



Trinitopics & Church Announcements



To Grow in Faith, Fellowship & Service Through Christ Jesus

1 ~ Thursday, January 7th, 2021

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ADVENT 4
Candle lighters:
Mercure Family



CHRISTMAS EVE
Candle lighters:
Sumner Family



CHRISTMAS EVE 2020
Rev Doug &
Donna Neufeld

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**Ken & Carol
Winstone**

Production:
Sound & Video



Holly Walker
Our talented
Pianist

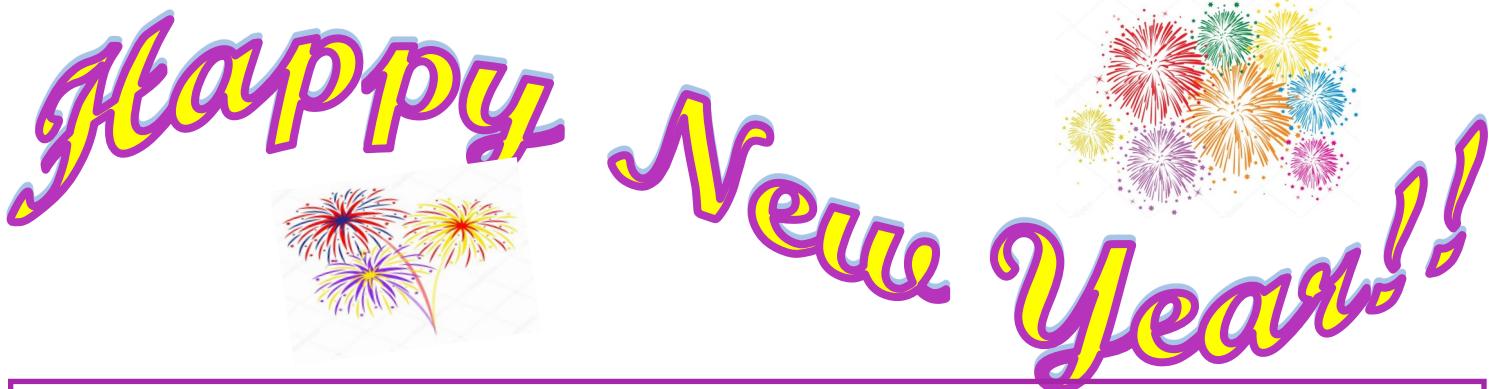


Special Guest
Katie Trussler





Christmas Eve
Pageant Players
From l-r; row to row
Shirley Kernaghan
Rev. Doug
Darlynne Smith
Barb Janzen
Pat Boweslaugh
Alan Silvius
Miranda Edwards
Tannis James
Darlene Wilkinson
Jason Splett
Depner Family
Barb Roberds



Rev Doug's first service for 2021 will be this Sunday, January 10th

Hope everyone had a Safe and Enjoyable, Blessed Christmas!
Wishing you a year of Hope, Good Health and Happiness in 2021.
And now on to our new year!!



Alison's Corner

Pat's Writers Group meets at Trinity every third Saturday. The group is named after Pat Agar, a long time Trinity member. Over the years, Pat wrote many plays and skits that were performed at the church by the congregation. Pat passed away in 2010, and to honour her generous spirit and talent, this group was named in her memory.

The group is always looking for new members! Should you wish to join (once Trinity reopens) contact Alison Murray @ 204 725-3471 or almark@mymts.net



To be Kind is more important than to be Right. Many times what people need is not a Brilliant Mind that speaks, but a Gentle Heart that listens.

Positive Joy
www.DrLinMorel.com



- ◆ The devil whispered to me, "I'm coming for you." I whispered back, "Bring pizza."
- ◆ Having plans sounds like a good idea until you have to put on clothes and leave the house.
 - ◆ It's weird being the same age as old people.
- ◆ When I was a kid I wanted to be older ... this is not what I expected.

Prairie to Pine Regional Report 2020

The Prairie to Pine Region held two meetings over Zoom on September 30 and October 7, 2020. These meetings took the place of the gathering that was to have been held in Steinbach at the end of May 2020.

Various committees presented their reports and two orders of business were discussed. The first was Remit 1 which proposed a simple but very important change to the language describing who is eligible to be a minister. The next order of business involved the Affirming Vision Statement in support of the LGBTQI2s+ community. Both motions were passed. *A link to the Prairie to Pine workbook can be found at the bottom of this report.

Following the business section of the meeting there was a worship service. The service included an In Memoriam and Covenanting section. There was also Communion and the Installation of the co-chairpersons Kwang Beom Cho and Diane Dworka.

The meeting ended with a blessing.

Respectfully submitted by

Alison Murray

<https://prairietopinerc.ca/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/2020-Prairie-to-Pine-Regional-Council-Workbook.pdf>



Prairie to Pine Regional Council

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There are lots of rich and important opportunities to serve the wider church currently posted. Please have a look, and share these opportunities in your announcements and with people you know. You can also nominate someone else, as long as you've checked with them first. <https://united-church.ca/opportunities>

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Trinity United Church – Exploring Becoming an Affirming Ministry

Update from Equity & Diversity Committee

The role of the Equity & Diversity Committee is to provide guidance in exploring becoming an Affirming Ministry. Over the past two years the Committee has collaborated with church leadership and the congregation in a journey of education, discernment, and reflection to learn what it means to be an Affirming Ministry and why it is important in living out our faith.

