

Trinity News - Sept. 2025

705 445-3901



Congratulations!

‘Warm Hearts, Cool Comfort’

The campaign to raise \$30,000 that will ultimately become \$130,000 thanks to an anonymous donor has achieved its goal long before the Nov. 1 deadline.

Fund will cover the cost of a new modern heating and cooling system.

Our tired building still has a wish list for 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.

From Rev. Beth Coffee and Chat

Being the church together is about community. As your new minister, I am looking for different opportunities and ways to get to know folks informally in small groups. To that end, I am organizing a weekly “coffee and chat” time at a local coffee shop. Times and location will vary to hopefully include something for everyone. Join us any week you are available. I’ll reevaluate whether to continue the offering at the end of October.

Wednesday, September 24 at 2 p.m. at Gibson and Company (93 Hurontario Street, Unit 3)

Thursday, October 2 (lunch instead of coffee) at 11:45 a.m. at Fig and Feta (**61 Hurontario St.**) If you know you are coming please contact Beth at minister@collingwoodunitedchurch.ca or 705-445-3901 by Monday, September 29 at noon so we can make an appropriate sized reservation or just show up and we’ll pull up an extra chair.

Monday, October 6 at 10 a.m. at Heavenly Cafe (10 Keith Ave)

Tuesday, October 14 at 3 p.m. at Gordon’s Market and Cafe (1 Hume St., Unit 107)

If you have suggestions for future times and locations for either lunch (monthly) or coffee (in the weeks when there isn’t lunch), please email Beth at minister@collingwoodunitedchurch.ca

Rev. Beth is busy getting to know us. You can also learn more about Rev. Beth from the sites below:

collingwoodunitedchurch.ca

About

Our Minister

collingwoodtoday.ca

Rev. Beth Kerr

Rev. Beth's first service on Sept. 7 followed by a pot luck.



Cemetery Visit

Yesterday Ralph Sneyd and Larry Hogarth conducted an interesting tour of Trinity's Cemetery on Poplar Rd.



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!

Affirming Group Accessible Washroom Improvements

Inspired by our May 25 guest speakers from the Affirming and Inclusivity group at Trinity United Church in Newmarket, we have recommended some improvements to the contents and signage of our accessible washroom. The Board has approved our recommendations and Buildings & Grounds have already started to make them happen. These changes will help make our church building more friendly to our members and building users. A baby change table has been installed, a great start.

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



New baby change table in gender neutral restroom.



Affordable Housing - Collingwood Talks Housing

The Town of Collingwood's Affordable Housing Task Force, featured in our October 2025 Trinity Talks event, is holding a series of public conversations on housing at the Collingwood Public Library. Cec Mutton and Beth Theis, both members of Trinity's Outreach & Social Action Committee, are attending the September 17 event, "Why aren't developers building more affordable housing? What's the community doing to encourage developers to build affordable units?". Cec attended the September conversation and was impressed with the broad range of ages, backgrounds and economic circumstances among the people who were there.

Find out more, including the timing and topic of future conversations, by signing up for the Affordable Housing E-Newsletter at www.collingwood.ca/housing. You can also register there for a free screening of a full-length documentary film, *Thinking Beyond the Market*: A film about genuinely affordable housing, Friday October 3, 2025 from 6:30–9:00 p.m. at the Simcoe Street Theatre.

Collingwood recently received The Peter J. Marshall Municipal Innovation Award for its Rapid Additional Residential Unit program, which provides designs, support and resources to homeowners building an accessory unit. The program was the first of its kind in Ontario, and has already issued 58 permits and provided grants for building 24 long-term rental units. Check out the [program](#), including pre-approved designs, and maybe there is a fit in your backyard!

Knitters & Crocheters Shawl Ministry Fall Meetings

We meet in the Boardroom the second and fourth Wednesdays, 1:30–3:00. Please feel free to join us on any or all of: September 24, October 8, October 22, November 12, November 26. (We usually take a break during December, as Advent is such a busy church season.)

Our ministry gifts shawls to people experiencing illness, surgery, bereavement and other hard times. We create them prayerfully and bring them for blessing by the congregation before they're gifted.

Right now we're hoping for some shawls in vibrant colours; quieter tones welcome too.

Never knit or crocheted a shawl? Need advice / pattern / needles / hooks? We can probably supply what you need.

Want to work on a non-shawl knitting or crochet project, in good company? Feel free to come and sit with us.



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.

By The Way

Since Pickle Ball began at Trinity a few years ago it has raised over 100k!

UCW recently donated \$5000 to “Warm Hearts”

THANKSGIVING

Food Drive

WHAT DO WE NEED?

Any non-perishable food items are welcome (and until freeze up we can also use fresh apples or vegetables) but here are some always in demand items:

- Canned soup and instant noodles/soups in packets or cups
- Granola or breakfast bars
- Canned fruit or applesauce cups
- Instant oatmeal and cereal boxes
- Canned vegetables, fish and meat, pasta in sauce
- Packaged pastas and sauce
- Boxed crackers or individual packages
- Boxed pasta like Kraft dinner or flavoured rice packets
- Hamburger helper and flavouring sauces
- Instant coffee, hot chocolate packets and tea bags
- Peanut butter, honey and jam

**Blessing of food and thanksgiving worship
Sunday, October 12 at 10:30 a.m.**





Get Ready to Stroll with Prayer Bench & Kereru Publishing
September 22 – October 13, 2025

Join us for a 21-day spiritual adventure exploring the theme of **Shelter**. Whether it's a sturdy structure, a leafy branch, or a quiet pause, shelter invites us to rest, reflect, and renew.

Each day you'll receive an email in your inbox with:

- An inspiring photograph to help focus your attention
 - A thoughtful reflection of shelter in nature and in life.
 - An engaging practice or question to accompany your walk — outdoors or in spirit.
- You can walk, roll, sit at a window, or wander your neighborhood. What matters is the intention to notice.*

Created by **Janice Maclean** (Prayer Bench in Canada) and **Caroline Bindon** (Kereru Publishing in New Zealand), this year's Stroll is shaped by two landscapes and two seasons — autumn in the north, spring in the south — inviting a global circle of companions to walk together in spirit.

Email, Mary Elizabeth Piercy maryelizabethpiercy@gmail.com to register.

GRIEF TALKS

**Because knowing what to say
isn't always easy.**

This 3-part series offers adults a safe space to explore grief with insight, resources, and practical tools.

Grief Talks.

Because helping a friend isn't always easy.

Join Hospice Georgian Triangle's qualified grief and bereavement counsellors for a group conversation on how to support your friends and family through challenging times.

All in just a couple of hours. Oh, and it's free.



Upcoming Sessions:

- **Thursday, September 25**
Communal Grief in Uncertain Times
- **Thursday, October 2**
Supporting Friends and Family
- **Thursday, October 9**
The Brain Science of Grief

6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Black Bellows Brewing Company
40 Simcoe St., Collingwood

Attend one or all three sessions and leave feeling informed, supported, and better prepared to navigate loss.



To register please call or email



705-444-2555 ext. 7524



RSVP@HospiceGeorgianTriangle.com

This Week's Community Dinner - Thank you Charlene and team.



Kids love to serve dessert.



Ready To Serve



Corn donated by Currie's Market.



Andy and Ray cooking on the bbq previously donated by the Collingwood Legion.



Betty's Free Food Table



Farmer's sausage came from Hoffman's in Stayner

Directory

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