



TRINITY WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

February 19, 2026

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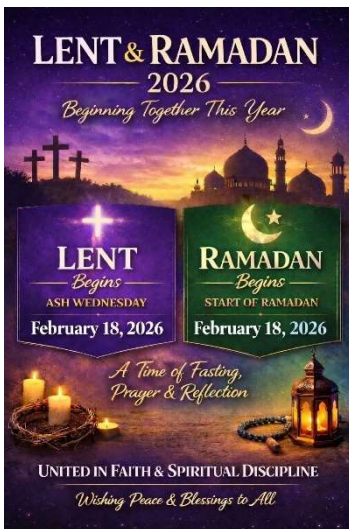
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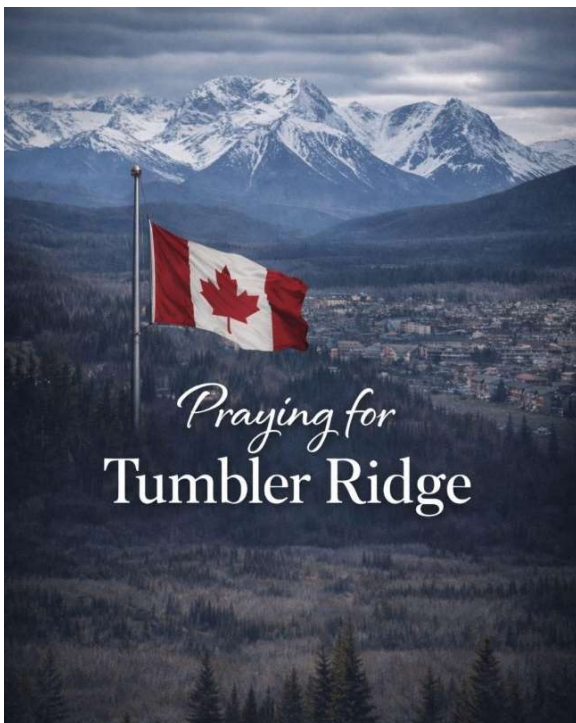


You Tube Trinity Services: You can view Trinity’s recorded services by going onto YouTube and typing in Trinity Anglican Church SJ. That will bring you to our channel and all of the previously recorded services.

E-Offering Stewardship Option Trinity has presently 20 signed up using the E Offering Stewardship method. Thank you to all who are supporting Trinity through their regular stewardship, as this helps the Treasurer meet the ongoing financial needs of Trinity’s ministry. **If you are not currently a subscriber your Vestry members encourage you to check it out.** By doing so no matter what happens during your week, month or year, once signed up you can rest assured your Trinity is being supported. Should you wish to join the E offering program, you can do so from your home by contacting the Parish Office at 506-693-8558 or trinsj@nb.aibn.com. Thank you for your continued support.

Prayers

We offer special prayers for:



Prayers for Tumbler Ridge BC

We pray for the people of Tumbler Ridge BC and beyond.

Gracious God. Our hearts are saddened by the events in Tumbler Ridge. We pray for all involved that they may know Your peace in the midst of trouble. We lift up those who mourn, that they will be comforted. We remember those who are injured, that they will be healed. We pray for first responders and medical personnel.

We bring to mind those for whom these events are reminders of incidents in which they have been involved. We remember those made fearful by what has happened.

