



**TRINITY-ST. ANDREW'S UNITED CHURCH**



# *January 2026* *Newsletter*



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## *A note from Rev. Wanda*

It is always a privilege to be able to write this note as the minister here at Trinity-St. Andrew's United Church. This coming Sunday, February 1, will mark the seventh

anniversary of our ministry together! I don't want to look back, though. I want to keep looking forward and seeing what beautiful surprises God has in store for us as we discern, follow and serve in Christ's name.

I am writing to you on a snowy day, knowing that the deep freeze of winter is in full swing! But what an image... swinging back and forth, wind, snowflakes, and the Holy Spirit in there dancing and asking us to come and be part of Mother Nature's party.

OK I don't really see the Holy Spirit out my window! We have snowbanks taller than me, and in some places snow comes up to the top of Scotch's shoulders - and he is a BIG dog! Have you dug out from the snow storm yet?

It can feel like we are indeed in the middle of a deep freeze, but it doesn't mean we have to feel stuck. And I'm not just talking about our driveways here. For many peoples, winter is a time of rebirth. A time to rest, rethink, reflect on what has been and what is to come. Resting is not the same as being stuck! Take advantage of these days at home, and allow yourself to dream. It's a tough time out there, and we need to stay strong and resilient. In this newsletter are some spiritual practices that might just help you to mark the days of Lent, but also flex your prayer and faith muscles in a way that changes your whole outlook. So let yourself rest, let yourself dream, and let yourself be joyful. Christ calls us to be trusting, creative disciples.

This newsletter, as always, is full of activity, feasts, parties, and opportunities for deep

introspection as we travel the Lenten pathway. Let the Holy Spirit guide you through these articles, and marvel at the work being done in our little community! But also wonder about your next adventure here at Trinity-St. Andrew's. Winter isn't the only thing in full-swing around here!

With gratitude, joy and faith

Rev. Wanda Stride

## Upcoming

Thurs Jan 29	6pm, Puzzle Night
Fri Jan 30	9am, PA Activity Day
Sun Feb 1	10:30am, Worship
	12:00pm, Why Do I Come To Church
Mon Feb 2	2:30pm, After School Drop In
Tues Feb 3	1pm Coffee & a Book homeschool drop in
	2pm, Affirm & Equity mtg
	6:30, LGBT2Q+ Family Support
Wed Feb 4	10am, Bible Study
	11:30, New Members
	5pm, Supper's Ready
	5:30, Kids Crafts
Thurs Feb 5	10am, Choir
	4pm, Worship mtg
Sun Feb 8	10:30am Worship
	3pm, Saskia & Steáfán
Mon Feb 9	2:30pm, After School Drop In
Tues Feb 10	1pm Coffee & a Book homeschool drop in
Wed Feb 11	10am, Bible Study, Cancelled
	11:30, New Members, Cancelled
	2pm, Lectio Divinia
	5pm, Supper's Ready
	5:30, Kids Crafts
Thurs Feb 12	10am, Choir
	7pm, Council
Sun Feb 15	10:30am, Worship
Mon Feb 16	2:30pm, After School Drop In
Tues Feb 17	1pm Coffee & a Book homeschool drop in
Wed Feb 18	(Ash Wednesday)
	10am, Bible Study
	11:30, New Members
	5pm, Supper's Ready
	5:30, Kids Crafts
Thurs Feb 19	10am Choir
Fri Feb 20	12:00 Lenten Concert Series
Sun Feb 22	10:30am, Worship
	After church, Youth & Young Adult Discussion
Mon Feb 23	2:30pm, After School Drop In
Tues Feb 24	1pm Coffee & a Book homeschool drop in

Wed Feb 25	10am, Bible Study 11:30, New Members 3pm, Caregiver's Support Group 5pm, Supper's Ready 5:30, Kids Crafts
Thurs Feb 26	10 Choir
Fri Feb 27	12:00 Lenten Concert Series
Sat Feb 28	2pm Saturday With The Spirit
Sun Mar 1	10:30am Worship
Mon Mar 2	2:30pm, After School Drop In
Tues Mar 3	2pm Affirm & Equity Mtg 6:30pm LGBT2Q+ Family Support
Wed Mar 4	10am, Bible Study 11:30, New Members 5pm, Supper's Ready 5:30, Kids Crafts
Thurs Mar 5	10am, Choir 4pm, Worship mtg
Fri Mar 6	10am Communications Mtg 12:00, Lenten Concert Series 7pm World Day Of Prayer
Sun Mar 8	10:30am Worship After church, Youth & Young Adult Discussion
Mon Mar 9	2:30pm, After School Drop In
Tues Mar 10	1pm Coffee & a Book homeschool drop in
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Volunteers needed! **The TSA Clothing Depot** is looking for a volunteer or two, who could provide a couple of hours Monday mornings to move bins from the store to the storage shed which is located behind the building. The regular small group, of mostly women volunteers, would appreciate this as manually transporting these bins is beyond some of their capabilities. If interested, please contact Helen at 613 662-6484 or Sharon at 613 475-2928.

