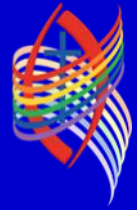




# TOGETHER

a weekly newsletter for members and friends of the St. Andrews faith community



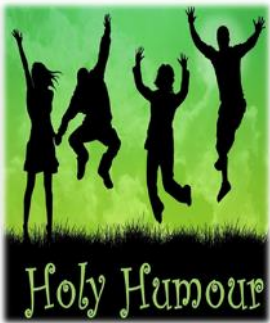
Sunday, April 27, 2025

Morning Worship at 10:30 am - Minister: Caitlin Smithers

## THIS SUNDAY — APRIL 27, 2025

### HOLY HUMOUR SUNDAY

Guest Reflector: Donna Sinclair



This is an old Easter custom begun by the Greeks in the early centuries of Christianity — "Holy Humour Sunday" — celebrations of Jesus' resurrection on the Sunday after Easter. The custom was rooted in the musings of early church theologians (like

Augustine, Gregory of Nyssa, and John Chrysostom) that God played a practical joke on the devil by raising Jesus from the dead. ] "Risus paschalis - the Easter laugh," the early theologians called it.

This service is under the leadership of the Worship Committee and we are pleased to welcome Donna Sinclair.

## NEXT SUNDAY — MAY 4, 2025

### THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

### FAITH & DOUBT

This Sunday's message comes from *John 20: 19 -31*. In this passage, Jesus appears to his disciples and then to Thomas who has his doubts about Christ's resurrection.

What does it take for us to "doubt our own doubts" and have faith in our Lord and his love? Though we may not always be able to see Jesus with our sense of sight, it is important to look for Him daily in other ways.



## St. Andrew's Prayer Corner

*The LORD is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth. (Psalm 145:18)*  
For this week we ask that you keep the following people in your prayers:

Marie Lacombe and family    Bob Wood and family    Carol Sawyer  
Micheline Fleming Dunn    Rob Fleming    Marg Fleming  
Ken Dech    Katie Davis    James Butcher    Joanne Dufresne  
Gary Jones    Don Vaillancourt    Don Yackobeck

Sister United Churches: Matheson: St. Andrew's, Onaping Falls

## St. Andrew's United Church WELCOMES YOU !



We are an Affirming Ministry of The United Church of Canada and are committed to building a welcoming and inclusive community. The congregation has also done the training to be a "Blue Umbrella" organization so it is a dementia-friendly place.



There is an elevator, a wheelchair ramp at the Algonquin entrance, and a handicapped-friendly washroom in the Narthex. Assistance is also available for the hearing-impaired. If you would like information, please give us a call during office hours and someone will be pleased to chat with you. 705 472-7680.



**St. Andrew's Building Use Schedule April 26—May 4, 2025**

- Apr. 26th - **8am-11pm Northland Wrestling: GYM Setup/Practice + 7 pm KITCHEN/Rm 9=Show**  
 & **4-6 pm CHOIR in Sanctuary** & **7-9 pm Support Group - #6**
- Apr. 27th - **9:30 - 10:30 am - Support Grp - Rm #6** & **10:30 am - Sunday Worship in Sanctuary**  
 & **1 - 4 pm—The RCCG - Clubroom** & **1 - 5 pm Choral Society Youth—Gym**
- Apr. 28th - **\*\*2-4 pm Bible Study - [Sanctuary]** & **5:30 pm Choral Society - GYM**  
 & **7- 9pm Support Group - Room # 6**
- Apr. 29th - **4-8pm - Special Olympics x 2 - GYM**
- Apr. 30th - **3:00pm—Clergy Meeting—Parlour** & **5:30 - 9:30 pm Baytones - Gym**  
 & **7-9 pm Support Group - Rm #6**
- May 1st - **8:30-10:30am - FOOD BANK in Gym** & **Loaves & Fishes Connections - Rm # 6**  
 & **7-9 pm Support Group - #6**
- May 2nd - (No Bookings)
- May 3rd - **4 - 6 pm CHOIR Practice - Sanctuary** & **7-9 pm Support Group - Rm #6**
- May 4th - **9:30 - 10:30 am - Support Grp - Rm #6** & **10:30 am - Sunday Worship in Sanctuary**  
 & **1 - 4 pm—The RCCG - Clubroom**



**Minister's Office Hours**

**Minister:** Caitlin Smithers

Caitlin's weekly office hours are **9 am to 3 pm**  
**Wednesday and Thursday.**

If you wish to call or email to set up a meeting with Caitlin, please call her work phone **705-498-5943**, email

[csmithers\\_standrews@cogeco.net](mailto:csmithers_standrews@cogeco.net), or call the Church Office (**705 472-7680**).

