

HCUC update for March 31, 2024

Happy Easter! We hope you are able to enjoy some time with friends and family this long weekend.

Here are the links to our Holy Week Services:

Monday – Holy Monday: <https://youtu.be/p51c9xwja6g>

Tuesday – Holy Tuesday: <https://youtu.be/uBjZ71EYqTo>

Wednesday – Holy Wednesday: https://youtu.be/B97s53i_6Jc

Thursday – Maundy Thursday: <https://youtu.be/rJtFT16owEA>

Friday – Good Friday (morning streamed service):

<https://youtube.com/live/rGVZS8KflfM>

Friday – Good Friday (evening online): <https://youtu.be/lpOgvBmtkyY>

Saturday – Holy Saturday: <https://youtu.be/AdjhQ9zLb8A>

Sunday – Easter: <https://youtube.com/live/bBoBX1pn4pU>

In our prayers: Bonnar and Merilyn Banks (Bonnar is moving into Palliative Care); Jen and her parents Julie & Richard (Jen had surgery on Friday and we just heard that she is being moved to Palliative Care); to folks who are acknowledging what stone they need rolled away so they can enjoy Easter; and for those looking for joy and purpose in their lives.

\$40 for 40 Days of Lent: Rev. Jan invites you to join her in making an additional donation of \$40 or more this Easter if you can.

Clean Team: Looking for a couple more folks to help with cleaning tasks around the church. It would require only about 1-2 hours per month and can work with your timing.

Music Opportunity: Talk to Doug McKeen if you're interested in joining the choir for our special Homecoming Gospel Service on Sunday, April 28 at HCUC at 10:30AM and again at Trinity Primrose UC at 1:00PM. Practice will be on April 15 at 7PM at High Country UC.

Mother's Day and Father's Day: Please send in photos of your moms and dads (whether they are still here on earth or watching over us) so we can include them in our services in May and June. Deadline: April 15. You can bring them in an envelope, and we can scan them in for you or you can email them to the church office at highcountryunited@gmail.com

Seniors Lunch Speaker Series: Monday, April 29 at 11:00AM

Presenter: TeleCheck <https://www.headwatershealth.ca/Areas-of-Care/TeleCheck>

Upcoming Concerts – tickets are available for both:

Friday, April 19 at 7:00PM – Alex Burnett and Friends - \$20 each

Friday, May 31 at 7:30PM – Boomerang - \$20 each (will be held in the barn)

Starting in April:

Tech Classes & Support – Classes will be held on the second Friday of each month. For Apple Products, classes will be from 1:00pm to 2:30pm. For Android Products, classes will be from 3:00pm to 4:30pm. Bring your devices and your questions and Stephanie will do her best to help.

Spring/Summer Brochures: Updated brochures about worship services and programs are available in the pews, at the doors, or in the lower hall. Feel free to grab a few and share them with your friends.

Helping Trinity Primrose United Church in Shelburne: Janet's support has started at Shelburne and the first Sunday was pretty successful. Next preaching days: April 14 and April 28. She has office hours there on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:00pm to about 6:00pm.

Prayer: God of hope resurrected, be the ever-present light and love we need in our lives. Help us to share that love with our minds when we feel far from it. Give us courage and nudge us to share it with those around us. Help us to put aside judgment and hesitancy, and to always carry risk and willingness when it's safe to do so. Roll away the things that stop us from sharing Jesus' teachings in our world. Amen.

Upcoming Schedule:

Sunday, March 31: 7:55PM Weekly Prayers (online only, live)

Monday, April 1: Office Closed

Tuesday, April 2: Office open from 9:30 to 2:00

10:00AM – Knitting, Puzzles and Social Time

11:00AM – Arthritis Foundation Exercises

11:45AM – Fairweather Walkers

1:00PM – Strumming Seniors

Rev. Jan's office hours in Shelburne from 3:00 to 6:00pm

Wednesday, April 3: Office open from 9:30 to 2:00

11:00AM – Strength and Stretching Exercises

11:45AM – Fairweather Walkers

12:30PM - Choir Practice

Thursday, April 4: Office Closed

Rev. Jan's office hours in Shelburne from 3:00 to 6:00pm

Friday, April 5: Office open from 9:30 to 2:00

11:00AM - SMART Exercise Program (about 1 hour long)

12:00PM – Exercise Team Lunch

Saturday, April 6: Office Closed

Sunday, April 7: Office open from 9:00 to 2:00pm

10:30AM – Worship Service – Earth Day celebrating Water

Reader: Lynn Robertson; Greeter: McKeens; Refreshments: Karen Gillett

7:55PM – Weekly Prayers (Online only, live)

Blessings from Rev. Jan

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Biblical Matters

Bible Trivia – Answers from last week

What apostle owed his life to a basket? *Paul (Acts 9:25)*

What ill-fated servant had a dream of three bread baskets? *Pharaoh's baker (Genesis 40:16-17)*

Bible Trivia for this week (answers revealed next week)

What did Jesus eat after his resurrection to prove he was not a mere phantom?

Who fasted for forty days on Mount Sinai?

Reading the New Testament through 2024:

For the week of April 1 to April 5

Monday – Luke 22: What is the Festival of Unleavened Bread (Passover) and how is it celebrated? (How long, how did it start, what's involved?) What is different in this gospel than in the others that talk about Judas' betrayal and such?

Tuesday – Luke 23: Verse 31: "For if people do these things when the tree is green, what will happen when it is dry?" What are your thoughts about this?

Wednesday – Luke 24: Verse 47 – 'and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.' If we hold onto our sins (or keep on sinning), what might it prevent us from doing/being?

Thursday – John 1: (Congratulations! You've made it through 3 books of the Bible so far. Keep going. You can do it!) Have you ever lived like you were born by God (instead of born by human parents)? What would that look like? What does Heaven look like?

Friday – John 2: Verse 25 – '... for he knew what was in each person'. If Jesus was to meet with you today, what good things would he say about you and, where applicable, what things might he mention you could improve upon?