

**Sunday Feb 15, 2026**  
**10:30am, Transfiguration & Communion Service**  
**Trinity-St. Andrew's United Church**  
*Worship Leaders Rev. Wanda and Judy Murtha*

**10:20 Announcements from the Pulpit**

**Prelude/Announcement Video**

**Greeting**

May the light and love of Christ guide you this morning.

**May our steps be true and faithful as we gather.**

**Acknowledgement Of The Traditional Territory**

This morning we are gathered on the traditional territory of Alderville First Nation, situated in the treaty territories of the Michi Saagiig and Chippewa Nations, specifically the Gunshot Treaty which is part of the Williams Treaties Settlement Agreement of 2018. May those of us, of settler heritage, strive to learn about these Treaties and develop good relationships with First Nations.

**Lighting the Christ Candle**

We light a single flame this morning, barely visible in the morning light.

**We gather around that light, seeking warmth, comfort,  
but also looking for the way forward.**

We know this light is from God, through Jesus and the Spirit, calling us to pay attention.

**We lift up our hearts now to God, Giving praise and thanksgiving for all that we have.**

**We worship God now, ready to hear the still small voice calling our names.**

*(As we light the candle, we observe a moment of silence and prepare our hearts for worship)*

**Song To Gather Us Together: MV 115 Behold, Behold, I Make All Things New**

Behold, (behold,) behold, (behold,)

I make all things new,

beginning with you and starting from today.

Behold, (behold,) behold, (behold,)

I make all things new,

my promises true,

for I am Christ the way.

*Repeat*

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## **Opening Prayer**

On this day of transfiguration, revelation and love, we give you thanks for drawing us here. Bless each of us in this time of worship, remind us that your mystery fills this world and cannot be tamed. Remind us that we belong to you, the One who cannot be tamed. Prepare us for all that you are about to do in this world, and help us be so grounded in your love, that we can be your faithful servants to the end of time. We ask all of this from a place of deep gratitude. Amen.

## **Opening Hymn: VU 222, Come Let Us Sing To The Lord**

- 1 Come, let us sing to the Lord our song, we have stood silently too long;  
surely the Lord deserves our praise, so joyfully thank God for our days.
- 2 O thirsty soul, come drink at the well; God's living waters will never fail.  
Surely the Lord will help you to stand, strengthened and comforted by God's hand.
- 3 You dwell among us and cause us to pray, and walk with each other following your way;  
our precious brothers and sisters will grow in the fulfilling love they know.
- 4 Deserts shall bloom and mountains shall sing to the desire of all living things.  
Come, all you creatures, high and low, let your praises endlessly flow.

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## **Holy Wondering**

### **Ukulele Song: I Could Sing Of Your Love Forever**

Over the mountain and the sea  
Your river runs with love for me  
And I will open up my heart and let the healer set me free  
I'm happy to be in the truth  
And I will daily lift my hands  
For I will always sing of when your love came down

I could sing of your love forever, I could sing of your love forever  
I could sing of your love forever, I could sing of your love forever

Oh, I feel like dancing  
It's foolishness, I know  
But when the world has seen the light  
They will dance with joy like we're dancing now

I could sing of your love forever, I could sing of your love forever  
I could sing of your love forever, I could sing of your love forever

By Martin Smith.

## **Repeat After Me Prayer**

### **Prayer Of Confession**

Loving One, we want to feel your presence in our lives. We want to see your light and know the direction it leads. We want to feel the comfort and call of your Son Jesus. Forgive us for the times we are so distracted by tasks and worries that we forget to keep you at the centre.

#### **Grateful for your love, we ask for mercy.**

Forgive us for the times we have forgotten that you go before us, you suffer for us, and you shine glory on the world that is brighter than the grave, more certain than death.

#### **Grateful for your eternal promise, we ask for mercy.**

Forgive us for anything we do or don't do, that distracts us from your call to justice, kindness and humility.

#### **Grateful for your vast love and compassion, we ask for mercy.**

**Hear now our silent confessions, loving God.**

*(silence)*

We can trust in the mercy and love of God. We are forgiven.

### **Sing: TLUS 78, Trust These Words**

Trust these words: you are forgiven!  
Through Christ's mercy, broken hearts can be restored;  
Trust these words: you are forgiven!  
Live in peace, beloved, know you are adored;  
Trust these words, trust these words, trust these words.

Trust these words: we are forgiven.  
Through God's mercy broken lives can be restored;  
Trust these words: We are forgiven!  
Live in grace and peace, oh, love and serve the Lord;  
Trust these words, trust these words, trust these words.

