_01&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_-3c3b6f8241-&goal=0_53a49c9e28-b11fae92bb-&mc_cid=b11fae92bb&mc_eid=0ce6aef374&utm_source=E-Newsletters&utm_campaign=b11fae92bb-ES_250311_COPY_01&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_-3c3b6f8241-188811909&goal=0_53a49c9e28-b11fae92bb-188811909&mc_cid=b11fae92bb&mc_eid=0ce6aef374

Pride Walk & Worship, June 15

UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA 100th ANNIVERSARY

WALK WITH US!

SUNDAY
JUNE 15

Everyone is welcome!



Pride Walk

10:00am

Meet at 9:45am, rain or shine,
on the rainbow steps at Trinity-
St Andrew's United Church, 56
Prince Edward St, Brighton

Pride Worship

10:30am

Memorial Park, Main St & Veterans Way
(Near the CIBC bank), Brighton

Bring your own chair and sun hat/umbrella!

If it rains, service will move to the
church at 56 Prince Edward St.

TRINITY-ST. ANDREW'S
UNITED CHURCH

supports the

LGBTQ+ COMMUNITY

and wishes everyone a

HAPPY PRIDE!

FEATURING

- Great music!
- Refreshments!
- Kids' play area!
- Rainbow goodies!



Proudly supported by the
Justice, Equity, and Diversity Committee



For more info, email admin@trinitystandrews.ca or call 613-475-1311!

Walk and worship with us on **Sunday, June 15th!** Plan to join us for Trinity-St. Andrew's 4th annual Pride Walk and Worship Service as we celebrate Pride right here in Brighton.

This year's Pride Walk will feature two routes – a longer route that travels past the secondary school and a shorter route for those with physical challenges. Meg Fox, owner of the Tin Roof Ice Creamery and founder of the Home Rainbow Youth Centre, and Charlotte Hastings will once again lead the walks this year.

Assemble on the church's rainbow steps at 9:45 a.m. We will provide flags and sticks with colourful streamers. The Walk will go rain or shine!

The Pride Worship Service will start at 10:30 a.m. in Memorial Park, Main St. and Veteran's Way, next to the CIBC bank. Bring your own chair and sun hat/umbrella. In case of rain, the service will move to the church at 56 Prince Edward Street.

The Affirm and Equity Committee is excited to announce that we are collaborating with others in the community to make this year's Pride events better than ever.

For starters, a local trans youth, Ryan Keenan, designed our beautiful and colourful Pride Walk and Worship Service poster. The poster features the United Church of Canada's 100th anniversary logo, TSA's dove logo and the Municipality of Brighton's logo with the words "proudly supported by the Justice, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Committee" (JEDI). We are grateful for their ongoing support.

We have also received an offer of support from a local business. Dr. Andrea Wernham and her team at the Presqu'île Animal Hospital, located in the mall just north of Trinity-St. Andrew's, have offered to create Pride keychains, bookmarks and headbands for our give-away table at the Pride Worship Service. As in other years, we offer these items on a freewill donation basis and all funds raised are donated to the Home Rainbow Youth Centre. This is such a wonderful gift that they are providing!

This year, we are partnering with 'Northumberland Pride' which is a registered not-for-profit charity that has been running Pride events in Cobourg and Port Hope for years. They are keen to support Pride events in Brighton and have offered to share resources with us for our Pride Worship Service and are bringing a group to join in the Pride Walk on June 15th. We welcome their support and look forward to ongoing collaboration.

We are also partnering with a new 'Brighton Pride' group that is organizing a series of events to celebrate Pride during the month of June. Stay tuned for more details and plan to attend as many events as you can to show your support.

There is a lot going on with Pride this year! In the face of so many anti-LGBTQ movements throughout the world, it is inspiring to witness the increasing interest and momentum that local Pride groups are experiencing and the many joint celebrations that demonstrate Brighton's Pride and support for LGBTQ+ people.

is someone you love

LGBTQ+?

us too!

This group is for **parents, grandparents,** and **loved ones** of LGBTQ+ people who would like to share their experiences and learn how to **support their loved ones.**



meet in "the Dove"

at TRINITY · ST. ANDREWS
UNITED CHURCH

56 PRINCE EDWARD ST.
BRIGHTON

6:30-
8:00
p.m.

LGBTQ+ FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP FIRST TUESDAY of EVERY MONTH



Presquile
Animal Hospital

e-mail =

brightonlgbtqgroup@gmail.com

April 1st marked the one year anniversary of the LGBTQ+ Family Support Group! Our goal is to provide a safe, open and non-judgmental space for parents, grandparents and loved ones of LGBTQ+ family members to share experiences and support each other.

It is the only in-person support group of its kind in Northumberland County and attendance has continued to grow over the past year. We welcome members from anywhere in Northumberland County and beyond who would like to share experiences and learn together.

We would like to thank our new corporate sponsor, Presqu'ile Animal Hospital, for their generous donation towards the ongoing sustainability of the group. Owner Dr. Andrea Wernham and her team are proud supporters of LGBTQ+ people in Brighton and we thank them for their generosity and faith in the work we are doing!

The group meets the first Tuesday of each month from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. in the Quiet Room at Trinity-St. Andrew's United Church.

The next meetings are Tuesday, May 6 and June 3, 2025 For more information, contact brightonlgbtqgroup@gmail.com.

A Century of Singing Together: Celebrating our favourite United Church of Canada music.