We also pray for peace across our country. In the strong name of Jesus. Amen



Kyle Smith 12 yrs



Ticaria Lampert 12 yrs



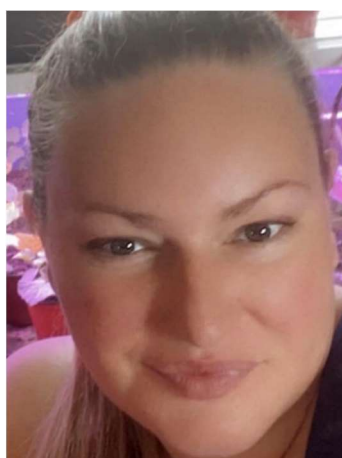
Zoey Beniot 12 yrs



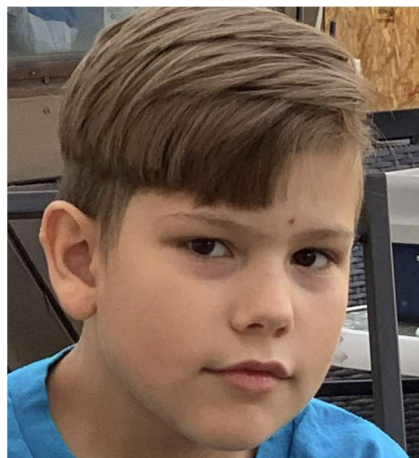
Abel Mwansa Jr 12 yrs



Ezekiel Schofield 13 yrs



Jennefer Jacobs 39 yrs



Emmett Jacobs 11 yrs

Shannda Aviugana-Durand EA 38 yrs (no picture made available)

Prayers for Ukraine Most Holy God and Father. Hear our prayers for all who strive for peace and all who fight for justice. Help us, who today remember the cost of war, to work for a better tomorrow and as we commend to you lives lost in terror and conflict, bring us all, in the end, to the peace of Your presence through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Prayers for Russia We pray for all those in Russia who have been affected by this ongoing war of Ukraine. For the lives lost, the families torn apart and for those Ukrainians who reside in Russia along with Viktoriia and Alex and their boys. We ask for their continued safety, a speedy resolve to this unjust attack and for a lasting peace between these two countries. Amen

Anglican Cycle of Prayer The Church of Ireland, Primate John McDowell. Anglican Church of Canada, Archbishop Shane Parker. National Indigenous Anglican Archbishop Chris Harper and The Anglican Council of Indigenous Peoples. Diocese of Ho, Bishop Matthias Meduadues-Badohu. Diocese of Yukon, Atlin (BC): St. Martin; the Rev Dorothy Odian, the Rev George Holman. Archbishop David, retired bishop William and their families.

Prayer for Israel and Palestine we pray for the current peace actions. We hold both communities in our prayers as they commence rebuilding their lives and that the peace presently experiencing will live on. Amen

Prayers for the people of Venezuela that they will return to a democratic lead government and oppression and unjust treatment of their people will come to an end.

Parish Prayer Requests Melita Freeze, Bonnie Dean, Judith Miller, Katie Kassner, Shirley Shaw, and William Teed. We also pray for those who suffer from any form of addiction that they may have the strength to overcome their desires and return to a healthier state of life.

Sunday's Message: This past Sunday was the last Sunday after the Epiphany and celebrated the Transfiguration of our Lord as we read in Matthew's Gospel, Matthew 17:1-9.

Black History Month On this Sunday in recognition of Canada's acknowledgement of February being the month nationally we celebrate the richness of Black History, Trinity was honored to have Mr. Ralph Thomas from the New Brunswick Black Society to share with us a number of connections with our Loyalist story and the Black community who came with them in 1783 and subsequent arrivals.



Ralph welcomed all to take some time and visit their displays which are professionally presented in their space in Brunswick Square.

In speaking of himself, having been born in 1938, living in a rural setting “we all got along” referring to the black and the white members of his community. He said, “we were brought up by the ‘old school’ values and respect for one another regardless of race.” However, the other half of his family were raised in the city where they repeatedly would have doors slammed in their face and worse being called undignified names etc..

He held up a picture which was on the table depicting the Loyalist that arrived on our shores in 1783, both black and white however some of the black, were slaves and others servants – acknowledging life would have been very tough for the black community arriving in the day. Some 35,000 black folks arrived in St. John, just a few blocks from where we are this morning – on those first ships debarking at Market Slip.

Then he moved on to another poster board which referenced the Black Refugees who fought for freedom for country and themselves in the war of 1812-1816.

Ralph urged us to look up the name Edmund Hillyer Duval as he played a significant role in the early settling of the first black loyalist. I did just that and have included what I have learned of this remarkable man.