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### **Scripture: Exodus 24: 9-18**

Response: Let us hear what the spirit is saying to the church!

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Choir Anthem: With This Communion We Thank You**

Words and music by Jay Althouse

### **Gospel Lesson: Matthew 17: 1-9**

Response: this is the Gospel of Christ.

**All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **Sermon: A Holy Feast**

### **Invitation To The Offering & Communion**

(We will bless our offerings before we pass the plate this morning, and before we sing)

**Blessing:** Let us pray together:

**Loving God you are wholly, loving mystery.**

**We offer our gifts now, knowing they are from you anyway:**

**Our time, our talent, our energy, and our money.**

**Bless it all, so that all who are thirsty will drink, all who are hungry will be satisfied, and all who long for your presence will see your guiding light.**

**Amen.**

### **Offering Hymn: MV 4, All Who Are Thirsty**

All who are thirsty, all who are weak, come to the fountain.

Dip your heart in the stream of life.

Let the pain and the sorrow be washed away

in the waves of his mercy as deep cries out to deep.

We sing

*Refrain*

#### **1. Come, Lord Jesus, come. (4X)**

All who are thirsty, all who are weak, come to the fountain.

Dip your heart in the stream of life.

Let the pain and the sorrow be washed away

in the waves of his mercy as deep cries out to deep.

We sing

*Refrain*

#### **1. Come, Lord Jesus, come.**

Come, Lord Jesus, come.

Come, Lord Jesus, come.

Come, Lord Jesus, come.

Holy Spirit, Come

Holy Spirit, Come

Holy Spirit, Come

Holy Spirit, Come

As deep cries out to deep we sing

Come, Lord Jesus, come.

Come, Lord Jesus, come.

**Come, Lord Jesus, come.**

**Come, Lord Jesus, come.**

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All who are thirsty, crying for meaning, for love, for direction, listen to what Jesus has done for us.

The night before he died, Jesus sat at table with his friends,

**Come, Lord Jesus, Come**

even the one he knew was betraying him

**Come, Lord Jesus, Come**

Even the one he knew would deny him

**Come, Lord Jesus, Come**

After they had eaten, Jesus took a loaf of bread and held it up for them to see. All who are hungry, he said, this is my body, broken for you; if you remember me you will always have strength for the journey. He blessed the bread and passed it around. And they ate.

(Bread is broken)

**Come, Lord Jesus, Come**

And then he took a cup of wine and held it up for all to see. All who are thirsty, all who are weak, come to the fountain and drink. This is the cup of the new covenant, poured out in my blood. he blessed the cup and passed it around. And they drank. (Cup is poured)

**Come, Lord Jesus, Come.**

Like the Israelites feasting in the presence of God at Mount Sinai, like the disciples gathered in Christ's presence that last night, we also long to share the meal of life and be changed forever. And so we ask call upon the Holy Spirit to bless us with holy meaning and strength, infusing this simple meal with the power to make us agents of change, faithful disciples, your blessed children.

**Holy Spirit, Come**

We are thirsting, we are longing to be healed and whole, we are searching for the waves of mercy emanating from the soul of Christ. It is a mystery, but we surrender to that mystery now, saying:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

We long for healing in body, soul and life in general.

We long for peace in our world. In particular we pray for peace in Ukraine and Russia.

**God, hear our prayers.**

We pray for peace in Sudan, Iran, Venezuela, The United States of America, and in our own communities here at home.

### **Christ, hear our prayers.**

We pray for the community of Tumbler Ridge, BC., especially the families of the shooting victims.

### **Christ, hear our prayers**

We pray for our leaders, his worship Mayor Brian Ostrander, Ontario Premier Doug Ford, Prime Minister Mark Carney. We pray for all world leaders including King Charles, those who wield power and those who broker peace.

### **Loving Spirit, hear our prayers.**

We pray for our own bodies and souls, especially: Daniel, Brian Burke, Denyse, Henry, Ewa (Eva), the family of Mary Lou Futhey, Marcy, Mandalyn, Bill Harris and the communities and families mourning J.C., Shillane, and Rev. Bryan Stephens.

