



Trinitopics & Church Announcements



To Grow in Faith, Fellowship & Service Through Christ Jesus
Thursday, December 13th, 2018 #22

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JESUS
is the reason for the season!
Merry Christmas!

Dec 16 ~ Advent 3
Friday, Dec 21 ~ Blue Christmas 7 pm
Dec 23 ~ Advent 4 ~ Choir Cantata & Communion
Dec 24 ~ Christmas Eve 7 pm
Dec 30 ~
Worship 'round breakfast table @ 9:30 am
Happy New Year Service to follow

CHRISTMAS WORSHIP SCHEDULE

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

A big thank you to the **Sunday School** children and teachers for preparing and presenting their delightful musical selections. Also to Kieran Placatka for accompanying them.

Bible Study
We invite anyone who is interested to join us Thursday afternoons at 1:30 beginning again **January 10th, 2019.** We will look at the book of Judges.

Sunday School will have classes right up to and including December 23, 2018, take one week off and resume January 6th, 2019.
CE ConvenerLois Riley

Blue Christmas
A service of remembrance and hope
Friday December 21, 2018
7:00PM
Trinity United Church
1515 6th Street
Brandon, Mb



Trinity United Church Official Board is actively looking for members beginning January 1st 2019.

The following positions are open:
Secretary
Convener of Property
Convener of Business and Administration

Also all committees are always open to new members.

Please give this some thought and prayer as we need these important positions to be filled so that our Church can be as effective as possible to carry out our mission,
"To Grow in Faith, Fellowship and Service through Christ Jesus."
Please contact any Board member for further information.

Trinity UCW meet

on the first Tuesday of each month from October until December, and February until June.



Next meeting Tuesday, January 8th @ 1:15

For **September and January** of each year we meet on the

second Tuesday, due to holidays.

Cards: Marlane Wilson

Funeral Contact: Darlynn Smith

UCW Memory Book: Carolyn Heard

Library: Myrna Hall & Noreen Paterson

Kitchen Committee for Sept. 1st—December 31st

Louise Hume, Winnie Black, Noreen Paterson

Election of Officers for 2019

Devotion: Elaine Nairne

Fellowship of the Least Coin: Gail Thickett

Lunch: Winnie Black, Myrna Hall, Gloria McMillan, Carolyn Heard (Jean Hutchings alt)

Greeters for December:

Dec. 16th Georgie Pidhorny & Jean Cory

Dec. 23rd June Pedlow & Carolyn Heard

Dec. 24th Carolyn Heard & Ruth Bilowus

Dec. 30th Louise Hume & Darleen Foster

Sing the Christmas Cantata



The choir is singing Christmas music & will be presenting a Christmas Cantata

on Sunday, December 23rd.

If you would like to join the choir, come on out on Thursdays at 7 pm and Sunday morning at 9:15.

Everyone is welcome!!



Trinity Brandon is now on Facebook

Our services are being recorded since our 2 new mikes have arrived. Thanks to our sound and recording operators who are dedicated to make this work on a weekly basis: Ken & Carol Winstone, Barry Hill, Grant McCausland, Alan Silvius.

Are there some other folks who would like to join this group? We can always use extra hands.



CHRISTMAS HAMPER APPEAL

I popped in to the Trinity Workshop the other day to find Kathy Knight & Linda Friesen working. I was in awe of the giving's of Trinity folk! I took a few pictures, but there were many bags of extra items that were going to be included in the hampers that are not in these pictures. Kathy & Linda had many kudos to the senior Sunday school who carried these up to the upper level, and for the help they have given. As well, they are going to wrap all of the gifts this Sunday. There was also thanks given to the younger Sunday school for their participation in the hampers. I understood that some of them emptied their piggy banks to help the less fortunate!

Thank you Trinity & many thanks to Kathy Knight and her team!



Delivery of the 21 hampers will be December 18th & 19th



Third Sunday of Advent : Joy

This Sunday we light the candle that symbolizes **joy**. The joy that we talk about when we think of Jesus is not merely the feeling of happiness, rather it is the experience—which includes many feelings—that comes from falling deeper and deeper in love with this world.

Dec. 16th we light the candle of **Joy**. We hope that Jesus' light will come again and again into our world.

Fourth Sunday of Advent : Love

Dec. 23rd is the fourth Sunday of Advent. We have almost finished our waiting. Jesus is going to be born soon! We talked about the wreath being a circle to remind us of God's unending love.

Today we are lighting the candle of **Love**. It is hard for us to imagine that God loves us no matter what. It is even harder to imagine that God is love.



Marlane Wilson will send a card, from Trinity, to folks who need cheering, comforting or congratulating!

Please contact her: 204 729-8574 or marlane.w@yahoo.com & also the church office: 204 728-4796 trinityucbdn@wcgwave.ca
Thanks Marlane for the great job you do!!



Care and Senior Homes Christmas Communion 2018

Tuesday, December 18th Valleyview @ 10:30 am
Wednesday, December 19th Victoria Landing @ 2 pm
Friday, December 21st Riverheights Terrace @ 11 am.



What fun & learning!!

There will not be a Messy Church in December. We will return on January 25th from 5 ~ 7 pm Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!!



