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TRINITY'S VISION STATEMENT

- God is calling us to provide a warm, welcoming atmosphere for all ages in which we care for each other with compassion and trust.
- God is calling us to provide programs which encourage spiritual growth and promote Christian values at all stages of our faith journey, including children, youth and adults.
- God is calling us to reach out and respond to the needs of the community and beyond, sharing our resources, facilities and energy.
- God is calling us to strive to be an example of Christian living, to be open to new ideas and to accept and respect our differences as we worship in Christian unity.

TRINITY'S MISSION STATEMENT

As a congregation of the United Church of Canada,
acknowledging Jesus Christ as spiritual leader of the Church,
we welcome all people in worship and fellowship.

We encourage spiritual growth, based on biblical teaching
and respond with love and compassion
to the needs of our community and the world.

Report from the Board

1. With Rev. Lesley Fox's retirement, we struck a Search Committee chaired by Ray Piercy. They were blessed with only having to search for a few months before calling Rev. Beth Kerr to the appointment. She started with us on September 2nd.
2. In the interim, we were well cared for by Rev. Mary Elizabeth Piercy, who generously stepped up to minister to us.
3. We continue to journey with the Affirming Exploration Group in the decision to become an "intentional affirming church." The group hosted a service this past year and held two information sessions to help the congregation in that understanding.
4. Our music program remains strong under the thoughtful tutelage of Paul Sloan, Lesley Joosten, and Mary Ellen Burgess. Our team works exceptionally well together; whether through anthems, ringing bells, or Lesley and Paul filling in with duets, our services have been richly embellished with music.
5. Financially, our expenses continue to increase, particularly in the areas of building maintenance and operations, even as we benefit from reliable tenants and renters such as the Montessori School and Pickleball. Our building has been cared for by Mike White and David Collison. Mike retired at the end of this year, and David has stepped up from part-time to full-time custodian. Thanks to Mike for his 8½ years with us, and welcome to David in his expanded role.
6. Buildings and Grounds were busy this year installing a new boiler and, following our fall fundraising event, a new heating and air-conditioning system. This coming summer will surely see us more comfortable in the pews.
7. We have hired a new Sound Technician, Terry Varga, who replaced Keith Southerland, who has moved on to other things. We wish him well.
8. Lori Forsythe continues to keep our day-to-day workings flowing smoothly from her office.
9. The Board thanks all our staff for their contributions in keeping us able to function as a church and a community of faith.

Respectfully submitted by:

Patti Watson and Danielle York, Board Co-Chairs

Minister's Report

I was delighted to be welcomed into the Trinity-Collingwood Community of Faith this September when I began my call with you as your minister.

I have enjoyed getting to know many of you over the past few months. I look forward to continuing with this relationship building in 2026. Such relationships are at the heart of what it means to be the church together.

Some highlights of my first few months with you include:

- Our Halloween Party for Kids that we held after school in October which drew in kids from the church, kids from the Montessori School as well as kids from the broader community for fun, food and faith
- The Monday morning adult study group during Advent on our theme "What do you fear?"
- Connecting with community members at our Community dinners each month
- Our participatory pageant and Cantata services in December

Thank you for bearing with me as I learn how to serve with you faithfully and effectively in ministry in this context. I am excited for what 2026 may bring.

Submitted by: Rev Beth Kerr

Volunteer Associate Minister's Report

It has been a privilege to be in ministry with you as your Volunteer Associate Minister this year. Trinity continued to be a Church with the vision and purpose of leaning into the call of God's love in this specific time and place of Collingwood, Ontario in 2025.

This took on particular importance as we said good-bye to Rev. Lesley Fox at the end of 2024 and wished her well in her retirement. A minister leaving is always a time for a congregation to pause, give thanks for the ministry that was and grieve its loss. Trinity took time to do this and then with the engaged commitment of the members of the Trinity Board and the Search Committee, there was a renewed commitment to focus on the future. I am particularly respectful for how Trinity lived into this challenge. During this time I was the Pastoral Charge Supervisor for the congregation on behalf the Region and I saw first hand the care and attention that went into this work.

One of my real joys this past year has been helping lead the congregation in worship, while we were without a minister. It has also been wonderful to welcome Danielle York and Paul Sloan in worship leadership.

In September we welcomed our new minister Rev. Beth Kerr and a new chapter began in the life of our Church. I am delighted to continue in my support role for Rev. Beth and can't wait for what 2026 has in store for us.

Blessings in Ministry,

Rev. Mary Elizabeth Piercy

Minutes of the 2024 Annual General Meeting
Trinity United Church, Collingwood

Held over Zoom and In-Person

March 2, 2025 @ 12:00 p.m.

Notice of the meeting was given:

Website: since mid-January 2025; Bulletin: February 9, 16, 23, 2025; Newsletter: February 12 and February 21, 2025; Pulpit: February 16, 23, 2025

Email, the website, as well as online and in-person services reach 95% of the congregation.

There were approximately 45 people in attendance as well as 4 people via Zoom link. A quorum of full members was reached.

1. Welcome, territorial acknowledgement, and opening prayer: Rev. Mary Elizabeth Piercy, our Volunteer Associate minister.
2. Danielle called the meeting to order and asked for motions to elect a chairperson and a recording secretary for the meeting. This election extends to any congregational meeting held in 2025.

MOTION: that Danielle York chair the meeting, Patti Watson and Barbara Downie. Motion carried.

MOTION: that Ruth Crittenden record the minutes, Shirley Hammond and Joan Boughton. Motion carried.

3. **MOTION:** that all present, members and adherents, be entitled to vote, Mary Ellen McNaught and Marg Holroyd. Motion carried.

4. Review of Holy Manners. Danielle reminded those in attendance that we will speak and listen with open hearts and minds and treat one another with respect.

5. **MOTION** to approve the agenda, Sue Edmunds and June McEachern. Motion carried.

6. **MOTION** to accept the minutes of the 2023 Annual Meeting, held March 3, 2024, Mike White and David Saunders. Motion carried.

MOTION to accept the minutes of the congregational meeting held October 6, 2024, Deborah Eaton-Kent and George Christie. Motion carried.

7. Annual Report for 2024

Danielle reviewed the Annual Report, asking if the author of each report had anything to add and whether those present had any questions of the author.

- The Affirming Report, plus a correct version of the Friendly Visitor Report, will be added to the Annual Report.
- Treasurer, Danielle York, confirmed that Rose Hewitson, our financial reviewer for 2024, did review our financial transactions for the year. Going forward, this will be done quarterly.
- Chair, Danielle York, commended the Communications role which John Brown initially created and continues to maintain. This includes the publishing of our monthly Trinity Newsletter; the News Flashes; and the weekly-emailed Sunday files, all of which are well-received by our church community. We would be “lost without John Brown”!
- Thanks also to Linda Murphy and Ruth Crittenden for their diligence and input to our church Facebook page and Website, respectively.
- Please note: James Mirrlees is a new member of the Cemetery Board.
- Many thanks to Wayne and Betty Butters for their invaluable work creating and submitting our bank deposits.
- Thank you to David Saunders and Mike White for running our pickleball program and to all the volunteers who help them. Pickleball continues to be a good fundraiser at Trinity.

MOTION: to accept the committee reports in the Annual Report, with the above-noted additions. This motion does not include the Financial Report, the Trustee Report, and the Nominating Report.

Moved by Deborah Eaton-Kent and Andy Cooper. Motion carried.

8. Trustee Report:

MOTION: to accept the Trustee Report, Ruth Crittenden and Bob Mayberry. Motion carried.

- Thank you to Doug French for reviewing the Trustee’s financials for the year 2024.
- Please let D. Eaton-Kent know the performance of the investment funds over the last 5-year period. (Action)

9. **Motion:** to appoint Rose Hewitson as the Financial Reviewer for the church financials for 2025, Patti Watson and Barbara Downie. Motion carried.

10. Review and acceptance of the Financial/Treasurer's Report

Danielle York, Treasurer, spoke to the 2024 report, explaining the reserves and highlighting important items in the report. We have more than sufficient monies in the reserves for the Benevolent Fund and for our Food Program. We are grateful for the grants and donations we receive throughout the year from outside sources. Trinity donors can be assured that if their donations are directed to the General Fund, all our church programs will continue to operate.

MOTION: to accept the Financial/Treasurer's report, Deborah Eaton-Kent and Marg Holroyd. Motion carried.

11. Review and approval of the Operating Budget for 2025: Danielle York

MOTION: to accept the operating budget for 2025, Deborah Eaton-Kent and Mary Ellen McNaught. Motion carried.

