



Trinitopics & Church Announcements



To Grow in Faith, Fellowship & Service Through Christ Jesus
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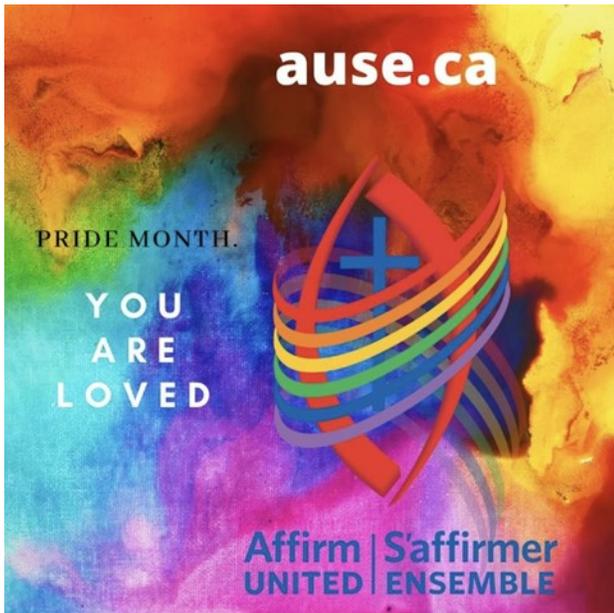
96th
Anniversary Blessings
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June is Pride Month

Sunday, June 6 is United Church
of Canada Pride Sunday



The United Church celebrates its official
Pride Sunday on the first Sunday in June. We
encourage you to mark this day and celebrate the
lives and ministry of LGBTQIA+ and
Two Spirit people in all their diversity."

(United Church of Canada Website)

On this Pride Sunday, six ministries around Canada
will be celebrating their achievement on becoming
Affirming Ministries. These include two in Manitoba,
Crestview United Church, Winnipeg and
Little Britain United Church, Lockport.

Our congratulations to these ministries.



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



Next newsletter

Our Trinity & Trinity
related Grads! If you
have not contacted

Lois, please do so!!

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A lovely evening drive a few weeks ago!

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

This is the link to see the P2P
Affirming service.

It is really worth the watch!

Please be sure to call or e-mail
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with any reports of folks in hospital or
needing some contact.
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Tuning into Nature

These are some observations as we spend time in the outdoors walking, working in the yard and sitting in our sunroom. The bold quotations are from the book **Out of the Blue** by Hanson & Nichols. Sheila & Grant

How are you coping with restrictions and isolation? Have you taken the advice to get outdoors and appreciate nature?

“Nature has a voice of her own that speaks to our inner ear.” The 96th Psalm suggests that we listen to the message: “Let the heavens rejoice and earth be glad!....Let the countryside exult, and all that is in it, and all the trees of the forest cry out for joy.”

“The rhythms of the natural world can refresh your mind and heart, recharge your batteries, and bring joy to your inner being.” Grant and I watched as our Nanking Cherry bushes and plum trees came into bud and gradually into full bloom displaying their pink and white blossoms respectively. In the flower beds the Anemone and Bergenia proudly display their colours. We are always delighted to see these first colours of spring in our yard.

As we go for our daily walks we waited patiently for the trees to show signs of new life, and now we observe the leaves as they unfold in their various shapes and shades of green. We always check the blue mantle above us. Some mornings it's a glorious deep blue and may or may not have clouds; sometimes it is lighter shades of blue or even gray. Grant is more adept at predicting the weather than I am by studying the sky.

It's always exciting to see the first robins and watch their busyness as they work at building their nests. They walk across the lawn with their head cocked listening for earthworms moving beneath them, looking for lunch. We listen to the noisy crows communicating with each other. They are actually sending messages alerting of danger or reporting that “All is well”, etc.

“Walking in the great outdoors, for any length of time, allows you to experience nature's grace.” Walking improves our health, lowers our stress level, tones our muscles, while helping the environment. We feel the oneness of creation.

“Scientists wonder why nature affects us so positively. Maybe one reason is that by noticing nature we catch a glimpse of the God who created it.” Bible passages come to mind. In Matthew 6: 25-30 Jesus said that contemplating the “birds of the air” and “flowers of the field” could reveal God's care and reduce anxiety. Psalm 8, a Psalm of David, gives glory to the Lord of creation. I urge you to look it up.

As we sit in our sunroom in the evening we listen to the birds chattering in the trees; perhaps saying their “goodnights.” And then they are silent. We watch the sun go down over the trees and houses and feel the air cooling as darkness sets in. Observing these patterns of nature truly makes us feel blessed.