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## Pilgrimage to El Salvador postponed until 2027



It was not an easy decision to postpone this year's march break trip until next year, but with the political climate and cost of travel to Central America this year, we thought it prudent to hold off.

If you are interested in traveling with us in 2027 please reach out to the office or the planning team at [minister@trinitystandrews.ca](mailto:minister@trinitystandrews.ca).

More information to follow.

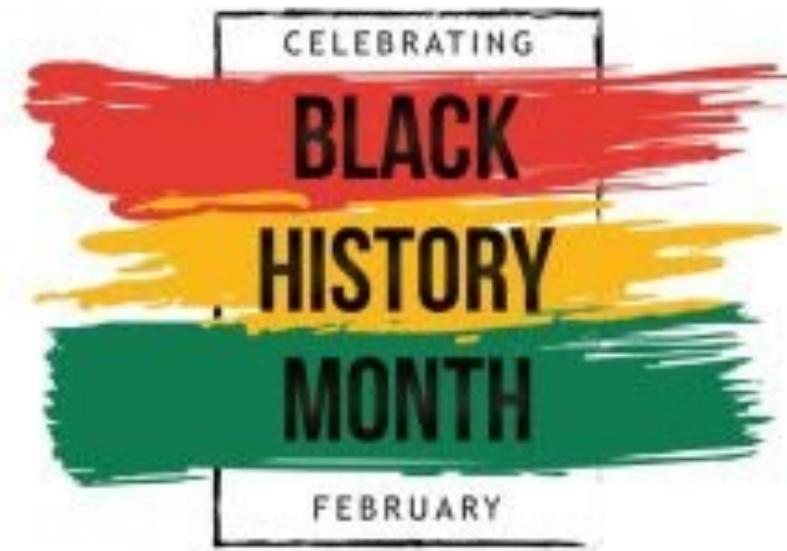
# Canada Unveils 2026 Black History Month Theme

By: Ebenezer Adu-Gyamfi / Emmanuel Ayiku for Ghanaianews Canada, 12 January 2026.

The Government of Canada has announced the official theme for Black History Month 2026. Each February, Canadians recognize and celebrate the history, achievements, and contributions of Black communities across the country.

For 2026, the theme is:

“30 Years of Black History Month: Honouring Black Brilliance Across Generations From Nation Builders to Tomorrow’s Visionaries.”



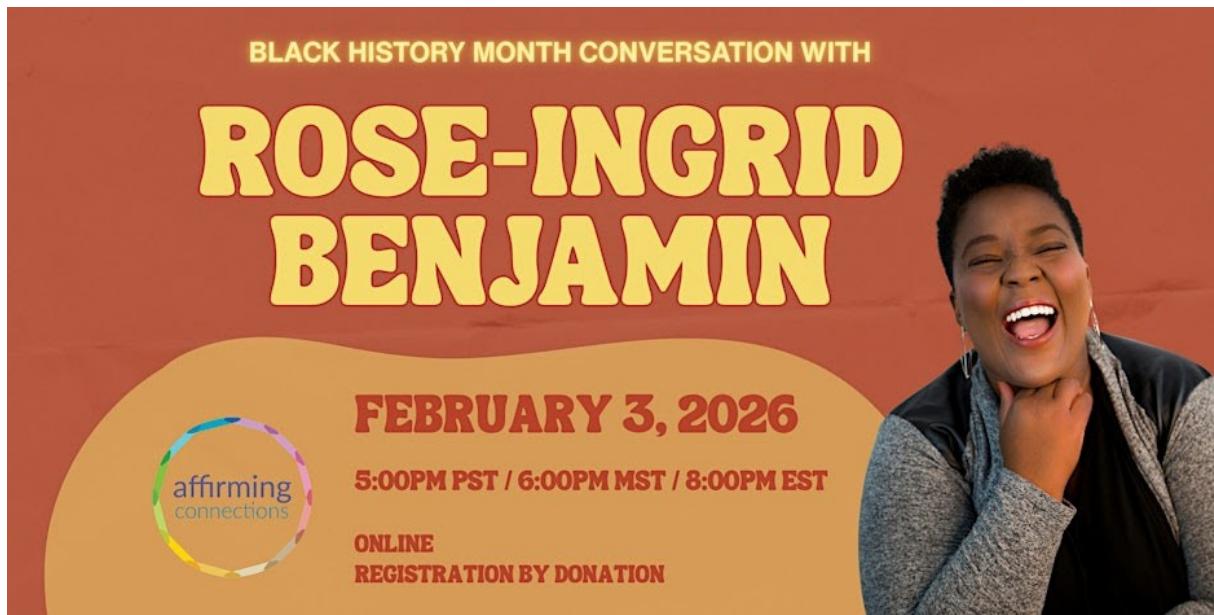
This year marks three decades since Black History Month was first observed in Canada. The theme highlights the lasting impact of Black Canadians from those who helped shape the nation's past to those leading and inspiring its future.