Question asked: How long will our money last? There are computer programs that, when the numbers are entered, will determine how long the investment funds would remain. (Action: send the info to D. Eaton-Kent)

Once again, it was asked if there is a Plan B with regard to running the Pickleball program if Mike White is not available. Response: It is hoped that volunteers will continue to run this profitable program.

12. Nominating Committee Report

Danielle went over the open, and newly-filled positions, for the Slate of Officers for the coming year.

- Deborah McKenzie has joined the Ministry and Personnel Committee. More members are needed. Ray Piercy volunteered to chair the Ministry and Personnel Committee; and will, as well, be Past-Chair of the Board.
- It was noted that Rose Hewitson is not on the Finance Committee. Deborah Eaton-Kent will join the Finance Committee. Danielle York will chair.
- Patti Watson will chair the Spiritual Committee and thus be a co-chair of the Board.
- Betty Hancey is the new chair of the Outreach and Social Action Committee.

MOTION: David Greenfield and Doug Mitchell moved the slate of officers for 2025 be accepted. Motion carried.

13. **MOTION** to affirm Joy Barr as president of the UCW, Mary Ellen McNaught and Shirley Hammond. Motion Carried.

14. New Business: Opportunity to raise questions or ideas/opportunities

- Deborah Eaton-Kent spoke about the importance of acting now, rather than waiting, with regard to Legacy Giving.
- David Saunders acknowledged the late David Holroyd as the original founder of our very successful pickleball program.

15. Closing Comments from Rev. Mary Elizabeth Piercy

- a huge thank you to Danielle York for the excellent job done chairing the AGM, as well as her many roles at Trinity.

We each bring a “unique gift” to the community and the congregation. We, therefore, all help make this a successful place and show God’s love.

Rev. Piercy closed with prayer.

MOTION: to adjourn, George Christie.

Chairperson: _____

Secretary: _____

Date: _____

Congregational Meeting

for

Trinity United Church, Collingwood

held in-person @ 11:30 a.m. **May 4, 2025**

Notice of the meeting was given on two separate occasions via e-mail to all members for whom we have e-mail addresses, which is 90 percent of the congregation. It was also announced from the pulpit for two Sundays in advance of the meeting date.

Purpose of the meeting called by the Board on behalf of the Search Committee: to call a new minister to Trinity United Church in Collingwood ON.

Danielle York, co-chair of the Board, welcomed all present. Quorum was reached.

As appointed at the Annual Meeting in March, Danielle York will chair this meeting and Ruth Crittenden will act as recording secretary.

MOTION: Ray Piercy and Martin Hastings moved to extend voting privileges to all Trinity adults present. Motion carried.

Ray gave some background information on the selected candidate. Rev. Beth Kerr has been a diaconal minister with the United Church of Canada since 2002. She has served as a solo minister in smaller churches and as part of a team ministry in larger settings. Her postings have been in N.W. Ontario, southern Manitoba, and southwestern Ontario.

MOTION: from Ray Piercy and David Greenfield that Trinity United Church call the Rev. Beth Kerr to full-time paid accountable ministry with us, to begin on September 2, 2025.

Motion Carried.

Ray introduced the Search Committees members who have been diligently working on our behalf to find a minister for Trinity:

Martin Hastings
Irene McGhee
Patti Watson

Betty Hancey
Gord Llewellyn
Chair, Ray Piercy

Chair, Danielle, expressed our gratitude to the entire Search Committee for all their hours of work

MOTION to adjourn, Doug French

Chairperson: _____

Secretary: _____

Affirming Exploration Group 2025

Becoming Affirming: the process

To become an Affirming Ministry we at Trinity would need to revise our vision statement, adopt an equal marriage policy, have a continuing plan of Affirming action, and hold a vote with at least 75% in favour of becoming an Affirming ministry. Becoming officially Affirming would mean showing the Affirm United logo (the cross wrapped in a rainbow) on our building, website, stationery, etc., and paying an annual Affirm United fee (\$100 for the first year, and after that a varying amount based on annual net revenue, likely between \$200 and \$300).

As well as voting to be openly affirming of 2SLGBTQIA+ individuals, Affirming Ministries ideally address other reasons people might not be fully included in church life. Becoming broadly affirming is a process, as learning about diversity continues.

2025 congregational learning

We watched the Riverside United Church (London) “Affirm Riverside” video immediately following the February 9 service. After the March 16 service we marked “PIE day”, to celebrate the importance of churches being Publicly, Intentionally, Explicitly open to 2SLGBTQIA+ people, by:

- watching a “Ministry stories” video after service, featuring members from various Affirming United Churches, and another video with the Moderator’s PIE day message;
- enjoying slices of pie at refreshment time.

During the Sunday, May 25, service, three members of the Affirming and Inclusivity Team at Trinity United Church, Newmarket, gave an inspiring account of their congregation’s journey to becoming an Affirming Ministry and their subsequent work on anti-racism, detecting unconscious bias, and their interest in understanding neurodiversity.

For Collingwood Pride weekend in mid-July, we again had Collingwood Pride signs on both sides of the church property. Two Trinity members joined Thornbury Grace United members in the Pride Parade, carrying the WOW United Church Region Pride flag.

Two Affirming “congregational conversations” in November offered participants chances to discuss their questions, thoughts and feelings about becoming an Affirming Ministry. As a lead-up, after the November 2 service the congregation watched a short video from Affirming ministry Burton Avenue United Church in Barrie. The 24 participants in the November 16 session had some lively small-table discussions and expressed a range of views, from concerns about the consequences of becoming Affirming, and/or a feeling that being publicly Affirming is unnecessary, to strongly voiced frustration with lack of Affirming Group activity and lack of progress toward a vote. Some expressed interest in learning about other diversities (beyond gender identification and sexual orientation), about being binary/trans, and about detecting our unconscious biases.

The 13 participants in the November 30 workshop conducted by the Rev Beth considered two Gospel passages and connected with their own experiences of feeling excluded or included.

Other Affirming Group activities

We worked on a revised vision statement and a continuing Affirming action plan.

We researched infant change tables and gender-inclusive signage for the accessible washroom. Thanks to Danielle York, Mike White, and Ray Piercy for helping us follow through on ordering and installation. This makes our building more open to people who need to change an infant and/or require a gender-neutral washroom, such as transgender individuals or people needing physical assistance in the washroom.

We welcomed the Rev Beth Kerr to our September meeting and filled her in on Trinity's Affirming exploration to date. We're grateful that Beth's wife Sarah Bruer, experienced in advising congregations on the Affirming journey, joined our Affirming Group as of December 2025. We regret that Andy Cooper, because of other responsibilities and life events, has had to withdraw from our Group; we will miss Andy's thoughtful participation and reflections.

Throughout the year, Affirming Group members have had informal conversations with other Trinity people about what becoming Affirming means. Two of us discussed becoming Affirming with others attending the May UCW meeting. Some of us attended the occasional meetings of our United Church Tri-Regional Affirming Ministries Network, hearing about ideas and resources in a broad group of congregations in our WOW (Western Ontario Waterways) and two other United Church regions. In April a co-chair of the Affirming Leadership Group, Grace United, Thornbury, met with us and shared wording of their equal marriage policy and Affirming action plan. Some of us attended a Stayner United Church showing of the film *1946*, which tells a story of a mistranslation that introduced the word "homosexual" to English-language bibles.

We spoke to the March Board meeting about the United Church Pride Safety Guide, which has now been shared with Trinity staff and committees and offers guidance on dealing with disruptive intrusions in general, whether or not they are linked to 2SLGBTQIA+ matters.

Submitted by the Affirming Group:

Joan Boughton, Sarah Bruer (from December 2025), Andy Cooper (to January 2026), Barbara Downie, Holli Kinnear, Marion Locke, Bev Mayberry, Dave Saunders, Beth Theis (lead contact)

Trinity Outreach and Social Action Programs

2025 has been a busy year for this group with increased demand and use of the varied food programs. Many thanks to all of the committee, shoppers and all those who support these valued programs and initiatives. We couldn't do it without you!

It has been my honour to chair this committee in 2025 and I look forward to working with the committee again in 2026! The support and empathy that is shown towards those who use our services is truly humbling and so gratifying to experience. We do a lot of good in the community so be proud! If you are interested in helping with some of our projects, please let us know.

Food Program Donations:

We have been blessed by the many donations received to help boost our programs including those from Shipyard Kitchen Party, Georgian Triangle Lifelong Learning, New Life Church, CENTURY 21 Millennium Inc, Royal Canadian Legion Branch # 63, Elsie's Day Care, Clearview School, Beaver Valley Concert Band. Linda and the Healthy Hikers and Oddfellows Collingwood Lodge 54.

