



Trinitopics & Church Announcements



To Grow in Faith, Fellowship & Service Through Christ Jesus
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Update Trinity Gift Card Fundraising Project

Forty-eight households participated in this fundraiser with a total of \$25,325.00 worth of orders, resulting in Trinity earning \$913.24. As well, there were some individuals who made a direct contribution to Trinity, in lieu of purchasing gift cards, to support this fundraising initiative. The gift cards arrived October 6th and are currently being distributed. Thank you to everyone who supported Trinity United Church's first Gift Card Fundraiser through FundScrip.

We were successful because of your generosity.

Please note we are planning a Christmas Gift Card fundraiser in November with the cards arriving in early December. Stay tuned for more information.

Blessings to Everyone!

Alan Silvius



Trinity United Brandon votes to become Affirming at congregational meeting

With the largest turnout for a congregational meeting in the last five years, Trinity United Brandon gathered virtually on September 26 to consider the question:

"That Trinity United Church Brandon, become an Affirming Ministry of the United Church of Canada, thereby also becoming a member of Affirm United/S'affirmir Ensemble."



Board Chair Jason Splett facilitated a short agenda that was centred on the Affirming question. After the initial procedural motions had been carried, Equity & Diversity convenor, Al Friesen, spoke to the origin and background that led to the decision on this dimension of TUC's missional future.

"... the Trinity congregation has engaged in a three year period (almost to the day ...), a period of learning and discernment through worship, study, asking questions, and reflection, on what it means to be truly inclusive and how becoming an Affirming Ministry will help us live out our faith."

After a brief discussion, Jason asked for the vote with 54 voting "yes", 0 "no", and 0 "abstaining". Motion carried.

The Equity & Diversity Committee has since met and recognized that although 100% of those attending the meeting voted to become Affirming, there may be those in our church community that weren't comfortable in supporting the decision. They concluded that although some in the congregation may not fully agree, they are all part of the same church family and respected siblings of God.

"We pray that no one feels that they no longer belong."



Trinity has tentatively planned a Service of Recognition and Celebration of becoming an Affirming Ministry for November 21. More details to come.

30 You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength. **31** The second is this, 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these."
Mk 12:30-31

From Trinity Christian Education



A Sunday Hour of Christian Song, Prayer, Art and Ukulele Learning

This is a weekly online service that is geared towards 6 to 12 year olds, but if you join in, you'll notice adults and teenagers having fun, too. It is a VERY participatory way to involve the whole body in worship and learn ukulele at the same time!

Register and try it out. No strings attached (except you might get hooked!)

This is at 10:30 our time on Sunday mornings.

Please contact Catherine Stuart at CStuart@united-church.ca
or Linnea Good at lg@linneagood.com



WHAT IS A YOUTH RETREAT?

A youth retreat is... well, it's a lot of things! Mostly, it's a great opportunity to meet lots of people and make new friends from all over our Prairie to Pine Region (Manitoba and North Western Ontario). It's a time to laugh, learn, worship, dance, sing, talk, and more. It's a chance to explore and deepen our faith in God in new and exciting ways. It's a safe, warm, welcoming, and friendly environment where you can just be your-

ALF 2021 FREE one-day Youth Retreat

As long as public health orders allow, ALF youth retreat will be an in-person event, held on Saturday, October 23rd from 11am to 7pm with 2 locations from which to choose: Knox United Church in downtown Winnipeg and [Carberry United Church in Carberry, MB](#).

*** No Fee to attend ***

If "in-person" poses a problem, due to distance or other factors, please register, indicating online only. Our current plan for virtual programming is limited to a brief activity joining those who are meeting in the two locations, but if registration indicates a need, we will see if we have the capacity to add any more.

Covid protocols will be followed, with vaccinations required, unless exempt for health reasons.

It helps the leaders if you register sooner,
but official deadline is Oct 16th.

Contact Twila MacNair at tmacnair@united-church.ca or (204) 781-8124

Milton Berle

If opportunity doesn't knock, build a door.

Laughter is an instant vacation.

