



Trinitopics & Church Announcements



To Grow in Faith, Fellowship & Service Through Christ Jesus
16 ~ Thursday, July 29th, 2021

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**Reverend Doug will be taking vacation from July 9 to August 8, 2021. As a result, there will be no virtual worship services produced for the following Sundays:
August 1 and 8.**

... Alan Silvius

Minister on Vacation



Resources to Bringing the Children Home

Published on July 22nd, 2021

The United Church of Canada is making funds available to support the work of Indigenous communities for the identification of unmarked graves, knowledge gathering, and ceremony to honour the children who did not return home from its **15** residential schools. This is an act of reparation and responds to Calls to Action 73-76 of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada.



"The United Church of Canada was an active participant in a system that ripped Indigenous families apart by forcibly removing the children from their homes," says the church's Moderator, Richard Bott. "We have written to Indigenous leaders of the communities where 13 United Church-run residential schools were located, and in the case of the other two, communities whose children were taken there. We have let them know that we have made funds available so that the work of bringing home the children does not solely rest on their shoulders. We played a critical role in this and we as a church need to be more action focused in our commitment to reconciliation." The Moderator also released a wider statement to the residential school survivors, their families, and communities.

A special meeting of the General Council Executive on July 20th, 2021 approved three million dollars to fund this work, which also includes archival research and providing communities access to documents. The United Church turned over all its existing records to the National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation Commission and continues to send records that come to light. The General Secretary, Rev. Michael Blair, notes, "Our history as settlers is a 'we can fix this' attitude. Clearly, we have been very wrong. We need to listen before we act, and support communities as they define their needs."

Brandon Friendship Centre has a supply of orange shirts with 'Every Child Matters' on them. Anyone interested in purchasing one can call 204 727-1407. They are \$25.00 each.

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<https://www.prairiemountainhealth.ca/pmh-well-wishes>

Live with no regrets,
Treat people the way you want to be treated,
Work like you don't need the money,
Love like you have never been hurt,
& Dance like you do when nobody is watching.

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).



Memories from Spring 2009

Former Sanctuary
Before March 2009



Keith

Grant

Other than Rev.
Harvey Hurren, it is
very hard to make
out the people in
this picture.

Can anyone
identify yourself or
others?



Harvey



Harvey



Finished Chancel
April 2009



Dedication of Chancel & Sanctuary Renovations at Trinity Easter Sunday, April 12th, 2009

"We dedicate the renovations of this Chancel & Sanctuary to the glory of
God and the continued worship of the people here in this place. May
God's name be praised; the name Christ uplifted and the Holy Spirit
acknowledged within this sanctuary".

"There can be no other foundation than the one already set; that which
is in Jesus Christ our Lord. (1Cor.3-11)

Property Committee Members Accepted on behalf of all who helped!



Keith
Privat

Grant
McCausland

Rick
Church

Orange Ribbons Appear at Trinity United Church, Brandon



Photo Credit: Al Friesen

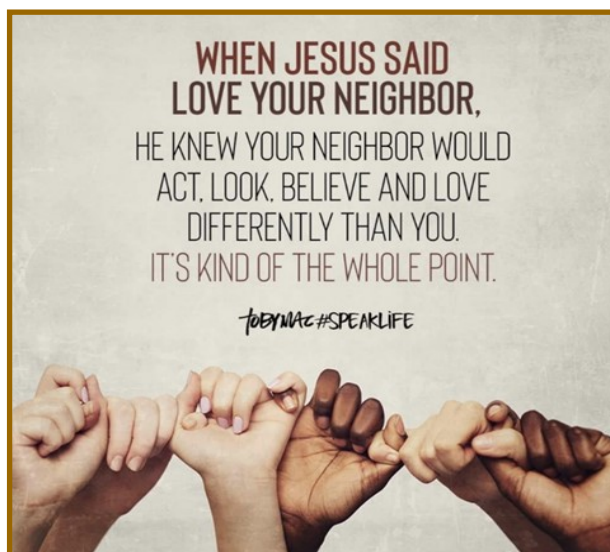
With approval of the Official Board, Equity & Diversity placed ribbons to acknowledge the unmarked graves of Indigenous children on the properties of government funded church-run Indian Residential Schools across Canada.

But the orange ribbons and shirts are not enough. They are great ways of showing support, but without an understanding of the history and lasting impacts of Residential schools, it diminishes the purpose of the support. Please take the time to read the resources at the website below, as it is just as important as showing support. The site includes information, ways to show support, donation and educational links.

<https://wanuskewin.com/isl/uploads/2021/06/Orange-Ribbons.pdf>

To learn more, also see separate article in this newsletter “Moderator’s Statement on Residential School Burial Sites”.

(Thanks to Alan & Darlene Silvius, Alison Murray and Barb Roberds for hanging the ribbons)



Mark your calendars!

