



Trinitopics & Church Announcements



To Grow in Faith, Fellowship & Service Through Christ Jesus
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Thanks to all who send me information for this newsletter! Without your sharing, I would be looking much harder for material. The newsletter will be every 2nd week, all summer, as usual. Darlynnne

There will not be a Virtual Sunday Service this week (May 23rd), nor Fellowship

From CE

GRADUATION



Well it is that time of year again....graduation is just around the corner for our Grade 12 students!

If you know a student connected to Trinity United Church please let Lois Riley know and our CE Committee will send a note of congratulations.

We would also invite submissions of students well connected to Trinity who are graduating University or Community College. Please remember to include name, address and degree achieved.

Please submit information directly to Lois Riley:

lriley@mts.net
 or call 204-570-1961
before June 10, 2021

Rev. Doug is on a study week.

Please tune in next week (May 30th)



Affirming Celebration for our Regional Council Sunday, May 30th

All the people of the Regional Council and beyond are invited to gather for ***Our Place in the Rainbow***, a service of worship to celebrate Prairie to Pine becoming an Affirming ministry. **Please discuss in your community of faith whether you wish to bring your entire community to this service.**

10:00 AM-11:30 AM Sunday, May 30 at:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC79A2-hDDSmRsurCvDu-ePw>

Please bring your communion elements. We will follow this with a Zoom dessert. Wear your Pride colours and bring a dessert such as [PIE](#)! We'll visit and celebrate. Register in advance and you'll receive the link by email automatically (remember to check your spam folder):

<https://united-church.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJwpc-Ghqz8rGdRxW2q9w9erFVlwTBTXjf1j>

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

Our Place in the Rainbow

SUNDAY MAY 30

10:00 - 11:30 AM

Join our online worship of joy and celebration as Prairie to Pine becomes an Affirming ministry.

YouTube link: <https://bit.ly/3vBWiqq>



**PRAIRIE TO PINE
 REGIONAL COUNCIL**



Homeless Chess Champion

Tani Adewumi has gone from being a 7-year-old living in a homeless shelter to a national chess master. Tani Adewumi's family fled Nigeria in 2017 when their lives were threatened and eventually settled in New York. The family was given temporary housing in a homeless shelter located above a hotel. Tani and his brother enrolled in a nearby public school that had an active chess club and Tani wanted to join. When his mother told the coaches they were living in a shelter and couldn't pay the \$330 fee, they waived it. Tani made headlines when he won the New York State chess championship at the age of 8, after only a year of practicing. His chess coach had set up a GoFundMe following the boy's win, which got his family into an apartment and out of a homeless shelter.

The GoFundMe page raised more than \$250,000 within 10 days. An anonymous donor offered to pay their rent on an apartment for one year. This month, as a fifth grader, Tani cruised through an in-person tournament in Connecticut open to advanced players of all ages and won every game. He emerged with a chess rating of 2223, making him a national chess master. "I want to be the youngest grandmaster," he told The New York Times. "I want to have it when I'm 11 or 12."

Languish: To exist in an unpleasant or unwanted situation, often for a long time.

This can describe what we have been living since Covid. The following reading relates to this:

Jeremiah 31:12

¹²They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion,
and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the Lord,
over the grain, the wine, and the oil,
and over the young of the flock and the herd;
their life shall become like a watered garden,
and they shall never languish again.

Thanks to Rev. Mona Denton; closing Worship
P2P UCW AGM.

Has anyone read any 'really good books' that you would like to share with our folks?
During our UCW/AGM there were some thoughts shared:

The Book of Lost Names Kristin Harmel

Black Water Theodore Fontaine

Golden Braid Melanie Dickerson

The Cure for Sorrow Jan Richardson

Please share if you can add to this list! :>)

Nothing makes one feel so strong
as a call for help.
Pope Paul VI

Why does a man twist his wedding ring
on his finger?

A: He's trying to figure out the combination.

If you look like your passport picture,
you probably need the trip.

Don't be worried about your smartphone or TV
spying on you. Your vacuum cleaner has been collecting dirt on you for years !

If you can't think of a word say "I forgot the English word for it." That way people will think you're bilingual instead of an idiot.

I'm at a place in my life where errands are starting to count as going out.

I'm getting tired of being part of a major historical event.

Burt Reynolds asked me out one time. I was in his room. Phyllis Diller

I don't always go the extra mile, but when I do it's because I missed my exit.

I asked the waiter, 'Is this milk fresh?' He said, 'Lady, three hours ago it was grass.' Phyllis Diller

If you must choose between two evils, pick the one you've never tried before.
A conscience is what hurts when all of your other parts feel so good.