“All of nature's patterns give us a feeling of continuance and security.” The sun that we saw setting will welcome us in the morning when we open the blinds. We look forward to summer following after spring, then fall ushering in winter. Life is good. We feel part of the sacred web of life.

“Heaven and earth are in us,” Mahatma Gandhi said. We live in paradise on this beautiful planet sparkling with oceans and lakes, engraved with mountains and plains. The gifts of our Creator are here for us to enjoy and to remind us that the ordinary kind of delight we take in a flower or an exquisite sunset is part of the joy of God's creation.

A recent study has found women who carry a little extra weight live longer than men who mention it.

Gratitude is the fairest blossom which springs from the soul.

Henry Ward

Second Chances

The first time Edward Martell stood in Judge Bruce Morrow's Wayne County Circuit courtroom, he was a 27-year-old high school dropout facing a 20-year sentence. It was 2005 and Martell had been out on bail when he was arrested in a drug sting in Dearborn Heights, Michigan. After pleading guilty to selling and manufacturing crack cocaine, Martell could have spent the next 20 years in prison.

Instead of throwing the book at Martell, Judge Morrow gave him three years of probation and a challenge to return to court next time with an achievement, such as becoming a corporate executive. "Any other judge would have flushed me," Martell told The Washington Post. "He said, 'I challenge you to be a CEO of a Fortune 500 company instead of being out here selling drugs', Martell recalled. "And I love a challenge."

Today, Martell isn't the CEO of a Fortune 500 company. But he did earn a full scholarship to college and another to law school. He passed the exams, and last week raised his right hand to be sworn in as a member of the Michigan Bar, in the courtroom of the judge who spared him, and who also administered the oath. "That was better than walking your daughter down the aisle," Morrow told Deadline Detroit. Morrow, who credits God with the way Martell's story has played out, believes most failures are because people who need help never get it. "Everybody needs love," Morrow added. "It's a crazy cliché, but some defendants, that's what they need, too. I told him, You could be my son.

Let's see how far you can go.' And man, he hasn't finished yet."



Being a little older, I am very fortunate to have someone call and check on me everyday. He is from India and is very concerned about my car warranty.

I was in the six-item express lane at the store quietly fuming. Completely ignoring the sign, the woman ahead of me had slipped into the check-out line pushing a cart piled high with groceries. Imagine my delight when the cashier beckoned the woman to come forward looked into the cart and asked sweetly,

"So which six items would you like to buy?"

(Wouldn't it be great if that happened more often?)

BORDER COLLIE WORKING FROM HOME



I'm fairly certain that the person who put the first r in February also decided how to spell Wednesday.

Grammarly Cards

What happens to a frog's car when it breaks down?

It gets toad away!



Remains of 215 Indigenous Children found at Kamloops Residential School

This past week the newspapers, online news sources and social media were filled with shocking headlines, images, and stories about the deaths of young Indigenous children while attending Residential Schools, including the one near Brandon. As members of the United Church of Canada and as a congregation seeking to become an Affirming Ministry, the Equity & Diversity Committee invites you to join us as we acknowledge the hurt and injustice the church has caused to many social groups including the Indigenous community. Join us as we seek to broaden our understanding and awareness, as we work to end racism and as we engage in action to seek justice and healing for, and reconciliation with, Indigenous peoples. In our great diversity, we are all children of God and equally loved by God.

Statement from the United Church of Canada Indigenous Ministries and Justice (May 31, 2021)

As news came on May 28, 2021, that the remains of 215 children were found in a mass unmarked grave on the grounds of the former Kamloops Residential School, we entered into a time of mourning for these relatives, their families, and their communities.

Gatherings were held around sacred fires across the country. Prayers were sung and spoken. Church bells were rung. Orange ribbons were tied on branches and fences. Shoes were laid out on the steps of churches and government buildings. Candles were lit and flags were lowered as a sign of respect.



Brandon Indian Residential School, circa 1940

Photo Source: The United Church of Canada: The Children Remembered <https://thechildrenremembered.ca/school-images/all-images/page/4/>

Indigenous Ministries asks all of the church to continue in this time of mourning and of support for each other as we grieve this loss, and others that we do not yet know about.

You can show this by doing any of the actions named above. You can use one or both of the prayers created by Indigenous Ministries Executive Minister Murray Pruden and Moderator Richard Bott. You can support those organizations in your community, such as Friendship Centres, that support Indigenous people who live with trauma every day.

We understand the desire to do “something” that will make this right. But we ask you, right now, to come together as people of the United Church and take the first step of mourning and remembering.

If you are a residential school or intergenerational survivor and this content is upsetting, please call the National Indian Residential School Crisis Line at 1-866-925-4419.