If evolution really works, how come mothers only have two hands?



After the vote . . . what happens now?

The unanimous vote at our recent congregational meeting to become an Affirming Ministry marks an important milestone for Trinity. We now join 26 congregations in Manitoba as Affirming Ministries and members of Affirm United. Nationally, we are now in a group of over 250 ministries that have chosen to be public, intentional, and explicit in living out their faith and expressing God's love by working towards inclusion, diversity, and social justice for all.



The overwhelming support demonstrated by the congregation is an indication of willingness to reconsider our understanding of scriptures in changing times, of our desire to find new ways to express our faith, and our commitment to God's call to love the Lord with all our hearts, and to love our neighbours as ourselves (Mark 12: 30 - 31, paraphrased). The Equity & Diversity Committee is deeply grateful to all for joining us in our three-year journey of discernment, reflection, prayer, and worship culminating in this important vote.

According to Affirm United, a successful vote to become Affirming is a commitment to the Affirming Ministry Program nationally by becoming a member and paying the annual \$100 membership fee, participating in the ongoing work of Affirm United, connecting with other Affirming Ministries, receiving information, and reporting annually on the ongoing work of our Ministry.

Although we have voted to become an Affirming Ministry, it does not become official until we have received our certificate from Affirm United at a

special service of Recognition and Celebration. We are proposing such a service to be held on Sunday, November 21, 2021, and will make a formal announcement once this plan is approved by the Board at their upcoming meeting on October 12. In the meantime, the Equity & Diversity and Worship Committees have begun planning for this service of celebration. We welcome your ideas and suggestions. Please stay tuned as plans are finalized.

What are the signs of an Affirming Ministry? "Affirming Ministries are not dramatically different from other United Church ministries. They worship, pray, support, serve, seek, celebrate, learn, work, play, and grow, just like other ministries. But if you look carefully, you may notice certain things don't look quite the same. While Affirming Ministries are deeply committed to action on issues of sexual orientation and gender identity, they are first and foremost justice-seeking communities. They are continually growing and learning and broadening their witness to God's inclusive love. They are deeply concerned about justice and full inclusion for all God's people". (Source: Open Hearts, pg. 10)

You will likely also see other, more visible signs of inclusion, welcome, and work for justice as well. These may include use of the Affirm United logo, notices in the church proclaiming a safe and welcoming place for all, new stationery and signage, rainbow candles, new lectern covers and banners amongst others. There is already an initiative underway to create a large banner to display the official Affirm Ministry logo at the front of the sanctuary.

Equity & Diversity, along with Worship Committee and Reverend Neufeld, look forward to worshipping and working together with all in the Trinity congregation as we travel forward in our faith journey as an Affirming Ministry. May God bless.



What's a tornado's favorite game?
Twister!

What do you call a funny mountain?
Hill-arious.

Trinity 55 Plus Group ~ 2021-2022



Another year has come & gone ... We pray for those who have experienced a difficult year of loss, isolation and illness. We miss you all!!

We are looking forward to, hopefully, being able to meet again, enjoy our time of fellowship , sharing and learning.

Winter is on its way and our mission for mittens, socks, etc. continues and we are always open to receiving them. To remain safe we will place the container on the front step (26 Driftwood) ; or we will come around and pick up from you. Please call Glenn or Ruth if you wish us to pick them up (204 728. 4683).

"Trinity 55 Plus Striving to make a difference ... a little at a time".

From Pastor Gabriel of the Church Of Pentecost

We would like to thank Rev. Doug and the entire Trinity family for accepting and welcoming us into your beautiful sanctuary. We are most grateful!

The Church of Pentecost Canada is a branch of the Church of Pentecost International under the global Pentecostal and Charismatic fraternity.

