

Trinity News - October 2025

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A Trinity Thanksgiving

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Rev. Beth

Wednesday's Community Dinner



Cooking 7 turkeys to serve about 150 seated or delivered is a tall order but not for Charlene and Andy. Fortunately, all seven could be cooked at the same time in the church oven.

Every turkey needs a carver or two. Thank you Andy and Ralph.



Fancy dessert as well!

Affirming “congregational conversations” in November

Got questions about Trinity’s process in deciding whether to become an Affirming ministry? Want your feelings heard and your questions answered in an accepting, respectful and friendly gathering? Want to hear how others think and feel about it?

Please join us for one or two conversations after the post-service refreshment time on Sunday November 16 and / or November 30.

We can gather around tables in the Banquet Hall starting about noon and staying for maybe an hour, depending on how the conversations go. We’ll have some snacks, tea, coffee, juice and water. Members of Trinity’s Affirming Group will be at the tables to hear your feelings and questions.

Affirming congregations are publicly, explicitly and intentionally open to people of all gender identities and sexual preferences. Affirming congregations explore various ways to make anyone, regardless of their identity and background (racial, cultural, economic, mental and physical) feel safe in joining them for worship, community and service to others. We are all invited guests of God.



*Beth Theis (she/her), Lead Contact, on behalf of the Affirming Group
(Joan Boughton, Andy Cooper, Barbara Downie, Holli Kinnear, Marion Locke,
Bev Mayberry, Dave Saunders)*

Yikes! Mike Is Retiring

Our custodian, Mike White, has announced that he is planning to retire Dec 31 of this year. We are sorry to see him leave this role, as he has been doing wonderful work for the church these past years. However, we are in the fortunate position of having a replacement available. David Collinson is set to take over the full job when Mike retires. But we will not be "losing" Mike. He will continue to be involved as a member of Trinity.

Ray Piercy

KIDS HALLOWE'EN PARTY

Join us for a Hallowe'en Party for school-aged kids on Wednesday, October 29 from 3:45 to 5 p.m. in the Banquet Hall. We'll have spooky snacks, crafts, games and more. Costumes are welcome. Please register by following the QR code on the poster or this link <https://forms.gle/dm53ywc9jQKQq2CHA> or call the church at 705-445-3901. Please register by Mon. Oct. 27 so we know how much snack and supplies are needed.. We are looking forward to having a blast with new and old friends. Teens looking for volunteer hours (or just to help), are encouraged to contact Beth (minister@collingwoodunitedchurch.ca or text 204-872-2370).

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FREE EVENT FOR SCHOOL-AGED CHILDREN

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CRAFTS

SNACKS &
GAMES

COSTUMES
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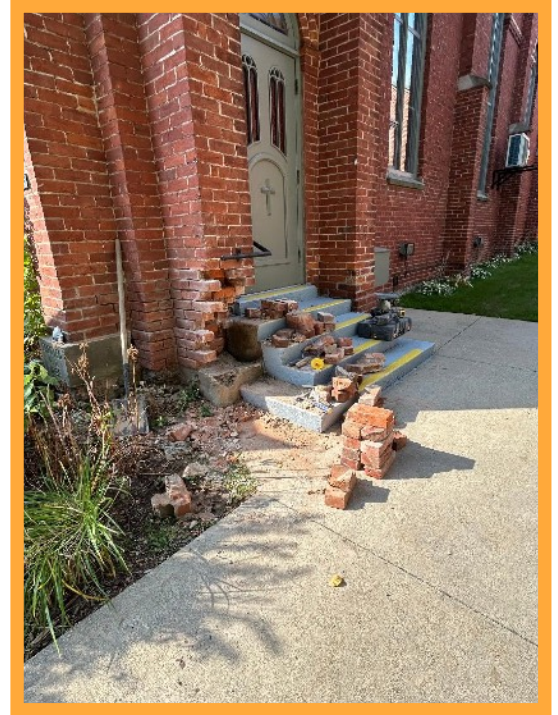


Congratulations!

'Warm Hearts, Cool Comfort' Reaches
Target
Ends Nov. 1

Our campaign to raise \$30,000 has reached \$43,000 thanks to you. As we know, \$100,000 was donated by an anonymous donor. Fund will cover the cost of a new modern heating and cooling system plus other needed work so more donations between now and Nov. 1 will help with those projects.

