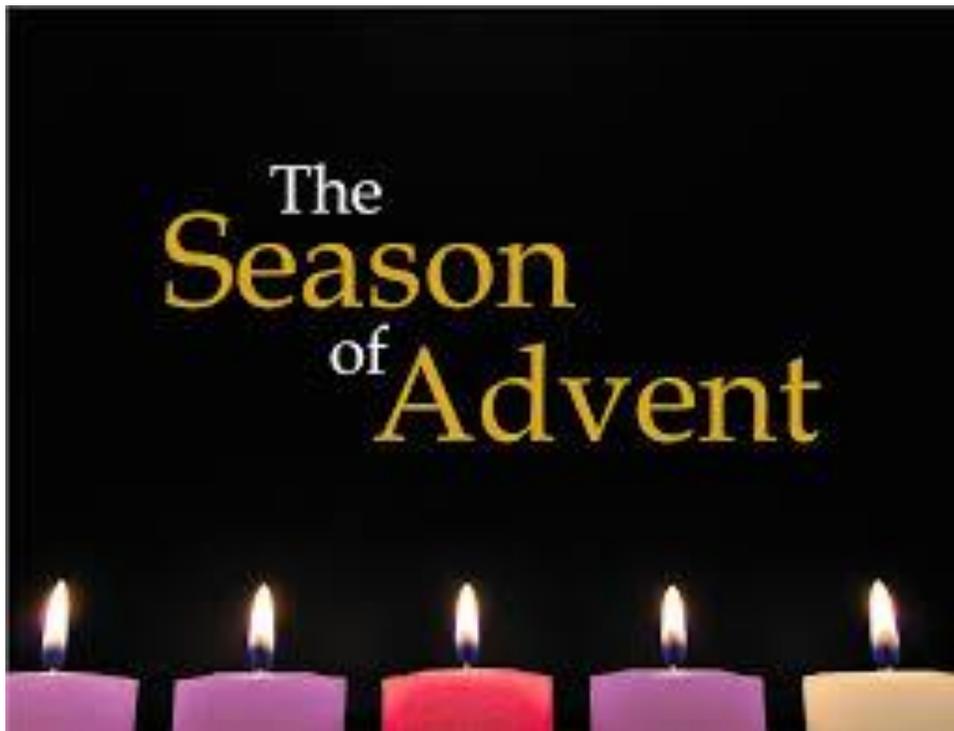




# Keeping in Touch

November 29, 2016



## **Advent in the Chapel:**

Advent is a time of preparation, a journey. Often despite our best intentions to find calm and peace, this journey is filled with chaos and confusion. We invite you to join us in the Chapel (room 220) each Sunday during the Advent Season before our regular worship service begins for a time of quiet prayer and meditation. We offer this time and place to aid your journey from the bustle and busyness to serenity and possibility. Sundays – December 4, 11 and 18 from 10 to 10:15 am. Please speak to Cheryl if you would like more details.

## Congregational Meeting

There will be a meeting of the congregation in Ryerson Hall following the service on Sunday, December 11. The purpose of the meeting is to hear the report of the University Avenue Properties Directions Committee and to provide an opportunity to vote on its recommendation. For several months, the committee has been meeting to consider options for the future of these properties. Please plan to attend.

## Church School Christmas Decorations

On Sunday, December 4, the children of the church school will be making Christmas decorations to take to members of the congregation who find it difficult to attend worship services. Every year, we need six crafters to help organize a simple craft for the children to make. If you love to craft and want to help out, we would love to talk to you! Please speak to Candace Pickering, 280-252-0898 or email to [admaybin@yahoo.com](mailto:admaybin@yahoo.com)

## White Gift Sunday

White Gift Sunday will be held on December 4. We are inviting you to bring gifts for Cornerstone Family Violence Prevention Centre. Here are some household suggestions: single sheets, bedding, comforters and pillows, crib sheets, baby monitors, diapers and baby wipes, bath, hand and face towels, tea towels, dish cloths, dish soap, Lysol disinfectant wipes, hand sanitizer, grocery gift cards, coffee, AA and AAA batteries. Some other items you might consider are: YMCA passes, CCC passes, Cougars tickets or long distance calling cards. Gifts may be left unwrapped.