The branch of the church here in Canada begun about thirty years ago by some immigrants from Ghana who were members of the church before migrating to Canada. So far, the church has branches in Ontario, Alberta, British Columbia, Nova Scotia, Saskatchewan, Quebec, and here in Manitoba. The branch in Winnipeg began in the early 2000s. The Church of Pentecost is bible believing church with a strong core value of prayer, evangelism, excellence in ministry, the Work and power of the Holy Spirit, holiness, discipleship, and support for community and social activities. Our branch in Brandon is being supported by the branch in Winnipeg. We are excited to serve in the city of Brandon. Our desire is to partner with other churches and ministries to propagate the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. Elder Kwabena Kesse and his beautiful wife Gloria (204-887-6719) are assisting Pastor Gabriel who resides in Winnipeg.

Once again, thank you to Trinity for all the support.

Santa goes down the chimney because it soots him!

Water is heavier than butane because the butane is a lighter fluid.

**Huge fight at local seafood diner!
Battered fish everywhere**

**Terrible summer for Humpty Dumpty
But he had A Great Fall**

Defining Love: Emmanuel's Story



Emmanuel didn't want to just feed the children—he wanted to make sure they could one day feed themselves.

Have you ever stood in front of the pantry at 6 p.m. looking for dinner inspiration? For some of us, figuring out what to make for dinner is stressful. The truth is that if our family mealtime dilemma is wondering what to make, we are fortunate. We're fortunate because we aren't asking, "Will we eat?" 1 in 9 people around the world go to bed hungry each night. 191,000,000 children under 5 years old are malnourished.

As a young child living in Kenya, Emmanuel Baya went to bed hungry more nights than he can count. Sadly, his parents died when he was a young child, and he worked hard just to survive. That's why his heart stirred when he saw children under the cashew trees near his property. He knew they were too busy looking for food to go to school.

"Most of the children who did not go to school were orphans. It saddened my heart so much that I decided to help," he explains.

In 2008, Emmanuel opened the Magarini Children Centre. Today, over 287 children receive warm, healthy meals and education there. But Emmanuel decided he didn't want to just feed the children—he wanted to make sure they could one day feed themselves.

So, he enrolled in the Asian Rural Institute (ARI), which your Mission & Service gifts support. There, he learned organic farming techniques. Long story short, he opened a demonstration farm next to the Children Centre. It's now a learning hub for seven surrounding communities.

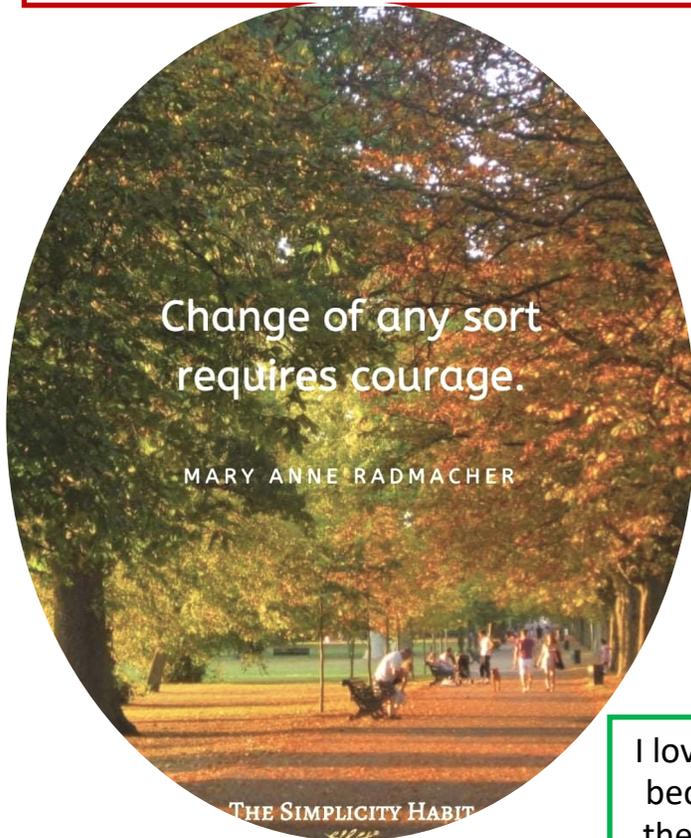
"This is my definition of love," he says.

Isn't Emmanuel's story amazing? And isn't it amazing that you have a part in it?

