

*Trinity News - January, 2026*

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## Celebrating Christmas







## Outreach and Social Action Committee Words of Gratitude!

We have so many thanks to send out to our church family as well as outside groups who have generously helped us with food and warming items to be distributed from our programs!

- Royal Canadian Legion: The Mitten Tree full of hats, mitts and gloves!



- New Life Church: Many, many pounds of food from their food drive!



- Beaver Valley Concert Band and Lesley - A big box of food donations from concert goers!
- Linda Murphy and the Healthy Hikers! - Food contributions galore!
- Century 21 Millennium Inc - gift cards to be used by Lori for emergency needs that we aren't able to stock!
- Larry Hogarth - A great supply of water bottles ready for the next advisory or heat wave!
- Our Congregation! - the many food items that arrived in the food donation box during December! THANK YOU!



## Affirming Resource Centre Coming To Main Hallway

Thanks for all who have given our group your thoughts, reactions, and ideas about what we could do, and what we want to learn more about, on our path to becoming an explicitly inclusive ministry.

Please watch for some developments in the coming weeks, including:

- An Affirming information station coming to the main Trinity hallway. We hope to have it up sometime in February, offering information and resources related to the ways we can help Trinity feel like a safe place for all who would like to work and worship with us.
- An invitation to work, as a congregation, on a revised vision statement showing our intention to be an inclusive ministry.

*From the Affirming Group: Joan Boughton, Sarah Bruer, Andy Cooper, Barbara Downie, Holli Kinnear, Marion Locke, Bev Mayberry, Dave Saunders, Beth Theis*

### Annual General Meeting - Feb. 22

Meeting takes place in the banquet hall following the service. It include election of Trustees as well as board and committee members. For reports to be included in the AGM document they must be sent to Ray Piercy [piercy.ray@gmail.com](mailto:piercy.ray@gmail.com) by Sunday Feb. 8. Document will be available for distribution on Sunday Feb. 15. Last year's AGM Report is available on the website [collingwoodunitedchurch.ca](http://collingwoodunitedchurch.ca)

p.s. Recommend bringing a brown bag lunch. Coffee and tea will be available as usual.



# Observe Lent With Us

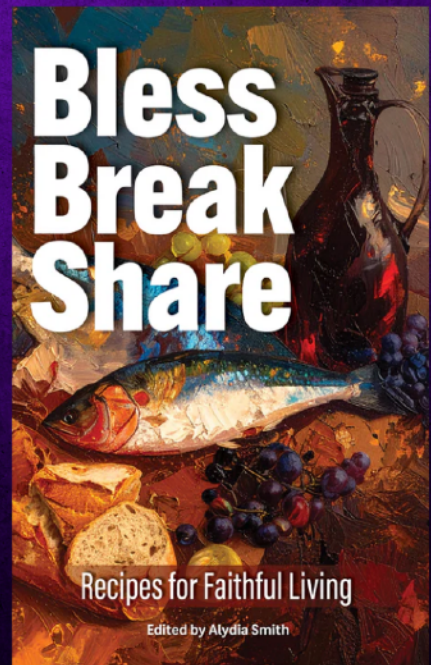
**Daily Devotional** - Order your copy of "Bless, Break, Share", the United Church's devotional for Lent through Mary Elizabeth Piercy by Sun. Feb 8. Cost for a group order is just \$15 per book. Also available as an ebook through [ucrd.ca](http://ucrd.ca) for \$9.

**Sunday Worship** - Each week in Lent, join us at 10:30 on Sunday morning to reflect on hunger and food as spiritual practices. What do you hunger for? What feeds your soul? How do you feed others? We will begin by breaking the bread of Communion on Sunday, February 22.

**Weekly Study Group** - Want to discuss the themes in the daily devotional with others?

Join us on Monday mornings from Feb. 23 to Mar. 30 from 10 to 11:30ish in the Board Room

**Social Media** - Watch our social media channels ("collingwoodunited" on Instagram or "Trinity United Church, Collingwood" on Facebook) for daily inspiration related to our Lenten theme.





Trinity United Church, Collingwood is grateful for the many different ways in which people express their appreciation for our ministry and donate to support our work. We appreciate each and every kind word or gift. We'd like to express our heartfelt thanks for the following donations recently received:

- from an entire workplace department e.g. at the G&M hospital
- from those giving through the United Church of Canada Foundation (The Foundation can support you if your passion is to build and strengthen your own Community of Faith i.e. Trinity United – or in supporting other ministry causes important to you.)
- from Estate donations – e.g. bequest to Capital Projects because Trinity was “very important” to them
- Christmas donations: e.g. A thank you because we stream online AND our Cantata invoked this response from an attendee: “An overwhelming thank you for this beautiful day!”
- Recent Memorial donations including in memory of the late: Wilda and Ken Tippin; Airlie Suutari; David Greenfield; Katharine Gilroy, and Rodger Cooper

Whatever the reason, the ministry and work of Trinity United in Collingwood is meaningful to many. We are grateful for this and will continue to strive to touch the hearts of others.



