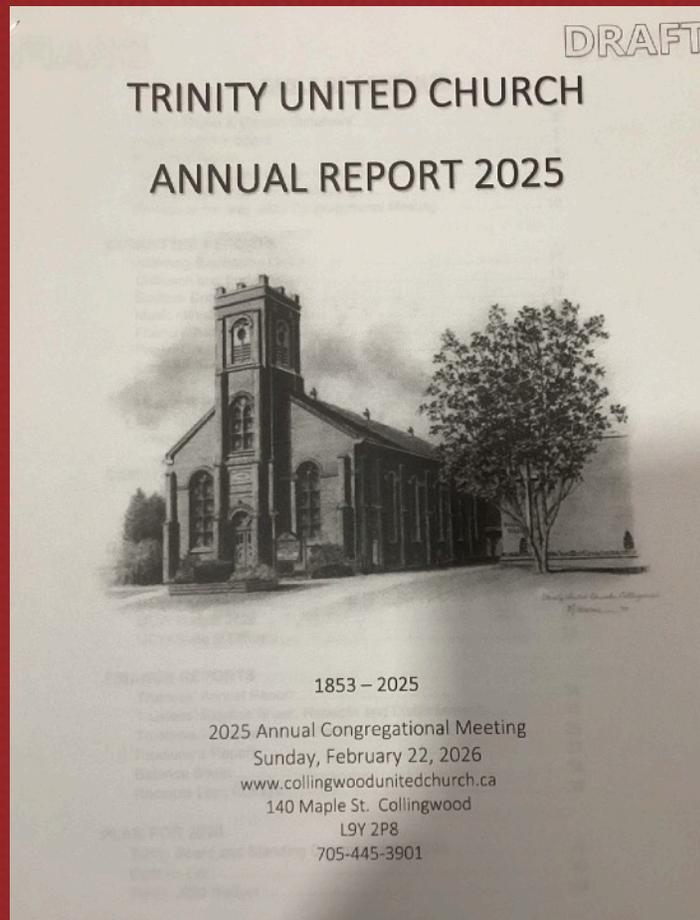


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705 445-3901

Annual General Meeting takes place this Sunday Feb. 22 following the service. Brown bag lunch is suggested. Coffee & Tea As Usual.

N.B. A significant possibility regarding music shall be discussed.



# Rev. Beth's Mardi Gras For Kids on Shrove Tuesday



## Coldest Night Of The Year - Saturday February 28

From Mary Ellen McNaught

Hi Everyone:

Since 2016, I have joined people across Canada to walk on “the Coldest Night” on February 28 to help those less fortunate in our communities.

Due to a debilitating ankle injury, I will be unable to walk this year but am still asking for your support for the Barbara Weider House in Collingwood.

This facility fills a big need in Collingwood and beyond. which houses and counsels youth, in our community and beyond. Here, the staff work tirelessly to help those youth, between 16 and 24. who are hungry, hurting and facing homelessness. The need continues to be great as we have 10 youth” in house” 12 on the Waiting List and 327 have being helped by our Outreach Program which links these youth to other services.

Any help would be greatly appreciated

To donate or join my team to walk, please “click” the link below

<https://secure.e2rm.com/registant/FundraisingPage.aspx?registrationID=5559427&langPref=en-CA>

Thanks very much!

Mary Ellen

Ralph Sneyd also has his “Optimist Striders” which has exceeded its goal of \$1500 having raised \$1645!

Mary Ellen’s Trinity Snow Strollers have raised \$3800 towards their goal of \$6000.

Sixty-six Collingwood teams have raised \$118,255 towards the Home Horizon goal of \$200,000.

Trinity is the starting point for the walkers for this event which generates the largest crowd we experience in any given year. For complete information go to:

[cony.org](http://cony.org)



## PIE, Pi ( $\pi$ ) and again! - on March 15

Once again Trinity joins many United Church ministries in marking PIE day, an annual celebration of Publicly, Intentionally and Explicitly welcoming 2SLGBTQIA+ people.