We wrap all our prayers in the love and hope of Christ Jesus, saying his words now:

### **The Lord's Prayer:**

**Our Father who art in heaven hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil, for thine is the Kingdom, the power and the glory, forever and ever, Amen.**

### **Distribution of the elements**

*You are invited to come forward first to receive a blessing in the presence of God, before the sacred table. Rev. Wanda and elders will offer a blessing of the cross on your forehead or arm, reminding you of your baptism, and reminding you that you belong to the One who suffered for you. We are all born of the earth, and we all return to the earth. You may proceed directly to the communion stations if you prefer.*

*After you have received your blessing, please proceed to a communion station, where you can receive a gluten free wafer.*

This is the body of Christ, broken open by the suffering of this world, drawing you into healing in Christ's name.

*You are then invited to dip the wafer into the chalice containing juice.*

This is Christ's promise of life everlasting, stronger than death, poured out in his own suffering.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Communion Hymns:**

#### **VU 480, Let Us Break Bread Together**

1 Let us break bread together on our knees, let us break bread together on our knees.

When I fall down on my knees with my face to the rising sun,  
Oh, Lord, have mercy on me.

2 Let us drink wine together on our knees, let us drink wine together on our knees. R

3 Let us praise God together on our knees, let us praise God together on our knees. R

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## **VU 469, We Gather Here**

1 We gather here in Jesus' name,  
his love is burning in our hearts like living flame;  
for through the loving son God fashions us as one:  
Come take the bread, come drink the wine,  
come, share the Lord.

No one is a stranger here, - everyone belongs;  
finding our forgiveness here,  
we in turn forgive all wrongs.

2 He joins us here, he breaks the bread,  
the One who pours the cup is risen from the dead;  
the One we love the most is now our gracious host:  
Come take the bread, come drink the wine,  
come, share the Lord.

We are now a family of which Christ is the head;  
though unseen he meets us here  
in the breaking of the bread.

3 We'll gather soon where angels sing;  
we'll see the glory of our Lord and coming King;  
now we anticipate the feast for which we wait:  
Come take the bread, come drink the wine,  
come, share the Lord.

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## **MV 202, Bread For The Journey (*if needed*)**

Bread for the journey, food for the way. Cup of God's blessing

Tomorrow, today. (Repeat as many times as needed)

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## **Prayer After Communion**

**We were hungry, but by your Spirit, we ate.**

**We were thirsty, but by Christ's love we drank.**

**With gratitude for your holy presence and love, send us out now to be agents of kindness in a cold, world. Send us out to be agents of justice in a fragile world. Send us out to bring glory to you. Amen**

## **Closing Hymn:** VU 651, Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah

1     Guide me, O thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land.  
I am weak, but thou art mighty, hold me with thy powerful hand.  
    Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,  
    feed me till I want no more,  
    feed me till I want no more.

2     Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing stream doth flow;  
let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through.  
    Strong deliverer, strong deliverer,  
    be thou still my strength and shield,  
    be thou still my strength and shield.

3     When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside;  
death of death, and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side:  
    songs of praises, songs of praises  
    I will ever give to thee,  
    I will ever give to thee.

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## **Sending Forth**

### **Sung Blessing:** MV 222, May The Peace Of God Be Your Peace

May the peace of God be your peace.  
May the love of God be the love you show.  
May the joy of God be the joy you know,  
and may the world that God would see  
be found in you.

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## **Postlude**

### **Announcements**

**Scent Free Environment** –Please be mindful that many people suffer from scent triggered reactions to personal products (such as fragrances, colognes, hairsprays, lotions and powders, laundry detergents and fabric softeners, which can linger on clothing) that are perceptible to others and these should be avoided. Changes have already been made to ensure that the sanctuary, hall and other areas are scent free. With your support, we are creating a scent free environment that is welcoming for all.

**The church office is open**  
**Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 10am -12:30m.**  
**Pamela works from home on Mondays and Tuesdays.**

## **New Announcements**

# Black History Month

Marcia Hubbs is a Black woman who is visiting schools in the Simcoe area, encouraging Black kids to stand up for themselves by using her mother's experiences as a young Jamaican woman in Canada. Marcia's mother, Yvonne, arrived in Canada to attend the University of Toronto in the 1950's. When she tried to rent an apartment, despite being told initially that places were available landlords told her there was no availability and shut the door once they met her in person. Ten years later, when she attempted to buy a home, racism raised its ugly head again. Her sales agent worked out all the details but, when he tried to get the deal approved by the builder, the builder said, "I'm not selling to those people." Marcia contacted the Human Rights Commission and eventually won her case. The builder was forced to sell her the home. Marcia herself is a successful realtor and accomplished musician, as well as a role model for Black children and youth.

