



Trinity Happenings



To be a compassionate, inclusive, and joyful faith community



Minister's Message

There is something about this time of year that invites us to pay attention.

The snow has disappeared. The ground is soft again. Buds are beginning to appear on branches that, not long ago, seemed lifeless and still. Spring doesn't rush—it unfolds, quietly and steadily, reminding us that change is often happening long before we can fully see it.

We are also still in the season of Easter.

Easter is not just the one day, but a whole unfolding season that follows—a time when we are invited to notice resurrection not as a single moment, but as a way of life. New life emerging. Hope taking root. Possibility rising, sometimes in the most unexpected places.

It feels fitting, then, that we will gather this Sunday not only for worship, but also for our Annual General Meeting.

It would be easy to think of the meeting as simply a time for reports and decisions. And those things matter. They are part of how we care for this community we share.

But perhaps this year, we might approach it a little differently.

What if we see this gathering as part of our Easter journey?

A moment to reflect not only on what has been, but to gently wonder about what is still emerging among us. To notice where there has been life—quiet or vibrant—over the past year. To listen for what may be beginning to take shape for the future.

Like the early signs of spring, we may not have all the answers. We may not yet see the full picture. But that does not mean something meaningful is not already growing.

Resurrection rarely arrives fully formed. It begins in small ways—subtle shifts, new energy, a sense of invitation we can't quite name yet.

As we gather this Sunday, my hope is that we come with open hearts.

Ready to give thanks.

Ready to listen.

Ready to trust that God is still at work among us—within us—leading us forward.

I look forward to being with you in worship and in conversation.

Carol-Ann

The Life of Trinity

UPCOMING SUNDAY SERVICES

May 10	Gordon Flint
May 17	Gordon Flint
May 24	Communion
May 31	Lay-Led Service

Weekly Church Life

Prayer and Meditation: Mondays at 9:30 a.m. in the Chapel. **CANCELLED** for the month of May. We will return in June.

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.

Annual General Meeting: Sunday, May 3 following service. Please plan to attend and have your say in issues affecting the church.

Potluck Supper: Thursday, May 21 at 6:00 p.m. in the Auditorium. All are welcome. Please bring a food dish to share if you can, but you don't have to!

Carol-Ann's Upcoming Schedule

Carol-Ann will be on vacation from May 4-17. She will return on Tuesday, May 19. She will also be away on a study week from May 25-31.

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

Please be advised that Carol-Ann will also be on Sabbatical from July 1 - September 30.



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.

Upcoming Events

Rock Singers of Muskoka: Friday, May 22 at 7:30 p.m. They are going to play some great music from the 1940's, 1960's, 1980's, 2000's, and today! Tickets are \$30 available through TheRockSingersofMuskoka@gmail.com

Bi-Focals Concert Band: Sunday, May 31 at 2:300 p.m. in the sanctuary.



Stewardship

Some of our Bills in April

Snow Removal: \$1,376.34

Gas Bill (Heat): \$1,912.85

Phone & Internet: \$459.85

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.



Who's Who at Trinity

Greg Titus



I grew up in Toronto, in the west end of Toronto to be exact. I have had difficulty in school since I was little because of my learning disabilities. I was fortunate to be able to go to school in the US that specializes in kids that have difficulty in learning.

Since graduation from there I was determined to prove that I could do things or be someone. So, I went to college and studied cooking and after finding that it was not for me, I switched fields and went back to become a personal support worker.

Finding that this was my niche I went into this career for fourteen years.

After my mother was put into a retirement home in Gravenhurst and has since passed away. I decided to move up north.

I have lived in Bracebridge since 2007 and made it through some bad winters. I wish I had made the move sooner.

I have since retired and enjoy my life here in Muskoka.

After joining the Muskoka Pride Board I went to one of the Church services here in Gravenhurst.

Later in that year I came back to other services and have been coming ever since.