Eight weeks to the Trinity vote on becoming an affirming ministry

Voting Day: September 26, 2021

If you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact Rev. Neufeld, Al Friesen, or another member of the Equity & Diversity Committee.

“Whatever your perspective, we invite you to be part of the conversation”.



Moderator's Statement on Residential School Burial Sites

"Bringing these children the honour we denied them in life"

Published On: July 19, 2021, at

<https://united-church.ca/news/moderators-statement-residential-school-burial-sites>

To Residential School Survivors, Families, and Communities:

I want to acknowledge the pain that you, as survivors of residential schools, families, and communities, are experiencing. We understand that the pain endured at these schools went far beyond their walls and grounds into community and through generations.

The United Church of Canada operated 15 residential schools: Alberni, Ahousaht, Coqualeetza, Kitimaat (Elizabeth Long Memorial Home), and Port Simpson (Crosby Boys' and Girls' Home) in BC; Edmonton, McDougall Orphanage/Morley, and Red Deer in Alberta; Cote (formerly Crowstand), File Hills, and Round Lake in Saskatchewan; **Brandon**, Norway House, and Portage la Prairie in Manitoba; and Mount Elgin in Ontario. We are aware of cemeteries on some of these sites, and we know that there are also unmarked and likely undocumented graves of children.

We acknowledge that our role in the residential school system and colonization is an abuse of power through our Christian faith. We hope that our ongoing work for reconciliation, which has been guided by United Church residential school survivors, more truly reflects what our faith calls us to be and do. We are committed to the Calls to Action of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, especially those directed to us as perpetrators. These include those related to burial sites and missing children.

In the spirit of truth telling and transparency, we want to share the work that we have done, in consultation with community, on identifying and restoring graveyards. **The United Church in southwestern Manitoba has actively supported ongoing work on the identification and preservation of gravesites related to the residential school in Brandon; this includes the 104 graves identified off-site in 2018.** In Saskatchewan, we supported the community of Okanese in preserving its graveyard and honouring the children buried there. The United Church of Canada has also been a partner in the preservation of the Regina Industrial School cemetery. United Churches in Red Deer, Alberta, worked to preserve the residential school cemetery in cooperation with the communities whose children were sent to Red Deer. There has also been research into possible graves at the Edmonton Residential School.

This work is just a beginning, and we understand that it must continue. Steps are required to properly locate, identify, and honour these children, and for the truth that Indigenous people have always known to finally be heard. Any work we do to help search grounds of and surrounding United Church residential schools must be done with respect for, the consent of, and with the guidance of Indigenous leadership, communities, survivors, and families.

We know that we are not the experts in this work. We will continue to share all the documents and knowledge we have. If anyone in community wishes to share information and expertise with us, we will gratefully accept it and be committed to transparency.

We are committed to meeting with leadership to hear how they wish to proceed, and whether they would like our assistance at any stage. This includes financial assistance for what community leadership deems appropriate.

The United Church of Canada is committed to reconciliation and to transparency in our efforts to support Indigenous leadership, communities, survivors, and families in bringing these children the honour we denied them in life.

With respect, The Right Rev. Dr. Richard Bott, Moderator, United Church of Canada

Jazz & Technology Meet up to Spurt Innovation

“We know that the Spirit speaks through music, and we are exploring new ways to listen.”



The meditative walk in the neighbourhood around MacKay United Church located in the nation's capital kicks off with a quote from 13th-century Persian poet Rumi: “There are many roads leading to God. I've chosen that of music and dance.”

There is no live guide speaking the words or playing the music streaming through ear-phones. Instead, the church's minister Peter Woods, also a jazz musician, uses SonicMaps, a geolocated listening platform to facilitate the walk. Participants tune in by clicking a link or scanning a QR code. Turning a corner from one zone in the neighbourhood to the next, the music and message change.

“As the pandemic unfolded, we quickly realized that concerts and other typical ways of sharing music and spirituality through jazz wasn't going to happen. We transitioned our weekly Kindness of Jazz music and meditation evenings online and embraced other technologies to minister to people safely,” says Woods.

In a traumatized community of artists, these initiatives sparked new relationships. Guest co-hosts and musicians offered leadership from as far away as Ireland, South Korea, and San Salvador.