Edmund Hillyer Duval was born in 1805, London, England and was a teacher of teachers in his day. Between 1835 – 1845 he was in charge of a large school district at Bristol, England, sponsored by the British Bible Society. In 1845 he received an invitation to come to Saint John, NB. He would establish a 'British School' which for many years used as a model school for training teachers. He would go on as inspector of schools after 1858 constantly stressing the need for better salaries for teachers and championed other reforms in the school system.



After his arrival in NB, Edmund also manifested a deep interest in the temporal and spiritual prosperity of the black community at Willow Grove. He decided that he would build a church there for this black community. The church building was 30' x 40', costing about \$1,500.00. The church was opened on May 24, 1878. A log house, built on land deeded to the Baptist denomination, had occupied this site for 30 years earlier and it was used for religious services and day school.

Edmund was aware that the small population of people would not be able to contribute to the costs of building the church so he called upon friends from England who were acquainted with the circumstances of the original settlers and they responded well to his request.

Edmund frequently preached in the little church at Willow Grove, and when he died, on Tuesday night, on September 17, 1878 he was buried in the church yard at his own request. A tablet was placed on the walls of the church to honor him, but the church tablet was destroyed by the fire in 1941. Today, just 18 miles outside of Saint John on the road to St. Martins you will see the site



prominently marked on the right by a three-cross structure with an identifying plaque "Black Settlement Burial Ground 1831-1941". This marks a once-vibrant community, Willow Grove. Its' significance goes beyond local history, the War of 1812 between Canada and the United States as well as slavery in the US. These settlers were African-Americans who escaped the United States during the War of 1812. Royal Navy Commander Alexander Cochrane invited them, "... they will have their choice of either entering into His Majesty's Sea or Land

Forces, or of being sent as FREE settlers to the British Possessions in North America or the West Indies ...". Some joined the British armed forces, in a newly formed Corps of Colonial Marines. About 4000 people left the Chesapeake Bay area in 1815 on British vessels. Many went to Nova Scotia, others to Trinidad. But nearly 400 came to Saint John in New Brunswick on HMS Regulus. The new settlers received grants of land east of Saint John. Each grant was about half the size of those given

to white settlers who also came. The land was less arable and farther away from the desirable Saint John River Valley. Still, they made a community here at Willow Grove. They farmed, ran businesses and raised families. They built a school and the church.



Over the following century, the community dispersed. The church burned down in 1931, grave markers in the cemetery disappeared. Only the cleared field where they stood remained.

In the 1980's, descendants of the Willow Grove settlement brought back their history. They built the tiny church, using photos of the original. The sign and cross tell passerby what this place was, invite you to stop. Invite you to feel the lives lived there.

Ralph went on to explain the goal of the banner messaging in that they are engaged in preserving the past – speaking to many of the individual items identifying such as the Gordon House in Kings Landing. Noting that this was the 1st building that was built by a black slave, in the 1800's, on Kings Landing. The fellow built this home that his family would have a roof over their heads should his life be cut short.

He mentioned Willie O'Ree who has been recognized as the first black NHL player playing for the Boston Bruins back in his day. Note; On Monday morning at our service at the Chateau de Champlain Joyce Rodgers mentioned to me she went to grade school with Willie O'Ree and shared how engaging he was back in those early years. Thank you Joyce for sharing.

He went on to mention Lena O'Ree who worked at the Admiral Beatty Hotel back in the 1950's and was asked to enter the hotel from the rear door. – no more!

Then comments about the Quakers who lived in Blacks Harbour. How great it was in this community as there was full harmony, no racial separation – the white and black folks worked together and moved forward as a community together in harmony. Noting that the Quakers were a group that set the stage if you will for Atlantic Canada as they had no belief in Wars.

Thank you, Ralph Thomas for bringing this topic to us and we hope to explore your research more in the future.

The Most Reverend Shane Parker, our Primate has reached out to his counterpart in the United States offering his support in these very trying times for the church to navigate with the disturbing political climate. I have included Most Reverend Shane Parker's letter to The Most Reverend Sean Rowe.