In addition Currie's Farm Market and Cobbs Bread give generous donations of food throughout the year.

Community Dinners: submitted by Andy and Charlene Cooper

The Community Dinner is served on the third Wednesday of each month, and is open to any member of the community. Approximately 120 dinners are served each month – about 40 are delivered to homes, and about 80 are served in the banquet room at the church. The overall number of dinners served has remained consistent during the year, although the number of dinners delivered has dropped slightly. A huge thank you to all the volunteers who do all the cooking, serving, deliveries, and clean-up during each event, to folks who donate money and food items, and to our two major corporate donors, Cobs Bread and Currie's Farm Market. The Community Dinner works in close partnership with the Food Pantry to ensure that all donations and purchased items are put to good use to benefit those in need.

Food Pantries:

Just like other food banks and pantries in the area we are also seeing a huge increase in use and requests for emergency bags as well as pickups from the outdoor pantry cupboard.

Our goal has been to provide healthy food (weather dependent) choices in both the pantry cupboard and on the food tables at community dinners. We are able to purchase cheese and eggs as well as 2 Good Food Boxes per month to help this. Many donations of fresh fruit and

vegetables throughout the year from the congregation helped immensely as does the bread and rolls plus sweets from Cobb's..

Our dedicated shoppers are excellent at watching for "sales" to stretch the funds as far as possible! Thank you to Marion, Jane, Mae and Dick, Cec and Patty for all the shopping trips!

Emergency Food Bags:

Lori continues to answer calls for emergency food on a regular basis. With her careful and wise screening she is able to respond with appropriate food to those who are truly in need.

Some pre-filled bags with basic items are in the warming closet for Montessori staff to give out to people who drop by after office hours.

Food Drives:

"Souper Sunday" and Thanksgiving food gifts were very successful helping with the increased needs of the seasons. We are very grateful for all who donated!

Currency for Food Program:

A new initiative introduced this past fall has already resulted in \$564.45 from Global Coin Solutions to help fund the Trinity Food Programs. If you have currency of any denomination you don't need please drop off to the collector located on David's desk in the hallway.

Coldest Night of the Year:

Another highly successful walk in February 2025 with Trinity as the home base. With 2 team captains from the congregation we helped raise over \$207,000 for Home Horizons and the Barb Weider House. The Trinity Snow Strollers were able to contribute \$11,300 to that total. Walkers met and then returned to Trinity for entertainment, music, food and beverages to celebrate together!

Out of the Cold Meal Support: - submitted by Marion Sinclair

The Out of the Cold program continues to thrive. The purpose is to provide, once a month, food and necessities to the clients of the Busby shelter. We have 12 generous volunteers on our list, most of whom are Trinity congregants. About 8 are usually available each month to contribute making it less onerous when people get busy. We provide at least 20-30 main courses, fruit, vegetables and dip, deserts and more. Because the clients are off site during the day, we try to include muffins and fresh fruits to provide snacks for the daytime. This year the Outreach committee has committed some funds to supply hats, mitts, underwear and

socks for the clients who need them especially in the cold months. Often, we provide toiletries and, clothes, water bottles and other miscellaneous items. It has been very rewarding to be a part of this initiative.

The Warming/Clothing Closet:

We are happy to welcome Deb and Steven McKenzie who took over from Cathie Dorsey and Mike White this January as co-ordinators. Mike and Cathie have given many years of dedicated service to this project and gave Deb and Steve some "on the job" training and guidance in December 2025. With Deb and Steve's enthusiasm we will continue to help provide seasonal clothing mostly to the attendees of community dinners.

The Men's Coffee Club: submitted by Terry Varga

The Men's Social Group invites everyone to join us for a fun and engaging morning of faith, health, safety, presentations, discussions, and social time. We meet on the last Monday of each month at 10:00 a.m., and friends are always welcome. No meetings held during **July and August**.

This year, our goal is to increase both interest in and participation in the group. To add variety, members will be giving presentations on their hobbies and passions, and we also plan to host professional presentations every other month based on group interest. In addition, we may introduce group tours and outings for participants. If you have any questions you may contact me by phone at **647-928-5572** or by email at **terry.a.varga@gmail.com**.

Pickle Ball:

Pickle ball at Trinity continues to be very popular with approximately \$44,000 income generated in 2025!

Camp Simpresca:

Ralph Sneyd organized the Camp Cleanup day on May 22nd with 7 people attending. \$1450.00 was raised by donation with the congregation enjoying a "camp lunch" after the service on Camping Sunday. .

Christmas Gift Program for Family Connexions: submitted by Marion Sinclair

The Family Connexions Christmas drive was supported by many of the Church members. The mitten tree received 4 scarves, 5 pair of socks, 14 pairs of mittens or gloves, 3 headbands and 14 hats. Lots of warmth was shared this Christmas. 2 gifts bags were taken to the Collingwood office of Family Connexions for distribution. We don't yet know how much the

financial donations totaled, but regardless of the amount, a lot of practical caring was extended to help families and young people. The financial donations to Collingwood Family Connexions allowed many to have a better Christmas than they would have otherwise had. Thank you to our amazing congregation for supporting love and generosity in our community.

Trinity Writes for Rights on International Human Rights Day: submitted by Beth Theis and Rev Mary Elizabeth

Our committee publicized, to Trinity members, Amnesty International's annual "Write for Rights" campaign around International Human Rights Day, December 10. We supplied details and links to Amnesty Canada's website to facilitate sending short, respectfully worded emails to the authorities in chosen cases, signing petitions and/or donating to Amnesty's work.

Susan Wells Crock-Pot Project - submitted by Barb Sneyd and Bev Mayberry

The Susan Wells Crock-Pot Project is dedicated to reaching singles or couples of all ages with limited access to cooking facilities, and to provide them with recipes that are designed for cooking in a small Crock- Pot, providing easy, tasty, low cost and nutritious meals. The goal is to teach participants how to prepare carefully sized recipes of 2-4 servings of a nutritious, low-cost meal.

Susan was a social worker, and member of Trinity, who spent holidays taking school supplies to an orphanage in Kenya, for many years. This project was started in her memory and continues under the guidance of Barb. Sneyd, who is a trained dietitian.

Thanks to our donors, the participants are provided a Crock-Pot, food grade cutting board, a recipe book and a cooking/ preparation/ food safety class. In addition they are provided with the ingredients to prepare one recipe, all at no cost to them. At the end of the class, they have a prepared meal ready to take home to cook in their new Crock-Pot. During 2025, there were 5 classes offered, with an average of 6-9 participants.

Thank you to all who contributed to the success of this project, including participants and those who donated their time, talent and monetary support for the Project.

Outreach and Social Action Committee

Chair - Betty Hancey

Jane Palmer

Barbara Downie

Secretary - Bev Mayberry

Marion Sinclair

Andy Cooper

Ralph Sneyd

Beth Theis

Cec Mutton

Barb Sneyd

Mary Ellen McNaught

Rev Mary Elizabeth

Spiritual Committee Report

Function

The Spiritual Committee is responsible for coordinating the programs for people active in the church. This includes the Sunday worship service, the music program, pastoral care, prayer support, education and discussion. These functions are largely carried out by church staff but well supported by volunteers.

Worship Services

This year saw much change in our church, with our minister retiring in December we needed to cover service until a new Minister was called. We are grateful that Rev. Mary Elizabeth Piercy once again stepped up to do most of the services. We needed to fill in only one service a month, which we did with our good list of guest worship leaders. We thank Danielle York, Paul Sloan, Rev Ian Sloan, Rev. Brian Goodings, Rev Sarah Bruer, Rev. Rick Horst, and the affirming group who took a service in May this year to help us as a congregation in understanding the affirming process.

We very much enjoyed hosting the 100th Anniversary Service on June 8th. We invited United Churches in the area including Stayner, Thornbury Creemore, to come and join us in the celebration. We also repeated a Sunday worship outdoors at the Arboretum in July

We were still able to provide a worship service at the nursing homes in Collingwood; most specifically Bay Haven, Sunset Manor and Collingwood Care Centre with many thanks to Rev. Mary Elizabeth Piercy and now Rev Beth Kerr.

Our new minister Rev. Beth Kerr, started with us on September 2nd and we have begun a welcome new journey with her.

Pastoral Care

Our Friendly Visitors program is running under the care of Janie Jardine. The program was begun as our congregation aged and found they needed help coming to church or simply needed visitation as they were unable to join us on a Sunday. Janie has had many helpers in the past but now finds that she is needing new volunteers to help in this very important ministry. We are currently recruiting helpers.