For example: the flat leaky roof at the entrance door off Maple near Hunter Hall needs a permanent solution to a perennial problem. Brick work is also in progress.



Volunteers

The United Church of Canada is interested in knowing the number of volunteer hours we donate to Trinity. Included would be the number of hours spent for Trinity inside or outside the church building for the coming month of **November**.

Keep track of your time and send the total to your committee chair, Chairs are asked to forward the information to Ray Piercy piercy.ray@gmail.com

If your volunteer time is not under the umbrella of our committee structure, then send your volunteer hours directly to Ray. Thanks to all volunteers!

p.s What if you volunteer time at Trinity but not normally in the month of November? Estimate your time on an annual basis and divide by 12.

CALLING ALL SINGERS

S.A.T.B.

COME AND JOIN US!

FOR OUR ANNUAL
CHRISTMAS CANTATA

DEC. 21st, 10:30am

Rehearsals Wednesdays 7:00pm

Trinity United Church
Collingwood

Contact: lesleyjoosten@gmail.com

Tel: 705 984 3243

Trinity Needs You

If you are that thoughtful person that likes to send cards to others (thinking of you, sympathy etc), the Spiritual Committee has an opportunity for you. Please see a member of the Spiritual committee or contact Charlene Cooper. 705 455 9212.

Prayer Chain Coordinator

To be the contact person for an active prayer chain at Trinity, please see a member of the Spiritual Committee or Barb Downie 705 444 1519.

It's Working!

Betty and Mike with the currency For Food Box



Currency For Food Program

The Outreach and Social Action Committee is pleased to announce that we are participating in a new fund raising effort to benefit our ongoing food programs. You may have seen the articles September 1st and 2nd in Collingwood Today..

Currency for Food returns foreign currency to the country of origin and after being sorted we receive the funds less a small processing fee. At this time BVO in Thornbury and us are sharing funds collected in the community boxes. Any funds collected at Trinity will not be split with other food programs so please donate here and encourage others to do the same.

The Collector box is located on Mike/Dave's desk in the hallway or you can leave an envelope with cash and coins in one of the mailboxes with a notation that it is for Currency for Food.

If you have foreign currency of any denomination in a drawer at home (including coins or Canadian pennies) please drop them off and we will put it to good use feeding families locally.

From Euro's to Yen's we can use them all!

Anniversary Sunday - Sunday October. 26

Ralph Sneyd wrote the book on Trinity's history so who better to share it next Sunday. Stay for cake following the service.

UCW

1. Fran and I attended an event at Meaford United Church on September 25 after being invited by the UCW there. We enjoyed dessert, music and a presentation by the Food Grains Bank which was quite interesting.
2. We catered the Probus lunch on Sept. 24 and with the help of some other ladies in the congregation we served 68 guests and they seemed to enjoy the meal.
3. The executive will be meeting on October 20 and will have lots to discuss re meat pies and other catering requests. The unit will be meeting after executive.

JOY

From Rev. Beth

Advent Study Group - Mondays from 10-11 in the Board Room on Nov. 24, Dec. 1, Dec. 8 and Dec. 15. We will be using a devotional resource entitled "What do you fear? Insisting on hope this Advent" that will be available to all starting mid-November in print form or as an ebook whether or not you want to participate in the study

Birthday Party for Jesus - Sunday, November 30 from 4-6 p.m. in the Banquet Hall. Join us to explore how we can prepare to welcome Jesus with crafts and stories, games and activities for all ages along with a simple supper. Stay tuned for more information in November about how to sign up.

Blue Christmas Service - Thursday, December 18 at 7 p.m. , a gentle, reflective service that honours that Christmas is not always an easy time.

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Photos For Remembrance Day Service
Send to Danielle: daniellekyork@gmail.com

e.g. 1940 photo at left shows my cousin Maurice Smith and his father, John Smith. Both served with Irish Regiments. Maurice in WW2, John in WW1. They smile yet the future was very uncertain in 1940.

John Brown

Men's Breakfast - Thanks Terry



Rendezvous With Rev. Beth

Mon. Oct. 20 at 10:30 a.m. at Espresso Post (139 Hurontario St.)

And lunch on Thurs. Oct. 30 at 11:45 at Georgian Bay Family Restaurant (401 Hume St.). If you know you are coming to lunch, let Beth know by noon on Tues. Oct 28 so we can make an appropriate sized reservation. minister@collingwoodunitedchurch.ca

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