The theme was officially announced by the Honourable Marc Miller, Canada's Minister of Canadian Identity and Culture, at a ceremony held at the Black Cultural Centre for Nova Scotia a place dedicated to preserving and sharing the history and culture of African Nova Scotians.

In honour of Black History Month, the government also announced funding to support community projects that emphasize Black history and culture, especially in the Atlantic region.

Here at Trinity-St. Andrew's we will also honour the important contributions of the black community, notably **Sunday February 8** as we devote our service to learning, remembering, and giving thanks to God for the diversity in our country and culture that allows a fuller expression of Christ's love and call to each of us. Please mark your calendars and join the Outreach Committee on that Sunday!





Join us online for a conversation with artist and activist Rose-Ingrid Benjamin about her new show "White As Snow" and much more!

In conversation with Rose-Ingrid Benjamin

**Tuesday, February 3, 2026**

Online: @ 5pm PT/ 6pm MT / 8pm ET

To celebrate Black History Month, Affirming Connections will be joined by multidisciplinary artist, writer, and performer, Rose-Ingrid Benjamin.

Rose-Ingrid will talk with us about their work and their journey - including her new one-person show, "White As Snow": a Queer eldest immigrant daughter's journey through grief, loss, deconstruction and coming home to themselves.

To support our sustainability, attendees are encouraged to donate on a sliding scale of \$5-\$20. Finances should not be a barrier, so choose the amount that works best for your situation.

Grab your virtual seat for a not-to-be-missed conversation!

#### **About Rose-Ingrid**

Rose-Ingrid Benjamin (she/they) is a multidisciplinary artist, writer, and performer from Ottawa and a member of the Haitian diaspora in what is commonly known as Canada. Their work weaves together comedy, theatre, music, and storytelling to explore the intersections of faith, identity, and belonging, informed by their lived experience as a Black, queer, first-generation Canadian and a survivor of spiritual abuse. Their solo show, "White As Snow," a deeply personal exploration of faith deconstruction and resilience, premiered internationally in 2025 with performances in Edinburgh and Amsterdam, and is currently in development. Rose-Ingrid has also performed stand-up across Canada, the U.S., and Europe, including the Edinburgh Festival Fringe,

Ottawa Fringe, We're Funny That Way Comedy Festival, Laugh Riot Grrrl Fest (Los Angeles), Portland Maine Comedy Festival, and the Sweet & Salty Comedy Tour — Canada's first comedy tour comprised of women of colour.

Beyond the stage, Rose-Ingrid has served as Senior Engagement Strategist at the National Arts Centre, where they spearheaded Black Out Night programming and co-curated the inaugural NAC Hip Hop Theatre Festival (2024). Their practice is guided by decolonial, trauma-informed, and anti-oppressive values, and is committed to creating stories and spaces that centre equity-deserving communities.

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**“New members' classes”**, or “what exactly is it we believe?”

Every Wednesday at 11:30am a few of us are meeting in the Quiet room or minister's office to reflect on what we are reading in “Building God's Beloved Community”, a resource of essays and reflections by United Church ministers, moderators and scholars. Why don't you join us? the conversation is lively, respectful and open, and you are welcome here. A few participants plan to join the church on Easter morning, but you can also join us simply for the fun of it.