We continued to enjoy Potluck lunches throughout the year on the 5th Sunday of the month of those months that have one. A special community time for sure!

John Brown updated our Pew Pamphlets, set out in the pews for visitors.

Faith Formation

Two book studies were held over this past year each having four weekly sessions. Rev. Mary Elizabeth ran a Lenten study group using "Something Sacred: Reflections on Music and Faith", and Beth ran an Advent study group using "What do you fear?", part of the "Insisting

on Hope” Advent resource we purchased which included this printable devotional booklet, worship resources, and visuals for screening during service.

The Children’s corner continues to function well with activity sheets and word searches and colouring activities. We have also begun to have events during the week for our children who often have other obligations on a Sunday. Rev Beth has started having gatherings around annual events such as Halloween/All Saints Day and Advent. She will continue in the new year as there has been mixed attendance thus far.

The Daily Bread devotional series is continuing to be popular in our congregation and are provided every two months on a table in the hall or at the back of the sanctuary

Social Media

Trinity’s social presence continues to provide a way to reach the public and encourages exploration of what we offer as a church. We stream our services weekly and have our Web page constantly updated by Ruth Crittendon. Linda Murphy posts on Facebook our most current events as well as Rev Beth who posts immediate pics on Instagram. John Brown sends out all our information via the email newsletter. Thank you so much for this very vital presence.

Shawl Ministry submitted by Rev. Mary Elizabeth Piercy

The Trinity Shawl Ministry has been active this year. Shawl blessings were held three times during the Church services in 2025 and 32 shawls were gifted to individuals going through times of struggle, usually due to illness or grief. We are blessed to have the shawls crafted by both people inside the congregation and outside (as in a friend of a friend who hears about our work and would like to participate). A core group of crafters continue to meet about twice a month through the year to support each other in this work and share the skills of knitting and crocheting with anyone who might wish to learn. Yarn is also available to be used for the shawls although many crafters enjoy picking out their own yarn to work with. This is a quiet ministry but it is filled with unexpected ways that God’s love is shared far beyond just the yarn and the stitches themselves.

Thanks To

Our Sanctuary has been decorated weekly, and we thank Claire Belamy and her helpers for this.

Coffee Hour is coordinated by Christine Brown with sign up sheets for volunteers and when no one can sign up, she steps in gladly. Thank you!

We have begun to use ushers again for special services after a hiatus of 5 years and we thank John Brown for coordinating this important task

There are so many people to thank for all their help, I cannot name them all and we appreciate all that our congregation does to keep Trinity United the welcoming place it is.

Spiritual Committee Members for 2025

Patti Watson

Joan Rainbird Sharp

Su Cook

Barbara Downie

John Brown

Janie Jardine

Charlene Cooper

Mary Elizabeth Piercy

Joy Gardiner

Paul Johnson

At this time, we remember Airlie Suutari who has served on this committee, led the Prayer Chain and sent cards to any of our congregation who needed them. She passed away this past year, and we will miss her many contributions to our congregation.

Submitted by Patti Watson, Chair - on behalf of the Spiritual Committee

Music Ministry

Adult Choir Report

In 2025 we have welcomed Catherine Dalglish and Archie Layte as new members which brings our count to 17. Sadly, this year one of our retired members, Dave Greenfield passed away in November at the age of 90; he had been in the choir up until 2022.

The choir presented anthems at 24 services during the year including the special Christmas Service on December 21st. A collection of Christmas Anthems was assembled to relate the Christmas Story. It was presented between narrations, featured soloists and accompanied by flute and violin parts. We'll take this opportunity to thank the two family members of our choir, and six others from within our community who joined us at rehearsals and in the presentation of choral medley.

Perhaps the high point of the year was the service Celebrating of the 100th Anniversary of United Church of Canada on June 8, a joint service as we hosted Centennial United Church from Stayner, St. John's United Church from Creemore, New Lowell United Church from New Lowell, and Grace United Church from Thornbury. Our choir was enhanced with the choir from Grace United and our anthem was "Not the Building, but the People" by Carl P. Daw Jr. & Lee Swee Hong. Special music was also provided by the Stayner Sing Club, performing two pieces, "Brave" and "You Will Be Found".

We have also started working with music published in "Then Let Us Sing" from the United Church Publishing house, using the hymns as Introit and Anthems to introduce to the congregation. As the pieces become more familiar, and with the overhead projection of the words, they can expand our choices for regular sung hymns.

Reflecting on the year, we have been able to involve two of the congregation's young children to sing a duet at our Christmas Pageant and Christmas Eve services. In September we welcomed Rev. Beth Kerr, as our new minister and have been inspired by her vitality. Under the leadership of Rev. Beth, we hope to build this into a children's choir over 2026.

We wish to acknowledge several individuals who have assisted the music ministry throughout the year, by way of special music at services. As instrumental soloists: David Manning, bassoon; James Peacock clarinet and Paul Schmidt, guitar. Also, Lesley and Cadence Brassard; Bay Winds Flute Ensemble; Anna, Laura, and Page then vocal soloists Lilly Hobbs and Al White. Further, thanks to Cec Mutton, Louse Leck and Cadence Brassard as relief accompanists.

Thanks also to Patti Watson for hosting the year end BYO buffet and a successful social gathering.

Finally, our sincere thanks to both Paul Sloan (Music Director) and Lesley Joosten (Choir Conductor) who continue to work well together building the choir's skills and enhancing the program as soloists with flute and piano compositions. Paul and Lesley, working together with

Beth Kerr and Mary Elizabeth Piercy, have enabled us to pair the appropriate music and hymn selections to the liturgy of the services.

It was suggested that this report document the choir members as this has not been done for some time. We'll take this opportunity to thank them for their diligence and time.

SOPRANO: Joy Barr, Joanne Bonner, Catherine Dalglish, Heather Ferguson,
Mary Ellen McNaught, Patti Watson

ALTO: Kathleen Kobb, Joan Boughton, Mary Elizabeth Piercy

TENOR: Ray Piercy, Andrew Cooper

BASS: Paul Johnston, Archie Layte, John Mutton, Ralph Sneyd, Phil Watson, Al White

Respectfully submitted by: Philip Watson, Chair

Music Program Report

"World Music, for World Peace" concert was held at our church on Sunday May 25.

The program consisted of various genres of world music; djembe drums, a concert band, Celtic violin, solo vocalists and piano soloists. The Trinity Choir also participated and we with two pieces. "In Praise of the Village" and "African Psalm". Proceeds went to the Home Horizon Group and Global Emergency Response.

On June 8th, another fundraiser was held at the church, featuring Sonja Ferris Flute/voice and other music students in the community. Proceeds from the free will offering came to our Church Music Program. Our thanks go to the people from music teaching studios who contributed.

Bell Choir Report

The Trinity "Alleluia Ringers" have provided Introsits and Anthems during and immediately following 8 church services during 2025.

These have featured our range of instruments which include chimes, cymbells and mallets in addition to the hand bells.

Ten of our members attended a bell conference at Mohawk College in Hamilton from June 11-14th with the opportunity to meet and play with others from a wider circle.

With a few people leaving and new members arriving we now have 10 ringers at Tuesday evening practices. We extend our thanks Maryellen Burgess for her leadership as conductor/director.

Sincerely: Heather Tsui

Friendly Visitors' Report

Trinity's **Friendly Visitors** keep in touch by way of occasional visits and other communications with our Trinity Church members who are somewhat isolated from our Church, its Sunday congregation and its activities. We communicate with them via phone calls, cards and 'in person' visits.

The UCW kindly paid for our purchase of poinsettias which we decorated with foil and ribbon. They were delivered by UCW members to all those who were on the current **Friendly Visitors' List**. The UCW's continuing sponsorship of these Christmas flowers is much appreciated!

There are currently sixteen Trinity adherents on our **List**. Please kindly inform the Church Office of any names of other Trinity members who would welcome our visits.

We are thankful to Rev. Beth who acts as Trinity's official **Hospital Visitor**. As well, she conducts church services in the Collingwood care homes.

If you would like to join the Friendly Visitors team or if you know of someone in our Church family who would like to be added to our Friendly Visitors' List, please get in touch with Janie Jardine at 705-444-0478.

Submitted by Janie Jardine and Joan RainbirdSharp, Trinity's 'Friendly Visitors

Prayer Chain Annual Report

We are a small and dedicated group who believe in the power of prayer. When we receive notice of someone that needs support, we add them to our daily devotionals.

This year, as in the past, we had many requests for prayers for families who lost loved ones, and for family and friends dealing with health issues.

This year we lost several links in our chain and would like to strengthen our ministry. There are few if any meetings, contact is by e-mail or telephone and pray when you are ready.