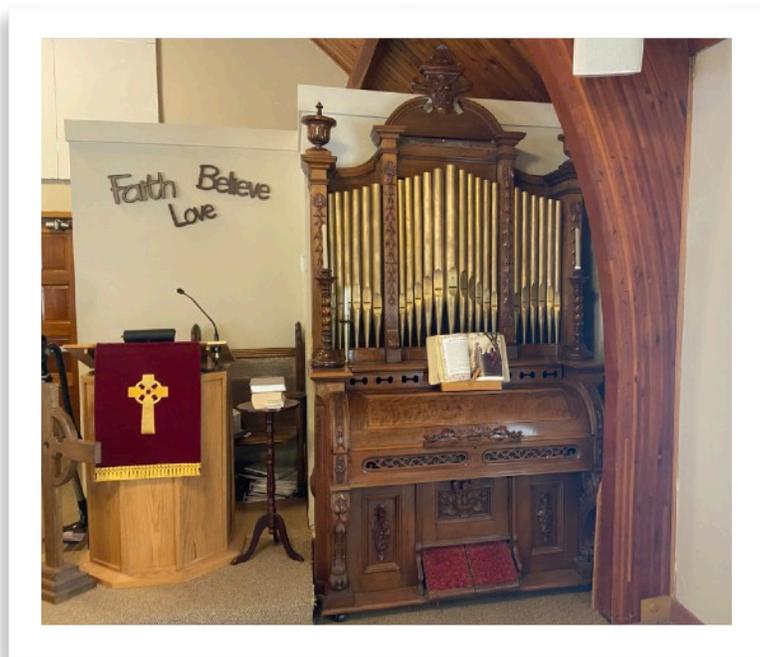
PIE day is celebrated on or close to March 14 to match with Pi Day, the celebration of the mathematical concept Pi, sometimes shown as the Greek symbol  $\pi$  (short form 3.14, and so March 14 in the usual US date notation).

Again this year we'll be serving pie for PIE day during our usual refreshments and fellowship in the Banquet Hall, on Sunday March 15.

Watch for an Affirming information area in the main hallway soon. Initially this will offer information on being 2SLGBTQIA+, and how the rest of us can be good allies. As we progress on our Affirming journey there will also be information on other topics suggested by people in the congregation, maybe anti-racism and neurodiversity materials. You'll be welcome to help yourself to information sheets and booklets; we hope to offer booklists and books to borrow. Suggestions will be welcome.

From Trinity's Affirming Group:

Joan Boughton, Sarah Bruer, Barbara Downie, Holli Kinnear, Marion Locke,  
Bev Mayberry, Dave Saunders, Beth Theis



As part of Black History Month I visited Heritage Community Church on Seventh Street to see their displays. I saw their organ which they said was donated to them by Trinity many years ago. Ralph Sneyd remembers it as fifty years ago.

The hand carved organ was played for many years by Joseph Thomas. His inspiring story is on the next page.

