

Trinity News - February 2026

705 445-3901



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



Trinity United Church,
140 Maple St., Collingwood
(parking off Beech St.)



Palm Sunday
Sunday, March 29, 2026
10:30 a.m.
Interactive Family Service
Potluck Lunch Follows

Trinity United Church,
140 Maple Street, Collingwood
parking lot off Beech Street



GOOD FRIDAY
Service
Everyone Welcome!

Friday, April 3 - 10:30 am
Trinity United Church
140 Maple Street, Collingwood
(Parking Lot off Beech Street)



EVERYONE IS
welcome here

CELEBRATE EASTER WITH US

Sunday, April 5, 2026
6:45 a.m. Sunrise Service
Millennium Park (45 Heritage Drive)
10:30 a.m. Family Friendly
Communion Service
Trinity United Church (140 Maple Street,
Collingwood, parking off Beech Street)

A breakfast reservation has been made at the Georgian Bay Family Restaurant at 401 Hume to follow the 6:45 a.m. Sunrise Service which is usually about 30 minutes.

Affirming Information rack - help yourself!

We now have an information rack in the main hallway for printed material about aspects of being 2SLGBTQIA+, about becoming an Affirming Ministry, and some materials on various kinds of neurodiversity, including autism and ADHD. **Please help yourself** to anything you'd like to take away and read, or would like to give to someone else. The Affirming Group will be adding new materials and replenishing supplies.



We'll be thinking about a lending library for books; thanks, congregation members who've already suggested relevant novels and memoirs.

A sizeable crowd enjoyed small pies (aka tarts!) at refreshment time hosted by the Affirming Group Sunday, March 15 to mark **PIE day**, on which we note the importance of churches being Publicly, Intentionally and Explicitly affirming of 2SLGBTQIA+ people.



Grace United Church in Thornbury voted “Yes” to becoming an Affirming Ministry, at their annual general meeting on March 1. Their celebration service will be May 31.

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 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.



SIGN UP
TO HOST
COFFEE HOUR

Everything is provided except one litre of milk which you are asked to bring.
Questions: Christine Brown at 705 446-0767 or browncln@rogers.com

Prayer Shawl Ministry



Dates March - April - May - June

Join us the second and fourth Mondays of the month, 1:30 - 3:00 pm, in the Boardroom, for social knitting and crochet - or bring another craft and enjoy time working together. We have needles, patterns, yarn and advice for crocheting and knitting prayer shawls.

Mondays March 23, April 13 & 27, May 11 and 25, June 8 & 22.
We usually take a break during July and August.

From a recent shawl recipient:

"To Trinity Shawl Ministry, I want to express my appreciation for the beautiful shawl...It has given me much comfort over the past weeks and will always remind me of the work you do. Thank you so much."



Community Dinner

On Wednesday, it was another full house and some receiving home delivery of a delicious Irish stew with bread, coleslaw and a dessert of apple crumble. Those wanting a second bowl were quick to the mark. Our thanks to Charlene and Andy Cooper plus the many volunteers!

Coldest Night - Feb. 28



Coldest Night Of The Year is an amazing story that unites all of the Canada. Collingwood is one of the 222 locations that contributed to the fight against homelessness and Trinity is the centre of action. Mary Ellen McNaught's Trinity Snow Strollers raised \$7,095 and Ralph Sneyd's Optimist Striders \$3,285. Home Horizon receives those funds along with Collingwood's other 69 team contributions to total \$186,261. Canada's 6,513 teams combined to raise over \$15,000,000.

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

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

Then help boost our profile.

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

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

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

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

Rev. Beth Kerr (she/her)

Diaconal Minister

Trinity United Church

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

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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From Outreach

Repair Café

- Documents outlining the concept of Repair Cafés and a report compiled by Cec Mutton have been distributed. Discussion ensued. We will move forward with the planning in regard to Trinity hosting a Repair Café, likely on the third Saturday of each month. Hopefully this endeavour will be in place by September of 2026. (From Ruth's Board Minutes - March 19, '26)

Affordable Housing:

- The next Collingwood Talks Housing is on Wed March 25th at the library 6-8pm.

Out of the Cold Program:

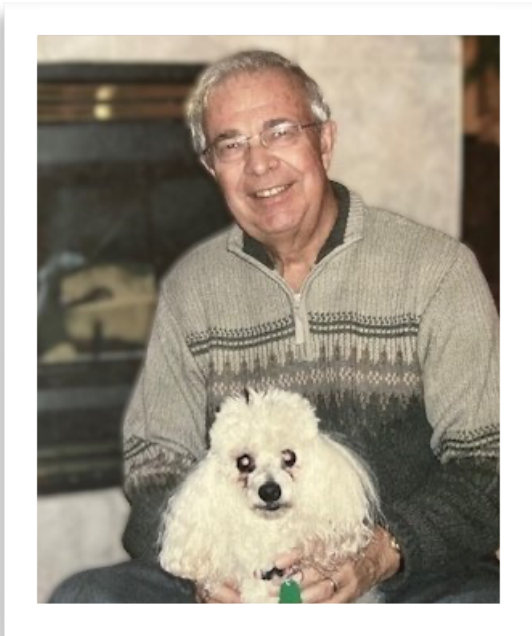
- Next delivery date is March 24th

Susan Wells Crockpot Program:

- March 11th was the last class and attended by 6 people from Tracks

Community Dinner Dates and Locations List:

- There is a list available in the office area with copies available for anyone asking where and when dinners, breakfasts etc are hosted by the various churches.



Celebration of Life For Rodger Cooper

Friday April 24

Visitation - noon

Service - 1 p.m. followed by reception.

All are welcome!

Pot Luck On Sunday March 29

Banquet Hall Set Up Party - **Sat. March 28 at 4 p.m.**
(takes five people about one hour)



_____, _____
_____, _____

Receive and set up food items on Sunday morning at 10 a.m.

_____, _____

Coffee & Tea (Kitchen)

_____, _____

Clean up crew - all help is most appreciated. (johnbrown5@rogers.com)

Directory

Minister - Rev. Beth Kerr 705 445-3901 Emergency # or Text 204 872-2370 (cell)

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Ministry of Music: Paul Sloan, 705 730-3121 (cell)

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OF NEARBY CEILING FANS
BEFORE GIVING A TODDLER A
RIDE ON YOUR SHOULDERS.**

**HOW I LEARNED THIS RULE IS
NOT IMPORTANT.**

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George