# CARNIVAL

*for kids*

CELEBRATE MARDI GRAS (SHROVE TUESDAY)

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17


AFTER SCHOOL (3:45-5 P.M.)

Please register by Feb. 6 by calling  
the church 705 445-3901 or using  
the QR code



**Trinity United Church, 140 Maple Street, Collingwood  
(Parking lot off Beech Street)**





# EASTER

## *Around the World*

Kid's After School Party

Tues. Mar. 31

from 3:45 to 5 p.m.

Reserve your spot now by calling  
705 445-3901 or using the QR  
code. Please register by Mar. 22



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Awards Day At Mayor's Levee  
Sunday Jan. 11



Pictured in the back row are (L-R) Larry Hogarth, George Christie and Rob Graham. Larry and Rob received the Companion of the Order of Collingwood. Larry Hogarth is Chair of our Cemetery Board. During Rob Graham's tenure as President of the Legion for nineteen years, Trinity received a donation of our barbecue used often for community dinners.

George Christie received a special award (see below).



Sovereign's Medal Presentation

George Christie's Sovereign's Medal for Volunteers is a national honour recognizing exceptional, sustained, and unpaid contributions that strengthen communities across Canada. This is the highest distinction for volunteer service in our country. Congratulations to George who is in the front row, second from left. Wife Fran is on George's left. They are surrounded by proud family members for the memorable occasion.

Next Community Dinner - Wed. Jan. 21



**SIGN UP**  
**TO HOST**  
**COFFEE HOUR**

This Sunday, a new sign up will be posted in the banquet hall. A big thanks to those who have volunteered. Any questions contact Christine at [browncn@rogers.com](mailto:browncn@rogers.com)



## Follow Us on Social Media

Facebook - Search for "Trinity United Church, Collingwood" and click Follow.

Instagram - Search for "collingwoodunited" and click Follow

YouTube - Search for "Collingwood Trinity United Church" and click Subscribe

Then help boost our profile.

Like - Click like or love (FB), the heart icon (Insta) or the thumbs up (YouTube) to say you like our posts

Comment - Add a comment to any post. Comments boost posts even more than likes.

Share - If something is particularly good, hit share and share it to your newsfeed (this works especially well on FB)

If you are invited to an event, respond with "Interested" or "Going" so that your friends see you are coming (since people are much more likely to go to things where they already know someone).

Rev. Beth Kerr (she/her)

Diaconal Minister

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Please note that Friday and Saturday are my sabbath days. I will reply to emails received on those days on the following Monday. For emergencies, please contact my cell phone.

### UCW REPORT TO BOARD- JANUARY 15, 2026

1. MEAT PIES WENT WELL. HAD LOTS OF HELPERS WHICH I AM GRATEFUL FOR. STILL SOME LEFT FOR SALE SUNDAY MORNING. THANK YOU TO REV. BETH FOR DESIGNING AND PUTTING POSTERS UP WHICH ATTRACTED SOME BUYERS BOTH FROM THE SCHOOL AND USER GROUPS. THANK YOU TO DAVID FOR SETTING UP THE TABLES ON SHORT NOTICE .
2. THERE IS AN ONLINE EVENT ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10 CALLED 'WALK WITH ME' PUT ON BY UCW OF WESTERN ONTARIO WATERWAYS
3. MONTHLY EXECUTIVE AND UNIT MEETING ON MONDAY, JANUARY 19 WITH EXECUTIVE STARTING AT 1 AND UNIT AT 2.



Crock Pot Cooking Class -  
January 28 10 a.m.

Sign up sheet in the banquet hall  
this Sunday.

Barb Sneyd

## By The Way

- Ray Piercy, Chair of Ministry & Personnel looking for new members - page 24 of AGM Report describes the work of the committee (available on website) [collingwoodunitedchurch.ca](http://collingwoodunitedchurch.ca)
- Our thanks to Joanne Melnyk who is sending out Trinity sympathy cards. Let the office know at 705 445-3901 or Rev. Beth at [minister@collingwoodunitedchurch.ca](mailto:minister@collingwoodunitedchurch.ca) and they will contact Joanne.
- understanding the new heating system is a work in progress so we ask that no one adjust the controls other than staff
- As part of Black History Month, plans are underway for a banner display at Trinity highlighting the role of The United Church of Canada as it relates to Black History. <https://herefromthebeginning.ca/>



Thank you Dave  
Saunders for sharing  
your artistic talent.





## Donating To Trinity

It is the time of year to assess your donations, and the way you make your donations, to Trinity.

- If you would like to increase your PAR amount, please let me know.
- If you would like envelopes with a number on it, please advise.
- Conversely, if you only give to the church once a month or so, rather than weekly envelopes perhaps you would like envelopes with no number - just add your name - that can also be arranged.
- Those who regularly give by e-transfer - no changes necessary. Carry on!
- IF YOU HAVE CHANGED YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS AND USUALLY RECEIVE YOUR INCOME TAX RECEIPT VIA EMAIL, PLEASE ADVISE. And if you no longer are able to print your emailed receipt, also advise.

Thanks for your assistance as I work on preparing for 2026.

Ruth

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### **Trinity Board**

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