Please make a gift through [Mission & Service](#) this World Food Day.

Your gifts will help feed, educate, and advocate for the most vulnerable at home and around the world.

Your support makes a life-changing difference through extraordinary leaders like Emmanuel, whose lives define love every day.



To succeed in life you need three things:
A back bone, a wish bone, and a funny bone.
... Reba McIntyre

Happiness is not having what you want;
It is appreciating what you have.

My goal is to lose 10
pounds this year;
Only 15 to go!!

Kindness is not an act;
It is a Lifestyle.

I love waving at random people;
because for the rest of the day
they will be trying to figure out
who you were!





These two long married couples were farmers!
They must have waited for nuptials 'until the work was done in the fall'!
Many congratulations & blessings to all



One of the 'perks' of delivering the newsletters, or whatever, is the chance visits with our folks if they see me. This happened last week when **Dorothy Helgeson** came out to retrieve the news & we had a great visit. Dorothy and late husband, Bill, were Trinity founders. She said that for many years they spent more time at the church than they did at home.

Dorothy decided to have a gathering of ALL of her family this fall, so she contacted them and as the family 'matriarch' suggested strongly that they get home and let the cousins get to know one another. So home they came on September 11th. She further 'suggested' that they do this annually; so next year it is in Balmertown.

John & family live in Gimili. He is an Engineer with Air Cadets of Canada in Gimili ; has a family of two.

Richard and family are in Balmertown, Ontario. Richard works in a gold mine in B.C. working 2 weeks then home two weeks. They had three children; sadly one passed.

Bruce & family are in Dauphin retiring last year; after 35 years as a teacher. Taught school in Dauphin, then the last 7 years as gym teacher mornings in Rivers & teaching hockey in afternoons. Has 3 children.

Dorothy's story was so much more and so very interesting!!
Thank you for sharing!

Giving Thanks



It is my wife's birthday tomorrow. She has been leaving jewellery catalogs all over the house so I bought her a magazine rack.



Please think about our folks in hospital and care homes and drop them a greeting through the Prairie Mountain Health website.
<https://www.prairiemountainhealth.ca/pmh-well-wishes>

Our thoughts and prayers to anyone we have missed who are spending time in hospital: or having health issues.

Our continued thoughts & prayers to:

Gordon Fraser: Assiniboine 3;
Grant McCausland: Palliative;

Our thoughts & prayers to **Myrna Hall** and families on the sudden passing of **Ferg**. He was a kind man, much loved and will be missed! Life's work, well done, Ferg!

If you know someone, or yourself, who would like a care call from **Rev. Neufeld**; call 204-441-8140

Your chin was made for keeping up
Your hand for holding on;
Your upper lip for keeping firm
When all your luck seems gone.
Your head was made for holding high
Your heels for digging in,
With this kind of anatomy
You're in the race to win!
(Thank you Jean Hutchings)



World Communion Sunday
Someone waits for your thanksgiving food, love, body mind and soul.
You have the power to choose how you want to be.

Our Friends in Personal Care and Senior Homes

Dinsdale: Lois Aube

Fairview: Audrey Campbell, Lillian Atchison, Linda Garson, Louise Hodge, Dennis Hume, Bea Lee, Betty Russell, Keith Vrooman, Alma Yule

Souris PCH: Emma Garden

Rideau: Don Chambers, Murray Hicks, Jean Hutchings, Robert Jarvie, Eleanor McCreath, Garry VanRenselaar

Valleyview: Cliff Bowslaugh, Laura Cliffe, Bernice Erskine, Shirley O'Driscoll, Lois Wolfe,

Riverheights Terrace: Judy Diswinka, Patty Hargreaves, Al & Helen Lauder, Vera Skyman

Rotary Villas: Marg Lovstrom, Frank Rabe

Victoria Landing: Pat Rathwell, Alice Wesley

Scatter your seeds of kindness
All enriching as you go;
Leave them, Trust the Harvest Giver;
He will make each seed grow.



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May God hold you in the palm of His Hand