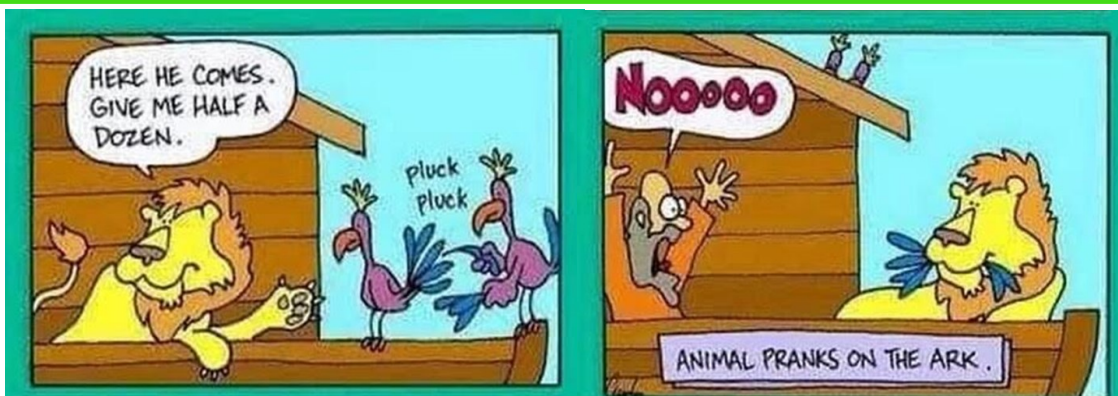
“I love how vital the connections have become amongst artists, across tech platforms and with spiritually resonant friends. Music, in this context, is the soundtrack to sacred moments and revelations. I feel great joy to witness this work unfolding. Improvised music is so often in service of the sacred, but now more than ever,” says Woods.

Sonic walks and online music collaborations are the tip of the creative iceberg. The last few years have been full. EvenSong, the band Woods plays with, released its album *Songs from the Bridge* in 2019. The church hosted a bustling night market serving up local food and showcasing the work of artisans beneath a moody cover of white lights and floating jazz. Most recently, Woods released a meditative video called *Arise, My Love* featuring original music coupled with photographs taken by the United Church's General Secretary Michael Blair.

Many of Woods' most innovative projects have been supported through the United Church Foundation and Mission & Service Embracing the Spirit grants administered by EDGE Network.

“We know that the Spirit speaks through music, and we are exploring new ways to listen,” says Woods. “In the chaos of this time, there have been many blessings and much creativity. That positive energy is the way forward. We are learning and sharing what we learn with the rest of *the church*.”

***By supporting learning, creativity, and innovation,
your gifts help the whole church discern a path for the future. Thank you.***



To avoid arguments with the females about lifting the toilet seat, use the sink.

**We have two ears and one mouth so that we can listen
Twice as much as we speak.**

A man tried to assault me with milk, cream and butter. How dairy!
I'm reading a book about anti-gravity. I can't put it down.
If there was someone selling marijuana in our neighbourhood, weed know about it.
The other day I held the door open for a clown. I thought it was a nice jester.
Need an ark to save two of every animal? I Noah guy.



Ferg Hall's Garden

How is this for a 91 year old's garden? And on a year of very little rain!! You can see the corn in the background which 'is as high as an elephant's eye' Myrna tells me!!

Looking good!

Happy Anniversary

July 25th Esmor & Miranda Edwards 40th
August 7th Cliff & Pat Bowslaugh 60th
August 15th Keith & Viv Privat 51st

Happy Birthday

August 3rd Donna Vrooman 80 years young
August 6th Edna Stewart
August 13th Shirley Kernaghan

Activities
in the
hospital



White, black, man, woman, straight, gay,
Catholic, Muslim, American, Mexican...

...all taste like
chicken



Never miss an opportunity to make others happy ...
even if you have to leave them alone in order to do it.

Do not let them take your
temperature going into
the store! It's a scam!
They're erasing your
memory. I went for bread
and eggs and came home
with Ice Cream and
Snickers.

UCW Birthdays

July

29th Myrna Hall

August

7th Shirley Mabon
19th Sheila McCausland

You need only two tools in life -
WD-40 and duct tape.
If it doesn't move and should,
use the WD-40.
If it shouldn't move and does,
use the duct tape.

The secret to happiness is freedom...
& the secret to freedom is courage..

By swallowing evil words
unsaid, no one has ever
harmed his stomach.
~Winston Churchill~



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Please be sure to call or e-mail Marlane Wilson, with any reports of folks in hospital or needing some contact.



Happy 5th Anniversary Rev. Doug
Trinity's New Minister 2016-present

Believe in Jesus
Have Faith in Jesus
Trust in God
Next service: August 15th

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

Our thoughts & prayers to:

Gordon Fraser: Assiniboine 2

Alice Wesley spent some time in hospital, but is home now.
Thinking of you, both!

Thoughts and prayers to **Donna Coxe** on recent surgery.
Hope you are 'stepping out' again, Donna!



Our thoughts and prayers to **Mary Chambers & Terry & Heather Nicol** on the loss of **Dan Neets**, Mary & Heather's dad.
We will miss seeing him at our functions!

Our thoughts and prayers to **Don & Bonnie Coombs** due to the loss of Don's brother.
Thinking of you & your family.



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

Our Friends in Personal Care and Senior Homes

Dinsdale: Lois Aube

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

Souris PCH: Emma Garden

Rideau: Don Chambers, Murray Hicks, Jean Hutchings, Robert Jarvie, Eleanor McCreath, Garry VanRenselaar

Valleyview: Harvey Bullee, 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!!

Anyone know of birthdays or anniversaries?

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



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May God hold you in the palm of His Hand