



# Trinitopics & Church Announcements



To Grow in Faith, Fellowship & Service Through Christ Jesus  
# 26 ~ Thursday, December 16th, 2021

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Rev. Doug Neufeld

From our family to yours, we wish you all the blessings of this glorious season as we celebrate the birth of the Messiah.  
Merry Christmas,  
Doug, Donna, Zack, Cassy and Pat.



## Advent Season Worship Services:



December 19: Advent 4 - Communion  
December 24: Christmas Eve Service @ 7:00 p.m.  
December 26: No Worship Service  
January 2: No Worship Service; Rev. Doug on Vacation



Trinity's Advent Candles

## Christmas Message from the Trinity Board



I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. As we celebrate Christ's birth as people of faith, know that God sees you. On behalf of the Board, all the best for a safe, peaceful, and joyful Christmas season! May you have health and happiness in 2022!  
Jason Splett - Trinity Board Chair

### Greetings from Worship Committee

May the joy and peace that were present at the birth of Christ be present in your home this season  
Merry Christmas!

But the Angel said to them

"Do not be afraid I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people."

Luke 2:10



### Church Undecorating

The takedown of Christmas Decorations will occur on Wednesday, January 12, 2022 at 10:00 am. All are welcome!

Please note Trinity has purchased some \$100 Gift Cards from Sobeys/Safeway. Please see Eden in the office if you would like to purchase any cards.

Love Your Neighbor who doesn't

- 👁️ Look like you
- 🗣️ Think like you
- ❤️ Love like you
- 🗣️ Speak like you
- 🙏 Pray like you
- 🗳️ Vote like you

Love Your Neighbor  
No exceptions

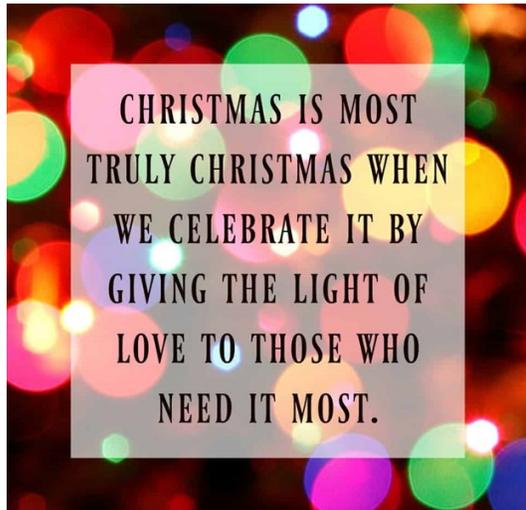
Love your neighbour

In the 1980s I fell off my bike and hurt my knee. I'm telling you this now because we didn't have social media then



**Trinity United Church, Brandon**  
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**Church Vacancies are as follows:**  
Vice Chair                      Christian Education



CHRISTMAS IS MOST  
TRULY CHRISTMAS WHEN  
WE CELEBRATE IT BY  
GIVING THE LIGHT OF  
LOVE TO THOSE WHO  
NEED IT MOST.

**Merry Christmas**  
from  
**Trinity Outreach**

The Trinity Outreach Committee would like to thank the congregation for their wonderful generosity for the hamper collection this year. The beautiful hampers were received with much joy and appreciation. Christmas Cheer expressed their thanks to Trinity for our help in supplying Christmas food for so many families.

**JESUS' FATHER'S NAME**

A Sunday school teacher asked her class, "What was Jesus' mother's name?" One girl answered, "Mary." The teacher then asked, "Who knows what Jesus' father's name was?" A little boy said, "Verge." Confused, the teacher asked, "Where did you get that?" The boy said, "Well, you know they're always talking about Verge n' Mary."

**Season's greetings from Pastoral Care**

Christmas is almost upon us for another year. This second Christmas of the Pandemic sees more activities than a year ago; our Church opening; becoming an Affirming Ministry; our office once again staffed; lots of alternate ways of making things work, eg: new method of Choir performance & return of Davis .

Thank you to the Pastoral Care Team; Judy Diswinka, Carolyn Heard, Mabel Ramsay, Irene Smith for all of their assistance this year. Thank you to Judy for your past support; we will miss you on the committee. Also to 'ad hoc' Marlane Wilson for making out the cards again this year & distributing to Care & Senior homes.

