



# Trinity Happenings

To be a compassionate, inclusive, and joyful faith community



## Minister's Message

Lent is often described as a season of reflection—a time when Christians intentionally seek a deeper connection with God. During Lent 2026 our Sunday worship has focused on a simple but powerful theme: **Saying Yes! to God.**

Through this stewardship series we have been reminding ourselves that faith is not something we take off the shelf on Sunday morning and then set aside for the rest of the week. Faith is meant to weave its way through our daily lives—in our homes, in our conversations, in the choices we make, and in the ways we care for one another.

When our faith is active in our lives, certain things begin to flow naturally. We want to spend time with God in prayer, reflection, and gratitude. We want to be a blessing to others through kindness, compassion, and service. We begin to notice the goodness already present in our lives, and gratitude grows within us. And from gratitude often comes generosity.

Stewardship, at its heart, is simply about remembering that all the good we experience in life is a gift. When we recognize that everything we have—our time, our abilities, our resources—ultimately comes from God, then offering those gifts for the sake of God's **kin-dom** becomes less about obligation and more about joyful participation. We are simply sharing back some of what has already been entrusted to us.

Of course, the reality is that life can be busy. Our days fill quickly with responsibilities, worries, and routines. It becomes easy to lose sight of the deeper truth of who we are and whose we are. Yet Lent gently calls us back again and again to that remembering.

Each day offers another opportunity to say **Yes!**

Yes to gratitude.

Yes to generosity.

Yes to being part of the love and hope God is bringing into the world.

As the old saying reminds us, *“Don't put off until tomorrow what you can do today.”* The invitation to live faithfully is always present in the moment before us.

May this Lenten season continue to open our hearts—to God, to one another, and to the many ways we can say **Yes!**

Grace and peace,  
Carol-Ann

# The Life of Trinity

## UPCOMING SUNDAY SERVICES

March 22	What might seem impossible for us is possible for God
March 29	Palm Sunday
April 5	Easter Sunday (7:00 a.m. Sunrise service; 10:30 a.m. at the church)
April 12	Seeing Christ through a new lens

## Special Services This Month

**Sunday, March 29 – Palm Sunday**

**Friday, April 3 – Good Friday (10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary)**

**Sunday, April 5 – Easter Sunrise Service (7:00 a.m.; location TBD)**

**Sunday, April 5 – Easter Communion Service (10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary)**

## Weekly Church Life

Prayer and Meditation: Mondays at 9:30 a.m. in the Chapel.

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.

Council Meeting: Tuesday, March 24 at 7:00 p.m. in the Fireside Room. All Council members please attend.

Potluck Supper: Thursday, April 16 at 6:00 p.m. We will be having a pancake potluck supper. Please bring a dessert if you like. Donations are welcome but not required. All are welcome!

## Carol-Ann's Upcoming Schedule

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.

One Kid's Place: Thursday mornings in the Fireside Room and the Chapel

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

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



# Stewardship

## Month End February 2026

<b>Income as of February 28, 2026</b>	<b>\$47,292.91</b>
<b>Expenses as of February 28, 2026</b>	<b>\$45,746.13</b>
<b>Total Profit/Loss to date</b>	<b>\$1,546.78</b>

We are still in the black at this point, so good job everyone! Please continue to work hard to keep us in the black. Prayerfully consider our Stewardship cards from a couple of weeks ago and do what you can to help. We are the church!

## 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](mailto: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.



## New Electronic Sign

Trinity Council approved a motion to replace our old sign boards which are in need of expensive repairs with new Electronic sign boards. I went through the process with the help of Bob Weekes of getting Town Council to grant us an exemption from the town Sign By-law and this was granted.

***It is now up to us to make this happen!***

Donations are greatly appreciated and can be made to Courtney at the Trinity Office, on the church collection plate, by e-transfer to [trinityunitedgravenhurst@gmail.com](mailto:trinityunitedgravenhurst@gmail.com) or through Canada Helps. Be sure you indicate that it is for the sign fundraising.

We have been working to let the community know what is happening at Trinity with concerts and special events. For the Winter Carnival the church Sanctuary was used by the town as a Vendors Market and the church was open as a warming station with the washrooms open to everyone.

Sharon and her helpers served hot chocolate and goodies for a donation and raised \$350.00.

We need to let the Community and the members of Trinity United Church know what is happening at Trinity and we will do that with an electronic sign.

We will also be able to help GAP let people know when things are happening with their organization.

We need \$24,000.00 and have so far raised \$9,500.00.

Many people ask why we don't change the sign very often and especially in the winter with all the snow, it's a challenge.

The electronic sign can be changed from the office and set to repeat the messages every few minutes automatically.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

Dave Trethewey

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## Prayer Requests



Carol-Ann is updating her prayer list for 2026. If you would like someone to remain, be added, or be removed from this list, please send her a message via [carolantrinityuc@gmail.com](mailto:carolantrinityuc@gmail.com), or drop a note in the collection plate. Thanks.



**Spaghetti Lunch  
after service**

Come and join us for a delicious Spaghetti lunch after service!

Please sign up in the Narthex if you wish to attend

**when:** Sunday, March 15 after service

**where:** Trinity United Auditorium

**cost:** Pay what you can (\$10 suggested)

A graphic for a spaghetti lunch. It features a bowl of spaghetti with tomatoes and green onions on a wooden cutting board. The background is dark grey with yellow wavy lines and some decorative flourishes. The text is in yellow and white.

**PANCAKE  
POTLUCK**

We will provide the pancakes and sausage.  
Bring a dessert if you want. (not required)  
Donations are welcomed.

Our primary goal is to have a social time and get to know one another better.

Thursday, April 16, 2026  
6:00 p.m.  
Trinity United Auditorium

A graphic for a pancake potluck. It features a stack of pancakes on a white plate, topped with syrup, blueberries, and banana slices. The background is maroon with white circular accents. The text is in white and black.