If you would like to become a link in the prayer chain, you are invited to contact Barbara Downie for more information.

Communications

Communications In any organization, good communication is key. Trinity is no exception. In 2025 our Sunday bulletin, bulletin boards and announcements from the pulpit continue as our traditional ways of communicating.

Our website collingwoodunitedchurch.ca is excellent thanks to Ruth. This year, Trinity has become more prominent on social media including Instagram for the first time. Rev. Beth's creative posters are a welcome plus.

Items for the Sunday bulletin should be sent to Lori as soon as possible prior to the Sunday they are to appear in the bulletin - at least by Tuesday.

Our newsletter, *Trinity News*, is published monthly. The deadline is the third Thursday of each month coinciding with the board meeting. It is sent a day or two following the meeting. All issues of *Trinity News* may be found on Trinity's web-site. It is not always published in July or August but may be. *Trinity News Flashes* may be sent at any time.

Our Pew Pamphlet gives a snapshot of Trinity and it is periodically revised. Visitors are encouraged to take one.

Another way we encourage communication among ourselves is via the website directory which is password protected and regularly updated. To access the website directory go to: collingwoodunitedchurch.ca, About, Congregational Contact Information and enter the Password (must be in the directory to have the password; contact John Brown), click on Access Page, click on Trinity Website Directory

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Trinity News/Pew Pamphlet - John Brown johnbrown5@rogers.com

Website - Ruth Crittenden ruth.crittenden2978@gmail.com

Facebook - Linda Murphy lindamurphyski@gmail.com

Instagram collingwoodunitedchurch - Rev. Beth at minister@collingwoodunitedchurch.ca

Submitted by: John Brown

Building and Grounds Report

Projects completed in 2025

The link roof had a complete 2-ply roofing membrane to repair after a leak that continuously happened after heavy rainfall and snow build up. The cost for repair was \$10,822.01

The gym has new lighting which is now much brighter and more cost effective. The price to have this project complete was \$5,367.50. Half of the bill was paid for by a donation given by a congregant.

Little House Montessori school redid the south side of the church by landscaping the area, as well as installing paving stones, fencing and tree maintenance.

Brick and pointing work around the Maple street entrances was completed with the upper brick to be continued this year.

Change table and signage was installed for the gender-neutral washroom.

Heat pumps & air conditioning were installed in the sanctuary, Banquet Hall and Montessori school in the fall.

We had two boilers removed prematurely by the contractor installing the heat pumps. We are working with the contractor to resolve the missing boiler. (est. \$42,000.00)

Projects to be continued for this coming year

The recycling program is an ongoing issue which we are working on. The county is not picking up commercial recycling as of January 1st, 2026. As a committee we are looking at a few options: having a private company pick up recycling, taking a large load to the dump on a regular basis or having members of the congregation help by taking some recycling home weekly to assist the church.

A new sum pump will be installed before spring for the water runoff. Parking lot and Sanctuary lighting will be modified.

We are looking for volunteers for grass cutting and snow removal to free up custodial time for cleaning.

Committee members: Jamie Forsythe, Danielle York, Fred Reimer, George Christie, Ray Piercy, Joanne Melnyk, David Collinson (custodian)

Thank you,
Jamie Forsythe

Ministry and Personnel Report

All pastoral charges of the United Church of Canada are required to have a Ministry and Personnel Committee which oversees the relationship between the charge's Official Board and Pastoral Charge staff. The committee consults and supports staff, reviews working conditions, responsibilities, performance and compensation, and reports to the Official Board. Precise rules governing the M&P Committee are contained in The United Church Manual and related documents.

There were two changes in our staff that occurred in 2025. In September we welcomed Rev. Beth Kerr into her role as minister. Beth brings years of experience, a calm steady presence, and an inspiring new perspective to our congregation. In June we welcomed David Collinson as a part time custodian. David's presence allowed reduced hours for Mike White so he could "ease into" retirement. Mike has been with us since 2017 and has done a great job of keeping our building clean and in working order. He contributed in many ways beyond the custodian role, such as organizing Pickleball, and will continue to do so now that he has fully retired. David will continue on as the full time custodian.

From January through August we were operating without a full time minister. The role was filled by many volunteers. Danielle York and Paul Sloane both stepped in to the pulpit. Special thanks to Mary Elizabeth for once again leading services on a semi-regular basis, and helping out with pastoral care, weddings, and funerals.

In 2025 Trinity's 'front line' staff were our office assistant, Lori Forsythe, our custodians, Mike White and David Collinson and our Minister Rev Beth Kerr. They welcome many church visitors every day and answer numerous inquiries, requests for food and clothing, provide information and deal with requests for service, in addition to handling the administration and custodial aspects of the church.. Lori, Mike, David and Beth were a vital part of Trinity and they worked diligently to keep the church running smoothly.

Trinity's music team of Lesley Joosten (Choir Director), Paul Sloan (Music Director, organist), and Maryellen Burgess (Handbell Choir Director) work closely together to provide music for worship services throughout the year, and provide extra music for special occasions like Easter and Christmas. The Trinity choir is evolving and improving under Lesley and Paul's leadership. Thank you Lesley, Maryellen and Paul for your valuable contributions to our worship.

The M&P Committee continued it's role throughout the year. The congregation seldom hears much of the work which goes on in the committee due to the confidential nature of its proceedings, but there is a constant flow of duties keeping the administration of the church up-to-date. We would like to thank Andy Cooper for his work as Interim Chair of the M&P Committee in 2024 and until March 2025.

Committee Members: Mary Ellen McNaught, Debora McKenzie, Ray Piercy

Submitted by: Ray Piercy Chair, Ministry and Personnel Committee.

Summary of Special Services

Weddings: (3)

Jenna Rachel Ramjit and Kyle Daniel Scott May 30, 2025

Kendra Christine Wendelboe and Archibald Carl Anton Leyte June 21, 2025

Jessica Margaret Jone and Andrew Kenneth Abaza September 6, 2025

Funerals (4)

Stewart, William "Bill" July 6, 2025

Nelson, Crystal Gail July 18, 2025

Suutari, Marion "Airlie" August 15, 2025

Nelson, Russell John "Jack" November 23, 2025

In Memoriam (4)

Charlotte Holroyd

William Stewart

Airlie Suutari

David Greenfield

Historic Roll Update

Names removed due to death:

Charlotte Holroyd

William Stewart

Airlie Suutari

David Greenfield

Names removed due to transfer

Elizabeth Stinson to Kanata United church

Colin Estabrooks to Shediak United church

Marlene Estabrooks to Shediak United church

Names added to Historic Roll via acceptance of transfers

None

Members removed in 2025 from the Current Roll of Active Members

Deanna Ariss

Dennis Allen

Allan Canning

Barbel Canning

Tom Dobson

Patricia Hoel

Rachel Harrison

Scott Lecky

Janine McQueen

Judi Plewes

Don Stewart

Marie Wiggins

Ted Wright

Trinity United Church Cemetery

Once again, the weather this summer kept the grass green, and with the diligent efforts of our custodians the cemetery looked good all summer.

The usual fence painting and roadway repairs were carried out, and a few more monuments were secured to their bases. We will inspect and secure all the remaining monuments in 2026.

A third columbarium was added this year, with much of the cost covered by the generous gift from the Nottawa United Church Board from the sale of their Church.

Information about the Cemetery can be found on the Church website. This includes a brief History of the Cemetery, General Information on the operating procedures/forms, current fees and a copy of the Cemetery By-Laws. Printed copies of the By-Laws, Cemetery Fee Schedule and Annual Burial Reports are available at the Church office.

This year, 30 interments were carried out; Interment Rights for 7 graves and 1 niche were sold.

We also processed 10 requests for transfers of Interment Rights that covered 32 graves. The Provincial Act and Regulations that we follow state that “No cemetery operator shall inter human remains in a lot other than the remains of the Interment Rights holder, *without the written consent of the Interment Rights holder.*”

Since the burial rights rest with the “Rights holder“ of the plot it is desirable to keep the ownership of the Interment Rights current (ie with a living person) to avoid confusion or delays when an interment is required. We therefore strongly recommend that, if the owner is deceased, the next of kin consider looking into having the rights to the plot/niche transferred. Upon request, with the appropriate documentation and payment of a transfer fee, a new Certificate of Interment Rights will be issued, transferring the Ownership or including additional names on the Certificate.

Our treasurer has prepared a financial summary for the year, which is included with this report.

A modest increase of 4% has been applied to most cemetery fees for 2026.

The Cemetery Board for 2025 included Larry Hogarth (Chair), Ralph Sneyd (Treasurer), Bob Mayberry (Secretary), George Christie, Doug French, Fred Riemer and James Mirrlees.

