



# Trinitopics & Church Announcements



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## Message from the Trinity Board

The Official Board had a 'summer' ZOOM gathering on Tuesday, August 10th to discuss a number of items, including the re-opening of our church & fundraising. The upcoming hiring of an office person is starting so you might see advertisements in numerous places.

There are a few fundraising ideas that are being further looked at. One is asking our congregation 'would you be interested in having an OUTDOOR bake sale'? This could be planned for some time in September. Please contact me (Darlyne) if you are interested in baking for it and helping. I think this might be a first for the history of Trinity!



PHOTO BY NEIL STROHSCHER

### Ready for Release

Woodside native Alana Poersch holds a copy of Gentle Rain, her first CD. The disk features 10 songs she and her mother Val have written. It will be released April 1 at

Norm & Val Poersch have donated to Trinity some professionally produced CD's that their daughter Alana is starred in, who was 17 at the time. Val & Alana have written the words to the songs and put music to them. I have attached the article from the Neepawa Banner from March of 2006 when this CD was released. Norm & Val are in our congregation as well as Alana & Richard and their four children. I am thinking \$5.00 for the CD.

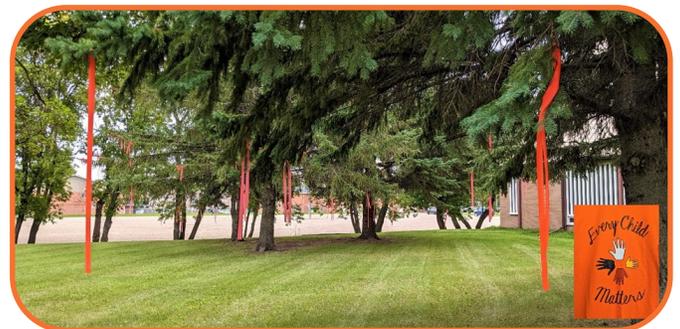
Church re-opening will be re-visited at our September 14th meeting when the then current health situation will be known. If you are uncomfortable without a mask, even though it says you don't need one, buy all means, continue to wear it!!

Blessings to all!

Darlyne

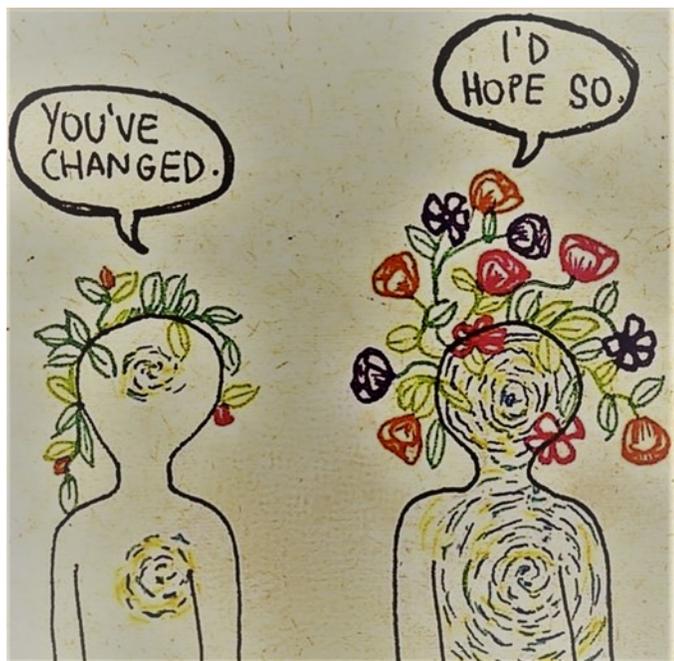
Treat everyone with politeness, even those who are rude to you, not because they are nice but because you are.

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



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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).



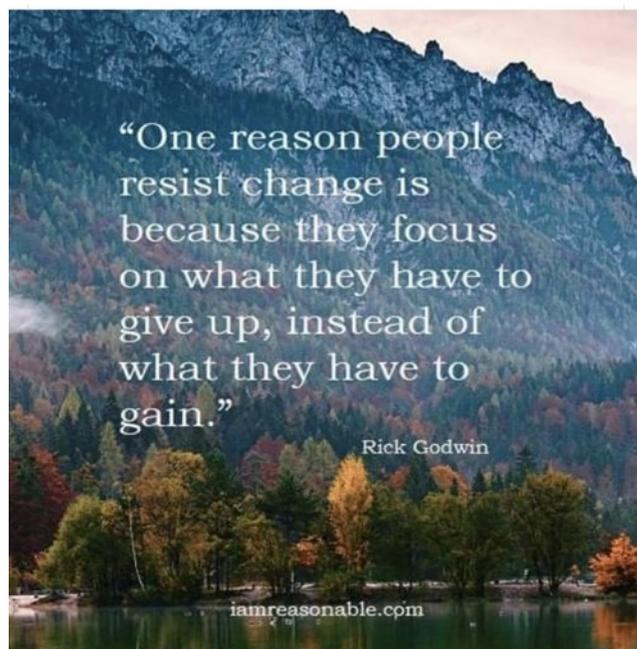
## Mark your calendars!

