



Trinitopics & Church Announcements



To Grow in Faith, Fellowship & Service Through Christ Jesus
24 ~ Thursday, December 3rd, 2020

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Advent Season Worship Services:

December 6: Advent 2 - White Gift

December 13: Advent 3

December 20: Advent 4 - Communion

December 24: Christmas Eve Service

December 27: No Virtual Worship Service



From the CE Committee

Thank you to our Sunday School children and youth who donated gifts of food for Samaritan House. Your gifts will be delivered at the end of this week. This was one of the activities on our 12 Acts of Christmas Kindness and Joy!

We invite you to send photos of your activities to darlynnegbsmith@gmail.com for use in the Newsletter



WE MISS YOU!!

The Trinity website now has all of the familiar singing and dancing videos on it that have been done in church and at messy church. Have fun!!

CODE RED

Wash your hands
Social Distance
Wear a mask
Be Kind
STAY HOME



December 2020

How can you help? Update

Hello.

First and foremost I hope you are safe and healthy. I miss you all, however I am full of gratitude for the leadership of Rev. Doug and his team for providing thoughtful worship services every week keeping us as a church family connected.

The Board continues to meet on a regular schedule.

At this time officers of the board, convenors and their committees have been asked to consider their skills and availability to continue to serve our Church in 2021.

The following Board positions are needed-

Board Vice-Chair

Board Treasurer

Board Secretary

Committees have members who look forward to return, extend gratitude for those stepping aside but have also identified their needs for new committee members. -

Pastoral Care (2), Worship (1), Christian Education (1)

Please consider your interests and time to join a committee or board position to serve Trinity United Church.

If you have questions or would like more information I would love to hear from you.

Email miranda.ed@hotmail.com or call 204 720 1086

Blessings as we remember the words of Jesus,

“ It is more blessed to give than to receive.”

Miranda Edwards

Past Chair and Nominations, Trinity United Church



Patient/Resident Well Wishes

In this holiday season, with our hospitals, care and senior homes so restricted, please remember the option of being able to go on the Prairie Mountain Health website and leave a message for a shut in. I used this three times this week. Be sure to leave your name with the message so folks know that it is you contacting them.

It just takes a few minutes and might brighten someone's day!

Wishing to be friends is quick work, but friendship is a slow ripening fruit.

..... Aristotle

Why does the Alphabet song and Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star have the same tune?

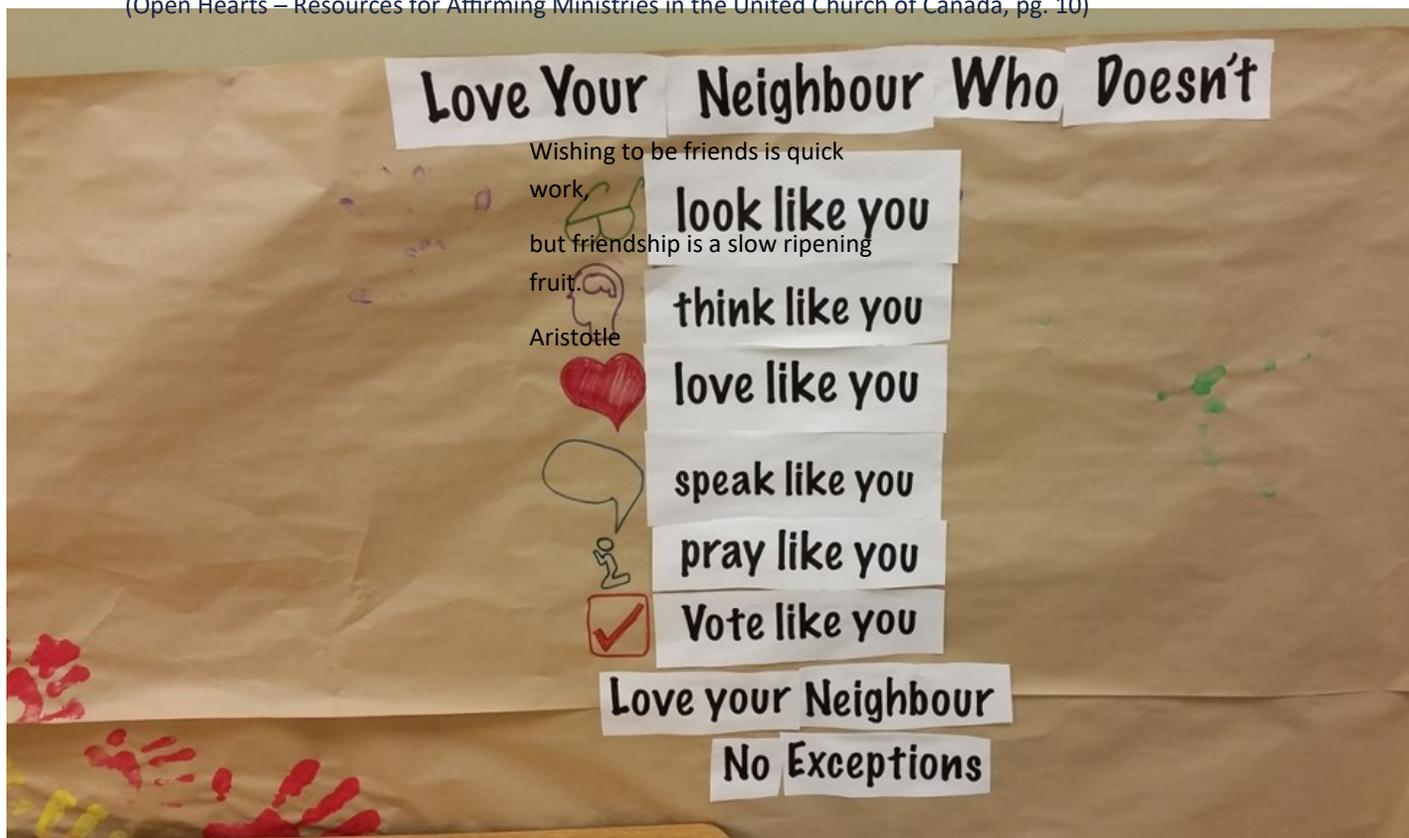
Did you ever notice that when you blow in a dog's face, he gets mad at you, but when you take him for a car ride, he sticks his head out the window?

