



A Friendly, Caring, Inclusive Community of Faith

# TRINITY TALKS

*The  
Season  
of  
Lent*



**The Third Sunday of Lent:** I pray that you are finding time to consider the words and promises offered in the weekly Lenten Devotions that Yujene is sharing. Please let me know if you didn't receive a copy; they are tucked into the weekly bulletin. Lent is a special time in the Christian calendar and can be so enriching to our spiritual life.

This Sunday, Yujene's message considers a Lenten Practice of Worship. Trinity folks are so generous and giving: Lenten Practices in action! We have received donations to cover the installation of a new dishwasher. We are humbled and very thankful.



That pesky time change happens this Sunday at 2 a.m.

See you at the "new" 1030!

- \* Spring Forward Time Change
- \* Days are noticeably longer
- \* St. Patrick's Day
- \* School March Break

All good signs this week that Spring is creeping closer.

## Opportunity for Practical Lenten Giving Project

If you have donations, please bring them to the Parlour, we will transport them to the Welland churches by the end of March. Starting spring cleaning of crowded cupboards? This is a great opportunity to send those unused, extra "stuff" to a good cause.

### ASISTANCE FOR ASYLUM SEEKERS AND UKRAINIAN REFUGEES IN NIAGARA FALLS

In February, approximately 2000 people were transported to Niagara Falls from Quebec by the Federal government. They had crossed from the U.S. at an isolated spot in the Eastern Townships. Many are French speaking, also Spanish, Haitian, Turkish, Urdu and more. They are seeking safety from persecution, relief from poverty and hopelessness. The government is paying for hotel rooms and food for 2 months only. Social services are currently struggling to meet needs, and schools have set up classes in gyms and portables.

We will have opportunities to assist these people in this crisis. Agencies are looking for help with ethnic food, clothing, children's school packs and supplies, and ordinary household items. More specific information is coming so watch for details about how we can assist. Please pray for everyone involved in this crisis and about how you can be involved in offering help

Drummond Hill Presbyterian Church is a drop off location for donations for Ukrainian refugees, now numbering 1300 in Niagara. They are also working with the St. Catharines Folk Arts Centre to provide food every 2 weeks for Asylum seekers who register at the Centre. The church will need food donations starting March 31 and Rev. Wally will provide a list of appropriate foods.

Immediate needs for UKRAINIAN refugees are clothes, kitchen items, small kitchen appliances, bedding, new pillows only. These are collected at St. Peter and Paul Ukrainian Church, Niagara Falls, open Wednesday, and Saturday, 4-6 pm. OR drop off at Drummond Hill Tuesday to Friday 9 am.-noon and Wally will deliver to St. Peter & Paul.

### Upcoming Events (also see "Events" on church website)

March 15 at 2 pm – Finance / Property Committee

March 21 at 5 pm - Community Supper and hands to help

March 30 at 1:30 pm – Council

April 4 at 1230 – UCW

**April 2 – 9 2023 = Holy Week**

**April 2 – Palm / Passion Sunday with Carol**

**April 6 at 7 pm – Maundy Thursday at St. John's Anglican Church**

**April 7 at 10 am – Thorold's One Ministerial Good Friday Walk**

(starts at St. John's and ends at St. Andrews. Trinity is Station #4.

Refreshments – traditional hot cross buns - after the service)

**April 9 – Easter Sunday Worship with Yujene**

### What is Maundy Thursday??

Christ's "mandate" is commemorated on Maundy Thursday---"maundy" being a shortened form of mandatum (Latin), which means "command." It was on the Thursday of Christ's final week before being crucified and resurrected that He said this commandment to His disciples. Jesus and his disciples had just shared what was known as the Last Supper and he was washing their feet when he stated:

*"A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another" ([John 13:34](#)).*

### Trinity's Transition Journey



We are considering and working through the list of ideas for Trinity's new vision. Listening for all new ideas and suggestions that you have. Please continue to share YOUR ideas.

- \* Amalgamation exploratory meetings with neighbouring churches: Elm Street United in Merritton , St. Andrews Presbyterian in Thorold, and Westminster United in St. Catharines (they have a contract to redevelop their hall into affordable apartments). Will look to others after this first round – where would you consider attending?
- \* Meeting with construction company end of the month for potential partnership.
- \* Blessed by two months of increased giving in the offering.

A landscape photograph showing a field of purple flowers in the foreground, rolling hills in the middle ground, and a sunset with a bright sun low on the horizon in the background.

Often when you think you're  
at the end of something,  
you're at the beginning of  
something else.

FRED ROGERS