**CHURCH OFFICE HOURS (Mondays CLOSED)**

**Regular Hours**

**Tuesday & Wednesday, 10:30am-2:30pm,**  
**Thursdays 12:30-4:30pm,**  
**Friday 10:30am-1:30pm**

**Pastoral Care**

For pastoral care emergencies, please call 705-472-7680 and leave a detailed message, or email: [standrewschurch@cogeco.net](mailto:standrewschurch@cogeco.net) and your message will be forwarded to the Minister.

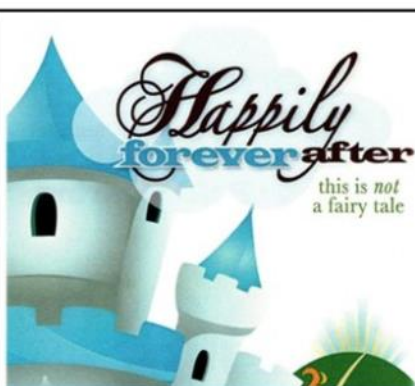
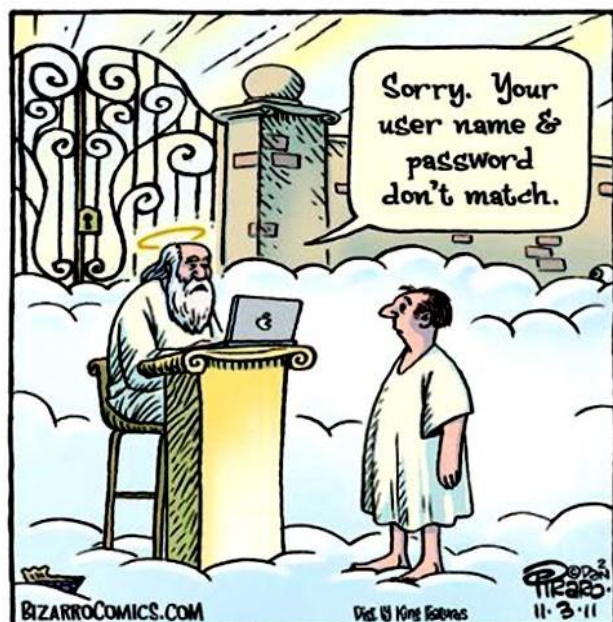


## HOLY HUMOUR SUNDAY

Easter was God's supreme joke played on death, hence the *risus paschalis* – "the Easter laugh."

What is Holy Humour Sunday? In the early church, the Sunday after Easter was observed by the faithful as a day of joy and laughter with parties and shenanigans to celebrate Jesus' resurrection. The custom of *Bright Sunday*, as it was called, came from the idea of some early church theologians that God played a joke on the devil by raising Jesus from the dead.

So on the Sunday after Easter, parishioners and pastors played practical jokes on each other, drenched each other with water, sang, and danced. It was a time for clergy and people to tell jokes and to have fun.



**Friday, June 6, 2025, 7:00 pm**  
**Saturday, June 7, 2025, 2:00 pm**

Mustard Seed Productions  
**Trinity United Church**

111 McIntyre Street East, North Bay

A Musical for Kids about the Kingdom of God with Knights, Princesses and maybe even a Dragon! Join us on an amazing quest in a faraway land that is sure to end Happily Forever After!

**Tickets: \$10 Adults**

**\$5 Children** (12 and under)

Available through the Centennial Box Office or at the door.

For more information contact Lisa Blais at blais.trinity@gmail.com

### Mustard Seed Productions

Mustard Seed was created in 2007 to provide opportunities for children and youth to build community around a common love of theatre. Including youth as part of the Centennial celebrations is an intentional celebration of our future.

#### Centennial Box Office

email: northbayucc100@gmail.com

#### Trinity United Church

111 McIntyre Street East, North Bay

Office Hours: Mon. - Thurs. 9:00 am - noon, 6:00 - 7:30 pm  
705-474-3310 • Cash Only



**Saturday, June 7, 2025**

**8:30 am - 12:30 pm**

**Emmanuel United Church**

395 Lakeshore Drive, North Bay

For centuries stained glass windows have told the stories of the Christian faith. Before there was a printed Bible, or literacy was common, windows were the storytellers that captured the beauty of the faith. We are delighted to offer this opportunity hosted by David Morgan, the designer and fabricator of many stained glass windows in Northern Ontario, including those on this tour! The tour begins with the windows at Emmanuel, and go on to explore stained glass at Trinity, St. Andrew's and concluding at The ProCathedral.

#### Continental breakfast 8:00 am.

Freewill offering.

Parking available in the Emmanuel parking lot or across the street at the Mall.

