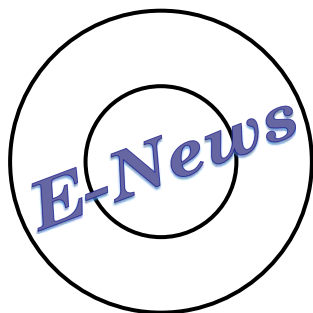


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UPCOMING SERVICES @ 10AM

April 21, 2024
Worship with Rev. Hugh MacGregor
Followed by the AUC Annual Meeting And Soup Lunch

April 28, 2024
Worship with Karen Gusek

May 5, 2024
Worship with Rev. Hugh MacGregor

May 12, 2024
Worship with Karen Gusek

CHERISHING CREATION

Imagine a world where our actions today echo far into the future, where the choices we make now, matter tomorrow. This is the essence of Creation Time. It reminds us that our Earth isn't just a home; it's a divine gift. How we cherish this gift reveals our true relationship with the Creator.

Take a walk through downtown Capreol, just north of Sudbury, Ontario, and you'll see Trinity United Church, situated on an intersection of street and railway, right in the heart of a bustling community. I met with Pastor Pam Brown (student minister), and leaders Faye Moffatt and Judy Sumner, who were excited to share Trinity's green journey with me. Judy shared about [their](#) solar panel installation. This was a decade-long labour of love, made real through the generous support of Trinity members and the United Church [Faithful Footprints](#) ([opens in a new tab](#)) program. Trinity's move to solar power goes beyond energy savings and cost reductions. Significant savings have allowed funds to be reallocated to support ministry. It is a step towards a future where sustainability is a way of life, a witness to Trinity's hope for a healthy community today and tomorrow.

However, Trinity's commitment to creation doesn't stop there, Faye was quick to add. By partnering with the community garden and phasing out single-use plastics, they have established a foundation of environmentally conscious practices that span all areas of congregational life, from the food bank to facility use. This dedication speaks of a deeper theological commitment. It's about viewing the Earth and its resources, not as commodities to be exploited but as a sacred trust.

Liturgically, Creation Time is a time of heightened awareness and action. At Trinity, it's a season marked by special worship services integrating prayers, hymns, and photographs that reflect the beauty and sanctity of creation. Moreover, the community of faith finds unique ways to allow members to share their own sustainability practices, whether it's about conserving water, saving energy, or preserving food. These shared stories both inspire action and create a sense of communal responsibility.

It's inspiring how Trinity sees their eco-initiatives. For them, these steps are a simple and profound expression of their faith in a God who nourishes, sustains, and renews all.

Stewardship reminds us that we are empowered to make choices with resources, whether of time or talent or wealth. Everything Trinity has done, large and small, are so much more than just a checklist of green initiatives. They are each a choice to use what they are given to make the most impact for their community and beyond. *These acts of faithful stewardship are tangible expressions of the belief that when we care for the Earth, we are, in essence, fulfilling our God-given role as stewards of sacred gifts.*

May you, too, find your own unique way to witness to hope and engage in faithful action, ever mindful of our divine calling as stewards of God's precious gift—our planet.

—Rev. Melody Duncanson Hales, Community of Faith Stewardship Support staff for Canadian Shield and Shining Waters regions and Canadian Shield regional staff for congregational support.



The United Church of Canada acknowledges that its buildings from coast to coast are on traditional territories of Indigenous peoples.

CONGREGATIONAL CORNER

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Blessed Stewards

Coffee and fellowship every Thursday morning at 9:30am. All are welcome!

Knitting Club

2nd and 4th
Thursdays monthly;
10:30am in the Little
Church



Band Practice

Wednesdays at 4pm in the Sanctuary



Upcoming Events:

April 21: Congregational Annual Meeting

be sure to get your copy of the 2023 Annual Report in preparation for the Meeting
(Followed by Soup Lunch!)

Please bring a can of your favorite soup to contribute. Unused cans will be donated to the Food Bank

May 11: One Day Plant Sale

BEEF SUPPER

The beef supper is now a recent memory and maybe an extra pound or two on our bodies. I hope you were able to sit with people you knew or maybe have a good conversation with a person who became a friend. These suppers are a great place to visit with old friends or new.

Thank you to all the people who supported our church by buying a ticket. I hope that you enjoyed the supper and great selection of desserts. Without your support it would be hard for us to keep the church going.

Thank you to the pathfinders for their great help pouring tea, coffee and juice as well as clearing all the tables when the food had been eaten.

Thank you to the people who performed all the tasks needed to put a supper like that on. It takes a very dedicated staff of people to feed the amount of people we did with a quality meal.