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. You will see public, intentional, and explicit statements of welcome, inclusion, and justice-seeking for people whose sexual orientations and gender identities have been historically marginalized and excluded within the church and in society.

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. So, you will also see other signs of inclusion, welcome, and work for justice as well”.

(Open Hearts – Resources for Affirming Ministries in the United Church of Canada, pg. 10)



(Youth Project, Minnedosa United Church, an Affirming Ministry)



Trinity Pastoral Care Committee would like to thank anyone involved with helping with the cards, phone call and cookies for this Christmas season. Many thanks to Carolyn Heard for planning this, Marlane Wilson for making out all the cards, delivering them to all in Lions Manor & dropping off to all of the care & Senior Homes; Tina Ure, Mabel Ramsey & Darlyne Smith, delivering to all non email; Irene Smith, Hillary Baker and Carolyn Heard making most of the phone calls; and the cookie makers, Carolyn, Mabel & Marlane. There are numerous folk involved in this undertaking who may find a little happiness in the cards/phone visits they received, or will receive, from Trinity.





The Month Before Christmas

By: Shawna Hickling,

Calgary, AB, Canada

November 19, 2020



T'was a month before Christmas and all
through the town,
People wore masks that covered their frown.

The frown had begun way back in the Spring,
When a global pandemic changed everything.

They called it corona, but unlike the beer,
It didn't bring good times; it didn't bring
cheer.

Contagious and deadly, this virus spread fast,
Like a wildfire that starts when fueled by gas.

Airplanes were grounded, travel was banned.
Borders were closed across air, sea and land.

As the world entered lockdown to flatten the
curve,
The economy halted, and folks lost their verve.

From March to July we rode the first wave,
People stayed home, they tried to behave.

When summer emerged, the lockdown was
lifted.
But away from caution, many folks drifted.

Now it's November and cases are spiking,
Wave two has arrived, much to our disliking.

Frontline workers, doctors, and nurses,
Try to save people, from riding in hearses.

This virus is awful, this COVID-19.
There isn't a cure. there is no vaccine.

It's true that this year has had sadness a
plenty,
We'll never forget the year 2020.

And just 'round the corner - The holiday season,
But why be merry? Is there even one reason?

To decorate the house and put up the tree,
When no one will see it, no-one but me.

But outside my window the snow gently falls,
And I think to myself, Let's deck the halls!

So, I gather the ribbon, the garland, and bows,
As I play those old carols, my happiness grows.

Christmas ain't cancelled and neither is hope.
If we lean on each other, I know we can cope.



If this Christmas season is not all it was in former years, remember that in God's time all the joy
and wonder of the past are present in this moment too.
Happiness once experienced is yours forever.

If you hurt this Christmas, know that you are not alone. To live fully means sometimes to be in
pain; you share a sacred bond with others who are hurting

Believe in the meaning of Christmas: divine love embracing the world, the longing toward
Infinity, life infused with Mystery. Store the meaning in your soul all year long

Thank you Sheila McCausland!