## **Pancake Supper Fundraiser, Tuesday Feb 17, 5-7pm**

## In support of the victims of the Colborne fire.

Admission by donation, all are welcome and strongly encouraged to be generous as 100% of the funds raised will go to those whose homes were destroyed in the fire Friday, January 30

## **Pilgrimage to El Salvador postponed until 2027**

It was not an easy decision to postpone this year's march break trip until next year, but with the political climate and cost of travel to Central America this year, we thought it prudent to hold off. If you are interested in traveling with us in 2027 please reach out to the office or the planning team at [minister@trinitystandrews.ca](mailto:minister@trinitystandrews.ca). More information to follow

## Happening this week:

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| Sun. Feb 15   | 10:30 Worship,<br>Mitchell's Soup tasting after the service                         |
| Mon Feb 16    | 2:30 After School Club (cancelled for Family Day)                                   |
| Tues. Feb 17  | 1pm Coffee and a Book (welcoming homeschooling families)                            |
| Wed. Feb 18   | 10am Bible Study<br>11:30am, New Members<br>5pm Supper's Ready<br>5:30 Kid's Crafts |
| Thurs. Feb 19 | 10am, Choir   |
| Fri. Feb 20   | 12:00noon, Lenten Concert Series  |
| Sun. Feb 22   | 10:30, Worship  |

Volunteers needed! **The TSA Clothing Depot** is looking for a volunteer or two, who could provide a couple of hours Monday mornings to move bins from the store to the storage shed which is located behind the building. The regular small group, of mostly women volunteers, would appreciate this as manually transporting these bins is beyond some of their capabilities. If interested, please contact Helen at 613 661 6484 or Sharon at 613 475-2928.

**New Photo Directory**...We are excited to announce we will be working on a new Photo Directory. There is more information to come, but pictures will be taken May 11-15<sup>th</sup> by Universal Portrait Studios. Mark your calendars and wait for your call to schedule your appointment!

### **From The Stewardship/Fundraising Committee**

#### **Please join us for a taste test of Mitchell's Soup, Sunday Feb 15**

This is a fundraiser to help save/restore the bell. Ordering online is now available.

<https://raise.mitchellsoupco.com/trinitystandrewsundaychurch/trinitystandrewsw26?a=31&at=1769442739289&as=k>

Our **Purdy's Fundraiser** begins....NOW! Go get your Easter treats:

<https://fundraising.purdys.com/campaign/000022934>

Stock up on beautiful Easter gift boxes, fun chocolate bunnies, Sweet Georgia Browns and more. The deadline to order is March 5

Once orders close, Sandee will bring all the treats to TSA ASAP for pickup! Thank you!

### **From the Stewardship team**

As we continue to walk together in faith, I want to share an important opportunity to support both our vibrant community and our historic home.

Your financial gifts enable us to uphold our mission of being a welcoming, inclusive community rooted in Christ's transformative love. As part of this effort, we invite you to review your PAR (Pre-Authorized Remittance) contributions or other giving commitments, and consider making any adjustments or joining us in this way for the first time. Your ongoing generosity helps us fund outreach programs, support and uplift lives, and care for our historic building.

Our beloved church building, which has stood for 177 years, is a treasured heritage site that requires ongoing maintenance and care to preserve its beauty and significance. Together, let's continue to fulfill our vision of being a welcoming spiritual centre that embodies inclusivity, justice, and adaptability. Thank you for your faithful generosity and support. PS - You may call the office at (613) 475-1311 or email Pamela [admin@trinitystandrews.ca](mailto:admin@trinitystandrews.ca) for information on PAR - to join PAR the application form is attached and will need to be returned to the office.

### **Lynn Miles in Concert, Mar 29, 3:00pm. \$30. Tickets available at the church office,**

**Lighthouse Books, by etransfer to [admin@trinitystandrews.ca](mailto:admin@trinitystandrews.ca) or by clicking on this link**

[www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/trinity-st-andrews-united-church-brighton-pastoral-charge/events/lynn-miles](http://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/trinity-st-andrews-united-church-brighton-pastoral-charge/events/lynn-miles)

Lynn Miles is considered Canadian songwriting royalty. With a JUNO Award in 2003 for Roots Traditional Album of the year, Lynn subsequently scored JUNO nominations in 2006 and 2011. She has taken home six Canadian Folk Music Awards including three for Songwriter of the Year. Lynn was a staff songwriter for LA based publisher Criterion Music, along side Lyle Lovett, Rosanne Cash and Rodney Crowell. Her first record deal was with Rounder Records in the US and Continental Records in The Netherlands. She is currently signed to True North Records in Canada.