Please reach out to the office or Rev. Wanda if you are interested.

**(no meeting on Feb 11)**

**The Dove Presents**

# Steáfán & Saskia



**Sunday February 8<sup>th</sup> 3:00 pm**  
*an afternoon of lively Celtic music*

*Live at The Dove*

**Tickets \$25**

available at Lighthouse Books,  
Trinity-St. Andrew's or by scanning the QR code

**The Dove** at Trinity-St. Andrew's United Church  
56 Prince Edward St, Brighton, Ontario  
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## Lent

On February 18 we will officially begin Lent. Sometimes people give something up as a way of marking Lent. Do you think you can give up chocolate this year? The important thing is to mark this season in a meaningful way. I'm not sure I could give up chocolate, but I know I can give some time to new activities. Will you join me? Have a look at what's going on, and let us know what is calling you!

### Lenten Book Study

The United Church of Canada has published a new book called *Bless, Break, Share: recipes for faithful living*.

We plan to engage this food and hospitality inspired resource during Bible Study, Wednesday mornings at 10:00. You are welcome to join us! Books are available in the office for \$15 or you can order an e-book [here](#).

The National Church is also holding an online study based on this resource, and if Tuesday afternoons work better for you, you can sign up [here](#).

You can also read the daily devotional on your own if none of these times works for you.

### Times apart for reflection

**Sunday February 15** Pancake brunch right after church, any donations go toward youth programming in our church.

**Saturday with the Spirit: February 28** from 2:00 - 4:00 join us as we explore various spiritual practices that you could take home and incorporate into your life throughout Lent, or maybe even beyond!

RSVP at the office by replying to this email.

**Sunday March 15** we will have simnel cake to mark the middle of Lent. In the UK, traditionally, the middle Sunday of Lent gave a respite from the austere Lenten fasting. Working women would return home to their families (hence the name, Mothering Sunday), and bring this delicious fruit cake topped with 11 marzipan balls, representing the 11 faithful disciples.

**Sunday March 22** join us for Star Words and Shepherd's Pie. OK those two don't normally go together! But early January you might have picked up a yellow star that had a word on it. There were ten words handed out, so others got the same word as you! Join us on the 22 to hear how your word has been helping, challenging or comforting your fellow members of TSAUC! Share your own experiences. And through our one hour gathering, the youth will have shepherd's pie prepared for a donation, as part of the three Sundays of PIE with the Affirm and Equity Committee. Please RSVP to the office so we know how many to prepare for.

### **Suggested Spiritual Practice for Lent (or forever!)**

#### **The Daily Examen**

This practice of reflection and prayer was created about 500 years ago, and it holds up! Ignatius of Loyola encouraged the members of his order to see God at work in every aspect of their lives. They lived their ministry in the world, serving the poor and those in need, healing, teaching, following Christ in every way. They did not tire, because they knew they did not work alone.

Can you imagine being that sure that you didn't bear full responsibility for the things unfolding around you? Being confident that if you only stepped up, did what you could, that God would use all your loving work to change the world forever?

The daily Examen is a beginning. Set aside time each evening, even if it's only a few minutes! Reflect back on your day to notice the times God was at work helping you. Notice the times you felt you were on your own. Notice how you felt. That's all it is!

You can use the daily Examen to help in your work becoming a better steward of God's good creation.

Here is an example of the prayer used in ecospirituality.

You can use the daily Examen instead of playing games on your phone! Here is an app that was created by Jesuit brother Mark Thibodeaux.

You can use the daily Examen if you are trying to discern a path or make a decision. Have a look at this video!

If you want to do it the old fashioned way, here is one framework for the Daily Examen.

First, is there a place in your home that feels special, that could become your prayer place? It's good to have a routine as you mark the beginning of your prayer time. Establish a regular place, and maybe bring a candle or some other way to mark that you have begun your prayer time.

1. Ask God for the grace to see the light in our lives. A simple prayer will work as you rest in silence and trust that God is with you.
2. Gratitude. Give thanks for all the gifts you have, and if it helps, make a list of a few that you need to remember.
3. Review your day. This can be as thorough or surface as you can manage. Look at the events of morning, afternoon and evening. You are looking for the light, or absence of it. What stands out? Why do those things stand out? How do they make you feel? How does it feel right now, to remember those things? If it helps, you can Write your reflections in a journal.
4. A) Are there things you wish you had done differently or not at all? Trust that God is watching these events with you, loving you despite anything you have done. Do you need to say anything to God? B) Are there things that went well? Give thanks to God for the blessing of clarity and love in your life. Whether regrets or joys, hold all the events of your day honestly, trusting that in looking openly at your own shortcomings or blessings, you are in the presence of God.
5. Look forward to the day to come. Give thanks to God for life.