The 'Depner' family were the first family at Trinity to do a virtual Advent 1 candle lighting. Sorry that the candle is in the middle of her face but I think her brother liked the fire so candle couldn't be centre!! Great job, Family Depner!!



During the scripture reading Dad was showing her how to use the phone while Mom was doing her reading.

Being an adult is the dumbest thing I have ever done.

I'm a multitasker. I can listen, ignore and forget all at the same time!

People who wonder if the glass is half empty or half full miss the point. The glass is refillable.

Retired: under new management. See spouse for details.

BRANDON



The Brandon Bear Clan have been patrolling downtown Brandon throughout the summer and now into the fall. Cyndi Price of the Bear Clan contacted us with their need to feed the many hungry people which they have met in their walks. Many of us baked muffins for the Bear Clan in the spring and summer and if you are able help out in providing muffins for the hungry they would certainly appreciate our help again. **They have enough for this week, but will be looking for some next. Please call her before delivering.**

Thank you from Cyndi & Bear Clan for your dedicated gifts!

Muffins should be individually wrapped.

Cyndi shared that they are in need of some **towels and blankets** now. If you have any, they can be left in the same manner as muffins, below.

They may be delivered to her home at **533 – 21st Street** and left **on or by** the front step. Please leave a note on the package to indicate that the package contains muffins for the Bear Clan. Cyndi's cell is (204) 724-5826 if you wish to contact her before dropping off muffins.

If you are able to help by baking muffins or donating towels and blankets, thank you so much.

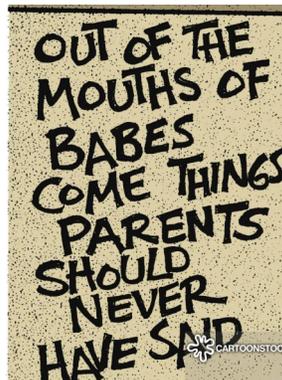
Helping those in need is the greatest gift of all!

-Trinity Outreach

I had a hen who could count her own eggs.



She was a mathemachicken

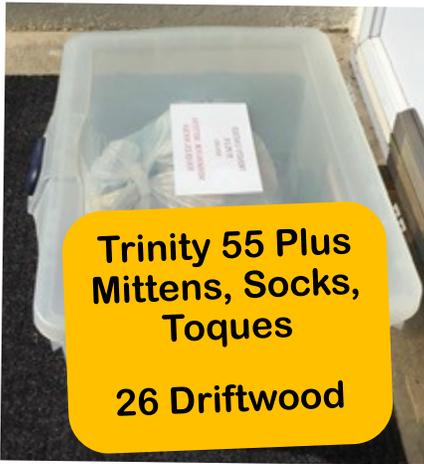


Sometimes it takes me all day to get nothing done.

I don't trip, I do random gravity checks.

Hold on while I overthink this.

My spouse says I have 2 faults. I don't listen and...something else.



**Trinity 55 Plus
Mittens, Socks,
Toques**

26 Driftwood



The beautiful mittens, etc. have been delivered and gratefully received by George Fitton School, Betty Gibson School, Samaritan and Mary's House, and The

Friendship Center. Staff at Betty Gibson School returned what they felt was just a small token of appreciation for Trinity's continuing care for their children..

beautiful hand wash to be placed at the church...



We have received another generous contribution and will be delivering them shortly.

Trinity 55 Plus continues our mission to receive at 26 Driftwood..728 4683 or will pick up ..

Blessings to all who continue to there for others during another winter.



**Our Web
Catalogue**

is now up at

Facebook.com/villagesbrandon

**Shop fair trade and support artisans in the
developing world.**

Curbside and shipping options available from our local Ten Thousand Villages Brandon store.

Not on Facebook? No problem!

Shopping still possible with this site.

Call (204) 726-8755.

**Q. Why do Dasher and Dancer love coffee?
A. Because they're Santa's star bucks!**

◆ **Q. Why does the Alphabet song and Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star have the same tune?**

◆ **Did you ever notice that when you blow in a dog's face, he gets mad at you, but when you take him for a car ride, he sticks his head out the window?**

◆ **Whenever I feel blue, I start breathing again**

**HOW DID THE MAN WHO MADE THE FIRST CLOCK,
KNOW WHAT TIME IT WAS TO SET HIS CLOCK?**

**A man goes to the Optician for his annual eye test...
The Optician puts a contraption on his face and asks him
what he can see.**

**"I see empty Airports and empty Football grounds," he says.
"I see closed Theatres, closed Pubs and closed Restau-
rants."**

"That's perfect" says the Optician. "You've got 2020 vision."

