



Trinitopics & Church Announcements



To Grow in Faith, Fellowship & Service Through Christ Jesus
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2021 Trinity & Trinity Affiliated Grads



Archambault, Laura: Graduated from Grade 12 from Virden Collegiate; she is going to study science, considering Engineering, at U of M. Laura is the granddaughter of Ken & Carol Winstone.

Black, Bailee: Graduated from ACC with Agribusiness; working in her field at Norte Dame. Bailee is the granddaughter of Winnie Black.

Charlton, Katie Graduated from Grade 12 in Winnipeg & will be attending University of Manitoba to take Computer Science. Katie is the granddaughter of Mabel Ramsay.

Edwards, Osian: Graduated from BU with B.Ed A.D. Has a teaching job at Portage La Prairie in the fall. Osian is the son of Esmor & Miranda Edwards.

Hunter, Cassie: Graduated from Brandon General Hospital as a Laboratory Tech; working at Russell Hospital; also takes calls for Roblin. She was sponsored to take the Rural Hospital X-Ray. Cassie is the granddaughter of Winnie Black.

Hunter, Jackelyn: Graduated from BDO with Chartered Professional Accountant; working at BDO. Jacklyn is the granddaughter of Winnie Black.

Johnston, Evan: Graduated from University of Manitoba with a B.Ed degree and will be moving to London England to teach history, geography and social studies. Evan is the son of Scott & Angela Johnston.

Johnston, Kyle: Graduated from ACC as a journeyman electrician after completing his final level in February. He is working at Centec Electric. Kyle is the son of Scott & Angela Johnston.

Jones, Natasha Graduated from Grade 12 at Vincent Massey; going to Brandon University to take her Bachelor of Science then likely an after degree to become a high school teacher. Natasha is the daughter of Barb Janzen; granddaughter to Ralph & Carolyn Heard.

McCausland, Lauren: Graduated from Grade 12 Ecole Secondaire Neelin High School; going into nursing at BU this fall. Lauren is the granddaughter of Grant & Sheila McCausland.

Perreault, Breanne Graduated from Grade 12 at Vincent Massey; going to U of M to take Bachelor of Science (Human Nutritional Science). Breanne is the daughter of Edward and Hollee Perreault.

Shymanski, Lauren: Graduated grade 12 from Vincent Massey; She will be attending Music department of Brandon University this fall. Lauren is the Step granddaughter of Darlyne Smith

Sutherland, Reid: Graduated from University of BC with BioChemical Engineering Degree. He is busy with interviews at present! Good Luck, Reid! Reid is the son of Darren & Kathie Sutherland; grandson of Ken & Elaine Nairne.

Watson, Sarah Graduated from Grade 12 in Courtenay BC and taking her Bachelor of Arts in Dalhousie (Law, Justice and Society). Sarah is a Granddaughter to Lois and Lorne Riley (Jennifer's daughter).

Wray, Emma: Graduated grade 12 from Vincent Massey; going into nursing at BU this fall. Emma is the granddaughter of Leonard and Phyllis Wray.

Congratulations to all graduates on your great success! May God's love and guidance be with you and your graduation be a blessing.



So where do we go from here?

That is where becoming an affirming community comes in.

by Kenneth Jackson

I was asked recently if I would write something for this newsletter about the LGBT2SQ community and affirming environments. Admittedly, what I thought would be a standard Pride Month piece became increasingly hard.

June 12, 2021 was the 5th anniversary of the **Pulse Nightclub shootings** in Miami, Florida where 49 people from the LGBT2SQ community were horrifically gunned down. Although this happened far from Brandon, MB, it had effects on us here and reverberates in this community still. This event, and others like the Bruce MacArthur killings in Toronto, emphasize why we still have so much to do.

During **Pride Month** there is a desire to focus on what achievements have been made. This indeed is important, but it needs to be tempered with the negative, the things that the LGBT2SQ community still confronts on a daily basis. We cannot forget what has happened in the past, as we look to the future.