A guided tour of the Cemetery was conducted last summer and we would be pleased to do the same for any individual or group requesting a tour again this year. We are also considering a Cemetery Information Session for anyone interested.

Your comments, suggestions and offers to join our board are always appreciated.

Respectfully submitted

Larry Hogarth, Chair

Trinity United Church Cemetery 2025 Year End Financial Summary

Bank Transactions 2025	Carry over on Jan. 1/2025	\$14,904.85
Receipts:		
Interest from Perpetual Care	\$10,975.17	
Internment Rights Transfers	\$1,950.00	
Off Hours Burials	\$1,800.00	
Full Burials	\$3,752.00	
Cremations Niche/Burials	\$11,640.00	
Cornerstones	\$1,560.00	
Engraving	\$1,180.00	
Grave Purchases	\$7,480.00	
Monument Bases	\$2,355.94	
Staking Fees	\$220.00	
Niche Purchases	\$1,220.00	
Perpetual Care Collected	\$6,575.00	
Donations* ¹	\$30,422.45	
Total Revenue from 2025	\$81,130.56	\$81,130.56
		\$96,035.41
Expenditures:		
Insurance	\$1,285.20	
Utilities	\$220.00	
Banking Fees	\$209.51	
Licencing Fees	\$840.00	
Capital Projects** ²	\$29,726.91	
Return of Internment Rights	\$1,325.00	
Supplies	\$734.60	
Custodial	\$19,996.00	
Corner Stones	\$514.00	
Engraving	\$1,314.00	
Off Hours Burial	\$1,800.00	
Burials	\$4,530.00	
Cremations-Niche/Burial	\$6,650.00	
Monument Bases	\$1,723.50	
Perpetual Care	\$6,575.00	
GST	\$8,471.95	
Total Expenses in 2025:	\$85,915.67	\$85,915.67
	Year end bank total	\$10,119.74

*¹ Transfer of Nottawa UC Donation

**² Purchase of Collumbarium #3

Investments *(Funds Built up by sale of graves etc, not needed for care & maintenance at this time)*

Scotia Bank GICs (Collingwood)	Acc# 324223	at Maturity	\$116,022.41
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Perpetual Care *These funds by law (BAO), we may not have access to principal but only interest for perpetual care of our cemetery*

Barrie ScotiaTrust Acc# 78005679	Principal	\$233,819.00
4.6% annual paid quarterly in 2025	Total interest paid out in 2025	\$10,975.17

UCW President's Report 2025

The UCW has had another busy year.

We continue to meet the third Monday of the month with the executive meeting at 1:00 followed by the unit at 2:00. We as an executive make decisions relating to our work and our unit meeting allows for fellowship with a program and a light lunch. We have lunch out at Christmas and in June. All ladies of the congregation are members of the united church and are invited to our meetings.

We catered this year to a celebration of life, a funeral, RTO lunch and a Probus mystery lunch.

We made meat pies twice this year and with the help of many women in the congregation, we were able to make and sell 480 pies each time. They are well received by the congregation and user groups in the church.

We participated in the World Day of Prayer at the Heritage Church with participants from different churches in the area.

Fran and Joy attended Meaford UCW and enjoyed music, dessert and a presentation by the World Food Grains Bank.

We lost our dear, well loved, Airlie this year and miss her very much. We also miss Ramona Van Slyke who has moved to Barrie.

We continue to support:

- National UCW projects

- M & S

- Barbara Weider Home Horizon

- Rainbows grief program

- Elementary schools in Collingwood

- Grieving families with a funeral tea when asked

- TUC "warm hearts, cool comfort campaign"

- Poinsettias at Christmas for shut-ins

We participate in wow meetings when possible and the wider UCW keeps us informed of all that is going on in UCW.

The UCW wishes health and happiness to all in 2026

Submitted by Joy Barr, UCW President

Trinity United Church Women
Balance Sheet
As of 31 December 2025

	31 Dec 25
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Chequing/Savings	
Meridian Chequing Account	5,999.83
Petty Cash	-0.22
	5,999.61
Other Current Assets	
Undeposited Funds	75.00
	75.00
Total Other Current Assets	75.00
Total Current Assets	6,074.61
TOTAL ASSETS	6,074.61
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Equity	
Retained Earnings	8,962.76
Net Income	-2,888.15
	6,074.61
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	6,074.61

Trinity United Church Women
Profit & Loss
 January through December 2025

	Jan - Dec 25
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
Donations From Members	
Unit 4	419.00
Donations From Members - Other	55.00
Total Donations From Members	474.00
Fundraising	
Funeral Teas	1,675.00
Lunches/Dinners	3,100.00
Meat Pies	7,184.00
Total Fundraising	11,959.00
Fundraisng	345.00
Total Income	12,778.00
Gross Profit	12,778.00
Expense	
Bank Service Charges	-24.80
Christmas Gifts Poinsettias	106.52
Donation as Gift	
Schools Food Programs	1,800.00
Total Donation as Gift	1,800.00
Donations to Registered Charity	
Mission and Service (Via church	5,000.00
Rainbows	77.79
Total Donations to Registered Cha...	5,077.79
Donations to Related Groups	
To Trinity for operations	5,000.00
Donations to Related Groups - O...	200.00
Total Donations to Related Groups	5,200.00
Dues and Subscriptions	
Member Assessment_WOW	52.00
Total Dues and Subscriptions	52.00
Fundraising expense	
Funeral Teas	551.19
Lunches/Dinners	690.32
Meat Pies	2,166.93
Miscellaneous functions	46.20
Total Fundraising expense	3,454.64
Total Expense	15,666.15
Net Ordinary Income	-2,888.15
Net Income	-2,888.15

**Trinity United Church Women
Profit & Loss Budget Overview
January through December 2026**

	Jan - Dec 26
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
Donations From Members	
Unit 4	250.00
Total Donations From Members	250.00
Fundraising	
Funeral Teas	3,000.00
Lunches/Dinners	2,000.00
Meat Pies	8,000.00
Total Fundraising	13,000.00
Total Income	13,250.00
Gross Profit	13,250.00
Expense	
Bank Service Charges	75.00
Christmas Gifts Poinsettias	150.00
Donation as Gift	
Schools Food Programs	1,800.00
Total Donation as Gift	1,800.00
Donations to Registered Charity	
Mission and Service (Via church	5,000.00
Rainbows	250.00
Weider Home Horizon	200.00
Total Donations to Registered Cha...	5,450.00
Dues and Subscriptions	
Member Assessment WOW	48.00
Total Dues and Subscriptions	48.00
Flower	100.00
Fundraising expense	
Funeral Teas	500.00
Lunches/Dinners	1,000.00
Meat Pies	3,000.00
Total Fundraising expense	4,500.0
Memorial Leafs	200.0
Total Expense	12,323.00
Net Ordinary Income	927.00
Net Income	927.00

UCW EXECUTIVE FOR 2026

PAST PRESIDENT	SUE EDMUNDS
PRESIDENT	JOY BARR
FIRST VICE PRESIDENT	OPEN
SECOND VICE PRESIDENT	OPEN
SECRETARY	JOANNE MELNYK
ASSISTANT SECRETARY	SUE EDMUNDS
CORRESPONDING SECRETARY	JOANNE MELNYK
TREASURER	OPEN
ASSISTANT TREASURER	JOANNE MELNYK
SOCIAL CONVENORS	JOY BARR
ACTIVE UNIT LEADER	JOY BARR
BUILDING AND GROUNDS REP	JOANNE MELNYK
SPIRITUAL COMMITTEE REP	OPEN
BOARD REP	JOY BARR

TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT

On January 1, 2025, Trinity United Church (TUC) held \$726,936. On December 31, 2025 TUC held \$729,545 investments. In August 2025, \$49,600 was withdrawn from investments and transferred to the TUC to cover expenditures. Accordingly, roughly speaking and not accounting for the timing of the withdrawal, the investments increased by \$52,209. This translates to a net return of approximately 7.2%.

TUC's three mutual funds charge a weighted fee of approximately 2.15% with approximately 0.15% being reimbursed resulting in total fees of roughly 2% or about \$14,500. The portfolio is composed of approximately 70% fixed income, primarily high yield bonds and 30% stocks. It is worthwhile to note that the Canadian Stocks had the best returns since 2009. This year we are planning to re-examine our investment program, something that hasn't been done recently.

In June, Barry Rice resigned after a long term as Chair of the Trustees. I would like to thank Barry for his support and advice over the years.

Thank you, Martin Hastings and Ruth Crittenden, for all of your work in preparing our documents

Thank you for your confidence and trust as the Church Trustees.