Trinity Grandma “Comes Out” in Support of LGBTQ Granddaughter

A touching family story of choosing love

by Sharon Brooks

Recently Katie, one of my five adult grandchildren, **revealed** on Facebook identifying as a member of the LGBTQ community. I immediately responded on Facebook showing my support. Then I emailed her a letter telling her how proud I was and how brave I thought the reveal was. I told Katie that there will be old fogies that will not understand but to forgive their ignorance (I said this because I used to be one of those old fogies). I told her “I love you to the moon and back. I always have and always will - don’t ever forget that”.

Katie responded immediately, obviously overjoyed with my support. It is amazing, but I feel aware of a much stronger bond with her now. Katie is a contributing member of society and deserves to be loved and respected the same as anybody else.

When I was first asked about sharing my story in the newsletter, I was hesitant and was going to keep my grandchild anonymous to protect her. But when I learned about Trinity's work towards becoming an Affirming Ministry, I shared this information with Katie. I told her about the support of my chosen church, Trinity, for the LGBTQ community. We began to feel that identifying ourselves was an important step in our own respective journeys.

Thank you, United Church of Canada, specifically Trinity United Church, for helping me to be such a COOL Grandma.

An awakened member, *Sharon Brooks*

Editor’s Note

When regular weekly services were about to end at St. Barbara’s Chapel at CFB Shilo three years ago, Sharon and her friend Ruth MacGregor started trying out Brandon churches. One of these was Central United where she first heard of support for the LGBTQ community and where she knew some people. Not content, they tried Trinity, and although they had the wrong service time, they were spotted arriving a half hour late and someone opened the doors in welcome. After the service they went down for coffee and met a lady, also named Ruth, who introduced them to others at the table.

The following Sunday Sharon could not attend, but her friend Ruth went on her own. After the service, Ruth called Sharon and said, “you are not going to believe this - they asked me where you were”. They knew they had found their church.



CELEBRATIONS!



Congratulations Kamloops United Church

On celebrating the 25th anniversary of becoming an Affirming Ministry in May 1996. Kamloops UC is proud of its history of being among one of the first official **Affirming** congregations in Canada.

“As for the next 25 years? Kamloops United Church will continue to answer the call to love, unconditionally, all of creation and its diversity”.



Street—Involved People are Especially Vulnerable

“By protecting the underserved community, we protect everybody in the community.”

‘Our Place’ is a unique inner-city community centre serving Greater Victoria’s most vulnerable: working poor, impoverished elderly, mentally and physically challenged, addicted and the homeless.

Most importantly, it provides a sense of hope and belonging to people in need.

A Mission & Service supported community centre serving Greater Victoria’s most vulnerable, is bracing for COVID-19 to strike. Grant McKenzie, the Communications Director at Our Place, predicts that more support from paramedics will be needed in the near future if the virus spreads.

“This population is especially vulnerable to being hit extremely hard by COVID-19 because so many of them already have underlying health issues. When you struggle every day, wondering where you’re going to sleep at night and where your next meal is coming from, you only access health services when it’s life or death,” says McKenzie. “By protecting the underserved community, we protect everybody in the community. It’s so very easy for our delicate health system to become over-run—and if COVID-19 runs amok in this population, we’ll hit the tipping point that much harder.”

For over 50 years, Our Place has served Greater Victoria’s most vulnerable people: working poor, impoverished elderly, mentally and physically challenged, addicted, and homeless. Even though Our Place has had to close its drop-in space, computer lab, and courtyard area in order to comply with provincial health guidelines, it continues to help those who rely on their services.

“There is a lot of fear around what happens when this virus makes its way to the people we serve. But our dedicated staff isn’t about to abandon them. We know that there is going to be so much help that our family members need, especially when it comes to nutrition, hygiene, and a place to live. While we have had to close access to the building, we are still serving up to 1,400 meals a day, handing out 1,200 bottles of water, and offering paramedic services. We are working hard,” says McKenzie.

Your gifts through Mission & Service mean that people who are especially vulnerable can access life-saving services through organizations like ‘Our Place’. Thank you!

St. Benedict’s Retreat & Conference Centre North of Winnipeg on # 9

At the Prairie 2 Pine UCW AGM this week, a letter from St. Ben’s, telling us that they have sold everything, including the Monastery and land. Since the beginning of this year, SERDC (South East Resource Development Council) has been renting it; however as there are only 13 members remaining there, they decided to sell it to SERDC.