Office of the Primate

The Anglican Church of Canada
L'Église anglicane du Canada

February 6, 2026

The Most Reverend Sean Rowe
Presiding Bishop of The Episcopal Church

Dear Bishop Sean and friends in Christ in The Episcopal Church,

It has been heartbreaking for us, your northern neighbours, to watch the growing unrest that has arisen and persists in so many of your communities in the United States. We have seen and heard alarming stories of aggression, intimidation and harassment toward targeted communities and individuals, and the dehumanization of those perceived to not belong. We have seen images of violence, brutality and even death for those willing to challenge these actions and call out for justice.

We have also seen the ways your church has acted with faith and resilience in response to the call of the Gospel to serve those in need, welcome those who seek hospitality, feed the hungry—and challenge those who abuse power. You remind all who seek to follow the way of Jesus that high cost and risks are sometimes required.

Jesus taught that those who hunger and thirst for righteousness are blessed. We want you to know that your courageous words and actions in the face of disturbing and dangerous challenges are themselves a blessing, and we want you to know that you are not alone.

Be assured that my prayers join with those offered across the Anglican Church of Canada—prayers for protection, courage and peace. We are upholding you. We also uphold our full communion partners in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and the Moravian Church in North America as they serve the Gospel in this time of distress for your country.

I am sharing this letter publicly to encourage Canadian Anglicans to continue holding in prayer all of you in this intense, unpredictable season in the life of the United States of America.

We remain steadfast with you in our shared belief in the indestructible hope of the Resurrection, that love and peace will prevail, that healing can happen, and that God will make all things new.

Yours faithfully,

The Most Rev. Shane Parker
Archbishop and Primate of the Anglican Church of Canada



Shrove Tuesday – A Wonderful Evening of Fellowship and Great Food. Thanks to our Shrove Tuesday manager, Ruth Ross, for organizing us, a group of willing however at times a little hard to focus – sometimes more fun and conversation than attention to the task at hand. Thank you, Ruth for keeping us all pulling the rope in the same direction. Hats off to Marie Goguen our chef who takes a pre-set mix and augments it with her secret ingredients to make it much healthier. For all the set up and Kitchen support – along with the servers as you see in the picture below; Gordon Homer welcoming all as they enter, Elizabeth Bastarache, Linda Webb, Nancy Young, Kyle Wells and Jim Brittain. Hats off to our support cast of volunteers who made sure the evening went smoothly, from clearing tables, washing dishes and clean up with special mention to our youngest volunteer who never stopped all evening, Lennon Perry (young lady in the white sweater behind the first table). As for I, pleased to fill the position of second flipper working under the tutelage of Master Flipper Ruth. A great time was had by all!

Ruth Ross, Rev. Steven & Marie Goguen on the Pancake Line



Elizabeth Bastarache, Linda Webb



**A group in the Bennett Room enjoying their meal
Nancy Young, Kyle Wells, Jim Brittain
Janice Willis & Gordon Homer**

TRINITY's SERVICE CALENDAR

Date	Sunday	Service	Readings	Presider
Feb 22	First Sunday in Lent We will honor Baden-Powell	BAS Eucharist	Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7 Psalm 32 Romans 5:12-19 Matthew 4:1-11	Rev. Steven Scribner
Mar 1	Second Sunday in Lent	BCP HC	Genesis 12:1-4 Psalm 121 Romans 4:1-5, 13-17 John 3:1-17	Rev. Steven Scribner

Mar 8	Third Sunday in Lent	BCP HC	Exodus 17:1-7 Psalm 95 Romans 5:1-11 John 4:5-42	Rev. Steven Scribner
Mar 15	Fourth Sunday in Lent AGM following the service	BCP MP	1 Samuel 16:1-13 Psalm 23 Ephesians 5:8-14 John 9:1-41	Rev. Steven Scribner
Mar 22	Fifth Sunday in Lent	BAS Eucharist	Ezekiel 37:1-14 Psalm 130 Romans 8:6-11 John 11:1-45	Rev. Steven Scribner
Mar 29	Palm Sunday	BCP HC	Isaiah 50:4-9 Psalm 31:9-16 Philemon 2:5-11 Matthew 27:11-54	Rev. Steven Scribner
Apr 5	Easter Sunday	BCP HC	Jeremiah 31:1-6 Psalm 118:1-2,14-24 Colossians 3:1-4 John 20:1-18	Rev. Steven Scribner

All Smiles as we at Trinity enter into Lent – Ash Wednesday Service – Ashes On!