Yes, **there are many positive changes** to be proud of. I can now marry someone I love, a change that took place with the acknowledgment of same-sex marriage in 2004. We see more people from the LGBT2SQ community taking their rightful place in politics in many countries. Apologies have been made to those who were fired or harassed in the workplace in Canada. Transgender individuals can now serve again in the American military.

Unfortunately, for many of these steps forward, **there have been steps backward** and issues still not addressed. I still cannot donate blood because of the continuing ban in place from the AIDS epidemic, which started 40 years ago. We still do not have a ban on conversion therapy in Canada, which is a practice where mainly young people are sent to institutions to “pray their gay away”. Almost 20 American states have enacted bills, in the last 6

months which specifically attack transgender individuals’ rights as human beings, from medical procedures to taking part in organized sport. In many countries around the world homosexuality is still considered a crime with threats of imprisonment or worse. Even though we have seen positive public shows of acceptance throughout Pride Month across Canada, there are still flag burnings, vandalized church displays and destroyed rainbow crosswalks.

So where do we go from here? That’s where becoming an affirming community comes in.

Becoming an affirming community acknowledges acceptance of the LGBT2SQ community. This does not mean that there won’t be difficult conversations, but it does mean that people like myself will feel welcomed when we walk through your door. Becoming an affirming community does come with responsibilities, as it is much the same as becoming an LGBT2SQ ally. I would like to share five tips to being a successful ally.

1. **Know your privilege** - privilege is not about how much money you have, but what things you will not have to experience that, in this case, LGBT2SQ individuals do. Most people holding a loved one’s hand, don’t get awkward stares but we still do. I also have privileges that someone who identifies as a person of color does not.
2. **Listen and do your homework** - part of becoming accepting is learning about the people you are welcoming. This involves homework, and more importantly listening to individuals themselves.
3. **Speak up, not over** - as part of belonging to an affirming/ally community involves speaking up when injustice happens, but

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“Success is when you look back at your life and the memories make you smile.”

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Reverend Doug will be taking a Continuing Education course the week of June 13 - 18, 2021. As a result, there will be no virtual service produced for Sunday June 20th. In it's place he will be providing a link to the Prairie To Pine Regional Affirming Celebration that took place on May 30th.
..... Alan Silvius

(So where do we go from here . . . continued)

more importantly, helping members speak for themselves.

- 4. Apologize when you make mistakes** - the best way we learn about things that are new to us is by making mistakes, and we all make them, even if we are part of the LGBT2SQ community. Apologize, learn, and move on.
- 5. Become an ally** - being an affirming community means you are willing to be an active community. It is wonderful to see all the supportive friends and family come out and march with us during Pride, but it's also about defending human rights 365 days a year.

Becoming an affirming congregation is the first step that any congregation can take to becoming a truly welcoming body, not just to the new faces you may see at your front door, but to the face you have often seen in your pew, the person you may not have known was part of the LGBT2SQ community.

Becoming affirming is the first step in creating a world where we all are truly welcome.

Kenneth Jackson is the Chairperson of Brandon Pride. He is also the Music Director at Central United Church in Brandon.



Rainbow Flag to commemorate Pride Month, and the Canada Flag fly at half-mast at the Brandon Pfizer Manufacturing Plant, in memory of the 215 children whose remains were recently found at the Kamloops Residential School.

(Photo idea Alan Silvius; photo credit Darlyne Smith)

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

What happened when the dog went to the flea circus?
He stole the show!



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

The themes of World Day of Prayer (WDP) – how they are chosen

Until the mid-1960s, the United Council of Church Women [UCCW] in the United States, through its WDP Committee, chose themes and writers from around the world. They worked in cooperation with Canadian women and with women from around the world who lived in North America.