## **Lenten Concert Series returns**

Join us Fridays at noon for to hear local musicians reflect on the themes of Lent. We have a diverse group of incredibly talented people volunteering their time this year!

Admission to the half hour concerts is free, but we will accept donations to help replenish our benevolent fund.

Bring a bagged lunch, and we will provide drinks, dessert and fellowship!

Friday February 20 Dan Clost

Friday February 27 Treble Threat (Ken McClintock and friends)

Friday March 6 Scott Pennington

Friday March 13 Dan Koets and Marie Lachner

Friday March 20 Ray Herbert

Friday March 27 Frank Blanchet



# Noon-Hour Lent Concert Series

## Trinity-St. Andrew's United Church

12 noon to 12:30 pm

12:30 - 1:00 bring a bagged lunch  
(we provide drinks and dessert)

*Fridays during Lent reflect with local musicians*

February 20 Dan Clost

February 27 Treble Threat

March 6 Scott Pennington

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**Admission Free**



donations gladly accepted at the door  
for our benevolent fund

Call or email Trinity-St. Andrew's office

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# ECORC Women's Retreat

*Radical  
Flourishing!  
Radical Joy!*

With Keynote Speaker  
The Very Rev. Carmen Lansdowne

WOMEN'S RETREAT

October 27-29, 2026

\$100 deposit due March 15, 2026

Elmhirst's Resort  
1045 Settlers Line  
Keene, Ontario

Fees – Cost is \$500 per person and a \$100 deposit is required on or before March 15th, 2026 to reserve your spot with final payment due on June 30th, 2026.

Please send funds by e-transfer to [kwhyte53@gmail.com](mailto:kwhyte53@gmail.com) – please include “Women’s Retreat” in the notes of your e-transfer. If you are unable to make it, refunds will be issued only if someone fills your spot.

Goal Setting post retreat: You will be asked to take back what you learned and share it with both your Community of Faith and community at large.

Please contact Kathleen Whyte for questions or help 705-768-3555 or by email [kwhyte53@gmail.com](mailto:kwhyte53@gmail.com)

Elmhirst’s Resort, located at 1045 Settlers Line, Keene, Ontario, is a family-owned lakeside retreat, where authentic Canadian hospitality meets nature and adventure in the heart of the Kawarthas. Rooted in Family, Inspired by Nature. For generations, the Elmhirst family has welcomed guests to our lakeside retreat, sharing the beauty of Rice Lake and the spirit of true Canadian hospitality.

Registration is now open on our website at [Radical Flourishing! Radical Joy! Women's Retreat - East Central Ontario Regional Council of the United Church of Canada](#)



**Help needed sharing posters for TSAUC events.**

Do you like wandering around town, visiting stores and chatting? Then please consider distributing posters for us at TSAUC! We have many events that people need to know about... concerts, special events, fund raisers etc. etc. if you can even help out once in a while, we would really appreciate it! Please speak with Rev. Wanda or reply to this email.

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Our **Purdy's Fundraiser** begins....NOW! Go get your Easter treats:

<https://fundraising.purdys.com/campaign/000022934>

Stock up on beautiful Easter gift boxes, fun chocolate bunnies, Sweet Georgia Browns and more. The deadline to order is March 5.

Once orders close, Sandee will bring all the treats to TSA ASAP for pickup! Thank you!

# LYNN MILES

at The Dove

Trinity-St. Andrew's United Church, Brighton

Sunday March 29 3:00

Tickets \$30

Lighthouse Books

Trinity-St. Andrew's office

or email [tickets@events-brighton.ca](mailto:tickets@events-brighton.ca)



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## Community Care is Self-Care

by Chris Davies | published on Jan 21, 2026

*And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching. – Hebrews 10:24-25 (NRSV)*

The other week, I hit my limit. With my personal life spinning, my political engagement overwhelming, and my workload increasing, I started spiraling. I reached out to another queer doing work of anti-racism and community engagement saying that I didn't know what to do, and I was stuck.

“Have you tried coloring?” they asked. “Write out all your stuff!”