We gathered some thirty-five for the Ash Wednesday service and the Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion. As we enter Lent, let us all reflectively look inward to what we might change to align just a little closer to the will our good Lord has for each of us as we continue this journey we call life.

Upcoming Services and Events

Heritage Day February 21st Bennett Room 10:00am thru to 2:00pm



- * ten tables staffed by heritage advocates
- * many unique heritage items will be on display
- * Door prizes!! - hourly draws for heritage books
- * relax and enjoy coffee and tea (by donation)

At 3pm: Jennifer Gow will give a talk on the freedom seeking community that developed in Saint John (1850-1908) and how our pursuit of justice reshaped the social landscape in New Brunswick and all of Canada.
This talk is part of a monthly presentation by the NB Historical Society.

at
TRINITY CHURCH
115 Charlotte Street

Heritage Fair – Please note that the special speaker, Jennifer Gow will be providing her talk on the ‘Freedom seeking community 1850-1908 will be at 1pm not at 3pm as advertised. Please note this change in time!



February 21st 9am to 1pm Christ the King Church, 2000 Loch Lomond Road There is a very worthy information day being held at Christ the King church on Loch Lomond Road on Saturday, February 21st. The Anglican Saint John Hospitals Chaplaincy and the Parish of Fundy and the Lakes invite you to A Spirit Centered Approach to Dementia Care workshop facilitated by Angela King, MTS ARCT (Pedagogy). Angela is a Certified Spiritual Care Practitioner & PAC® Certified Independent Trainer / Consultant. Feel free to bring your own light lunch.



On this Sunday we will honor the Scouting movement – Scouting all started by Robert-Baden Powell. “No boy can be a good Scout unless he believes in God and obeys His laws” We pause and reflect on the values that guide all Scouts. In the Scout Oath we promise to do our Duty to God. This is a personal promise; one that asks each of us, to seek meaning, to act with humility, and to live with a sense of reverence for life and for others.

Scouting teaches us skills for the outdoors, leadership, and service. Scouting also teaches many ways for a scout to be Reverent, such as; Duty to God – Respect for others’ belief – Quiet moments in nature – Scout’s Own services – Silence and reflection – Caring for the outdoors – to name a few.

Scout Sunday reminds us that faith and values are lived, not just spoken, regardless of what your beliefs are, and that they are seen in your actions, your respect for others, and your willingness to serve.

Remember that reverence isn't something we put on for one day. It's something we carry with purpose and gratitude. "There is no religious side to the Scout Movement. The whole of it is based on religion" Robert Baden-Powell.



Nancy (Liddell) Smith: I belonged to the Trinity Guide Company under the leadership of Captain Audrey Straight. In the early sixties I earned my Gold Cord along with Margaret Knox and Heather Carson. I believe that the Gold Cord was the highest award in Guiding. You can see it in the picture on the left side hanging down from my shoulder. I was in the Canary Patrol.

At that time there were two styles of uniforms. I wore the long sleeved top and navy pleated skirt. The new uniform was a one-piece blue dress.

We had a wonderful time and learned so much as we worked towards earning our badges. A very worthwhile organization!

I have a vivid memory of an overnight camping trip. We walked through the woods along a trail from Ragged Point to Boar's Head. That evening we heard a news report on the radio saying my sister, Daphne, had been in a car accident. Thankfully she was not hurt and it was not her fault.

As a youngster I went to St. James Brownie troop as Trinity did not have one at that time.