The Division of Foreign Missions, on its part, distributed the WDP-services “overseas” and collected reports from around the world. The women at the Foreign Mission Conference also combined love for the Day with their knowledge and understanding of women of other countries and with their worldwide connections. By the mid-1960s, they sent the service to around 1,000 addresses in about 145 countries. Today, we can hardly imagine how all this work was carried out only through mail and an amazing amount of correspondence.

In 1964, one of the UCCW organizers said: “Since this has been a Day that has been observed on a truly worldwide scale for 40 years, the rest of the world should have a part in deciding its course. Modern means of communication and travel now make it possible for us to come together to plan.”

Now, every five years, representatives from all the World Day of Prayer International countries come together. Cath MacKeil, our WICC executive director, and Lauren Wilks, WICC Liaison to WDP at that time, attended the 2017 event in Foz do Iguaçu, Brazil, and met WDP leaders from 125 countries. The next international meeting will be held in Scotland in 2022.

At these international meetings, all countries are invited to submit an application to be considered as a WDP host writing country. Cath notes that there were probably a dozen applications in 2017 as it is also a lot of work for the host country.

An international executive team then prays and discerns together before the next five writing countries are chosen. Themes are selected in a similar way, and then matched to the chosen countries. It is a process that takes days, and we trust that the Holy Spirit guides the decision makers.

Beyond the international gatherings every five years, there is an international committee for World Day of Prayer whose bricks and mortar headquarters is in New York City. Their website – worlddayofprayer.net – provides interesting history snapshots including the evolution of the “rules” for World Day of Prayer services (1968 was a key year). This group ensures that WDP materials are sent to countries at least a year in advance of the service.

Immunization Card

Two weeks after your second vaccine you are eligible to get a card proving you have both vaccine shots. Below is the contact information; you will need the date of your second vaccine & your Health Card Numbers.

<https://www.gov.mb.ca/covid19/vaccine/immunization-record.html>

1 800 392-1207 (toll free) or 1.786.7107

His request approved, the CNN News photographer quickly used a cell phone to call the local airport to charter a flight. He was told a twin-engine plane would be waiting for him at the airport. Arriving at the airfield, he spotted a plane warming up outside a hanger. He jumped in with his bag, slammed the door shut, and shouted, 'Let's go'. The pilot taxied out, swung the plane into the wind and took off.

Once in the air, the photographer instructed the pilot, 'Fly over the valley and make low passes so I can take pictures of the fires on the hillsides.' 'Why?' asked the pilot. 'Because I'm a photographer for CNN', he responded, 'and I need to get some close up shots.' The pilot was strangely silent for a moment.

Finally he stammered, 'So, what you're telling me, is . . . You're NOT my flight instructor?'

"Life is short. Drink the good wine first."



Where Food & Community Grow

“These gardens represent our vision for healthy and thriving communities”

Over the last year, the need for food has skyrocketed. Since the pandemic began, Fred Victor, a charity based in Toronto, Ontario, has served over 180,000 free and low-cost meals to people in need—a 40 percent increase over previous years.

Growing food security issues are just one of the reasons why Fred Victor’s community gardens are so necessary right now.

In addition to providing vital food services, shelter, counselling, and job training to support people living in poverty and experiencing homelessness, Fred Victor runs over 240 gardens where local community members garden together. It is an activity they can still enjoy amid lockdown restrictions.

“The pandemic has pushed more people into poverty. More people are experiencing food insecurity and hunger. That is why we see these gardens as more than just plots of land with plants growing in them. For every harvest that makes its way onto plates and into bellies, and for every resident who feels empowered by their surroundings, these gardens represent our vision for healthy and thriving communities,” says Keith Hambly, Fred Victor’s CEO.

Today, over 200 families, many of whom live in poverty, grow their own nutritious food through these gardens. But the food itself isn’t the only benefit of the gardening program. At Fred Victor, gardening isn’t just about growing food—it’s about growing community, too.

“What we grow reflects our community’s vibrant cultural diversity. In our gardens, kiwi and amaranth grow alongside strawberries, carrots, and garlic, which grow alongside Indigenous healing and ceremonial plants such as tobacco and sage,” says Mark Woodnutt, Fred Victor’s Senior Manager, Community Food Centre.