Source: <https://united-church.ca/news/kamloops-residential-school-time-mourning-and-support>



All eyes were on the radiant bride as her father escorted her down the aisle. They reached the altar and the waiting groom. The bride kissed her father and placed something in his hand. The guests in the front pews responded with ripples of laughter. Even the priest smiled broadly. As her father gave her away in marriage, the bride gave him back his credit card.





Good Grief: Helping People Grieve Well

ORA helps people move through grief and loss

“Languishing.” That’s the latest popular word to describe how many of us feel as the pandemic rolls on. Some organizations, like the Canadian Mental Health Association (CMHA), are flagging the potential for a mental health “echo pandemic,” explaining that even after the virus is brought under control it could be followed by a pandemic of mental health issues.

“Concerns about the mental health impacts of COVID-19 align with recent research on the mental health consequences of large-scale traumatic, natural, and environmental disasters. Disasters are frequently accompanied by increases in mental health problems...all of which can persist for prolonged periods,” says CMHA.

COVID-19 has amplified grief, which for some can contribute to mental health issues. None of us is a stranger to grief these days. Losses are piling up: income and security, physical contact with loved ones, future plans, rituals like funerals and weddings, going to school in person, losing loved ones to the virus. To quote grief expert David Kessler, “This is hitting us and we’re grieving. Collectively. We are not used to this kind of collective grief in the air.”

Blessedly, numerous organizations that your Mission & Service gifts support provide crucial mental health services. From chaplaincies, to shelters, to addiction treatment, to counselling services, your support is there.

ORA Loss & Living Program, a non-profit community outreach initiative developed by Ste-Geneviève United Church in Dollard-des-Ormeaux, Quebec, is one organization your gifts support. ORA, named after a Maori word meaning “life,” helps people move through grief and loss in order to lead full and fulfilling lives. So far, peer-support groups hosted by skilled facilitators have been held for family caregivers, refugees, seniors, widows, and churches in transition.

“We have offered online conversation during the pandemic. Many social workers and students participated to get a handle on coping mechanisms for grief in general and COVID grief in particular,” says Judy Coffin, ORA’s former program coordinator and ongoing volunteer. ORA is currently running an online widow support group, cooking program, and yoga/meditation group.

“Everyone in the world gets hit with loss and grief at some point in life, but most of us are totally unprepared to deal with it. Learning how to acknowledge, recognize—and even embrace—our grief allows us to start rebuilding our lives around our loss,” says Coffin.

Your gifts through Mission & Service help transform lives during life’s most stressful times. Thank you.

Thank you to all who donated to World Day of Prayer 2020. WICC was able to distribute \$100,000 to over twenty very grateful grant recipients. Below is one story.

A \$5,000 WDP grant helped ensure that **caregiver families in the Kibera slums of Nairobi in Kenya** could continue to feed their families and prevent the spread of COVID-19 within households and the community. There were three forms of interventions:

- 1) Providing baskets with basic foods to 90 families (603 individuals).
- 2) Providing education on hygiene and social distancing practices to prevent COVID-19 infections (radio broadcasts reaching over 500,000; putting up 200 informational posters).
- 3) Installing 22 handwashing stations throughout the community.

Organizations involved: CAP (Canadian African Partnership) Network in Ontario and Kijiji Cha Upendo Children's Project in [Nairobi](#), Kenya.

Cab Driver Helps Elderly

A man named Mr. Good lived up to his name when he came to the rescue of an elderly man in the middle of the night. Nick Good is cab driver in Dorset, England. He was about to pick up a customer in Salwayash around midnight when Lynda Wells came running out of her house. Wells, 71, is a caregiver for her 88-year-old husband who has advanced Alzheimer's. Her husband had fallen out of bed and after 20 minutes of trying, she was unable to lift him off the floor. Wells ran outside to see if any of her neighbors were still up but could not see any lights on in the nearby homes. She was about to call for an ambulance when she saw headlights coming down her road. She asked Good if he would come inside and help her, to which he agreed, and together they were able to help her husband back into bed. Wells did not even have time to ask the driver for his name before they went their separate ways but, through social media, they managed to connect. On Monday she took Good a bottle of wine to say thank you. "I am so lucky that Nick just happened to be driving down the road at that very moment and was kind enough to put his face mask on and come inside and help me - it was like an angel appearing," Wells said. "I was out in the street in my dressing gown and wellies (waterproof boots) so goodness knows what he thought of me. I am so pleased that I was able to connect with him on Facebook so I could take him a gift to say thank you."

Three friends from the local congregation were asked, "When you're in your casket, and friends and congregation members are mourning over you, what would you like them to say?"

