

Trinity News - May 2026 705 445-3901

Sunday May 31 at 3 p.m.

YOUTH IN CONCERT
Cadence Brassard
ORGAN RECITAL



And Special Guests
Sally Bruce Vocal
Libby Dutchession Flute
Kael Huibers Saxophone

WORKS BY J.S. BACH, FELIX MENDELSSOHN,
HANS ZIMMER, LEO DELIBES, ERNESTO KOHLER,
ZACHARIAS A. JOHNSON.....AND MORE

SUNDAY MAY 31, 3:00PM
TRINITY UNITED CHURCH
COLLINGWOOD

ADMISSION AT THE
DOOR CASH/CHEQUE
ADULTS: \$20
YOUTH 13-18: \$10
UNDER 13 FREE

IN SUPPORT OF HOME HORIZON AND TRINITY MUSIC PROGRAMS

Affirming Group Thanks To Trinity

A big thank-you from the Affirming Group for all who engaged with us on Affirming topics, all who expressed your opinions and took the time to think through what it could mean for Trinity to become Publicly, Intentionally and Explicitly an Affirming Ministry. This kind of careful thinking and discussing is the “Intentional” part of being PIE. Frank and respectful discussion, not expecting that we will always agree, is—we believe—an important part of being church together.

Work on implementing an Affirming Action Plan can now go forward, led by a new group who can feel reassured by the confidence of an overwhelmingly positive vote (92% of those voting) in favour of becoming an Affirming Ministry. We hope you will continue to raise your questions and make your requests for education and action toward becoming more broadly Affirming.

We have notified various people and groups who have responded with warm congratulations and best wishes: Affirming groups at Grace United (Thornbury), Centennial United (Stayner); the Rev Lesley Fox, who nudged Trinity onto our Affirming journey; the Rev Brian Goodings, an early Affirming Group member who gave us a good theological foundation for this work; John Egger and the Rev Thérèse Samuel, who support WOW Region congregations on the Affirming path; and Renate Naghavi, Alison Moonsie, and Elliott Csiszar, who came from Trinity United Church, Newmarket, to speak and spend time with us at a service in May 2025.

Please do help yourself to materials from the Affirming information rack in the main hallway, and check back occasionally—new materials on 2SLGBTQIA+ and on aspects of neurodiversity have just been added. Coming soon: books to borrow.



Thank you again, Trinity people. We look forward to celebrating our Affirming Ministry status at a service in the fall.

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



SUMMER CAMPS



Camp Bimini

Summer camp for ages 5-14. Near Stratford. <https://campbimini.ca>

Silver Lake Camp

Main site and wilderness camps for ages 6 to 18. Near Kincardine. <https://silverlakecamp.ca>



Camp Menesetung

Classic, out-trip and specialty (arts and crafts, adventure, 2SLGBTQIA+) programs. Near Goderich. Ages 6 to 18. <https://www.campmenesetung.ca>




Camp Simpresca

Camp Simpresca is closed for the season this year.



EXPERIENCE NATURE GROW SPIRITUALLY MAKE NEW FRIENDS

Trinity is able to offer financial support to local families sending their children to United Church Camps. Please contact us at 705-445-3901 or office@collingwoodunitedchurch.ca





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

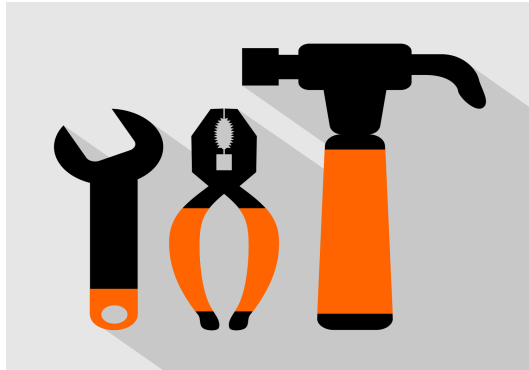
From a recent shawl recipient:

"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."



A service of remembrance for Linda Fletcher will be held on Friday, May 29th at 1:00 at Trinity with a reception to follow. In lieu of flowers, donations in Linda's memory may be made to the Canadian Cancer Society or a charity of choice.

Outreach and Social Action Committee News!



Coming in September to Trinity! Starting on Saturday September 19th between 9 am and noon, the **Collingwood Repair Cafe** is opening in our banquet hall! Come for coffee and cookies and get small repairs done!

More information is coming soon and we hope for a great pool of volunteers and “fixers” from the congregation to open the doors! Stay Tuned!

The Food Program is very grateful to Lesley Joosten and the Beaver Valley Concert Band for the fun evening of show tunes and trivia! We received an overflowing box of groceries which was used for the food tables at the May Community Dinner.

We wish to thank all who have been dropping off currency in the collector box on David’s desk in the hallway! This ongoing project is a steady source of funds to benefit all Trinity Food Programs. Recently a local event “Bubbles for Currency for Food” was held and we have now received \$1198.88. Additional funds will be coming as they collected 8 Kgs of coin to be sorted and distributed. Please keep this in mind when you hear of anyone looking for a way to get rid of old coins or currency of any denomination!

*Please consider helping at the summer Community dinners on June 17th, July 15th and August 19th! Many of our regular helpers will be taking holidays but our guests still need to be fed. We are really going to be appreciating the new air conditioning in the banquet hall! *



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
p.s. During July and August juice and cookies are on the menu - not coffee.

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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).

National Assessment

This year, our national assessment from the United Church of Canada is just over \$16,000 - please consider contributing toward that figure with a donation to "National Assessment" - thank you! (tax receiptable!)



Trinity Church Board is very appreciative of Barbara Downie's role as our Regional Representative for the past 30 some years! Thank you, Barbara for all your hard work and time spent on various sub-committees, first with 'Presbytery 'and culminating with Western Ontario Waterways Region. Barbara will retire from this role as of the May Regional Meeting. We have one representative currently, Ruth Crittenden. With the size of our congregation, we can have two. If anyone is interested in becoming a Regional Representative, please contact one of the Board Chairs or the office. As AI explains, "the role of a **Regional Representative** within the **Western Ontario Waterways (WOW) Regional Council** (a United Church of Canada entity) is to serve as a vital link between local **Communities of Faith** (congregations) and the broader Regional Council, facilitating communication, supporting shared ministry, participating in decision-making, and fostering connections within the Tri-Region (with Antler River Watershed and Horseshoe Falls)."



Our thanks to Lesley and the Beaver Valley Concert Band which entertained us with some memorable popular tunes from the movies on May 4. This free concert raised welcome donations for the food program.



Joan Rainbird has replaced with style the dilapidated plastic covers in the kitchen.



Sam and Dave at the free food table during Wednesday's Community Dinner when *Team Charlene* served and delivered over 100 dinners. Cobs Bakery made another significant contribution.



Tent and canoe from Ray set the stage for Camping Sunday. Service was followed by a hot dog barbecue cooked by Deb and Steve McKenzie. Pot Luck salads and desserts were delicious.



Nancy Czerny sends this sure sign of spring making a landing on the pond near Collins and Williams.



Banquet Hall Clock

Time is now right and the pendulum again swings thanks to Jim McClure.

p.s. No longer an antique since it now runs on a doubleA battery.

Directory

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