#### Tour Transportation

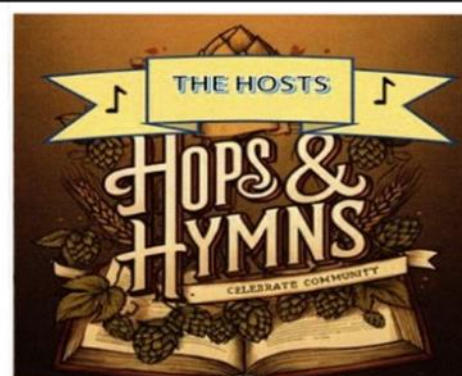
Take the Bus or Drive Yourself

A accessible city bus will be available. There is both seating and standing capacity. A tour outline will be available for those who prefer to drive themselves.

**Tickets: \$10**

Available through the Centennial Box Office

Advance Tickets only



**Saturday, June 7, 2025**

**Doors Open: 6:00 pm**

**Music Starts: 6:30 pm**

Music by The Hosts

**Moose's Cookhouse**

134 Main Street, North Bay

Do you love ... Music? Food? Singing Hymns? Dancing? Laughing with friends?

Then mark your calendar with this event.

The Hosts, a group of talented, local musicians will entertain with all styles of music and invite us into singing along to favourite hymns. You can order from the menu, and enjoy food and music all evening long.

As there is limited seating, this is a ticketed event.

**Tickets: \$10**

Available through the Centennial Box Office



*It is better to think of church in the ale house than to think of the ale house in church.*

— Martin Luther

# NOTICE OF A Special Congregational Meeting

There will be a **Special Congregational Meeting** held immediately before morning worship on

**Sunday, May 4, 2025 at 10 am**

The purpose of this important meeting is to approve the terms and conditions of the Call of Caitlin Smithers to be our Minister upon her ordination in the United Church of Canada. The Search Committee will present a report at this meeting.

RAPPORT SINGERS OF NORTH BAY

rapportsingers.ca

# SONGS OF CELEBRATION

A CHORAL TRIBUTE TO NORTH BAY'S 100th



Peggy Millar - Artistic Director  
Sue Nicholson - Accompanist

Sunday, April 27, 2025 • 1:30 pm

Trinity United Church - corner of Ferguson & McIntyre  
Tickets: \$20 - Adult \$15 - Student (12 years and under - free)  
at the door or from Rapport members



# THE BUCKET LIST CABARET

Trinity United Church  
7:00 PM SHOWTIME  
minimum 15.00 donation

**Saturday May 3, 2025**

all proceeds donated to One Kids Place  
autism camps in memory of Jack Lyons



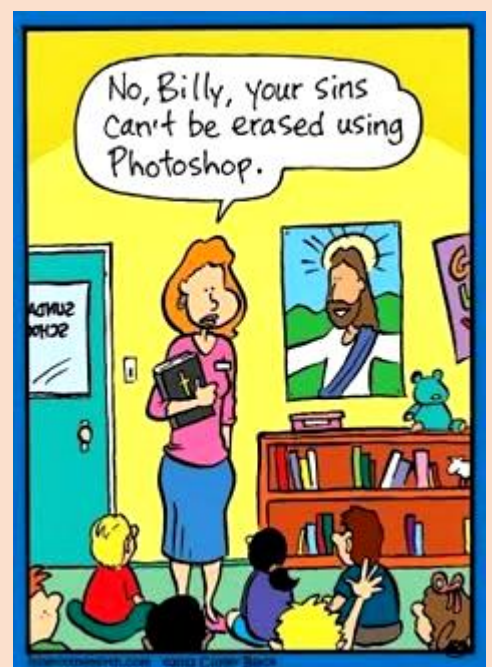
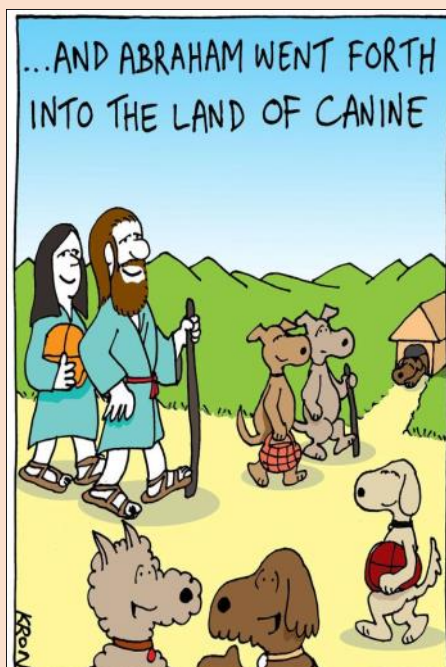
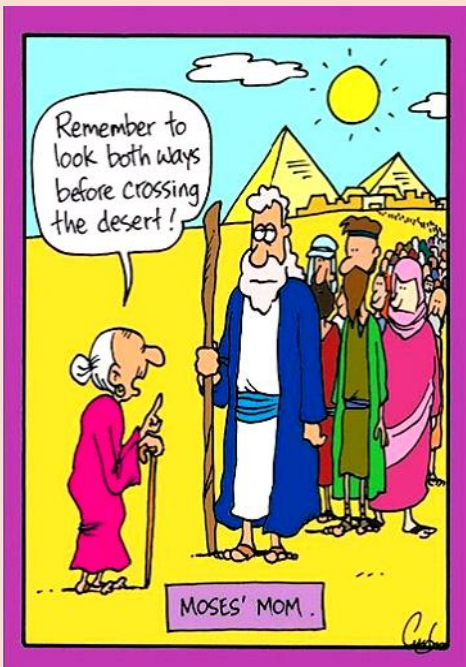