Thank you also has to be given to the businesses that supported us either by donation or a discount on their products: Stockyard Veterinary Services, Tofield Packers Ltd. and N Pentelechuk & Son Potato Growers.

For those of you who missed the supper, stay tuned. We will be serving a turkey supper sometime in November.

Our next event is on May 11th. We will be hosting a plant sale, just in time for you to buy a plant/tree for Mothers' day.

On behalf of the Community Life Committee.

Peace be with you.



Beef Dinner
Raffle Winners:
-Judy Schueler
Gardening Basket
-Chris Beliveau
Yellow Orchid

Thanks to all who participated!



**Thank you
for all the ways you GIVE!**

**If you would like to send
your offering by mail:
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MORE WAYS TO GIVE BACK AT AUC!

- ◇ Used Stamps are being collected to help buy Bibles for prisoners
- ◇ Shoes are being collected for donation to Soles 4 Souls. (Blue Bin outside AUC)
- ◇ Food Bank donations are encouraged every Sunday and are delivered each month to the **Strathcona Food Bank.**

**National Volunteer Week is
April 21-27, 2024.**

**AUC Volunteers are amazing!
Thank you!**



COMMUNITY CORNER



Chalmers Castle Downs United
12315 – 132 Avenue NW

Church RUMMAGE & BAKE SALE

Saturday, April 27, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.



Bluegrass and Dessert: An Afternoon Delight!

FEATURING PRAIRIE SKY BAND



May 11th 2-4 p.m.
Tickets \$25 or 3 for \$60
Children 12 and under free

A fundraiser for Chalmers-Castle Downs
United Church
Call 780-455-3664 or at the door
12315-132 Ave. Edmonton

PYROHY SUPPER

St. Sophia Ukrainian Catholic Parish
Township Road 530 (Baseline Road) & RR 224

SATURDAY, April 20, 2024

2 Servings:	Adults (13+) \$20
4:00 – 5:30pm	Youth (7 - 12) \$10
6:00 – 7:30pm	Child (6 & under) - Free

MENU

Potato cheddar and potato cottage pyrohy
Ham
Nachynka and lazy holubtsi
Mushroom sauce and caramelized onion
Coleslaw
Various desserts
Coffee, tea and juice

Tickets- Call or Text 587-984-4080



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THE MEANTIME, HERE'S A LOANER...



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Email: Contact@TibbPharmacyClinic.ca

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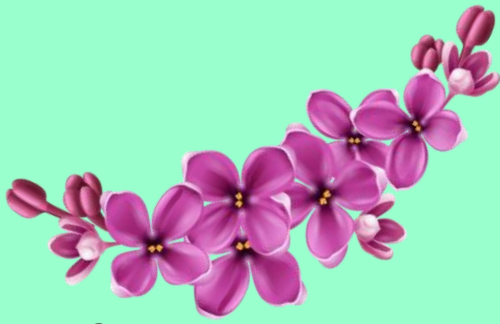
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*"To plant a
garden
is
to believe
in
tomorrow"*

Audrey Hepburn



April 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 <i>Band 4pm</i>	4 <i>Blessed Stewards 9:30am</i>	5	6
7 <i>Worship Team</i>	8	9 <i>UCW 1:30pm</i>	10 <i>Band 4pm</i>	11 <i>Blessed Stewards 9:30am</i> <i>Knitting 10:30</i> <i>Rental L.C 7-8pm</i>	12 <i>Preparations for Dinner</i>	13 <i>ROAST BEEF DINNER</i>
14 <i>Worship with Jackie St. Goddard</i>	15	16	17 <i>Band 4pm</i>	18 <i>Blessed Stewards 9:30am</i> <i>Board Mtg 10:30am</i>	19	20
21 <i>Worship with Rev. Hugh MacGregor</i> <i>Congregational Annual Meeting</i> <i>Soup Luncheon</i>	22 <i>Playschool Board Mtg.</i>	23	24 <i>Band 4pm</i>	25 <i>Blessed Stewards 9:30am</i> <i>Knitting 10:30am</i>	26	27 <i>Rental -BSMT 2:30-5:30pm</i>
28 <i>Worship with Karen Gusek</i>	29	30				

Our Little Friends Playschool—Basement:
Monday and Wednesday half days,
Tuesday and Thursday full days.

***ONGOING RENTALS**
2nd Ardrossan Pathfinders: Board Room—Wed. 6:30-8:30pm
Ardrossan Embers: Basement—Wed. 6-7:30pm
1st Ardrossan Pathfinders: Fellowship Room: Mon. 6:15—8:00pm
Ardrossan Rangers: Board Room—Mon. 6:30-8:30pm