Snowball

I made myself a snowball,
As perfect as could be,
I thought I'd keep it as a pet,
And let it sleep with me.
Made it some pajamas,
And a pillow for its head,
Then last night it ran away
But first –it wet the bed!
-Shel Silverstein

Thank you
Judy Diswinka



Trinity Hamper Program

The Trinity Outreach Hamper program has been an important part of Trinity's community outreach for many years. However due to the pandemic code red precautions we were forced to make the difficult decision to suspend the community delivery of hampers this year. We felt that it would be most prudent to not be gathering food supplies, packing hampers and delivering hampers at this time. We will however be supporting families in need within our church community. We will be supplying families with food gift certificates which will help them make their Christmas dinners more special. If members of Trinity know of families or individuals in need of our support please contact a member of the Outreach committee to leave confidential information.

How can you help?

If you would like to contribute to the Trinity Hamper Programme this year we would welcome your support. Monetary donations may be sent to the church with the designation of -

Trinity Hamper Program.

Trinity Outreach Committee – Kathy Knight, Linda Friesen, Connie Haigh, Heather Moore

United Way Holiday Hamper Campaign

The United Way has taken over from Christmas Cheer this year to pack and deliver hampers in our community. If you would like to help with their campaign please visit:

<https://www.brandonuw.ca/theholidayhamper2020>

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Labouring together with one vision - to help those in need

Safe & Warm Shelter

The Safe & Warm Shelter is a 13-bed emergency shelter designated for adults (18+) who experience occasional homelessness. The shelter is fully staffed with trained support workers and security guards who ensure safety and assistance for clients. The Shelter is open from November to April however in 2020 we were able to keep the shelter open all year long due to extra funding and support. The shelter is currently open nightly from 7:00 pm to 8:00 am (winter hours 2020/21).

Food Hamper Program

The Samaritan House Ministries Food Bank is Manitoba's second largest food bank, distributing between 60-80 food hampers per day! This number is steadily rising, and Samaritan House Ministries is dedicated to providing healthy food for struggling individuals and families in our community.

The Safe & Warm Shelter and Food Hamper program are only 2 of the many programs of Samaritan House Ministries. To learn more information about Samaritan House Programming please visit – <https://www.samaritanhouse.net/>

To donate: Donations may be sent to 820 Pacific Avenue, Brandon MB & 7A 0J1 or use the donate button on their website. Please call ahead to drop off food donations. (204) 728-0758

Outreach Committee will be making donations from the budget and any designated donations collected in December. If you wish to donate you may also donate through Trinity United Church indicating that your donation go to Samaritan House.

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

Please be sure to call or e-mail Marlane Wilson, with any reports of folks in hospital or needing some contact. 204 729-8574 or marlane.w@yahoo.com



*'Prepare the Way for the Lord'
Do not be afraid
God is always with you*



Our thoughts and prayers to our folks who are spending time in hospital:

Margaret Izzard ~ has been transferred to Reston Health Centre temporarily.

Cliff Bowslaugh still out in Kelowna, BC

Jean Hutchings back in hospital in Brandon
Our love & prayers to you, Jean! She may be home this weekend.



Our prayers and well wishes to:

Ken Mitchell: had heart stint; now at home

Bill Hutchings: tripped, fell & has numerous stiches on his head; at home

These are two 93 year olds!

Blessings to both of you!!



May you always have:
Love to share, Cash to spare,
Tires with air, And friends who care



Our Friends in Personal Care and Senior Homes

Dinsdale	Lois Aube
Fairview	Audrey Campbell, Lillian Atchison, Linda Garson, Jim & Louise Hodge, Betty Russell, Ina Slimmon, Keith Vrooman, Alma Yule
Souris PCH	Emma Garden
Rideau	Frank Basiuk, Don Chambers, Murray Hicks, Robert Jarvie, Eleanor McCreath, Garry VanRenselaar
Valleyview	Laura Cliffe, Bernice Erskine, Shirley O'Driscoll, Lois Wolfe
Riverheights Terrace	Judy Diswinka, Patty Hargreaves, Al & Helen Lauder, Dave & Joyce McClelland, Vera Skayman
Rotary Villas	Beatrice Lee, Marg Lovstrom, Frank Rabe
Victoria Land-ing	Pat Rathwell, Ieleen Turner, Alice Wesley

UCW Birthdays

None in December



Thinking of You
Linda Friesen
Our thoughts,
prayers and love
as you deal with
treatments and
get well.

Please contact me
with any celebrations
or lamentations.



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The newsletter is prepared every 2nd week
Delivery is being made to all non email

The next issue will be December 17th, 2020

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May God hold you in the palms of His hands