



Trinity Happenings

To be a compassionate, inclusive, and joyful faith community



Minister's Message

WE ARE THE CHURCH. Unintentionally, through our weekly blessing, these words have become a tag line of sorts for us at Trinity. I have been looking for alternative ideas for Sunday services in the summer and have decided to turn these words into a summer series. We say "WE ARE THE CHURCH" every week but what does it mean to be the church? Who are the "we"?

I see this series as an opportunity to celebrate who we are as a faith community. I will be focusing on our values, our gifts and talents, and recognizing history as the foundation of who Trinity is today. Please let me know through a quick email if you have any ideas on what you'd like to include. I'm always looking for new and innovative ideas. One of the wonderful things about worship at Trinity and the United Church is that there are opportunities for variety and diversity.

In June I'll post a summer schedule with the theme for each week. I hope to see you over the summer, and no matter where you might happen to find yourself, remember, together, WE ARE THE CHURCH.

Blessings,

Carol-Ann



The Life of Trinity

UPCOMING SUNDAY SERVICES

May 11	Mother's Day (Lay-led service)
May 18	Welcoming Differences
May 25	Clothed in Christ
June 1	Pentecost/Communion

Weekly Church Life

Prayer and Meditation: Mondays at 9:30 a.m. in the Chapel. **CANCELLED** on May 12 and May 19.

Study Group: Thursdays at 1:00 p.m. in the Fireside Room. Social Time at Sawdust 3 p.m.

Other Events this Month

Prayer Shawl Ministry: the first and third Wednesday of every month at 9:30 a.m. in the Fireside Room.

Worship Ministry Meeting: Wednesday, May 14 at 10 a.m. in the Fireside Room.

Potluck Supper: Thursday, May 15 at 6:00 p.m. in the Auditorium.

Annual Yard Sale: Saturday, June 28 at 8:00 a.m. Please start gathering items you wish to donate but hang onto them until the day of the sale.

Carol-Ann's Upcoming Schedule

Carol-Ann will be off from May 8 until May 12.

Please Note that Friday and Saturday are Carol-Ann's regular days off and she is available for urgent matters or scheduled events only.



Community Connections

Weekly What's Happening

G.A.P. Food Distribution: Tuesday and Thursday mornings.

Elderberries Choir: Tuesdays at 2:00 p.m. in the sanctuary.

G.A.P. Coffee Hour: Wednesdays from 12 p.m. til 2 p.m. Join the community for a cup of tea or coffee and a chance to meet some new people.

YWCA Circles South Muskoka: Wednesdays at 4 p.m. in the Auditorium.

Alcoholics Anonymous: Wednesdays at 8:00 p.m. and Fridays at 12:00 p.m.

Al Truistic's Beer Bread Bakery: Wednesday mornings (as needed to package their product)

Alzheimer's Society Drop-In: Fridays at 1:30 p.m. in the Fireside Room.

Special Upcoming Concerts:

Muskoka Rock Singers: Friday, May 23, 7:30 p.m. Legends of Canadian Music. Tickets are \$30 each.

Toronto Welsh Male Choir: Saturday, May 31, 4:00 p.m. A variety of music sung by a 40+ voice all-male choir. Tickets are \$30 each.

July Lunchtime Concerts: We have booked our July summer concert series, so please mark your calendars. All concerts are freewill offering, and they start at 12:00 p.m. in the sanctuary.

July 9: Kylan Haffie

July 16: Brent Mahew

July 23: Greg Ulrick

July 30: Abby Liang

Stewardship

Insight into Trinity Expenses

Some of our April Invoices:

Gas bill (heat): \$1,686.28

Garbage Removal: \$396.65

Snow Removal: \$2,683.19

Nobody loves paying the bills, but they are a necessary part of running a church.
Thank you for your ongoing support!

How to Support Trinity Financially

Regular donations are the best way for Trinity to meet its monthly financial commitments. Some of the ways you can do this are:

PAR: Pre-Authorized Remittance. Monthly contributions are withdrawn through automatic debit. Please contact the office to set this up.

E-Transfer: Please send all e-transfers to trinityunitedgravenhurst@gmail.com.

Canada Helps: Go on-line and make monthly donations using a credit card. (Can also be used for one-time donations) <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/119271245RR0001-trinity-united-church/>

Cheques: Consider post-dated cheques for the year, to ensure your regular donation.

Envelopes: Put donations in your weekly envelopes and drop them off when you come to church. Please contact the office to obtain specially numbered and labelled weekly envelopes for 2024. If you already have envelopes, the 2024 envelopes are available in the Narthex.

Thank you to everyone who has supported the church through their time and talent. We are grateful for all that you offer to the life of this community.



Who's Who at Trinity



We need you! Each month, we feature a member of the congregation as a way to get to know each other better. If you would be interested in sharing a part of your story, please reach out to Courtney at trinityunitedgravenhurst@gmail.com.