Sunday June 1, 7:00 pm

Join us for a musical celebration of United Church of Canada worship and spirituality. Church musicians from the Bay of Quinte area share their favourite church music, from pipe organ to praise band.

All we need is you!

This concert is free of charge, as part of the Centennial celebrations of the United Church of Canada.

THE DOVE



TRINITY-ST. ANDREW'S
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Roast Beef Dinner

Please join us for a
roast beef dinner with all the fixings
including roast beef, mashed potatoes, fresh vegetables, dinner rolls, salads,
and yes - DESSERTS!

\$25 per person

\$12 for Children under 12 years

Free for those over 100 years

Tickets available at the church office & Lighthouse Books

When?

The fourth Friday of the month!

Friday January 24th

Friday February 28th

Friday March 28th

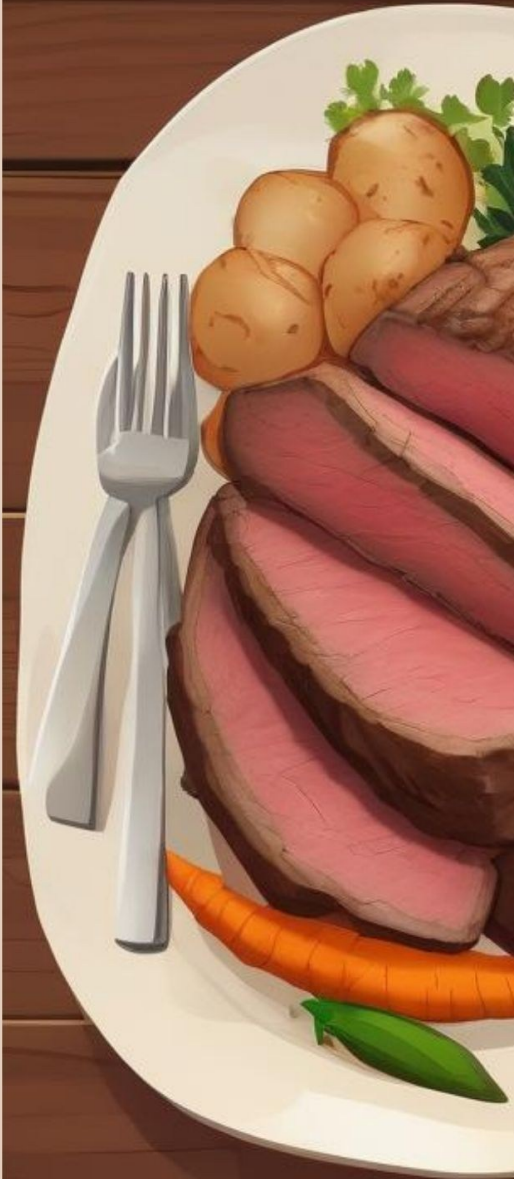
Friday April 25th

Friday May 23rd

Friday June 27th

Serving from 5:00pm to 6:30pm

56 Prince Edward Street - Brighton ON



THE DOVE



Sunday Morning Breakfast

Please join us for a
Sunday morning breakfast
including scrambled eggs, bacon, sausages, home fries and more
You can even stay for the worship service - if you'd like!

\$15 per person at the door

\$5 for Children under 12 years

Free for those over 100 years

When?

Sunday February 2nd

Sunday March 9th

Sunday April 6th

Sunday May 4th

Sunday June 1st

Serving from 9:00am to 10:00am

56 Prince Edward Street - Brighton ON



Come Celebrate with Us

Saturday, June 7 1 pm to 3 pm

Cake and coffee served



In honour of our UCW founders, Lucy Scott, Elda McLaren
and Vera Clark, we are celebrating 60 years of dedicated
volunteers serving our community through the

Trinity-St. Andrew's Clothing Depot

58 Prince Edward St.

Since the Trinity-St. Andrew's Clothing Depot first opened its doors in 1965, in the old Edward's house, under the direction of Rev. Charlie McLaren and his wife Elda, Vera Clark, a public health nurse, and Lucy Scott, a retired kindergarten teacher, we continue to serve the community and surrounding area with "pre-enjoyed" clothing and accessories. We are so fortunate to have a dedicated volunteer base and an abundance of wonderful donations from the community, which helps local families. We are a registered charitable organization that supports local schools, in the form of school bursaries, Breakfast school programs, and many other local charities, such as the Home Rainbow Youth Centre, Brighton Beacon Youth Centre and The Cornerstone Family Violence and prevention Centre. We also offer free clothing and accessories to those struggling to make ends meet. That is our mandate, to help those in need. On June 7, from 1 pm to 3 pm, we are going to celebrate 60 years of proudly servicing Brighton since 1965. Please join us for cake and coffee at Trinity-St. Andrew's Clothing Depot, 58 Prince Edward St. (where the old Edward's house sat) and help us acknowledge this significant accomplishment.

Helen Bonisteel, Co-chair

JUNE 7/7PM
DOORS OPEN AT
6:30PM



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TICKETS \$25

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FOR TICKET INFO -

WWW.TRINITYSTANDREWS.CA OR

THEDOVEINBRIGHTON.CA

**The church office is open:
Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, 10am – 12:30pm**

Pamela works from home on Mondays and Tuesdays.



This is a friendly reminder
that Trinity-St. Andrew's
is a scent free
environment. Please be
mindful that many people
suffer from scent-triggered
reactions.