## New Aprons!

We have a great team of volunteers who serve coffee, juice, and goodies at The Café during the Food Bank. In this picture from left to right, are Frankie, Rosie, Pat and Judy.

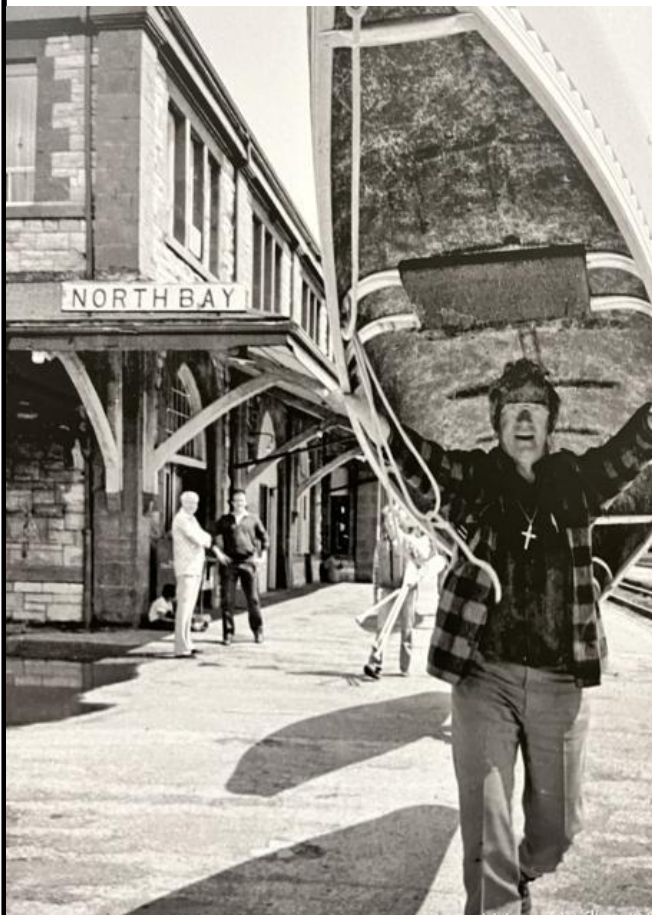
Thank you to Chelsea Schmidt, Graphic Designer for this great logo, and to an anonymous donor for the new aprons.

The Food Bank Clients are very grateful for the opportunity to get a hot cup of coffee and a snack in a place where they can meet and visit with their friends.



## HOLY HUMOUR !

During the Centennial Year celebrations of the United Church, the North Bay United Churches are being encouraged to share the histories and stories of their own Communities of Faith. Here is what **Trinity United Church** has to share.



### Trinity's "United Church Centennial Memory Moment" 2025

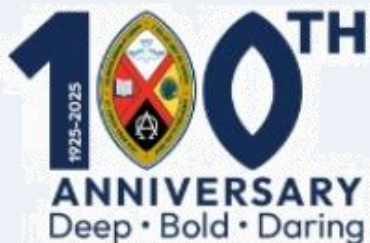
Canoes and canoeing are a strong theme that flows throughout the history of Trinity United Church in North Bay! Legend has it that Reverend Silas Huntington canoed up the Mattawa River, crossed over to Lake Nipissing, and arrived in North Bay near the present municipal dock. The story continues that Huntington walked up and knelt in prayer on the rock whereon Trinity now stands.

In 1925 J.C. Cochrane was the minister at North Bay's METHODIST Church. He proudly led the church through the process of becoming Trinity UNITED Church. In his spare time, Reverend Cochrane famously built and repaired canoes.

Murray Arnill was the minister in 1982 (Trinity's Centennial year!). As part of the celebrations Reverend Arnill re-enacted the arrival of Silas Huntington in 1882. He canoed to the shore of Lake Nipissing and then portaged the canoe up the street, past the train station, to the present site of our church.

Ted Harrison is Trinity's present minister. He's proud of the "Trinity Testosterone" men's canoe trip that continues the "Trinity canoeing legacy" by making annual adventurous forays into nearby areas of Northern Ontario!

## UNITED CHURCHES OF NORTH BAY



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