Prayer Requests



Each Monday to conclude our Prayer and Meditation, we lift up prayers for the community. If you have something you would like us to pray for, please send your prayer requests to Courtney at trinityunitedgravenhurst@gmail.com, or leave them in the collection plate.

A Place at the Table



In the May 4 sermon, we talked about the UCC endeavour called A Place at the Table. A group of UCC people attempted to create their own last supper image. This is the final image from that day. To learn more about the people in this image, or why and how this came about, please go to <https://united-church.ca/a-place-at-the-table> and take a look.

Achievements



Congratulations to Charlotte Adams for completing her BA with First Class Honours and being the recipient of the John and Mary Fraser Memorial Prize for Senior Religious Studies. Charlotte is the granddaughter of Diane and Keith Cross, and has sung and led music at Trinity.



Special thanks to Dave Munro of Al Truistic's Beer Bread Bakery who has created Trinity United Church's signature communion bread. Please check out his products now available in Sobey's Gravenhurst right in the cooler in the beer section. There are currently two varieties of bread kits available: Spicy Parmesan IPA bread and Chipotle Raspberry Beer Bread. Some of the proceeds from every sale go to help support families with children suffering from cancer.



United Church of Canada 100th Anniversary



This year marks the 100th Anniversary of the United Church of Canada. As such, we are planning to have some celebrations throughout the coming months to mark this special occasion. Please see the list of events below and plan to attend as many as possible!

Some of our Upcoming 100th Anniversary Events

100th UCC Anniversary Service: June 8th, 2025

10:15 to 10:30: Kate Ward on Organ

10:30 Service: Through the Years

Join us as we celebrate 100 years of the United Church of Canada and journey through milestones and music.

Coffee and Cake following the service

Upcoming activities to celebrate during the UCC Centennial year

- Muskoka Churches Video
- Muskoka Centennial Cruise (TBD)
- GAP Potluck/Recognition Sunday (Fall 2025)

100 Words of Hope

United Church people share their thoughts on what hope means and where they think the church is going in a new blog called 100 Words of Hope. You can read their submissions at:

<https://united-church.ca/blogs/round-table/100-words-hope>

Council Positions 2025

The following people were voted in as the Chairs of our various church Ministries at our Annual General Meeting on May 4. Please join us in congratulating and thanking them for being part of the board.

Chair: Autumn Smith

Vice-Chair: Dave Trethewey

Past Chair: Mike Church

Secretary of Council: **VACANT**

Treasurer/Finance: Sharon Kittson

Regional Rep: Rachel Clark

Technology: Rose Leblanc

Fellowship/Membership: Robert Anderson

Pastoral Care: Robbie Quinn

Social Justice & Affirm: Kylie Humphreys

- GAP Liaison: Linda Burton

Investment Fund: Keith Cross

Personnel Ministry: Ethel Todd

Worship Ministry: Ardyn Todd

- Music Rep: Linda Goard (Council Seat)

Christian Development: Eileen Trethewey

Sanctuary: Eileen Trethewey

Property Ministry: Dave Trethewey

Trustees: Brad Fletcher

PLEASE NOTE: The position of Secretary for the board is currently **VACANT**. Please see the description of duties below and if you are interested in the position, please speak to Sharon Kittson, Carol-Ann or Autumn Smith.

Responsibilities of the Secretary

- § To ensure that all business of the Council is duly recorded.
- § To receive and distribute correspondence to the Council.
- § To ensure that correspondence is duly executed.
- § To ensure timely notice of meetings and circulation of minutes.
- § To perform other duties as requested by the Council.
- § To ensure preparation of the Church's annual report.



**Trinity United Church Gravenhurst
Presents**





The Toronto Welsh Male Voice Choir

Join us for a fun late afternoon of song with these jovial, music loving entertainers who will have you longing for the mountains and valleys of Wales. Their eclectic repertoire also honours Canada's multiculturalism with a variety of music from folk to spirituals to Broadway and more.

Under the direction of William Woloschuk and accompanied by Matthew Coons on piano.



When: Saturday, May 31, 2025 at 4 pm

Where: Trinity United Church, 290 Muskoka Rd N Gravenhurst

Cost: \$30

or email Diane at dharrap@vianet.ca for more information

The Rock Singers of Muskoka
under the direction of Alana Nuedling,
present...

Legends of Canadian Music



Friday, May 23rd 7:30pm
Gravenhurst Trinity United Church
290 Muskoka Rd N, Gravenhurst, ON P1P 1T5

Tickets: \$30

Reserve your tickets by contacting:
TheRockSingersofMuskoka@gmail.com

Potluck

Supper

Bring what you can.
If for any reason you don't have something to bring, please don't let that stop you.
Bringing your own plates and cutlery is welcomed.
Donations are welcomed.

Our primary goal is to have a social time, and an opportunity to get to know one another better. We hope to see you there!



Thursday, May 15, 2025
6:00 p.m.




**Trinity United
Church Auditorium**

More Info: trinityunitedgravenhurst@gmail.com