## Ten Thousand Villages

This Christmas, help at home and around the world by shopping at Ten Thousand Villages, Cobourg on Trinity United Church Day, Saturday, December 10 from 10 am to 5 pm. This is a wonderful opportunity to purchase beautiful, fairly traded gifts while also helping the Mission and Service Fund, which will receive 10 percent of all Trinity sales that day. Please make sure to remind the volunteers working that day that you are from Trinity.

## Christmas Memorial

If you would like to make a memorial or an "in honour of" donation to the Christmas flowers placed in the sanctuary this season, please bring it to the church office by Wednesday, December 14. You may also place it on the offering plate on Sunday mornings (please put your cheque/cash in an envelope and clearly mark it "Christmas flowers".) The flowers will grace our church for the Christmas services and then be delivered to members of our church family as an expression of our caring. The names of the persons you are remembering/honouring will be printed in the December 18 bulletin.

## Volunteer Opportunities

### Counting Collection

Volunteers are needed to help with counting the collection on Sunday mornings after church. The months of May, June and July currently do not have any volunteers. Please consider signing up to help out. We like to have three people for May and June and two people for July, and also some spares. Training will be provided. Please contact Barb Dinnage, [dinnage@sympatico.ca](mailto:dinnage@sympatico.ca) or 905-372- 4728

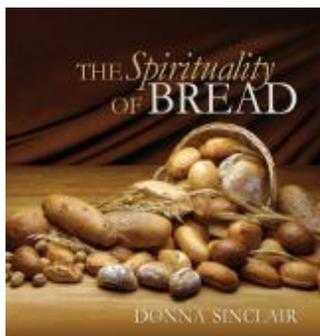
### Ushers

We are also looking for volunteers to usher on Sunday mornings. If you can assist with ushering two or three times a year, would you please get in touch with Barb Lawrence at 905-372-7470 or email [barge@pppoe](mailto:barge@pppoe).

### Colouring Project

Do you love to colour? Here's your chance to be part of an amazing collaborative Christmas colouring project at Trinity. Five seasonal colouring posters are set out in Ryerson Hall, complete with pencil crayons and sharpeners. We want you to help us add some colour to our Advent and Christmas activities by taking some time on your own, with a friend, or with a group, to bring these posters to vivid life. Thanks to the Christian Development Division for making this possible!

### Spirituality of Bread



Kristiane will be leading a Faith Study on the theme of “The Spirituality of Bread”. This will include learning about the biblical theme of bread, discussion about its role in our lives, and, of course, making bread! Come to one or all of the sessions on the following dates and times: Tuesday, November 22 & 29, December 13 & 20 1–3 pm. If you plan to attend, it would help determine quantities of ingredients if you let Kristiane know.

### Amnesty International Write for Rights

Amnesty International's 2016 *Write for Rights* campaign at Trinity will be held on Sunday, December 11. Your letters, combined with millions from around the world, can change a life! By signing the letters and the petition, you will be adding your voice to the growing movement for justice and human rights. Thank you to the congregation for your continued support! Again this year, we look forward to your help by signing the petition and letters before and after the service in Ryerson Hall.

## Men's Chorus

On December 11, we will have a variety of special music as we celebrate the theme of "Joy" on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent. If you would like to be part of a Men's Chorus that day, check the board in the Wesley Room for rehearsal times.

## Animal Costumes

Does anyone have a donkey or a sheep costume? Two of our older youth will be narrating on December 11 and we'd love to have them in costume! Please let Kristiane know if you have a costume or a good suggestion as to where we could find what we need.

## Children's Musical

This year's children's musical will be held on May 7 with Kristiane and Debbie directing. We are looking for people to help with sound, costumes, choreography and props. If you'd be able to help, please let Kristiane know.

## Drive to Church



For a drive to church in December please call  
Ron Swallow, 905-373-4455

