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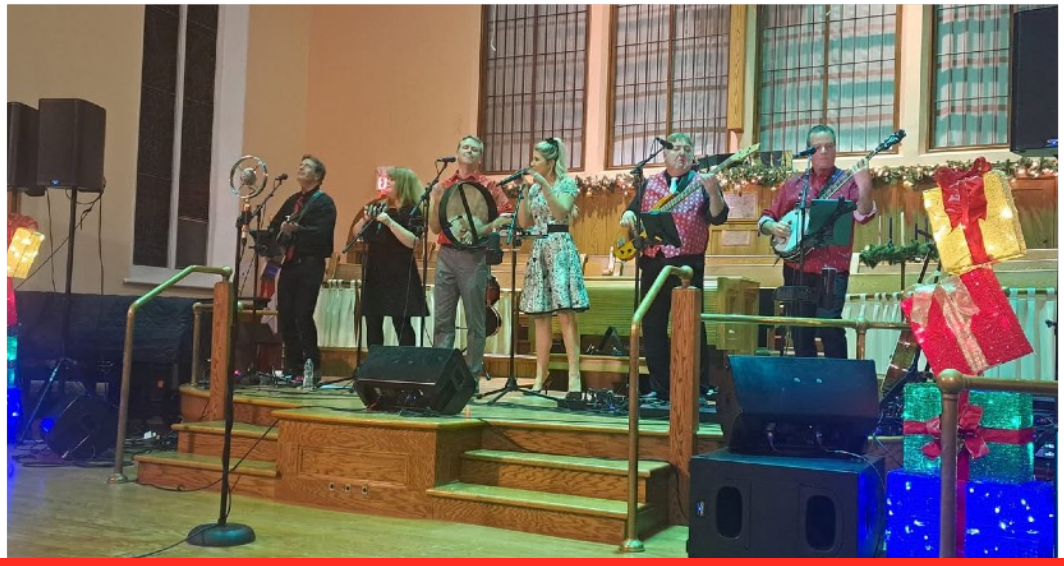

Shipyard Kitchen Party Christmas last Saturday was another great success. A generous supporter of our food programs. (archival photo)

On Monday this week, Lesley added to our Christmas spirit with her Beaver Valley Concert Band performing in the banquet hall. Our food bank also benefited, Thank You Lesley!

PARTICIPATORY

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14
AT 10:30 A.M.

ALL AGES

THERE'S A ROLE FOR EVERYONE AS WE RETELL THE CHRISTMAS STORY IN DRAMA AND SONG. WEAR A COSTUME OF YOUR CHOICE (SHEPHERD, SHEEP, ANIMAL, WISE ONE, ANGEL, INNKEEPER OR EVEN A DRAGON) OR GET ONE WHEN YOU ARRIVE. NO REHEARSALS. JUST COME AND GET IN ON THE FUN!

TRINITY UNITED CHURCH, 140 MAPLE STREET, COLLINGWOOD (PARKING LOT OFF BEECH)

Trinity Letters Helped Save A Life

Two years ago, Rocky Myers' situation was among the causes we selected for action by Trinity members. It can be hard to believe we can really make a difference. We were delighted to find this update on the Amnesty Canada website:

> Rocky Myers, a Black man with an intellectual disability, spent decades on death row after a flawed trial and without evidence directly linking him to the crime. Amnesty International has long advocated for him, and in 2023 he was part of our Write for Rights campaign, where hundreds of thousands worldwide urged Alabama Governor Kay Ivey to commute his sentence. On February 28, 2025, Governor Ivey granted that commutation.

The current Amnesty campaign goes on into February, so **if you missed sending emails or signing petitions on or around December 10, there's still time to make a difference.** As the Rev. Beth said in a recent sermon, this could be one of your birthday presents to Jesus.

Go to and click on one, or both, of the links under "Have a minute?". You'll see links there for writing an urgent email and for signing a petition on any of the cases that strike you as especially . A load of short, respectfully worded emails to the authorities in your chosen cases or petitions with many signatures will be, we hope, as effective as our earlier piles of letters. Please consider making a difference this year.