As with all other church activities and initiatives, this process has been greatly affected by the pandemic. Despite not being able to meet in person as a Committee or as a congregation, the Equity & Diversity Committee has remained active to engage with the congregation in the following ways:

- * posting “Affirming Thoughts” articles and images in church newsletters
- * including “Affirming Minutes” in virtual online services
- * inviting feedback and questions from members of the congregation

In addition to these initiatives, the Committee has proposed revisions to the **Trinity Vision Statement** and **Marriage Policy** and developed an **Action Plan** as requirements for becoming an Affirming Ministry. The revised draft documents align with the aims and goals of Affirm United and reflect the vocabulary of Affirming Ministry.

The Committee is pleased to report that **these documents were approved and recommended for distribution** by the Official Board at their meeting on December 8, 2020. At the upcoming meeting on Jan. 12, the Board will consider how to distribute the documents and solicit feedback from the congregation. It is anticipated that members of the congregation will receive the documents later in January so that they will

have time for review prior to the upcoming congregational meeting in February.

In the meantime, **the Equity & Diversity Committee is anxious for feedback** about how well you feel the education and discernment process is addressing your needs, questions and concerns about Trinity becoming an Affirming Ministry. Do any of the following questions resonate with you? Do you have any other questions?

- * What is an Affirming Ministry and how does it differ from our current ministry at Trinity?
- * What is the current terminology and vocabulary of gender identity and sexual orientation?
- * Why are there different interpretations of scriptural references relating to sexual orientation?
- * What are the personal stories of members of the LGBTQIA2S+ community, their families, and churches?
- * How can we as individuals and as a congregation declare in words and actions our belief that all people are children of God and that we are called to love them without exception?

Whatever your perspective, we hope you will join the conversation. We welcome your feedback, comments and questions via email, Canada Post, or telephone calls:

- * Doug Neufeld,
Minister and Committee member
rev.doug@wcgwave.ca or 204-441-8140)
- * Al Friesen, Committee Chair
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- * Trinity United Church,
Equity & Diversity Committee,
1515 – 6th Street, Brandon, MB R7A 6B3
- * Communication with other Equity & Diversity Committee members



TRINITY 55 PLUS GROUP

..wishing you all a Healthy, Happy New Year ahead.

Thank you all for all your continuing donations and for supporting

..Assistive Technology for Children with DisAbilities....

We are well on our way to reaching our goal..

As winter continues, our Mission for Mittens continues.. Mittens for kindergarten age to the older children in Middle School.. and always for the Homeless will be appreciated....

They can be dropped off at 26 Driftwood Crescent or we will pick up...

call Ruth or Glenn prior 204 728 4683 and we will put a container on the step for safe drop off.

Looking forward to when we can meet again.

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

A Christian guy named Bill saw an ad online for a Christian horse, so he went to check it out. The horse's owner said, "It's easy to ride him. Just say 'Praise the Lord!' to make him go and 'Amen!' to make him stop." Bill got on the horse and said, "Praise the Lord!"

Sure enough, the horse started to walk.

"Praise the Lord!" he said again, and the horse began to trot. "Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!" he yelled, and the horse broke into a gallop. Bill was enjoying his ride so much that he almost didn't notice the cliff he and the horse were about to go over. Bill shouted "AMEN!" at the top of his lungs, and the horse stopped right at the edge of the cliff. Relieved, Bill said, "Phew! Praise the

The pastor asks his flock, "What would you like people to say when you're in your casket?" One congregant says, "I'd like them to say I was a fine family man." Another says, "I'd like them to say I helped people." The third responds, "I'd like them to say, 'Look! I think he's moving!'"

A priest buys a lawn mower at a yard sale. Back home, he pulls on the starter rope a few times with no results. He storms back to the yard sale and tells the previous owner, "I can't get the mower to start!" "That's because you have to curse to get it started," says the man. "I'm a man of the cloth.

I don't even remember how to curse."

"You keep pulling on that rope, and it'll come back to you."

In the foyer of a church, a young boy was looking at a plaque with the names of men and women who had died in various wars. He asked the pastor, "Who are these people?" The pastor said, "Those are members from our church who died in service."

The boy asked,

"The early service or the second service?

Six-year-old Ned's mother was looking through an old family Bible when an oak leaf fell out. Ned said, "I guess that must be Adam's shorts."

When my husband, James Rowles, was in the seminary, he was invited to preach at a small rural church. However, the man who was to introduce him to the congregation had trouble pronouncing his name. So James offered this verbal clue: "Remember rolls, like hot buttered rolls." It worked. When it came time for the introduction, the man announced, "We are pleased to have with us the Reverend James Biscuits."

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



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

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

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



*God is with you
You are not alone*



*Happy 18th birthday
Natasha Jones!!
Jan 23rd*

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

When I stand before God at the end of my life, I would
hope that I would not have a bit of talent left and could
say 'I used every bit of talent you gave me.'
Erma Bombeck

Our Friends in Personal Care and Senior Homes

Dinsdale	Lois Aube
Fairview	Audrey Campbell, Lillian Atchison, Linda Garson, Louise Hodge, Betty Russell, Ina Slimmon, Keith Vrooman, Alma Yule
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, Ileen Turner, Alice Wesley



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The newsletter is prepared every 2nd week
Delivery is being made to all non email
The next issue will be January 21st, 2021

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Happy New Year!!