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# Trinity Connected

## *Spring Cleaning*

What is it about the change to Daylight Savings Time that makes one want to clean up our homes? And when it comes to spring cleaning, it's almost impossible not to throw in the word 'organizing' as well. Spring is a fantastic time to get out of that winter funk (you know, all the hibernating we've all been doing over the winter!) and freshen up our spaces.

Here are 4 ways to make spring cleaning and organizing easy (because what else are we going to do while staying home again during a provincial lockdown?!).

- **Evaluate your spaces:** This may seem like a funny thing to do, but by going through your entire home and taking stock of each room, you can start creating a 'to do' list for each room. When every room is reviewed, you can look at your list and see if there are similar areas to target. For example, if all of your walls and baseboards need washing (which most probably will), then you can plan time to do all rooms at once. This will also give you an indication of how much time you will need. Do you like to do an entire day of spring

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Faith is the substance of things  
hoped for, in evidence of  
things not seen.

Hebrews 11:1

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## *Celebrating Ed and Wanda*

This month we celebrate the church life of long-time Trinity attendees Ed and Wanda Asselstine. In fact, Ed proudly possesses a *Trinity Sunday School Certificate* dated 1939. So if there is someone who knows this church and congregation inside out from long association, it's Ed.

When Sunday School spaces were needed downstairs at one point, Noreen Peters said that Ed was there to lend a hand in making them ready to use. In fact for a while, Ed was one of the Sunday School teachers; some of you may even have gone through his class. When we needed chefs for our Steak Dinners, Ed manned one of the BBQ's out in the church parking lot. Ed also did a stint in the church choir and mentioned being in a Quartet, directed by the redoubtable Carol Ramer. Wanda's brother Gil McMahon sang alongside Ed, as well as Catherine Steele and Bill Watson. Ed said the quartet got a lot of help from Dorothy McCullogh (Reynolds) as well.



We have all seen the results of Ed's handiwork in keeping our beautiful outside church doors sanded and re-stained. Carleton Brown recently commented on what a pleasure it was to work with Ed on the renovation of the church hall (2005-2006), painting, carpentry, framing, wherever needed. "Ed was so meticulous," he said. As for the Administrative side of Trinity, for years Ed chaired the Board of Trustees and spent time as a member of Session, though early on, a lot of committees met together which seemed to work fine. For the last several years, Ed has been our faithful "doorman" at the Community breakfasts Trinity hosts each January. He gives a warm welcome to all, whether familiar to him, or strangers

It is a little known fact, that Wanda and Ed have known each other since grade one! They were married in 1956 in the church. Wanda contributed her church service sitting on the Committee of Stewards, and giving behind-the-scenes support to many of our endeavours. The Asselstine's feel "one hundred percent" supportive of our congregation and its ministry. Proof of their devotion to Trinity is their constant attendance at Sunday worship, rain or shine, pandemic or no pandemic. Leading by example has been Wanda and Ed's quiet contribution to the fabric of Trinity United Church, Verona.

We give thanks to this dedicated couple for their presence in our midst.

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## *A Hopeful Prayer to Get Us Through*

Through light and shadow, I am led and I follow.

Through the ins and outs, the ups and downs of these days, when my heart is failing, when my spirit rejoices, when I can barely put one foot in front of the other.. still you beckon me on.

When I stumble you support me, when I can go no further, you carry me.

Through light and shadow, in death's dark vale, and on the mountain tops, you lead me.

Through tangled webs, on rocky ground, on smoother paths... through light and shadow you lead me.

I follow and I know that I will never walk alone.

Amen

## Spring Cleaning

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cleaning or would you prefer spreading it out over a couple of days or perhaps it's an entire weekend? You won't know until you evaluate everything first.

- **Purge:** With winter behind us, it's time to evaluate what you wore and used and what you didn't. A simple rule of thumb: if you didn't use it or wear it the past season, you most likely are not going to use it/wear it the following. If that is the case, it's time to donate, recycle, sell – whatever it takes to get those items out. Your new-found space(s) can now be easily cleaned without the excess stuff you once had.
- **Gather your Supplies:** Most people really don't like to spring clean, as it tends to be a bigger job than the regular cleaning that gets done weekly. There is nothing worse than finally setting time aside to get to some spring-cleaning done and low and behold, you don't have what you need. If you have to run to the store, by the time you get back you have wasted the time you have already set aside. Ensure that you have what you need ahead of time. When the time comes to start cleaning, you'll be ready to roll!
- **Freshen Up:** There are many ways to freshen up a space. Some are as simple as getting new pillows for the sofa or buying some fresh cut flowers. In a bedroom, if you have curtains, wash or get dry-clean them. In your kitchen, wipe all the cabinets and cupboards (inside and out) – and include the handles! In your entire home, crack open a window (if it's not snowing!) and get some fresh air moving through your home. Have your windows washed on the inside and out. After our crazy long winter, it's time to let the sun shine in! You may also want to add in a scent. My personal favourite neutral scents are citrus scents. Nothing like the smell of citrus to have my brain telling me things are clean and fresh!

Although spring cleaning and organizing can seem like a daunting task, when you take stock of what needs to get done and break those tasks up into manageable tasks, it's easier than you expect. Enlist the help of your family (it's their home too!) and enjoy your fresh, clean spaces!



## Church Finances

For the period up to April 12, 2021, our Local Expenses income was \$16,015.84 including a \$2,940.64 carryover from last year. Our expenses for the same period were \$25,543.97 leaving a deficit of \$9,528.93. Mission and Service givings for the same period were \$1,825.00.

With the heating season behind us, we can look for an improvement in our financial picture.

We welcome all donations either by cheque or by Etransfer to [don@donaldcoleman.com](mailto:don@donaldcoleman.com). We express thanks to all who have continued to support us.





## *A Message from the Ministry Team*

Today, we recorded our second “live” service which you can access from our website (or request a DVD of from the office), we looked out into the sanctuary, we saw more than just empty pews. We saw people sitting in their regular spots, which some have occupied for many years. We saw the children collecting items for the Food Bank, doing the offering, and perhaps a dance here and there! We heard voices raised in praise as the familiar hymns rang out from the piano and organ. We saw a few tears as memories flooded in and could not be contained. We saw smiles, heard laughter, felt hugs.

Dear friends, we saw you! As we continue to make our way through this uncertain time, let us remember that we are still all together, as a family of faith. What a celebration it will be, when once again we come together in person to worship.

Before that happens, let us stay the course! Let us continue to support our church family, through our financial contributions and our personal connections. Let us continue to check up on each other, and check on ourselves- for none of us can get through this alone.

Take care, Trinity family- stay safe and may God bless you!  
Rev. Catherine, Rev. Ian, and Sheila

*The flowers appear  
on the earth;  
the time of the  
singing of birds is  
come.*

*Song of  
Solomon 2:12*



## *Christpower*

*By Lucy Newton Boswell Negus, poet 1974*

Look at him!  
Look not at his divinity,  
    but look, rather, at his freedom.  
Look not at the exaggerated tales of his power,  
    but look, rather, at his infinite capacity to give himself away.  
Look not at the first-century mythology that surrounds him,  
    but look, rather, at his courage to be,  
        his ability to live, and  
        the contagious quality of his love.  
Stop your frantic search!  
Be still and *know* that this is God:  
    this love,  
        this freedom,  
        this life,  
        this being;  
And  
when you are accepted, accept yourself;  
    when you are forgiven, forgive yourself;  
    when you are loved, love yourself.  
    Grasp that Christpower  
        And dare to be  
        Yourself!