Prayer Requests



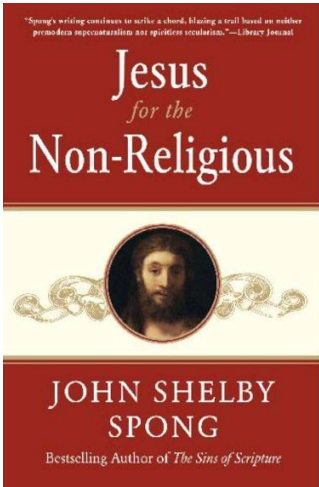
Carol-Ann is updating her prayer list for 2026. If you would like someone to remain, be added, or be removed from this list, please send her a message via carolantrinityuc@gmail.com, or drop a note in the collection plate. Thanks.



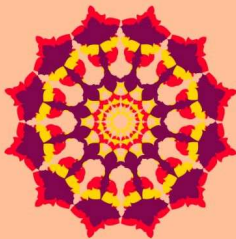
Study Group

New book starting April 9, 2026

Jesus for the Non-Religious by John Shelby Spong



Our Study Group is starting a new book on April 9, called Jesus for the Non-Religious by John Shelby Spong. This book expands on the 1945 writings of Religious Theologian Dietrich Boenhoeffer on what he called “religionless Christianity.” Spong took those writings and expanded on them, giving us a new look at Jesus of Nazareth. For more information, please speak to Nancy Jamieson.

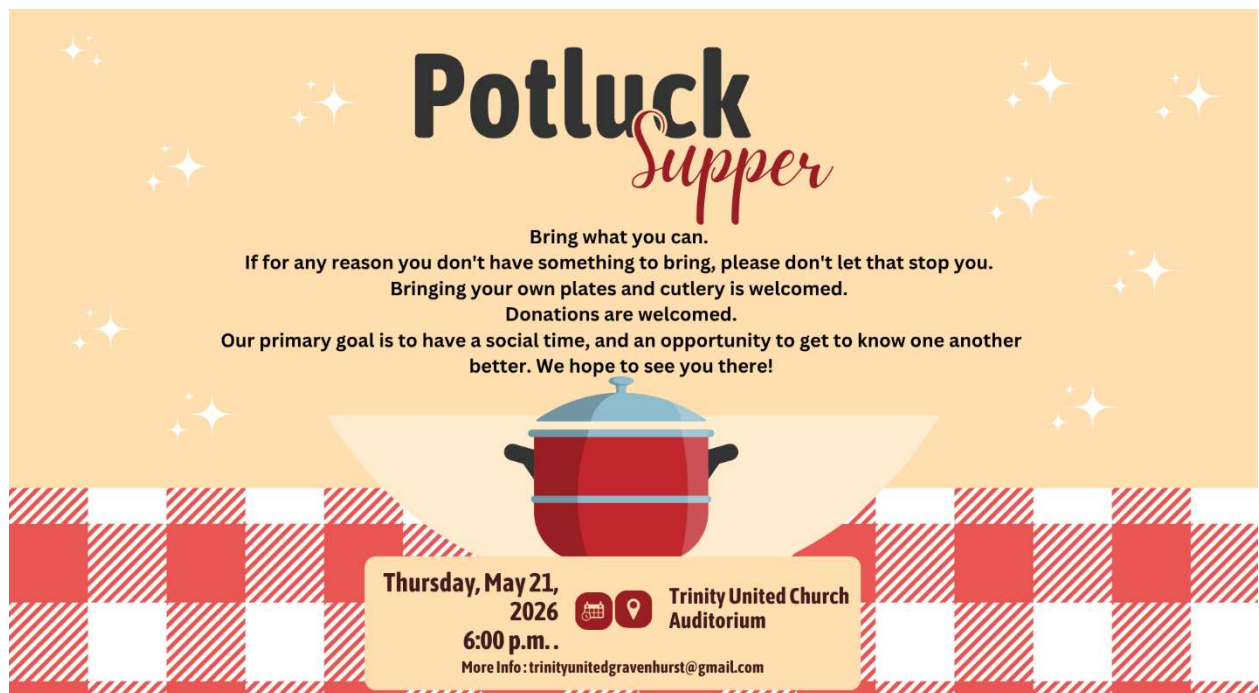


Presents

“A Musical Kaleidoscope”