**Six 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”.*



Due to uncertainties caused by the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic and changing health regulations, the format for the vote on becoming an affirming ministry is yet to be determined. The Equity & Diversity Committee is working with the Official Board to monitor the situation and to develop options accordingly.

With a potential fourth wave coming our way, it now appears most likely that the vote on becoming affirming will be conducted via zoom/telephone.

We hope that by the next newsletter two weeks from now, we can announce the format and provide information about voting procedures so that everyone can participate. You are welcome to address any questions or concerns to Rev. Neufeld or to members of the committee. Stay tuned.

## Make It Happen

A restaurant in West Virginia is being celebrated for hiring employees with special needs. Jordyn's Deli in Falling Waters is a special kind of eatery that supports special needs employment. In a recent Facebook post, the restaurant posted photos of the new bench they built for an employee named Angelina who desired to be a cook. "When life gives you lemons, you make lemonade," they wrote. "And when one of your best employees comes to you and says that in spite of all obstacles, they want to be a cook...you find a way to make it happen. You move a couple pieces of equipment around so she can reach. You take some wood, screws and the skills of a local craftsman (her grandfather) to make her a perch. And you step back to watch her live out a dream. Angelina's reuben sandwich. Nothing any better!

"Our 'special friends' work in an environment of complete inclusion, equal pay and equal job responsibilities. Their work provides a true benefit and we are stronger because of their contributions”.

**How can you tell it's a dogwood tree?**

**By the bark.**



There is a great read on Mary Simon's dad, Bob May. I received it via email, but when checking, it is indeed a true story. I am going to attach his story for those who might be interested in reading it.

My thought is we certainly have a much different person in the Honorable Governor General's position now; one to be proud of.

Mary Jeannie May Simon<sup>1</sup> was born on August 21, 1947, in Kangiqsualujjuaq, Quebec (which means "very large bay" in Inuktitut), to Bob May, who was from Sandy Lake, Manitoba and of English descent, and Nancy, an Inuk. Her father relocated to the north in his youth and became manager of the local Hudson's Bay Company store in the early 1950s. He says he was the first white employee to marry an Inuk, which was banned at the time. Simon was raised in a traditional Inuit lifestyle, including hunting, fishing, sewing Inuit clothing, and travelling by dog sled. She credits her mother and maternal grandmother Jeannie Angnatuk for passing on Inuit oral history to her.

Simon attended Kuujjuaq Federal Day School in Kuujjuaq (formerly Fort Chimo), then Fort Carson High School in Colorado, and completed her high school via correspondence in Kuujjuaq. She received honorary degrees from 12 universities.

## A Human Chain

A mother -- and former lifeguard -- was at Thetis Lake, near Victoria, B.C., with her family when she heard a man in the water crying for help. He was struggling to keep his wife and son afloat. Rosa Kouri made sure her daughter was safe before sprinting into the water. "I had my four-month-old daughter and I checked to make sure she was safe with my mother and then I immediately bolted down the hill and ran down to the water," Kouri told CBC's. Kouri had completed lifeguard training about 20 years ago, but it didn't teach her how to rescue a group. "I think I just grabbed all the limbs I could, and I tried to remember my lifeguard training -- which was a long time ago when I was a teenager -- and just tried to tow them in," she recalled. Kouri said her goal was to drag the family close enough to shore that they could catch their footing, but it wasn't so easy. During the process, onlookers made a human chain and reached out to her, grabbing her arm and pulling her and the family close enough to get a foothold. Kouri said the family was in shock and gasping for air when they were safe on shore but appeared to be okay. The father thanked her in between gasps of breaths

**I really think it's time to take the warning labels off of everything and let stupidity work itself out of the gene pool**

### BEAUTY PARLOR

A place where women curl up and dye.

- ◆ Finland has just closed their borders. No one will be crossing the finish line.
- ◆ I ran out of toilet paper and had to start using old newspapers. Times are rough!
- ◆ What do you call panic buying of sausage and cheese in Germany? The Wurst Kase scenario.
- ◆ Now is not the right time to surround yourself with **positive** people.





## Converting Space for a Field Hospital in Cuba Centre's generosity inspires others to be generous too.

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Eleven million people live in Cuba. By mid-July, the country had a staggering average of over 400 confirmed COVID-19 cases per million residents daily, double the world average and more than any other country in the Americas for its size.

Coupled with the continuing and strengthened US economic blockade, Cuba is now experiencing dire economic conditions, and shortages of food and medical supplies. The dramatic surge in cases related to the Delta variant has been felt most acutely in locations such as Cardenas and Matanzas where Mission & Service partners, The Christian Centre for Reflection and Dialogue (CCRD) and the Evangelical Theological Seminary (SET), are located.

When hospitals in Cuba were pushed to capacity, both partners moved quickly to convert their buildings to help. Today, both the Christian Centre for Reflection and Dialogue and the Evangelical Theological Seminary are being used as a field hospitals and isolation centers for children and their families who have been exposed to the virus.