To quote the Sisters of the new owners:

“They will carry on, in their unique way, the work of education and spiritually which was our ministry for 50 years at the centre. We view this transition as work of reconciliation”.

Of course, our P2P UCW were very surprised and saddened knowing that we wouldn’t be having any further functions there; such a beautiful place to go! Although the Sisters feel the loss, they are ready for their new challenge.

For that, we wish them the very best!



Laura Cliffe



UCW Fall Tea 2017

**Pres. Gloria
pinning
corsages:
Top
Laura Cliffe
Ruth Bilowus
Bottom:
Irene Brown
Olive Speers**

Adopted at 19

A caseworker in Florida is a new mom to a 19-yearold who spent most of her life in foster care. Leah Peskaledis met Monyay six years ago and formed a close bond. Leah was Monyay's caseworker. But because of her job, Leah wasn't able to adopt Monyay until she aged out of the foster care system. Now, that day has come. After the judge declared the adoption official, Leah and Monyay shared a hug for the first time as mother and daughter. "Everything is official, the one thing that I wanted since I was a kid has come true! their first mother's day together this week has finally come true," Monyay told WTEN. "I made her a promise that I would find her an adoptive family. I just didn't know that I would be the adoptive family," said new mom Leah. The pair celebrated their first Mother's Day together this year!

Notice at Church
When you enter this church it may be possible that you hear 'the call of God'. However, it is unlikely that He will call you on your mobile. Thank you for turning off the phone.

If you want to talk to God, enter, choose a quiet place and talk to Him.

If you want to see Him, send Him a text while driving.'

Happy Belated 94th Birthday to Ken Mitchell
on April 24th!! By reports from Ken & Helen, they had a great celebration!

Happy 57th Anniversary to Harv & Barb Roberds on May 23rd!
Many happy returns!!!



Happy BELATED 70th birthdays to Patty Hargreaves and Jane McKay Nesbitt!!
Hope your celebrations were enjoyable as possible!

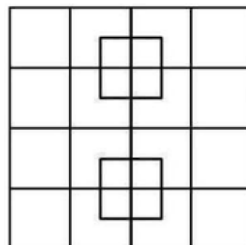
Our almost 102 year old **Laura Cliffe**, is enjoying being able to go outside since the beautiful weather! She experiences many 'foot sprays' upon coming in! Enjoy Laura!!

Q: What weighs more, a gallon of water or a gallon of butane?

A: The water. Butane is 'lighter fluid'.

John: Did that advertisement that you put in the paper yesterday get any results?

Jim: I should say so! I advertised that I needed a night watchman and last night our place was robbed.



There are 40 squares

UCW Birthdays

May

7th ~ Marlene Campbell

8th ~ Irene Thompson

16th ~ Elaine Nairne

17th ~ Georgie Pidhorny

31st ~ Darlynn Smith

June

1st ~ Jean Cory

1st ~ Tina Ure

10th Laura Cliffe (102 Years)

12th ~ Norie Rathwell
Special 80th birthday!

14th ~ Irene Brown

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>

There is also a way to 'drop a greeting' for our 'at home' folks! If you would like a thinking of you card sent, call our trusty card lady, Marlane Wilson (729.8574).



May 16th
 7th & last Sunday of Easter
All the Way My Saviour Leads Me

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

Our thoughts & prayers to:

Malcolm Macdonald: Assiniboine 4

Bea Lee: Assiniboine 3

Harvey Bullee: Assiniboine 3

Judy Diswinka: Had hip surgery at Grace Hospital; back to Brandon hospital today (Friday) to convalesce. :>)

Frank Rabe is home and, other than the lock downs, is feeling well & had many compliments for his stay at hospital. :>)

Thoughts and Prayers:

Laura (Fardoe) Bourns & all of the Fardoe Families on the tragic, accidental death of Eric Fardoe.



Thinking of **Harvey & Irene Smith** on the loss of sister in law.
 Finally at peace ++.

A real friend is one who walks in when the rest of the world walks out.
 Walter Winchell

Our Friends in Personal Care and Senior Homes

Dinsdale: Lois Aube

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

Souris PCH: Emma Garden

Rideau: Don Chambers, Murray Hicks, Jean Hutchings, 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, Vera Skayman

Rotary Villas: Marg Lovstrom, Frank Rabe

Victoria Landing: Pat Rathwell, Alice Wesley

The lovely extra voice that is being heard singing during the last couple of weeks during worship is that of our pianist; **Holly Walker.**



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

Happy
 Victoria Day
 Canada!



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