Artie said, "I would like them to say I was a wonderful husband, a fine spiritual leader, and a great family man."

Eugene commented, "I would like them to say I was a wonderful teacher and servant of God who made a huge difference in people's lives.."

Al said, "I'd like them to say, 'Look, he's moving!'"



Go In Love

**Go in Love; have no fear. God will guide you, He is always near.
Go in love; take His hand, God will hear you, He will understand.**

May His light forever shine upon you; may His peace be always in your heart.

God in love; face each dat. God wil lead you He will show the way.

Go in love an live in faith ... Amen



Coming Soon!

What does the Bible REALLY say about Homosexuality?

Article by Rev. S. Blair Odney, Lynn Valley United Church, North Vancouver, B.C.

Look for it in your inbox or mailbox next week!
"We don't worship the Bible, we don't take it literally, and we don't try to get it to say anything we want in support of our status quo"



Also coming soon . . .

Trinity United Church

Vote on becoming an Affirming Ministry

Sunday, September 26, 2021

Mark your calendars!

A teacher affects eternity; he/she can never tell where their influence stops.

Henry Adams



Birthdays

June

1st ~ Jean Cory

1st ~ Tina Ure

**10th Laura Cliffe
(102 Years)**

**12th ~
Norie Rathwell
Special 80th
birthday!**

**14th ~
Irene Brown**

**20th ~
Pat Kempthorne**

**29th ~
Jean Hutchings**

Prayer for the Loss in Kamloops, B.C.

by Rev. Murray Pruden, Executive Minister, Indigenous Ministries & Justice
The United Church of Canada

Creator,

We give thanks for this day and each day you grant us life to walk on this great land, our Mother.

Give us the heart and strength to come together in prayer in time of mourning, reflection, and peace.

The news we have heard these last few days of our relations, our families, the children who have been physically taken away from us and who have now been found.

And with this news, we grieve for their memory, for their struggle, for their spirit.

We pray for good understanding, guidance, and love for all our families and communities who will need direction and resolution at this time.

And we come together in prayer and ask for your light to guide us to be a part of that needed peace, support, and resolve for everyone who is reacting to this great tragedy in our Indigenous Nations of this great land.

Creator be with us, allow us to be brave. Allow us to be strong. Allow us to be gentle to one another. Allow us to be humble. But most of all, allow us to be like the Creator's love.

For further reading:

Prayer for the Students of Kamloops Residential School by Moderator Richard Bott, The United Church of Canada <https://united-church.ca/sites/default/files/2021-06/prayer-for-students-of-kamloops-residential-school.docx>

'This is somebody's young kid': The unmarked graves of Brandon's residential school, Douglas Quan, National Post, May 15, 2015 <https://nationalpost.com/news/canada/the-secret-graves-of-brandon-residential-school-773123>

Peace be with us; we lift up our prayers to you.

*In love, trust, and truth, peace be with us all.
In Jesus' name. Amen.*

Source: <https://united-church.ca/prayers/support-prayer-loss-kamloops-british-columbia>



Kamloops residents and First Nations people gather to listen to drummers and singers at a memorial in front of the Kamloops Indian Residential School after the remains of 215 children, some as young as three years old, were found at the site last week, in Kamloops, British Columbia, Canada. May 31, 2021. REUTERS/Dennis Owen



Smith climbs to the top of Mt. Sinai to get close enough to talk to God.

Looking up, he asks the Lord.

"God, what does a million years mean to you?"

The Lord replies, "A minute."

Smith asks,

"And what does a million dollars mean to you?"

The Lord replies, "A penny."

Smith asks, "Can I have a penny?"

The most satisfying thing in life is to have been able to give a large part of one's self to others.

Pierre Teilhard de Chardin

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 30th
 2nd Sunday of Pentecost
 'Can't see the forest for the trees'
 "God gave his only Son"

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

Our thoughts & prayers to:

Bea Lee: Assiniboin3
Harvey Bullee: Assiniboine 3
Judy Diswinka: Rivers, in rehab.
 Keep up the hard work Judy!!

Lucky Malcolm Macdonald! His wonderful daughter, Susan, has taken him from Assiniboine, to live with her and her husband. Reports are that all is going well!!

Our thoughts and prayers to **Gail Thickett** who has a foot with a broken bone! She is happy that she was able to get a boot on it so she can do some gardening! Wishing you a speedy recovery, Gail!

Hoping I haven't missed anyone/anything!
 Please contact me with any news!!

Thank you

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;



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

Face masks don't always work?
Well neither do parachutes but if I ever jump out of a plane I still want one.
 Wear a mask.



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