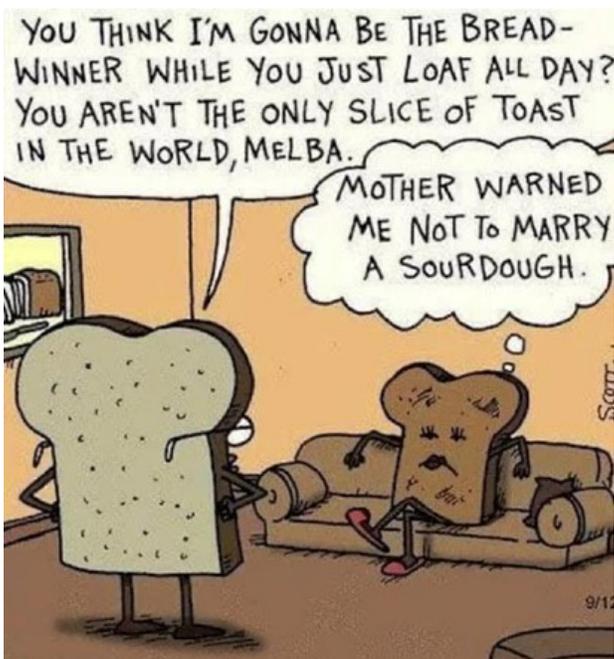
At Evangelical Seminary in Matanzas a team of doctors and nurses attend to 120 children and their accompanying parents, as well as other individuals who are suspected of having or are diagnosed with COVID-19. Seminary staff work to support the hospital, including providing food for the hospital on a daily basis.

This generosity in action is also inspiring others to be generous, too.

Local business owners and the public have begun to donate food, transportation, masks, and more to the Christian Centre for Reflection and Dialogue. "In recent days, we have welcomed representatives of different businesses in the city to our institution with special contributions: cake, ice cream, jam, and graphic prints with hopeful messages," says the Centre in a report, calling the groundswell of kindness "gratifying."

Throughout the pandemic, your support through Mission & Service has helped provide vital personal protective equipment, shelter, and food for people in Canada and around the world when they need it most. Now, it is also providing life-saving vaccines.

**Thank you for all the ways you are making a difference!**



**\$29.95 for a club sandwich and fries! Are you kidding me? I asked the waitress, she said it's usually \$6.95 but the cost of lumber is so high it's the four tooth picks that drove up the price!**

### **DUST**

Mud with the juice squeezed out.

### **INFLATION**

Cutting money in half without damaging the paper.

### **MOSQUITO**

An insect that makes you like flies better.

### At 75 - She's Inspiring

"You can't turn back the clock but you can wind it up again!" In 2017, MacDonald began her fitness journey. She was 70 years old, weighed nearly 200 lbs, and had rising blood pressure and kidney troubles. She was also on medication for cholesterol and acid reflux, and her doctor wanted to double the dose. "I was sick and tired of being sick and tired," MacDonald said in an interview. So, she decided to leave her home in Ontario and move to Mexico to join her daughter, Michelle, who works as a fitness coach.

MacDonald began with some daily cardio and would train on weights about 4 days a week. She also changed her diet. Within nine months, she was off all medication. Now, at 75, she's in the best shape of her life. "People need to know, especially women, that you are not finished at 40, definitely not finished at 50 or 60 or 70," she says. "You can go on and on until the day there is no more. And you should be able to do it with pizzazz." But it's not just about eating better and exercising. "Remember that it's not your body that got you out of shape, it was your mind. If you really want to make lasting changes, you'll have to tackle your mindset," she says.

MacDonald's fitness journey is inspiring both women and men to improve their quality of life -- and proving that it's never too late to be your best self.

### Happy Anniversary

Belated: August 3rd Leonard & Phyllis Wray 58th  
August 15th Keith & Viv Privat 51st  
August 17th Ralph & Carolyn Heard 64th

### Happy Birthday

Belated: June 11th Phyllis Wray 80 years young  
August 13th Shirley Kernaghan

### Our Garden Keepers

Continued appreciation to Marv & Georgie Pidhorny and Shirley Kernaghan for looking after our church garden in the absence of Ken & Carole Winstone. It is looking lovely!

Don't judge each day by the harvest you reap but by the seeds that you plant. Robert Louis Stevenson

You never know what you  
have until ...  
you clean your room



I'M A SECONDHAND  
VEGETARIAN  
COWS EAT GRASS,  
I EAT COWS

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,  
and Dance like you do  
when nobody is watching.

### UCW Birthdays

#### August

7th Shirley Mabon  
19th Sheila McCausland



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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.



**Rev. Doug back from Holidays**

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; getting stronger following surgery. Loves cards and notes!

**Hillary Baker:** had her second heart surgery, valve replacement, on Tuesday this week and was being discharged from St. Boniface on Wednesday. From Lynda, Hillary & families; **'Thanks for all the prayers and thoughts over the last month. So thankful that she is moving into the recovery phase!'**

So happy for all of you!! Continued thoughts and prayers!!

It was great to see **Cliff Bowslaugh** back home after his 11 month stay at Brad & Jennifer's in Kelowna. Cliff & Pat's 60th anniversary day was lovely!

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

I would love birthday, anniversary dates; the list is getting longer!!

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