Gardening and nutritional education, healthy food choices, and strong relationships are cornerstones of the gardening initiative. And there are plans to expand. “We’re looking to expand the program over the next year, turning plots at one of our locations into a micro-farm that will supply fresh ingredients to the meals served out of our community hub,” Woodnutt explains.

Your gifts through Mission & Service not only help feed families but also support building healthy communities through organizations like Fred Victor. Thank you for helping your neighbours across our country flourish.

Keeping in Touch - News for UCW

When the United Church of Canada decided to discontinue publishing the Info Pack, National UCW decided to take on the task of publishing the Keeping in Touch – News for UCW Newsletter. Our goal is to bring UCW women across Canada/Bermuda information on what National, Regional and local UCW women are doing as they live out the UCW purpose in Christian witness, study, fellowship and service. As the National UCW Communications Committee educate themselves on the logistics of publishing a newsletter, please be patient with us. Things are changing and we are up to the challenge!

I had a welcome business stop by my place today. They had spotted a couple of old vehicles that I still had; just hadn’t gotten rid of them! They asked if I wanted them taken away; made me an offer, and away they went! Paid me in cash. The name of their business is Recycled Automotive Pickup. They are on FaceBook and their story is there, also. Each month they give a share of the money they get from their pickings to a charity; May was Heart & Stroke and this month is Cancer.

Contact information is:

Call/text: 204-215-0142

Email: RecycledPickup@Gmail.com

Rob Simpson was the person I was talking to; there were two of them. Maybe you can use them?

**I named my toilet Jim, instead of John.
Everyone is so impressed
when I tell them that I go to ‘Jim’ every morning.**



Act Of Kindness

Lex Moran says she makes it a point to take care of 'Joe' whenever their paths cross. "When I pull up, I try to feed him, give him a little money, make sure he has clothes and whatever he needs just to maintain through that day," Moran told WLKY.

On Sunday, the 29-year-old spotted Joe at a bus stop in the Taylor Berry neighborhood and he mentioned that he wanted a haircut. "He was talking about how his hair was longer and it was tickling his ears," Moran said. Lucky for Joe, she had just taken and passed her barber board exam that day and her supplies were already in the car.

Moran says a near-death experience in 2016 changed her view on life. She was shot three times while standing on her porch. The incident resulted in an 8-hour surgery, a 10-day hospital stay, and physical and emotional recovery. "He just shot four times in my direction and I caught three of them," Moran said. "Having a second chance at life, it's just sympathy and compassion and even having an understanding for others, no matter the situation." She hopes to lead by example and send the message that the world can always use more love and compassion.

"I've gotten so much love from just helping Joe and it's almost unbelievable that it's love out here in a world of so much negativity and so many shootings and killings," she said. "If I can just be a little hope and a little change and a little love that is in the community, maybe I can lead other people to do the exact same thing as I am."



I got these welcome pics from Ken & Carol Winstone, our Trinity Garden Caretakers

'The fern peonies were beautiful!, Then the Irises and Poppies.

We have baby birds chirping in the bird house!'

We are looking for someone to water the church garden, July 14-July 28; Also August 9-16.

We would really appreciate anyone contacting us:

Ken 204-726-4822; Carol 204-573-3369

kenandcarolwinstone@gmail.com

Many thanks to these two folk who wear many hats!

What did the archer get when he hit a bullseye?

A very angry bull.



