



Trinity Happenings

To be a compassionate, inclusive, and joyful faith community



Minister's Message

Dear Friends,

The air is crisp these mornings, and as I take in the beautiful scenery around us, I am reminded of the deep beauty and sacredness of this land we call home. The fiery reds, golden yellows, and deep rusts of autumn remind us that change, though sometimes bittersweet, is also beautiful and necessary. Creation is doing what it knows best—letting go in order to rest and renew.

This month, as we celebrate Thanksgiving, I invite us all to pause and truly give thanks for the beauty that surrounds us. This season, may we renew our call to be stewards of the Earth, finding ways—large and small—to care for the land that sustains us.

October is also a time for truth and reconciliation. On September 28th, we observed the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation and were blessed to hear Lynda Partridge speak about her experience of the 60s Scoop, and how this impacted her as an Indigenous woman. We are reminded that truth and reconciliation is more than just one day. Our calling as followers of Christ is to walk humbly and courageously with Indigenous communities—listening, learning, and committing ourselves to justice and healing. In our prayers and in our actions, may we hold space for the stories that must be told, and the relationships that must be rebuilt.

Let us move into this season with grateful hearts, open hands, and a willingness to be changed by what we experience—just like the trees that surrender their leaves, trusting that spring will come again.

With Thanksgiving and hope,

Carol-Ann

The Life of Trinity

UPCOMING SUNDAY SERVICES

October 12	Thanksgiving: Listening to God (Music videos)
October 19	Answering God's Call and blessing of the Prayer Shawls
October 26	Lay Led Service
November 2	Hearing the Silence

Weekly Church Life

Prayer and Meditation: Mondays at 9:30 a.m. in the Chapel. **CANCELLED** for Monday, October 13 and 20.

Study Group: Thursdays at 1:00 p.m. in the Fireside Room. Social Time at Sawdust 3 p.m. New book is Sacred Fire: A Vision for a Deeper Human Understanding and Christian Maturity by Ronald Rolhaizer. Speak to Nancy Jamieson for more information.

Other Events this Month

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

Potluck Supper: Thursday, October 16 at 6:00 p.m. in the Auditorium.

Carol-Ann's Upcoming Schedule

Carol-Ann will be taking a Study Week from October 19-26.

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, light lunch, 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/Events:

Daniel Vnukowski in Concert: Join us on Sunday, November 2 at 3 p.m. as we welcome Polish-Canadian Pianist Daniel Vnukowski. Daniel has performed throughout Europe, North America, South America and Asia and, as a founder of the "Piano Six – New Generation" program, he offers many outreach recitals for youth in remote communities throughout Canada. Daniel is also the founder and Artistic Director of the "Collingwood Music Festival" and the host of the Classical Jukebox program on the New Classical FM radio.

Tickets are available from the church office at \$30 each. They can be purchased in person during office hours or via e-transfer.

Movie Night: A Screening of the Documentary 1946: the Mistranslation that Shifted Culture

- **Date:** Sunday November 9, 2025
- **Time:** 3:00pm–5:00pm

1946: The Mistranslation That Shifted Culture is a feature documentary that follows the story of tireless researchers who trace the origins of the anti-gay movement among Christians to a grave mistranslation of the Bible in 1946. Join Trinity's Affirm/Social Justice Ministry to view the film and join us for pizza and conversation afterwards. For more information contact Kylie Humphreys at

kyliejanehumphreys@gmail.com



Stewardship

Insight into Trinity Expenses

Some of our bills from September:

Phone Bill (service and new equipment)	\$1,462.16
United Church of Canada Dues (monthly)	\$670.09
Hydro Bill (monthly):	\$363.00

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.

\$100 for the 100th Long time member of Trinity, Irene Turney, would like to challenge all members to donate an extra \$100.00 in honour of the 100th Anniversary of the United Church of Canada. If you wish to make such a donation, please note on your donations, “100th Anniversary” so that we can keep track. Thank you for your support!

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



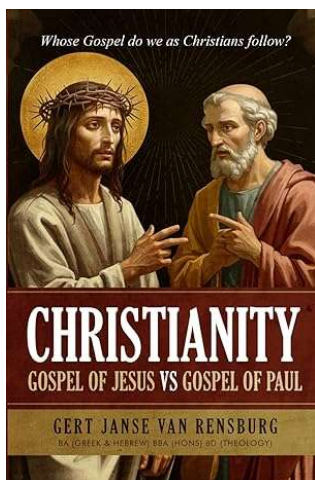
We need you! Each month, we feature a member of the congregation as a way to get to know each other better. If you would be interested in sharing a part of your story, please reach out to Courtney at trinityunitedgravenhurst@gmail.com.

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.

Study Group



**The study group will be starting new book next month called:
Christianity: The Gospel of Paul Versus the Gospel of Jesus by Rev.
Gert Janse Van Rensburg.**

About the book:

Van Rensburg unpacks the contrasting messages of Jesus and Paul, offering a historical and scriptural investigation. He challenges long-held assumptions, asking readers to reexamine not only the New Testament's authorship but also the institutional forces that shaped Christian doctrine over centuries.

For more information about the study group please contact Nancy Jamieson.

Recipe Corner

This month, we are starting a new feature in Trinity Happenings: Recipe Corner! This is a place to share your favorite recipes and inspire the cook and baker in each other. We hope you enjoy this section and if you have any recipes that you want to share, please send them to Courtney in the office.

Eileen Trethewey's Hawaiian Cake

2 cups flour	¼ tsp. salt
2 tsp. baking soda	2 eggs
1 tsp. white rum	1 can crushed pineapple with the juice
1 ½ cups white sugar	

Blend the above together with a spoon and pour into a 9 x 13 greased pan. Bake at 350°F for 40-50 minutes

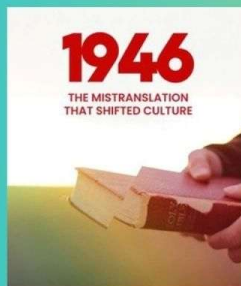
Hawaiian Cake Icing

½ cup butter
½ tsp rum or vanilla
¾ cup white sugar
1 small can of Eagle Brand milk
Bring to a boil, cook and thicken
Add ½ cup of coconut and ½ cup of chopped nuts
Ice cake while it's hot. Easy to make and it's delicious!



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**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER
9, 2025
AT 3:00 PM**

**Trinity United Church
290 Muskoka Rd. N.**

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,
October 16, 2025**   **Trinity United Church
Auditorium**
6:00 p.m.

More Info: trinityunitedgravenhurst@gmail.com

A Piano Concert with Daniel Vnukowski!



**TRINITY UNITED CHURCH
IN GRAVENHURST
NOVEMBER 2, 2025, 3 PM
TICKETS \$30**

Tickets can be purchased via etransfer
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