Submitted by: Dave Saunders

For the Trustees of Trinity United Church Collingwood.

Trustee's Financial Statements
for the 12-Month Period ending December 31, 2025

Trinity United Church Trustees					
Balance Sheet					
For the 12 month period ending December 31, 2025					
	Cash	High Interest Account	Investments	Total	Total all of 2024 (Prior Year)
Assets:					
Cash	-			-	
Securities		\$ -	\$ 729,545	\$ 729,545	726,936
	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 729,545	\$ 729,545	\$ 726,936
Liabilities					
Accounts Payable	0	0		0	0
	0	0		0	
Equity					
Opening Equity	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 726,936	\$ 726,936	\$ 694,225
Change in Value of Investments during the period:	\$ -	-	2,610	2,610	
Ending Equity	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 729,546	\$ 729,546	\$ 694,226
Receipts and Disbursements					
For the 12 months ending December 31, 2025					
	Cash	High Interest Account	Investments	Total	Total all of 2024 (Prior Year)
Income earned:					
Total dividends /interest received		\$ -	\$ 21,894	\$ 21,894	\$ 22,370
Gain/Loss on sale			\$ 6,320	\$ 6,320	468
Mutual Fund fee reimbursement			\$ 1,159	\$ 1,159	1,127
Transferred in			\$ -	-	10,000
Transferred out			\$ 49,600	\$ 49,600	13,000
Total Income	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 78,973	\$ 78,973	\$ 46,965
Expenses:					
Transferred to church			\$ 49,600	49,600	\$ 65,711
Transferred to cash a/c				-	20,000
Transferred to Global fund				-	3,265
Total Expenses	\$ -	\$ -		\$ 49,600	\$ 88,976
Net Income	\$ -	\$ -		\$ 29,373	\$ (42,011)

Trinity United Church Trustees

Review of 2025 Financials February 22, 2026

At the request of the Official Board of Trinity United Church, Collingwood, I have reviewed the financial records of the Trustees of Trinity for the year ending December 31, 2025.

The following criteria were used to examine the accounts.

- Reconcile the balance sheet assets with the CI Prestige account balances. (1)
- Test the transfers and deposits for the year 2025. (2)
- Confirm the availability of sufficient funds to cover the organ fund. (3)
- Confirmation of insurance paid up to date. (4)

Notes

- (1) The total interest from dividends and interest is down slightly from last year with the difference being made up with lower expenses. The net income was \$2,609.33, up from a deficit of \$42,010.61 in 2024.
- (2) The Trustees do not write cheques but only transfer to the Trinity General Account. The Trustees transferred \$49,600 to the general account in 2025. Down from the 2024 value of \$65,710.79
- (3) The organ fund is maintained in a separate CI fund for accounting purposes. There was no request from this fund in the year ending Dec. 31, 2025. The assets are held in the CI diversified fund with current value of \$14,028.46
- (4) The treasurer has confirmed that the insurance on the buildings, contents and liabilities is up to date. The amount paid for 2025 was \$21,342.20. The amount for 2026 is \$21,306.62. The premiums are paid monthly from January to October.

This information has been provided for internal use only and may not meet the needs of a third party.

A knowledgeable person prepares this Financial Presentation and there is no assurance provided with this report.

It was a pleasure to review the books this year and report that Trinity remains in a strong position as we enter 2026.

Submitted by: Douglas C. French

Treasurer's Report

Trinity is a busy church, and keeping track of our finances is not only important but also very involved. It truly takes many hands and hearts to support the work of the church, and we are fortunate to have dedicated volunteers and staff members who faithfully carry out these responsibilities.

Our assets include funds held in the bank, the piano (which is not yet fully depreciated), and recoverable tax amounts. Current liabilities consist of amounts payable to vendors and suppliers, as well as obligations to the cemetery board.

Our reserve accounts currently hold a balance of **\$26,365.77**. Details of these reserves are shown on the balance sheet. Reserve funds represent money that has been given for specific purposes and will be used for those designated expenses as the need arises.

The Receipts and Outlays Statement reflects a significant increase in both income and expenses this year. Income increased largely due to the success of our capital campaign, while expenses rose primarily because of the installation of the new heating and cooling system. Pickleball and rental income together account for more than 25% of our annual income. To ensure the continued success of our pickleball program, Mike White will assume a paid role as Pickleball Coordinator beginning in 2026.

General donations remained relatively consistent with the previous year. We are deeply grateful to everyone who contributed to the capital campaign, especially for the very generous donation of **\$100,000**. During the year, **\$49,600** was drawn from the trustee account to help cover operating expenses.

The 2026 budget reflects an increase in expenses. With rising costs, this increase is unavoidable. The budget includes **\$36,000** in support from the trustee account; however, we are still anticipating a significant operating loss of **\$78,000.00**. Budgeting for donations is always challenging. While we rely on historical data, donations remain a best estimate rather than a certainty.

We are very fortunate to have Rev. Beth Kerr as part of Trinity, and we hope that her enthusiasm and energy will help grow our congregation. We respectfully ask those, who are able, to consider increasing their donations where possible, as this support is vital to the ongoing ministry and mission of our church.

Thank you for your continued generosity and for your gifts of time, talent, and financial support.

Submitted by Danielle York

Trinity United Church Review of 2025 Financials

At the request of the Official Board of Trinity United Church, Collingwood, I have reviewed the financial records of the Trinity for the year ending December 31, 2025.

Based on this review I would confirm that nothing has come to my attention that causes reason to believe the financial statements do not present fairly the church's financial position.

This information has been provided for internal use only and may not meet the needs of a third party. A knowledgeable person prepares this Financial Presentation and there is no assurance provided with this report.

It was a pleasure to review the books this year.

Submitted by: Rose Hewitson

Balance Sheet
Trinity United Church
As of December 31, 2025

DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT	TOTAL
Assets	
Current Assets	
Cash and Cash Equivalent	
1050 TD bank accounts	
1060 TD Bank	\$80,728.85
1070 TD Bank Investors - Cemetery	\$67.59
Total for 1050 TD bank accounts	\$80,796.44
1220 Undeposited Funds	\$0.00
Total for Cash and Cash Equivalent	\$80,796.44
Accounts Receivable (A/R)	
1200 Accounts Receivable	\$0.00
1210 Accounts receivable - other	\$0.00
Total for Accounts Receivable (A/R)	\$0.00
1250 HST/GST recoverable	\$0.00
1260 GST Recoverable	\$3,594.54
1270 PST Recoverable	\$9,268.05
Total for 1250 HST/GST recoverable	\$12,862.59
1280 Returned items clearing	\$0.00
Total for Current Assets	\$93,659.03
Non-current Assets	
Property, plant and equipment	
1600 Baby Grand Piano	\$20,000.00
1610 Accumulated Depreciation-Piano	-\$12,000.00
Total for 1600 Baby Grand Piano	\$8,000.00
Total for Property, plant and equipment	\$8,000.00
Total for Non-current Assets	\$8,000.00
Total for Assets	\$101,659.03
Liabilities and Equity	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable (A/P)	
2000 Accounts Payable	\$2,679.35
Total for Accounts Payable (A/P)	\$2,679.35
2200 HST/GST Payable	\$0.00
2250 Accrued Liabilities	\$0.00
2300 Due to UCW	\$0.00
2400 Payable to Cemetery	
2410 Payable to Cemetery - Accrual	\$15,530.23
2420 Due to Cemetery Board - GST/PST rebate	\$5,904.30
Total for 2400 Payable to Cemetery	\$21,434.53
Total for Current Liabilities	\$24,113.88

Balance Sheet (2)

Trinity United Church

As of December 31, 2025

DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT	TOTAL
Non-current Liabilities	
2450 Trustee Loan	\$0.00
2500 CRA Loan	\$0.00
2501 CRA bank loan - forgivable portion	\$0.00
2600 Reserves	
2610 Benevolent	\$2,163.85
2620 Outreach	\$1,887.64
2630 Food Program	\$22,314.28
2640 Capital Projects	\$0.00
Total for 2600 Reserves	\$26,365.77
Total for Non-current Liabilities	\$26,365.77
Total for Liabilities	\$50,479.65
Equity	
3000 Opening Bal Equity	\$0.00
3910 Transfer to Food Program reserve	\$7,738.84
3900 Retained Earnings	\$32,459.54
Net Income	\$10,981.00
Total for Equity	\$51,179.38
Total for Liabilities and Equity	\$101,659.03