Nancy



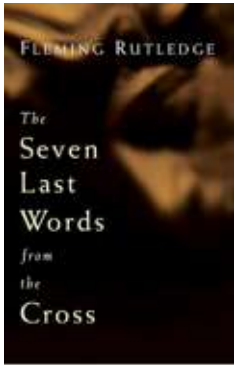
Rev. Steven Scribner: I attended the Boy Scout 'Cubs' and 'Scout' programs at St. Luke's Anglican Church on Main St. I had an added incentive and a drive to most meetings as my father was the Cub Master – the 'Akela'.

As I laid out my uniform for this picture, I can not even imagine myself as this tiny however it is mine, my name stitched inside the collar. The Red / Black scarf was the color for St. Luke's pack, while all other packs would have their own unique identificatory colors. On the left shoulder I proudly displayed earning all five stars which was the ultimate goal, below the red triangle would be the pack I belonged to and the

double yellow stripes would indicate I was the 'sixer' – the leader of my little pack of cubs. The right arm displayed the individual badges which were earned.

I expect there is a Scout Shirt packed away somewhere. I do have my Scout Beret and my knee socks and garters which were worn with the dress uniform when we wore shorts.

We give our thanks to the many hours our Brownie, Guide, Cub and Scout leaders gave so unselfishly for our betterment over the years. Trinity has / had two very committed Scouters when they were part of St. Georges Anglican Church – West. David Goss (and his father Abe Goss) as well as the late Mac Mowery who lived for the scouting movement at St. Georges – thank you and others for changing lives an hour at a time.



Lenten Book Study / Lunch

week #1 Thursday February 26	12 noon – 1pm
week #2 Thursday March 5	12 noon – 1pm
week #3 Thursday March 12	12 noon – 1pm
week #4 Thursday March 19	12 noon – 1pm
week #5 Thursday March 26	12 noon – 1pm

The 2026 Lenten Book Study Resource will be 'The Seven Last Words from the Cross' by Fleming Rutledge. Presently I have **one** book left that has not been reserved. Bring your lunch and join in the less formal discussions as we discuss the author's point of view. Discounted price is \$14.00 each.

Greater Chapter Meeting March 12th

Place and time to be announced

Palm Sunday

March 29th

Maundy Thursday

April 2nd

Pot Luck Super 5:30pm

Service at 7pm

Good Friday

April 3rd

12 noon – 3pm

Easter Sunday

April 5th

140th Diocesan Synod

April 18th

Fredericton – Topic- Future of Christ Church Cathedral

Neighbour Missional Outreach Opportunities - 12 Neighbours:

The following items are being asked for in order to make their residents feel at home and cared for;

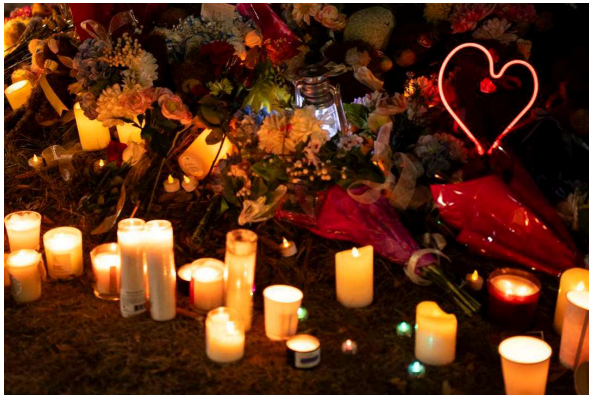
- Coffee Creamers (shelf-stable or refrigerated), coffee, sugar or sugar packets, coffee cups.
- Feminine hygiene products (pads, tampons, liners)
- Shampoo and conditioner (full size or travel size)
- Personal care items, Irish Spring, razors, shaving cream, towels, face cloths, skin care products
- Non-perishable food items: instant oatmeal, different types of snacks, KD microwaveable, Ramen bowls, bread or bagels, peanut butter, cheese whiz, juice boxes, pop, ensure
- Plastic or wooden cutlery, good winter socks, men and women underwear, flip flops for our showers, Tim cards, paper plates
- Men and Women underwear and socks
- Towels and Blankets

Let us focus on being a contributor to 12 Neighbours throughout 2026.