Birthdays

June

1st ~ Jean Cory

1st ~ Tina Ure

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

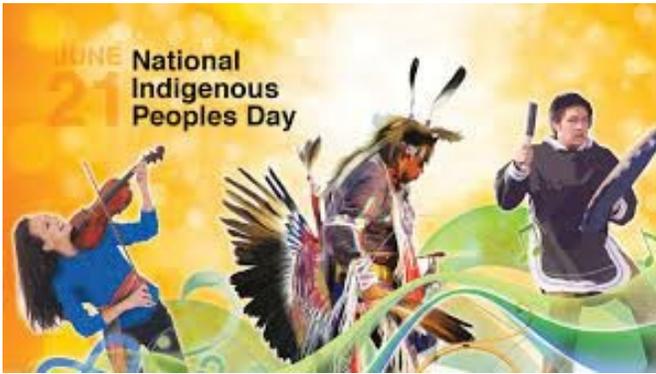
**12th ~
Norie Rathwell
Special 80th
birthday!**

**14th ~
Irene Brown**

**20th ~
Pat Kempthorne**

**29th ~
Jean Hutchings**

National Indigenous Peoples Day - June 21



National Indigenous Peoples Day is a day for all Canadians to recognize and celebrate the unique heritage, diverse cultures and outstanding contributions of First Nations, Inuit, and Métis peoples.

For generations, many Indigenous peoples and communities have celebrated their culture and heritage on or near this day due to the significance of the summer solstice as the longest day of the year.

For the **United Church of Canada** Indigenous Day of Prayer – Being a Good Neighbour, visit https://united-church.ca/sites/default/files/2021-05/2021-being-a-good-neighbour-worship_0.docx



Herding Sheep

Linda Oswald's family and their 2-year-old border collie were driving on a highway in Idaho when their vehicle collided with another car. No one was seriously injured in the crash, but police asked for people in the area to be on the lookout for Tilly, who was ejected from the vehicle when the rear window shattered and ran off. The family also created a Facebook post with a picture of Tilly in hopes of finding their beloved pet. The post reached a farm a mile and a half from the accident where two brothers, Travis and Zane Potter, noticed something strange. Travis told the local news station, "I think that dog was trying to herd."



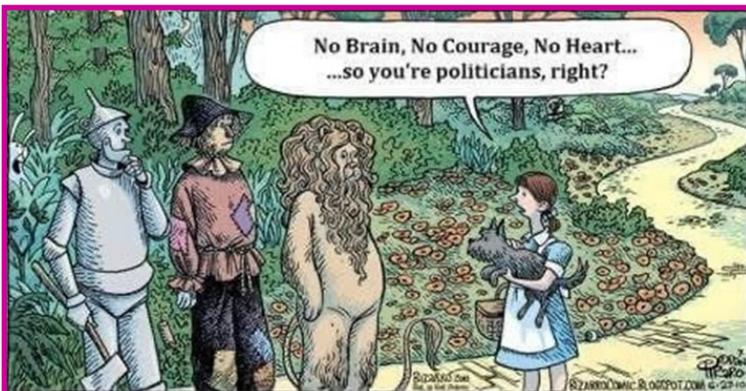
The Oswald's were reunited with Tilly, who had lost some weight but was otherwise healthy.



Trinity Service June 13th, 2021
'The Family Splett'



OKAY
I am not a bird specialist; but I am pretty sure this couple just had a fight!



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 Lord replies, "In a minute."

What do you call blueberries playing the guitar?
A jam session

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).



**June 6th, 2021
Pride Sunday (UC of Canada)**
Celebrating the lives and ministry of LGBTQIA+ and Two Spirit people in all their diversity.

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: Assiniboine 3
Harvey Bullee: Assiniboine 3
Judy Diswinka: Rivers, in rehab.

Enjoying the facility and working hard!!!

Hillary Baker had a date for some heart surgery on June 23rd; however was bumped until July 12th. A day later, she now has two dates; June 25th stents, valve on July 6th!! Our thoughts and prayers are with you for the dates holding and for the procedures!

May your troubles be less
May your blessings be more
Wishing nothing but happiness
To come through your door.

Thanks to Jean Hutchings for sending me this.

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

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

Next newsletter will have pictures of our grad drive by!

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

LET'S HEAR IT FOR

DAD!

Any man can be a father; it takes someone special to be a 'DAD'!



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May God hold you in the palm of His Hand