Trinity United Church
290 Muskoka Road North, Gravenhurst
Sunday, May 31, 2026 - 2:00 p.m.
Suggested Donation \$20
Admission Payable at the Door (Cash only)

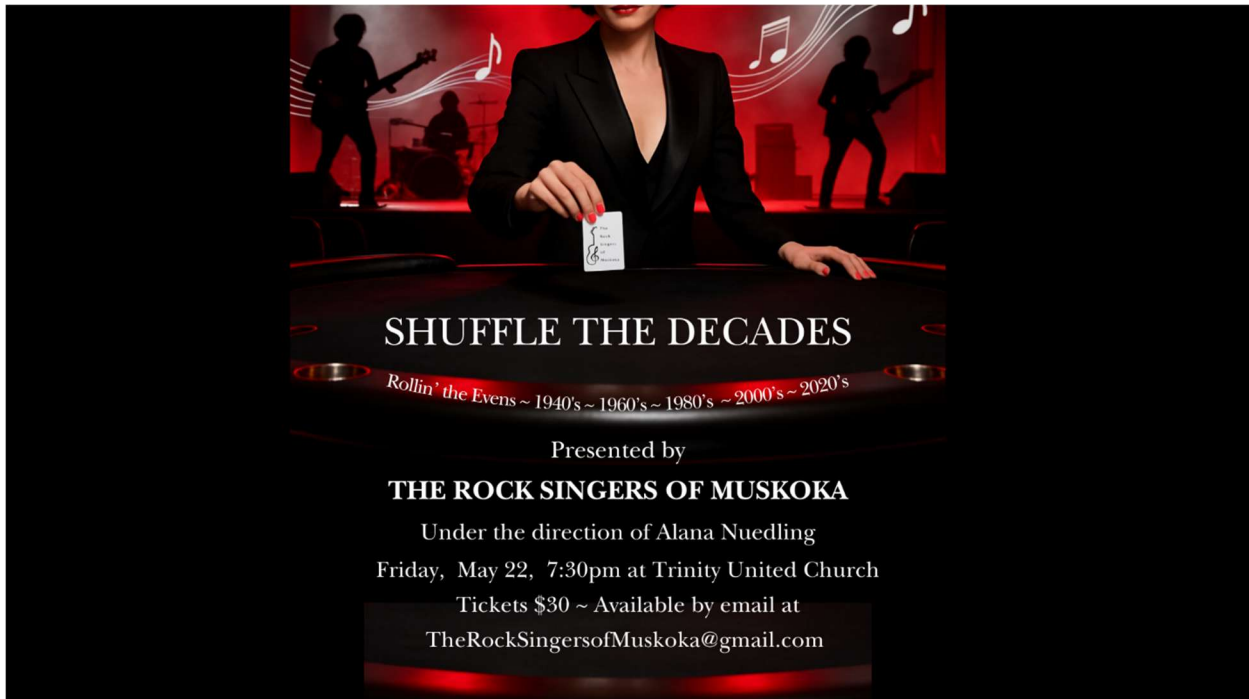




Potluck Supper

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 21, 2026 6:00 p.m.
Trinity United Church Auditorium
More Info: trinityunitedgravenhurst@gmail.com



SHUFFLE THE DECADES

Rollin' the Evens ~ 1940's ~ 1960's ~ 1980's ~ 2000's ~ 2020's

Presented by
THE ROCK SINGERS OF MUSKOKA
Under the direction of Alana Nuedling
Friday, May 22, 7:30pm at Trinity United Church
Tickets \$30 ~ Available by email at
TheRockSingersofMuskoka@gmail.com