Receipts Less Outlays
January - December 2025

Receipts

Total Envelopes	229738.79
Total Envelopes	<u>\$ 229,738.79</u>
Other Donations	
Donations for Cemetery	
Other Donations	117775.79
UCW	5,000.00
Total Other	<u>\$ 122,775.79</u>
Total Rent	64775.32
Pickleball Income	44625.00
Money from Trustees	49600.00
Total Receipts	<u>\$ 511,514.90</u>

Outlays

Depreciation Expense	4000.00
Expenses Related to the Church	
Total Administration	51979.53
Total Building & Grounds	215534.31
Mission & Service	14500.65
Total Outreach & Social Action	21339.17
Total Ministry & Personnel	186556.55
Total Worship & Music	6623.69
Total Expenses Related to the Church	\$ 500,533.90
Total Outlays	<u>\$ 500,533.90</u>
Receipts Less Outlays	\$ 10,981.00

Trinity Board and Standing Committees – February 22, 2026

Trinity Board

Co-Chairs – Patti Watson, Danielle York
Secretary - Ruth Crittenden
Treasurer – Danielle York
Past Chair – Vacant
Ministry and Personnel – Ray Piercy
Regional Rep - Ruth Crittenden
Ex Officio Member: Office Assistant – Lori Forsythe

Communication – John Brown
UCW Rep – Joy Barr
Board of Trustees – Dave Saunders
Outreach – Betty Hancey
Minister – Rev. Beth Kerr

Any board member may be contacted through the church office at office@collingwoodunitedchurch.ca or call 705-445-3901

Spiritual Committee

Chairperson: Patti Watson
Secretary: Joy Gardiner
Communications Representative: John Brown
Worship Support Team: Su Cook
Prayer Chain Contact: Barbra Downey
Friendly Visitors Coordinator: Janie Jardine
Shawl Ministry Coordinator: Mary Elizabeth Piercy
Faith Formation Coordinator: Mary Elizabeth Piercy
Outreach and Social Action Committee Representative: Barbara Downie
United Church Women's Representative: Vacant
Member at Large: Charlene Cooper, Paul Johnson
Minister – Rev Beth Kerr

Vice-Chairperson: Vacant

Outreach and Social Action Committee

Chair – Betty Hancey
Secretary – Bev Mayberry
Ralph Sneyd
Jane Palmer
Cec Mutton
Andy Cooper

Beth Theis
Barbara Downie
Barb Sneyd
Mary Ellen McNaught
Rev. Mary Elizabeth Piercy
Minister – Rev Beth Kerr

Ministry & Personnel

Ray Piercy (Chair)
Mary Ellen McNaught

Gord Llewellyn
Deborah McKenzie

Board of Trustees

Chair David Norman Saunders
Ruth Ann Crittenden
Rev. Elizabeth Muriel Kerr

Jamie Grant Forsythe
Philip Adrian Watson

Financial Committee

Chair – Danielle York
Vice-Chair –vacant
Deborah Eaton-Kent
Jamie Forsythe
Fred Riemer
Joanne Melnyk

Building & Grounds

Chair – Jamie Forsythe
Vice-Chair – Vacant
Secretary – Rose Hewitson
Fred Riemer
Joanne Melnyk
George Christie
Ray Piercy
Custodian – David Collinson

United Church Women Executive

President – Joy Barr
Treasurer - Open
Past President – Sue Edmunds
Corresponding Secretary – Joanne Melnyk

First Vice-President -Open
Secretary - Joanne Melnyk
Social Convenor – Open

Cemetery Board

Chair – Larry Hogarth
Bob Mayberry
Doug French
James Mirrlees

Ralph Sneyd
George Christie
Fred Riemer

Nominations Committee

The Board

Trinity United Church Collingwood Congregational Contacts 2026

Adult Choir	Lesley Joosten	Phil Watson
Affirming Exploration Group		Beth Theis
Alleluia Ringers	Maryellen Burgess	Heather Ferguson
Building Maintenance	Jamie Forsythe	Ray Piercy
Camp Simpresca	Ralph Sneyd	Barbara Downie
Drum Circle	Lesley Joosten	
Donation Records	Ruth Crittenden	
FC Christmas Bags	Jane Palmer	Barb Sneyd
Cemetery Board	Larry Hogarth	Ralph Sneyd
Coffee Hosting	Christine Brown	
Communion	Joy Gardiner	Charlene Cooper
Community Dinner	Charlene Cooper	Andy Cooper
Custodian	David Collinson	
Food Pantry	Betty Hancey	
Friendly Visitors	Janie Jardine	
Get Well Cards	Joanne Melnyk	
Home Horizon	Mary Ellen McNaught	Joanne Calvert
Broadview Magazine	Ray Piercy	
Offering Stewards	Wayne Butters	Betty Butters
Office Assistant	Lori Forsythe	
Prayer Chain	Barbara Downey	
Sanctuary Decoration	Claire Bellamy	
Scripture Readers	Mary Elizabeth Piercy	
Shawl Ministry	Beth Theis	Mary Elizabeth Piercy
Social Media	Linda Murphy	Danielle York
Sound Technicians	Terry Varga	Danielle York
Trinity News	John Brown	
Trinity Talks	Beth Theis	
UCW	Joy Barr	Sue Edmunds
Ushers and Greeters	John Brown	
Warming Closet	Deborah McKenzie	Steve McKenzie
Web Page	Ruth Crittenden	Danielle York
White Gift Envelopes	Marion Sinclair	

Trinity United Church Budget 2026

RECEIPTS

Total Donations	229,000.00
Fundraising	45,000.00
Rental Income	67,356.00
Total Income	341,356.00
Trustee Funds	36,000.00
Total Income	377,356.00

EXPENSES

Spiritual (see breakdown)	8,400.00
Building & Grounds (see breakdown)	64,100.00
M&S	12,000.00
Ministry & Personnel (see breakdown)	291,380.65
Outreach & Social Action (see breakdown)	23,100.00
Administration (see breakdown)	55,724.00
	454,704.65
Depreciation	4,000.00
Total Expenses	458,704.65

Total Income	377,356.00
Total Expenses	454,704.65
Net Operating Income	- 77,348.65

INCOME

Envelopes - General	185,000.00
Envelopes - MISC	2,500.00
Envelopes - Food Programs	7,500.00
Envelope - M&S	9,500.00
TOTAL ENVELOPES	204,500.00

OTHER DONATIONS

Donations Registered Charities - no receipt	4,500.00
Food Program No Tax Receipt	7,500.00
Misc. Donations	1,500.00
Fundraising Other	2,500.00
UCW Mission and Service	5,000.00
Loose	3,500.00
TOTAL OTHER DONATIONS	24,500.00

Montessori School	50,856.00
Room Rental	16,500.00
TOTAL RENT	67,356.00

Trinity United Church Budget 2026 (2)

OTHER INCOME	
Trustee Funds	3,600.00
UCW (for expenses)	
Cemetery Interest Income (Segregated)	
TOTAL OTHER	3,600.00
 FUNDRAISING INCOME	
Pickle Ball Dues	45,000.00
TOTAL FUNDRAISING	45,000.00
 Building & Grounds - Expenses	
Alarm & Fire	5418.00
Electricity	8080.00
Elevator	1279.00
Gas	20889.00
Repairs & Maintenance	16000.00
Snow Removal	9568.00
Water & Sewer	2866.00
SUB TOTAL	64100.00
 Ministry & Personnel - Expenses	
Education for Minister/Book & Study	
Mileage	700.00
Salaries & Payroll Benefits	208126.85
Payroll Tax (CPP & EI)	37462.68
United Church Pension	15467.52
United Church Benefits	17598.60
AV Tech	3900.00
Pickleball Coordinator	2700.00
Training	2000.00
Vacation /Supply Coverage	2500.00
WSIB	925.00
SUB TOTAL	291380.65
 Administration - Expenses	
Telephone & Communications	3667.00
National Assessment Fee	16615.00
Regional Meetings	
Office Expense	12689.00
Bank & Other Service Fees	1447.00
Liability Insurance	21306.04
SUB TOTAL	55724.04

Trinity United Church Budget 2026 (3)

Spiritual - Expenses

Faith Formation	1000.00
Worship Expenses	1700.00
Choral Music	1000.00
Bell Music	600.00
Flowers & Decorations	600.00
Coffee Hour	750.00
Anniversary Sunday	200.00
Guest Musicians	2000.00
Guest Speakers	250.00
Licenses	300.00
SUB TOTAL	8400.00

Outreach & Social Action - Expenses

Food Programs	20000.00
Community Donations	1500.00
Benevolent Fund	1000.00
Trinity Talks	600.00
SUB TOTAL	23100.00

Mission & Service **12000.00**

Total Expenses Related to the Church **454,704.69**