So I did. I drew a tiny figure of myself and a big cloud full of all the negative self-talk and overwhelming trauma that surrounds what it means to be attentive to the state of the world today.

In the middle of coloring, I got a text from another queer in the movement, who is advocating for the transgender community and their right to exist in public spaces, asking for prayers because she was overwhelmed.

I stopped what I was doing and wrote out a prayer for her.

My art then shifted into a testimony of survival and the care of my community. I remembered that we can't do this alone and we must ask for help. That care for our communities *is*

self-care. We're intimately connected, one to the other, and God is the energetic thread of love that binds us together. We meet each other where we are and love each other into

remembering who we are and Whose we are.

Someone was there when I needed help and love and prayers, and I can be there when someone else needs help and love and prayers ... and we are able to roll up our sleeves and get back to work, for the sake of the world we vision with God.

### Prayer

God of our ancestors, give us the words to ask for help when we need it. Give us the strength to hold each other in the work. And infuse our relationships with your love that surpasses all things, so that we may together build the world that you imagine for us. In your name, Amen.

# SUZIE VINNICK



**Friday May 29 7:00 pm  
at The Dove**

Trinity-St. Andrew's United Church, Brighton



**Tickets \$30**

Lighthouse Books

Trinity-St. Andrew's office

email [tickets@events-brighton.ca](mailto:tickets@events-brighton.ca)



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# Affirm & Equity



## Take Action to Support Gender-Diverse Youth

The governments of Alberta and Saskatchewan have recently enacted legislation that disproportionately targets gender-diverse youth, and have invoked the notwithstanding clause to override Canada's Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

Petition e-7027 calls upon the Government of Canada to annul or repeal provincial legislation that restricts the rights of trans and gender-diverse people in Alberta and Saskatchewan.

Use this link to find the petition: [https://www.ourcommons.ca/petitions/en/Petition/Details? Petition=e-7027](https://www.ourcommons.ca/petitions/en/Petition/Details?Petition=e-7027) (or you can do a Google search for Petition e-7027). Make sure to verify the email they send after you sign the petition and follow the instructions so that your vote counts!

Sign the petition by Feb 16 - and please share!

## LGBTQ+ Lending Library

Dr. Andrea Wernham, owner of Presqu'ile Animal Hospital, donated funds that have been used to purchase books for a small lending library on topics related to trans, non-binary, gender diversity and other LGBTQ+ topics. The books were mainly purchased from **Lighthouse Books** where owner Kathryn Corbett kindly offered us a 10% discount.



Available titles include "Raising Trans Kids", "Thriving Through Transition", "The Book of Non-Binary Joy" and "The Trans Self-Care Workbook" (a workbook for youth), among several others.

If you would like to borrow any of these books don't be shy, just speak with Jeanette to take a look at all the titles that we have on available!

# 'PIE' DAY EVENT

Celebrating LGBTQ+ people **P**ublicly, **I**ntentionally and **E**xplicitly!

**Sat. March 28, 2026**  
**2:00 – 4:00 PM**

**Brighton Public Library**  
35 Alice Street, Brighton

**Free Event**

**Trinity-St. Andrew's United Church  
and the Brighton Public Library**

present a celebration of LGBTQ+ youth and adults. Join us for speakers, music, button-making and craft-making tables. Free door prize draw and home-crafted items for sale with proceeds to the Rainbow Youth Centre!

**Complimentary pie and  
refreshments will be served**



**Brighton**  
PUBLIC LIBRARY



Presquile  
Animal Hospital

## **National Affirming/PIE Day 2026**

National Affirming Day, also known as PIE Day, is celebrated annually by Affirm United, on March 14th (or close to it). PIE Day provides an opportunity for all of us to Publicly, Intentionally and Explicitly celebrate LGBTQ+ people in our community.

This year, the Affirm and Equity Committee is hosting two different PIE Day celebrations!

On **Sunday, March 15th**, the service will have a PIE Day theme.

On **Sunday March 22nd**, The Youth Group will make and serve shepherd's pie for lunch following the service, as part of the Star Words reflection group. A free-will offering will be received with donations going to the Home Rainbow Youth Centre in support of LGBTQ+ youth in Brighton.

On **Saturday, March 28th**, the Affirm & Equity Committee is partnering with the Brighton Public Library to create a fun and informative community event at the library from 2:00 to 4:00PM.