**Suzie Vinnick in Concert**, May 29, 7pm. \$30. Tickets available at the church office, Lighthouse Books, by etransfer to [admin@trinitystandrews.ca](mailto:admin@trinitystandrews.ca) or by clicking on this link [www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/trinity-st-andrews-united-church-brighton-pastoral-charge/events/suzie-vinnick](http://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/trinity-st-andrews-united-church-brighton-pastoral-charge/events/suzie-vinnick)

Three time Juno nominee, 12 Maple Blues award-winner and 2 Canadian Folk Music Award-winning artist. A Saskatoon native transplanted to the Niagara Region of Ontario, Canada, Suzie Vinnick is the proud owner of a gorgeous voice, impressive guitar and bass chops and an engagingly candid performance style. Suzie is a 3X Juno Nominee and has won 12 Maple Blues Awards, 2 Canadian Folk Music Awards and a 2024 ECMA with her project A'Court, Spiegel and Vinnick. She has also twice won the International Songwriting Competition – Blues Category. Her latest album is entitled “Fall Back Home”.

Help needed sharing posters for TSAUC events.

Do you like wandering around town, visiting stores and chatting? Then please consider distributing posters for us at TSAUC! We have many events that people need to know about... concerts, special events, fund raisers etc. etc. if you can even help out once in a while, we would really appreciate it! Please speak with Rev. Wanda or reply to this email.

## **From The Worship Committee**

### **What does easter mean to you?**

Every year at Christmas and Easter, the worship committee sends cards to people who can't get to church any more, or who have had a major life event. This year we are looking for your own photographs that have inspired you, and help you appreciate the true meaning of Easter. Would you like to share your inspiration with others?

We are looking for original photographs to be submitted to the office by February 22, and we will choose one for our card this year.

We are also planning to create a display of all photos submitted to be part of our Holy Week journey, March 29-April 5, so if the worship committee decides to go with someone else's photo, yours will still be featured in a way that brings the joy and hope of the resurrection to those who may need reminding. Please note that we cannot award financial gifts for these photos, but you will be given credit and thanks publicly!

**Who:** all you photographers!

**What:** we are seeking photographs that depict the meaning of Easter for you

**When:** submit by February 22, 2026

**Where:** please submit to the office either in person (if printed) or by email at [admin@trinitystandrews.ca](mailto:admin@trinitystandrews.ca)

**Why:** because finding inspiration in the everyday moments of life strengthens the faith of everyone around you, inviting us all to Come and See!

**World Day Of Prayer**...Please join us for World Day of Prayer, (**Friday March 6, 7pm**), a prayer movement that invites us to enrich our faith experience with the experience of Christians from other countries and cultures and to bring hope to women touched by injustice. Stay tuned for more details.

**Lent**...On February 18 we will officially begin Lent. Sometimes people give something up as a way of marking Lent. Do you think you can give up chocolate this year? The important thing is to mark this season in a meaningful way. I'm not sure I could give up chocolate, but I know I can give some time to new activities. Will you join me? Have a look at what's going on, and let us know what is calling you!

**Lenten Book Study** ...The United Church of Canada has published a new book called *Bless, Break, Share: recipes for faithful living*.

We plan to engage this food and hospitality inspired resource during Bible Study, Wednesday mornings at 10:00. You are welcome to join us! Books are available in the office for \$15 or you can [order an e-book here](#).

The National Church is also holding an online study based on this resource, and if Tuesday afternoons work better for you, [you can sign up here](#).

You can also read the daily devotional on your own if none of these times works for you.

**Saturday with the Spirit: Saturday March 7, from 2:00 - 4:00** join us as we explore various spiritual practices that you could take home and incorporate into your life throughout Lent, or maybe even beyond! RSVP to the church office.

**Sunday March 15** we will have simnel cake to mark the middle of Lent. In the UK, traditionally, the middle Sunday of Lent gave a respite from the austere Lenten fasting. Working women would return home to their families (hence the name, Mothering Sunday), and bring this delicious fruit cake topped with 11 marzipan balls, representing the 11 faithful disciples.

**Sunday March 22** join us for Star Words and Shepherd's Pie. OK those two don't normally go together! But early January you might have picked up a yellow star that had a word on it. There were ten words handed out, so others got the same word as you! Join us on the 22 to hear how your word has been helping, challenging or comforting your fellow members of TSAUC! Share your own experiences. And through our one hour gathering, the youth will have

shepherd's pie prepared for a donation. Please RSVP to the office so we know how many to prepare for.