The Great East Window Campaign 2025 - 2026

The project is estimated at \$350,000 and at present the revenue on hand and committed totals \$196,009 which represents 56% of the goal achieved to date.

This project involves the East Window maintenance, renewing the exterior safety glass, masonry repointing of the East Wall along with refacing the East Window sandstone tracery coupled with a total refinishing of the Sanctuary. It is the goal to commence this project by June 2026.



In the midst of the worst, the best

As a retired teacher who took part in many lock-down drills at school, I remember the eeriness of crouching with silent students in the most sheltered corner of a darkened classroom, while an unidentified administrator rattled the door knob to ensure that the room was safely locked. In those instances, we knew it was a drill, but it was, nonetheless, unsettling.

So I suppose it's not unreasonable that, since last Wednesday morning, when I learned of the shootings in Tumbler Ridge, BC, my mind has been preoccupied with the events of that terrible day and what it must have felt like to realize that the unusual alarm was signalling not a practice drill, but real danger. I've watched hours of coverage and done a lot of research on my own, and I've been impressed over and over at the way people pull together in times of tragedy.

As details of the incident came to light, some of the brave acts of those involved in the shooting became known. The principal of the school, Stacie Gruntman, ventured out into the halls to ensure that classrooms were locked and barricaded. A gym teacher, Keith Bertrand, quickly realized that the alarm was not routine and sheltered with his class in the gym's equipment room, had students contact their parents on his cell phone, and bolstered morale as the minutes drew on into hours before the all-clear was declared. Lance Younge, the father of 12-year-old Kylie Smith, mentioned that an older student, Maddie Levesque, had performed CPR on her for 45 minutes, but to no avail. And Maya Gebala, a 12-year-old student in the class that was in the library at the time, attempted to protect her classmates by locking the door and was shot 3 times. At the time of writing, she is in critical condition in BC Children's Hospital.

In the aftermath, the town pulled together in support of one another. The Conuma mine, which employs about 800 residents of Tumbler Ridge, closed on Wednesday so that families could be together. And for at least 2 nights, the company donated hotel rooms for all the emergency support personnel who had come to assist residents in the aftermath of the shooting.

The rink was opened to allow people to work off stress on the ice. Small business owners provided free refreshments and gathering spaces for the community to come together. And perhaps most poignantly, a co-owner of the Twisted Seasons Bistro, who was waiting for news regarding the safety of her own children, ended up caring for one of the shooter's siblings, who had returned home to discover that his mother and brother were dead.

Support came from outside, as well. Messages of concern and support flooded in from across the country and around the globe. And on Parliament Hill Wednesday morning, as the leaders of the 5 federal parties spoke compassionately of what had transpired and assured the people of that small town of the care of all Canadians, MP's of all stripes listened respectfully and responded to each leader with a standing ovation. Even Yves-François Blanchet, the leader of the Bloc Quebecois, who always addresses parliament in French, spoke in English so that his sentiments could be understood by the almost entirely anglophone population of Tumbler Ridge.

Journalists have been equally respectful. The CBC's Ian Hanomansing, Vancouver anchor for The National, was in the town for days, reporting from in front of the closed secondary school, very careful not to intrude on residents but making himself available to anyone who wanted to share their experiences, concerns and gratitude for the outpouring of sympathy the town has received. Other journalists took a similar approach.

So while there's not much sunshine in the events that transpired on February 10 in British Columbia, I think we can say that in response, many people have shown their very best in the midst of the worst.

Thank you, Susanne for contributing to the Trinity Newsletter weekly. Love the stories you share.

Humour:



"HOW COME WE ASK FOR 'DAILY BREAD'... WHEN WE COULD BE ASKIN' FOR 'DAILY DONUTS'?"



"IT'S EASY TO FIND MY SEAT, JOEY, 'CAUSE I LEFT MY GUM STUCK UNDER IT LAST WEEK."

New Years' Blessings 2026 – Reverend Steven