Beth Theis and Mary Elizabeth Piercy, for the Outreach & Social Action Committee

Thursday December 18
7 p.m.
Blue Christmas
AN EVENING OF REST, HOPE, AND HEALING
FOR WHEN CHRISTMAS IS HARD

Christmas Eve
WEDNESDAY,
DECEMBER 24
7 P.M.
The Good News of Christmas is for everyone. Join us to explore the meaning of Christmas in story, song and candle-lit prayer. If you are looking for an inclusive, progressive Christian community to celebrate Christmas with, a warm welcome awaits you.
Trinity United Church
140 Maple Street, Collingwood
(Parking lot off Beech Street)
www.collingwoodunitedchurch.ca

Maryellen And The Bell Choir

Volunteers

The United Church of Canada is interested in knowing the number of volunteer hours we donate to Trinity. Included would be the number of hours spent for Trinity inside or outside the church building for the coming month of **November**.
Keep track of your time and send the total to your committee chair, Chairs are asked to forward the information to Ray Piercy piercy.ray@gmail.com
If your volunteer time is not under the umbrella of our committee structure, then send your volunteer hours directly to Ray. Thanks to all volunteers!
p.s What if you volunteer time at Trinity but not normally in the month of November? Estimate your time on an annual basis and divide by 12.

Christmas Charity From Chris Dopp

Christmas Hampers
192 First Street
Dec. 23 at 9 a.m.
Possible Delivery: 705 445-1300

Christmas Day Turkey Dinner
Collingwood Legion 12:30 p.m.
Reservations: Call 211

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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A PRESENTATION

of

CHRISTMAS GEMS

TRINITY UNITED CHOIR

TOGETHER WITH

COMMUNITY SINGERS

and

INSTRUMENTALISTS

TRINITY UNITED CHURCH COLLINGWOOD

SUNDAY DECEMBER 21

10:30 AM

Our Busy Christmas Decoration Team

Guess Who?

If you guessed Claire Bellamy last month you were right. Taken from a Hallowe'en party at Raglan.

Claire, I am told, recently did the ribbon cutting for the newly renovated Avening Hall. She also did the ribbon cutting for its predecessor when she was 7 years old. Impressive!

Highlights From Outreach and Social Action Committee

Community Dinner:

- Chili dinner on November 19 had 45 deliveries and 120 meals served!
- Dinner next Wed is Kitchen made tourtiere with mashed potatoes, vegs and scones for dessert

Affordable Housing: Collingwood Talks Housing meeting Nov 26 on Land Trusts attended by Beth Theis. A complex subject but there is a group of young and energetic people including a builder and several business people who are looking for ways to develop and build affordable rental housing. Beth and Cec are following this closely to see if there is a way we can help.

Food Pantry:

- Well stocked at this point as major shopping was done in advance of the holiday season to be able to increase our food distribution at the dinners, in the outdoor pantry as well as fill emergency requests. We anticipate a heavier need and the committee is actively looking for more ways to get food out into the community either directly from us or through schools. This is going to be a focus of the committee in January and onwards.

Out of the Cold:

- Over the winter we are providing extra food, mitts, hats, socks and underwear as these are in high need and need to be purchased.

Warming Closet:

- Steve and Deb MacKenzie will be taking over coordination of this service from Mike and Cathie

Amnesty Canada Write for Rights- Dec 10th

- Coordinated by Beth Theis and Rev Mary Elizabeth and promoted by Rev Beth

Next Meeting Tuesday Jan 13th

Betty Hancey reports Trinity recently received $545 from your donations of foreign funds!

UCW Reports

- luncheon planned at Iron Skillet at noon Monday Dec. 15
- poinsettias have been delivered
- January 7 is clean the kitchen day
- January 14 they will be making meat pies again due to popular demand

By The Way

- now is the time to send in your committee expenses for inclusion in 2025 expenses
- the new boiler that complements our heat pump system is up and running at a cost of $38,000
- the Warm Hearts Campaign raised approximately $45,000
- trustees are in search of two more members (contact Dave at davidsndrs@rogers.com)
- Affirmed Committee welcomes Rev. Sarah Bruer as a new member

Directory

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Looking Back

Skating party behind the curling club in 2012.