**Radical, Flourishing, Radical Joy Women's Retreat**...with keynote speaker The Very Rev. Carmen Lansdowne. Oct 27-29, 2026. \$500 per person. \$100 deposit due March 15, 2026. (Rev. Wanda Stride is leading music for this retreat). Elmhirst's Resort, 1045 Settlers Line, Keene ON.

### **New members classes**, or “what exactly is it we believe?”

Every Wednesday after Bible Study, approx.. **11:30am**, few of us are meeting in the Quiet room or minister's office to reflect on what we are reading in “Building God’s Beloved Community”, a resource of essays and reflections by United Church ministers, moderators and scholars. Why don’t you join us? the conversation is lively, respectful and open, and you are welcome here. A few participants plan to join the church on Easter morning, but you can also join us simply for the fun of it.

Please reach out to the office or Rev. Wanda if you are interested. We meet every Wednesday at 11:30pm until March 25 .

**Bible study** Everyone is welcome! Please reach out to the office for more information and then watch for an email with discussion starters from Rev Wanda.

**Lectio Divina** ....Please reach out to Irene Robb ( [eneri1414@gmail.com](mailto: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](https://www.anglicancommunion.org/media/253799/1-What-is-Lectio%20Divina.pdf) . We are gathering **Wed. Mar 11th**, at 2pm in the Quiet Room.

**Caregivers Peer Support Group:** once monthly at Trinity-St. Andrew's the fourth Wednesday of the month, 3:00 - 4:00 in the Quiet Room.

Next meeting is **Wednesday Feb 25**, 2026 and is open to anyone caring for a loved one who would benefit from sitting with other caregivers in a supportive, safe, and confidential space. Limited openings now. For more information, please reach out to the office.

### **From the Youth and Christian Education Committee**

***Coming Up in January for the YCE Committee***

**Mondays: 2:30pm-6:30pm After School Drop-in Program**

Free, drop-in program for ages 10 and up, Snacks, art, games and more

**Tuesdays: 1:00pm-2:30pm Coffee and a Book**

Free, drop-in program for homeschool families. Snacks, crafts, Lego and more

**Wednesdays: 5:30pm-6:30pm Kid's Craft**, Free, drop-in program for all ages

**Sundays: 10:45am-11:45am Holy Wonderers**, Worship, crafts and fun followed by an intergenerational snack

**2nd and 4th Sunday, 12:30pm-1:30pm Youth and Young Adult Discussion Group**  
In addition to our regular programs, we will be highlighting the following days:

### **From the Affirm and Accessibility Committee**

#### **Take Action to Support Gender-Diverse Youth**

The governments of Alberta and Saskatchewan have enacted legislation that targets gender-diverse youth and have invoked the notwithstanding clause to override Canada's Charter of Rights and Freedoms. Petition e-7027 calls upon the Government of Canada to annul or repeal provincial legislation that restricts the rights of trans and gender-diverse people in Alberta and Saskatchewan. The petition is

here: <https://www.ourcommons.ca/petitions/en/Petition/Details?Petition=e-7027>. Make sure to verify the email they send after you sign the petition and follow the instructions so that your vote counts! **Sign the petition by Feb 16th** and please share!

**LGBTQ+ Family Support Group.** This group is for parents, grandparents, friends and loved ones of LGBTQ+ family members who would like to share their experiences and learn how to support their loved ones. Join us the first Tuesday of each month from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. in the Quiet Room at the church. The next meeting is Tuesday, March 3. For more information, speak with Jeanette Cournoyer or email: [brightonlgbtqgroup@gmail.com](mailto:brightonlgbtqgroup@gmail.com).

**Exciting news!** The LGBTQ+ Family Support Group has a lending library of books related to trans, non-binary and queer issues such as parenting, self-care, transitioning and more. You don't have to attend the group to borrow a book - just ask Jeanette and she will show you all of the titles available!

### **From the Hospitality Committee**

**Coffee Time...** After our worship service we are blessed with a small group of volunteers who make sure that coffee and treats are ready for you to enjoy each week. Please consider assisting this group that needs your help. We need more people to be involved. If you can help out, please contact Sharon McMullen at 613-475-2928 or see her after church.

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**Shrek the musical**, by BrightON Stage Productions. April 16-18. Tickets are on sale now online. Please visit [brightonstageproductions.ca](http://brightonstageproductions.ca) for more information.