As this year's PIE Day theme is "Crafting Community", we will have a variety of crafts and crafting opportunities for youth and kids. We plan to have a few speakers such as Meg Fox speaking about the intersectionality of being queer and neurodivergent and others.

There will be a fundraising table with locally crafted items (paintings by LGBTQ+ youth, bookmarks, homemade pies, etc.) with all proceeds being donated to the Home Rainbow Youth Centre.

We are also pleased to announce that the staff at the Presqu'ile Animal Hospital will be running a bracelet-making table at the event and Will Clark will have a button-making table. There will be door prizes, music, refreshments and, of course, slices of pie for everyone!

We would welcome donations towards this event, such as home-baked pies (to serve attendees) or hand-crafted items for the fundraising table. If you can assist, please speak with Jeanette or email her at [jeanettecournoyer@gmail.com](mailto:jeanettecournoyer@gmail.com). Thank you!

is someone you love

# LGBTQ+?

us too!

This group is for **parents, grandparents, and loved ones** of LGBTQ+ people who would like to share their experiences and learn how to **support their loved ones**.



Meet in the Dove

at TRINITY-ST. ANDREWS  
UNITED CHURCH

56 PRINCE EDWARD ST.  
BRIGHTON

6:30-  
8:00  
p.m.

LGBTQ+ FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP  
FIRST TUESDAY OF EVERY MONTH

e-mail:

[brightonlgbtqgroup@gmail.com](mailto:brightonlgbtqgroup@gmail.com)



Presquile  
Animal Hospital

## **LGBTQ+ Family Support Group**

Our goal is to provide a safe, open and non-judgmental space for parents, grandparents and loved ones of LGBTQ+ family members to share experiences and support each other. This is the only in-person support group of its kind in Northumberland County and attendance has continued to grow over the past year.

We welcome members from anywhere in Northumberland County and beyond who would like to share experiences and learn how to support their LGBTQ+ loved ones. If you know someone who could use this kind of support, please share this information with them. It could change their lives for the better!

The group meets the first Tuesday of each month from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. in the Quiet Room at Trinity-St. Andrew's United Church. The next meetings are Tuesday, February 3 and March 3, 2026. For more information, please contact [brightonlgbtqgroup@gmail.com](mailto:brightonlgbtqgroup@gmail.com).

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### **Finance Report**

We have been very challenged with finances this year. Our congregation has been very generous with their financial gifts and their gifts of time. On one hand we have a significant deficit in our budget as shown above on the other hand we have been given a number of generous special financial gifts. One of our families paid for the sign completely, another member has gave us \$20000 for our contingency fund that we can use as it is required, two very generous directed donations were given also, one to pay a significant portion of the congregations expenses for the ramp and another to assist with the outside repairs to the church.

Please join us at the congregational meeting for further discussions.

YTD Dec 2025	YTD Dec 24	
Total income	\$228,123	\$262,514
Total Expenses	\$266,566	\$261,665
Variance	-\$38,443.00	\$849
General Fund Balance		\$18,464
Contingency Fund Balance		\$56,314



# World Day of Prayer 2026

## Journée mondiale de la prière 2026

**"I Will Give You  
Rest: Come"**

Matthew 11:28-30

Title: Rest for the Weary

Artist: Gift Amarachi Ottah



**« Je vous procurerai le  
repos. Venez »**

Mattieu 11, 28-30

Titre : Le repos pour vous qui peinez  
sous le poids du fardeau

Artiste: Gift Amarachi Ottah

### **Ecumenical Worship Service Information/ Renseignements sur la célébration œcuménique**

#### **Day, Time/la date, l'heure**

Friday March 6th,  
7pm

#### **Location/l'endroit**

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#### **Additional Information/informations supplémentaires**

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Bright ON Stage.  
PRODUCTIONS



# SHREK The MUSICAL

Based on the Dreamworks Animation Motion Picture and the Book by William Steig

Book & Lyrics by  
David Lindsay-Abaire

Music by  
Jeanine Tesori

Originally produced on Broadway by DreamWorks Theatricals and Neal Street Productions  
Original Production Directed by Jason Moore and Rob Ashford

APRIL 16, 17 & 18 - 7:00pm

Trinity-St. Andrew's United Church  
56 Prince Edward St, Brighton

\$30 Adults / \$15 Children

Tickets: [www.brightonstageproductions.ca](http://www.brightonstageproductions.ca)

Directed by  
Christine Stone

Musical Director  
Bruce Tonkin

Vocal Director  
Lynda Tonkin

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