



## Upcoming Dates:

### February 2026

**February 1:** Engaging at TSP / Volunteer Fair  
**February 8:** Book Talk - *"On Dismantling Settler Colonialism"* (after service)  
**February 10:** Board Meeting  
**February 15:** TSP Treasures and Treats Winter Fundraiser (11:45-2pm)  
**February 18:** Ash Wednesday (7pm)

### March 2026

**March 8:** New Members' Session (Follow Up)  
**March 22:** Annual General Meeting

### Further Ahead (please save the date - more details to follow):

April 24-26: Climate Justice Weekend Event  
 June 12-13th: Artists Wage Peace Weekend Event

## Connecting with Hewitt in February

Hewitt will be in the building at Trinity-St. Paul's for three Sundays each month to lead worship and share in the life of our congregation. During those weeks, he will also be in the church office Monday through Wednesday. On Thursdays, Hewitt will be working from home and is available for online meetings or conversations. Fridays are his Sabbath day off. One week of each month will be Hewitt's reading and research week and he will be available for pastoral emergencies only. In February, Hewitt will be away (February 22-28). If you would like to connect with Hewitt for pastoral care, conversation, or to discuss church life, you are welcome to reach out during his office hours, schedule an online meeting, or meet with him following Sunday worship. His email is [hholmes@trinitystpauls.ca](mailto:hholmes@trinitystpauls.ca) and 416 9228435 ext. 24

## Engaging at TSP/Volunteer Fair

Please join us after worship on February 1 for a conversation about ways to get involved in the shared work of our community. At TSP, the life of the church is shaped not only by worship, but by the gifts people choose to share with one another throughout the year. We'll offer a brief overview, then move into the Narthex for more conversation, questions and, hopefully, sign-ups. Join us as we discern together how your gifts might serve the life and ministry of TSP.

## Lent 2026 Life and Faith Conversations

### Deep Listening - Phase 2

#### Trinity-St. Paul's United Church | In person & online

This Lent, you are warmly invited into Life & Faith Conversations. This time is about creating gentle, honest, and hope-filled spaces to reflect, share, pray, and journey together through the season of Lent. You are welcome to join us for all four sessions, or to attend whichever session feels right for you.

**Dates & Time: February 18, March 11 & 25, April 2, 2026, 7:00-8:00 p.m.**

This will be in person at TSP & online (Zoom link available from the church office)

#### February 18 - Ash Wednesday Gathering (Sanctuary)

- Grounding in the season of Lent
- Circle conversation with deep listening and affirmation
- Imposition of ashes and other spiritual practices to carry us into the weeks ahead.

#### March 11 & 25 - Lenten Listening Circles

- Centering for the Session
- Space for life stories, faith questions, grief, and hopes
- Contemplative and embodied spiritual practices
- Companionship in a season of reflection and renewal

#### April 2 - Maundy Thursday Gathering (Sanctuary)

- Scripture, storytelling, and shared reflection
- Foot-washing ritual
- Agape meal and prayers of love and commitment
- Closing of Deep Listening - Phase 2

Come as you are. Bring your questions, weariness, courage, and longing.

These gatherings are part of TSP's Deep Listening journey, curating holy and healthy space for connection, healing, discernment, and spiritual conversations as we move toward Easter together. All are welcome!

## Winter Choral Development Program

The Choral Development Program (CDP) offers a dynamic and enriching environment for singers to elevate their musical abilities through Solfege and Dalcroze methods. Join us for an intensive one-month session every **Thursday at 6 pm - 6:50 pm, starting February 5th**. No reservation needed. All welcome. See the E-Newsletter for the full description.

## Indigenous Rights Solidarity & Book Talk

On February 8th in the Studio after morning service, John Olthuis will lead a discussion about TSP's Indigenous Rights Solidarity Group and make some comments about his recently published book *On Dismantling Settler Colonialism – An Insider's Perspective on Reconciliation WITH Indigenous Peoples*.

## Treasures and Treats Winter Fundraiser

### Drop Off Schedule:

**Sunday, February 8th** will be the first day to receive items from 10 AM - 10:25 AM and after service until 12:30 PM. Lina and Gillian will be stationed in the Narthex.

Other dates for drop off include:

10 AM - 12PM Monday, February 9th - Thursday, February 12

4 PM - 6PM - Monday, February 9th & Thursday, February 12

9AM - 10:45 AM - Friday, February 13

### Volunteer Support Needed

Saturday, February 14 - 7PM - 9PM: PRE-SET UP in the Studio

Sunday, February 15th - 3PM: TEAR DOWN

If you have not signed up for a role, please feel free to reach out to me to find work, or join us after 8AM for set up or at 11:30 AM to finalize set up and help with the sale.

Please contact liana at [liana.cook2@gmail.com](mailto:liana.cook2@gmail.com) to participate.

### Food Items

If you are planning on donating food items, please identify your ingredients/key allergens. Drop off can happen anytime after 8AM before 11:30 AM in the Main Kitchen on February 15th.

For more details, or to volunteer, please contact:

Lina Medaglia (647-525-1011, [medaglia.miller@rogers.com](mailto:medaglia.miller@rogers.com)) or

Gillian Graham (647-550-6013, [gillian.graham@alumni.utoronto](mailto:gillian.graham@alumni.utoronto))

## Lay Leadership Opportunities for 2026

Do you want to share your gifts with the wider TSP family or join our team of leadership? We are prayerfully seeking lay leaders to serve in several important roles in the life of Trinity-St. Paul's.

- **Incoming Chair of the Board:** to receive mentoring from the current Chair of the Board on the functions of the Board.
- **Co-Chair Finance:** Oversees the church's budget, manages resources responsibly, and supports the congregation's long-term financial health.
- **Stewardship** — We seek Co-Chairs: one with a focus on finance and one on lay leadership.
  - **Co-Chair Stewardship Volunteers / Lay Leadership Focus:** Invites adherents/members into meaningful service and helps people discover where they are called to lead.
  - **Co-Chair Stewardship Focus on Finance:** Supports the congregation's financial health through budgeting and encouraging generous giving. (The person in this role may also serve as Co-Chair Finance concurrently, as is currently the case.)
- **Other Leadership Roles:**
  - **Member-at-Large:** Brings independent listening and voice to the Board discussions and decisions.
  - **Regional Council Representative:** Acts as a liaison between our congregation and the wider church. TSP is allowed two representatives.
  - **Chair of the Children's Circle:** Supports the spiritual life and programming for children.
  - **Co-Chair of Worship & Faith Formation:** Shapes worship and faith development (we are seeking two co-chairs).

If you feel even a gentle nudge to explore any of these opportunities, please speak with either the Board Chair, Lois, the Minister, Hewitt, Stewardship of Volunteers, Alex.

## New Members Follow-Up Session

If you have attended a previous New Member Session, please plan to attend a "Part 2" Session on **Sunday, March 8**, after service from 12-1:30 pm. If you have not yet attended a New Members Session, you are welcome to join, and a follow-up time will also be arranged for you to meet with Hewitt as part of our shared discernment.