John



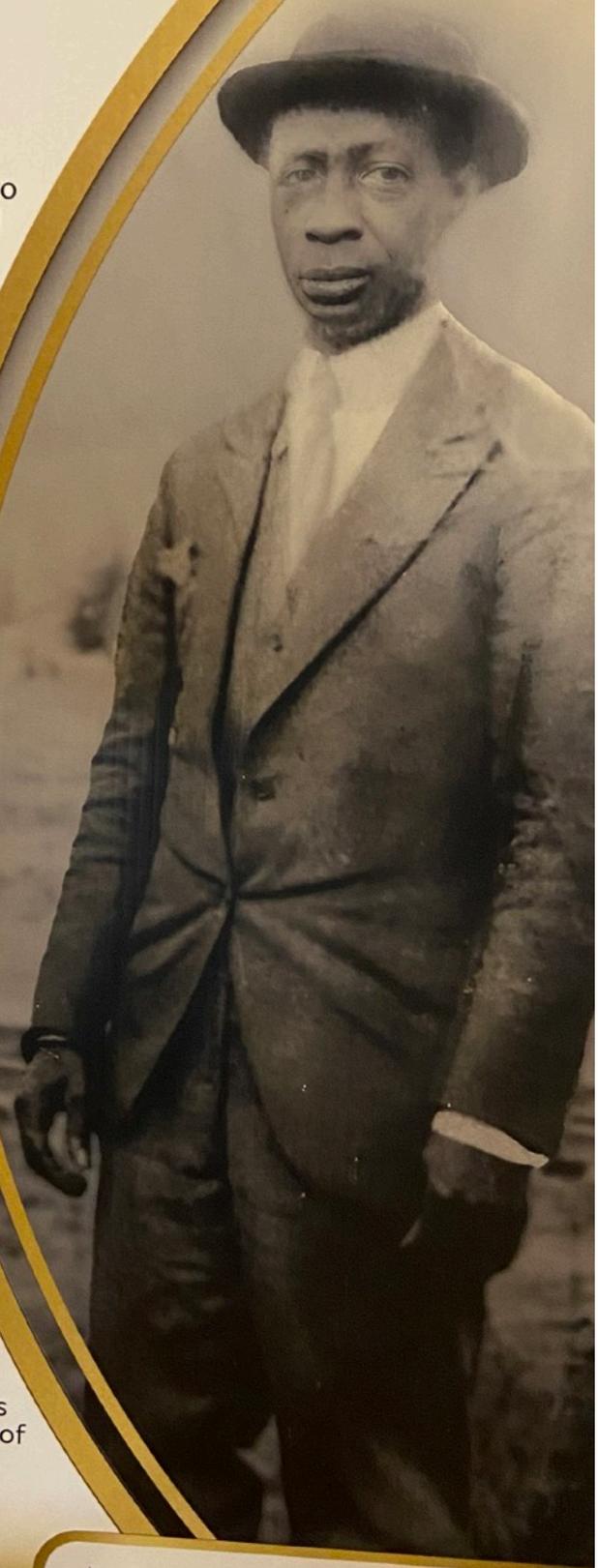
## Joseph Quinn Thomas Community Leader

Joseph Thomas was born in the Oro Settlement to parents, Charles Thomas and Jane Montgomery Bland. The Thomas family moved to Collingwood while Joe was still an infant. Their homestead was on the southwest side of the railroad tracks on Walnut Street in the vicinity of Eighth Street. When he was fourteen, Joe sought employment at the Collingwood Shipyards where he worked for some fifty years as a passer and later a heater.

The Thomas family attended and were members of the local British Methodist Episcopal (BME) Church in Collingwood, located on Seventh Street. Joe had a love for music and soon became the church organist and choir director. He was also involved in Sunday School programs and the Young People's Society activities at the Church. Serving many times as a BME Conference delegate, Joe Thomas made connections and friendships with other BME Churches and Black communities, resulting in his elected position as President of the Sunday School and Young Peoples' Convention of the BME Churches of Canada.

The original church organ is on display at Sheffield Park Black History and Cultural Museum. The hand-carved pump organ that Joseph Thomas masterfully played is still standing proudly in the Heritage Community Church on Seventh Street.

Joseph Thomas gave a voice to Black communities through his music and his service to others demonstrating his love of family, church, and friends near and far.



Joseph Quinn Thomas, courtesy of Sheffield Park Black History and Cultural Museum

# Observe Lent With Us

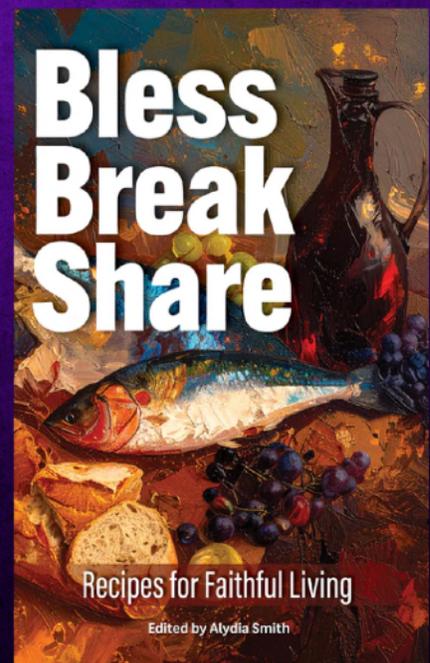
Daily Devotional - Order your copy of "Bless, Break, Share", the United Church's devotional for Lent through Mary Elizabeth Piercy by Sun. Feb 8. Cost for a group order is just \$15 per book. Also available as an ebook through [ucrd.ca](http://ucrd.ca) for \$9.

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.



World Day of Prayer Service

Friday, March 6, 2026

11 a.m. with lunch following

First Presbyterian Church

(200 Maple Street, Collingwood)



Theme: Rest for the Weary  
Prepared by the World Day of Prayer  
committee in Nigeria



# 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  
519-445-3901 or using the QR  
code. Please register by Mar. 22



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140 Maple St., Collingwood  
(parking off Beech St.)



Annie Malcolm

Congratulations to Annie who recently celebrated her 109th birthday at Bay Haven.

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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).



Plans for a winter holiday? Remember we can use your leftover currency from any country around the world to help benefit our Trinity Food Programs! Any donations to the collector on the hallway desk benefits only our programs. Thank You!

Betty Hancey

## New Member Sunday

Planning is in the works for those planning to join Trinity as new members or via transfer. If interested, call the office at 705 445-3901.

## Baptism - June 14

Those interested in baptism should call the office by the end of April in order to be included. 705 445-3901.



Each Sunday, a sign up is posted in the banquet hall. A big thanks to those who have volunteered. All you have to bring is a litre of milk.

Any questions contact Christine at [browncln@rogers.com](mailto:browncln@rogers.com)



## Community Dinner

Another successful community dinner on Wednesday for those who were able to make it in the storm. Deliveries had to be postponed until Thursday. Again, we thank the volunteers and Cobs who were generous with their contributions.



Thanks Dave!

## 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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