Applebee's Fundraiser
Saturday, January 26th, 2019
Tickets \$14.00
On Sale Sunday, December 16th
Great Christmas Gifts!



Fellowship Thank you to all who participate with snacks and help with clean up! Please check the schedule on the elevator wall in the narthex to sign up.

If anyone would like to join this happy group, please speak to any one already helping, and you will be most welcome!

December 16th	Darlynne Smith	Senior Sunday School baking & serving
December 23rd	Ken & Elaine Nairne	
December 30th	Worship	Worship 'Round the Breakfast Table
January 6th, 2019	Grant & Sheila McCausland	

Equity & Diversity – a new Committee of Trinity Official Board

The following motion to establish the **Equity & Diversity Committee** was passed at the Congregational meeting on November 25, 2018. *“That the congregation approve the Trinity Board’s recommendation that Trinity United Church form an Equity and Diversity Committee as part of the Official Board.*

The role of the committee will be to provide guidance in exploring becoming an Affirming Ministry”.



Affirming Ministries are congregations and other ministries within the United Church that work toward the healing and wholeness of creation—challenging bias and discrimination based on appearance, culture, class, or age; working to end racism; promoting economic justice; increasing accessibility; or caring for the planet. Affirming Ministries also publicly declare their commitment to inclusion and justice for people of all sexual orientations and gender identities. They continually grow and change as they seek to live more fully into God’s way of welcome, love, and justice for all creation. Just as God rejoices in the goodness and diversity of creation, so too Affirming Ministries honour and celebrate diversity. (Source: Open Hearts pg. 1)

There are over 130 Affirming Ministries in Canada and another 80 that are actively exploring becoming an Affirming Ministry. Nineteen Manitoba congregations have Affirming Ministry status, with approximately half of them in Winnipeg and the other half in smaller communities including Brandon, Boissevain, Minnedosa, Roblin and others.

The role of the **Equity & Diversity Committee** at Trinity is to act as the steering committee to provide guidance in exploring becoming an Affirming Ministry. The committee will provide educational opportunities for the congregation and will encourage people to ask questions and to reflect on what it means to become an Affirming Ministry. Once the steering committee, church leadership and the membership feel that the period of learning and discernment (that can take up to two years) has led to the desire to proceed toward affirmation, there will be a congregational vote on Trinity formally becoming an Affirming Ministry.

**The Equity & Diversity Committee welcomes any questions or suggestions.
Please contact the church office, Reverend Neufeld, or committee chair Al Friesen.**



Can Tabs for Wheelchair

There is a container to collect can tabs in the narthex. There are quite a few there now. If you have any, please drop them in the container. It will be delivered soon.

“Lexophile” describes those that have a love for words, such as “you can tune a piano, but you can’t tuna fish”, “To write with a broken pencil is pointless.” An annual competition is held to see who can create the best original lexophile.

I changed my iPod's name to Titanic.

It's syncing now.

England has no kidney bank, but it does have a Liverpool.

Haunted French pancakes give me the crepes.

This girl today said she recognized me from the Vegetarians Club, but I'd swear I've never met herbivore.

I know a guy who's addicted to drinking brake fluid, but he says he can stop any time.

A thief who stole a calendar got twelve months.

When the smog lifts in Los Angeles U.C.L.A. I got some batteries that were given out free of charge

Thanks to Pat Bowslaugh for these!

Rest of these Next Year!





TRINITY 55 PLUS GROUP
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2018



"Trinity 55 Plus Striving to Make a Difference a Little at a Time"

Shirley O'Driscoll – 204-729-8442

Gail Thickett – 204- 725-4934

Ruth & Glenn Sawyer – 204-728-4683

A Different look at



1. The partridge in a pear tree was Jesus Christ.
2. Two turtle doves were the Old and New Testaments.
3. Three French hens stood for faith, hope and love.
4. The four calling birds were the four gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John.
5. The five golden rings recalled the Torah or Law, the first five books of the Old Testament.
6. The six geese a-laying stood for the six days of creation.
7. Seven swans a-swimming represented the sevenfold gifts of the Holy Spirit: Prophecy, Serving, Teaching, Exhortation, Contribution, Leadership, and Mercy.
8. The eight maids a-milking were the eight beatitudes.
9. Nine ladies dancing were the nine fruits of the Holy Spirit: Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness, and Self Control.
10. The ten lords a-leaping were the ten commandments.
11. The eleven pipers piping stood for the eleven faithful disciples.
12. The twelve drummers drumming symbolized the twelve points of belief in the Apostles' Creed.



Pickleball



Pickleball Drop-in classes for Adults

Thursday's from 1-2 pm
 January 10th ~ March 21st
 In the Y Gym
 Free for members
 Day pass for non members

Pickleball is a paddle sport that combines aspects of badminton, tennis and table tennis. The game can be played in singles or doubles. You will be using a wooden paddle to hit a wiffle ball over the net to the opposing players. The rules are simple, and the game is easy for beginners to learn and can develop into a fast paced game for experienced players.

You are invited to the
Community Advent
Noon Hour
Worship and Soup Lunch
 on Wednesdays:
 December 5, December 12, and December 19
 from **Noon until 1pm**
 at **St Andrew's**
Presbyterian Church
 361 Russell Street.
 Lunch is pay as you are able.