From our committee to all ...  
Merry Christmas &  
Wishing you Good Health, Hope,  
Peace, Joy & Love In 2022.  
Joyously ... Darlyne Smith

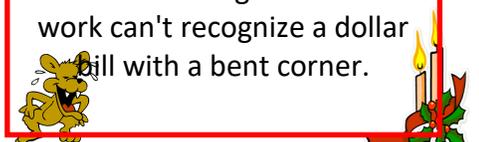


Vegetarians live up to nine years longer than meat-eaters. Nine horrible, worthless, baconless years !

Someone posted that they had just made synonym buns. I replied "you mean just like the ones that grammar used to make?" I am now blocked.

Dear paranoid people who check behind their shower curtains for murderers . . . if you do find one, what's your plan?

Facial recognition software can pick a person out of a crowd but the vending machine at work can't recognize a dollar bill with a bent corner.



**MERRY  
CHRISTMAS  
AND  
HAPPY  
NEW  
YEAR!**



Wishing everyone at Trinity a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year  
(From the Equity & Diversity Committee)

***That is Christmas***

*Every time a hand reaches out  
To help another  
That is Christmas  
Every time someone puts anger aside  
And strives for understanding  
That is Christmas  
Every time people forget their differences  
And realize their love for each other  
That is Christmas  
May this Christmas bring us  
Closer to the spirit of human understanding  
Closer to the blessing of peace!*

*Author Unknown*



It was Christmas Eve, 1818, when the now-famous carol, Silent Night, was first performed as ***Stille Nacht Heilige Nacht***.

Joseph Mohr, the young priest who wrote the lyrics, played the guitar and sang along with Franz Xaver Gruber, the choir director who had written the melody.

The Christmas television special;



Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer, the

longest running in history—was groundbreaking in its use of stop-motion animation with puppets. It originally aired in 1964.

Greetings from Ministry and Personnel Committee  
May the true spirit of the season warm your heart  
today and every day.

***From our homes***

Gloria Hill, Ralph Heard, Larry Sage,  
Carole Winstone  
Convenor, Gloria McMillan

***To yours***

**Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!**



**A Christmas Reminder:  
Don't try to borrow any  
money from elves; They  
are always a little short!**

**Christmas Is Mostly For  
Children.  
But We Adults Can Enjoy  
It Too,  
Until The Credit Card Bills  
Arrive**

**"At Christmas,  
all roads  
lead home."**



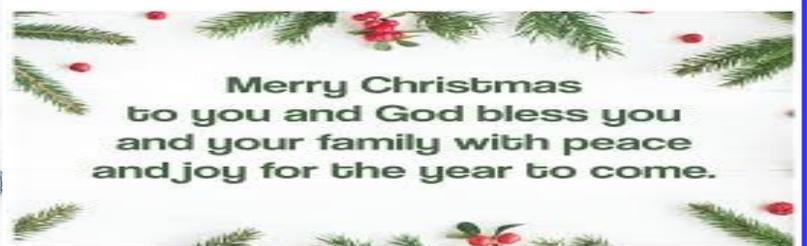
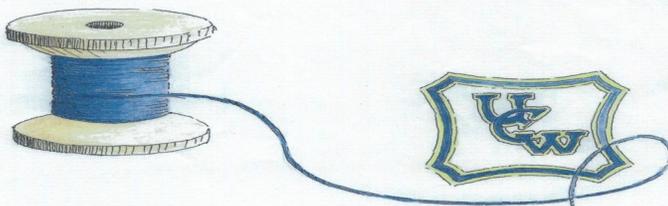
*Trinity U.C.W. December 7th, 2021*



These three gals, plus one other that wasn't with us on the 7th, had 'special' birthdays this year;  
 Carolyn Heard was 85 on February 5th  
 Norie Rathwell was 80 on June 12th  
 Louise Hume was 80 on September 19th  
 June Pedlow was 80 on December 6th.  
 How nice it was to gather on the 7th for a delicious full course, plus, meal catered by Shady Lanes; then our first meeting since March of 2020.  
 We then decided, health rules cooperating, that we would start meeting each month beginning in the new year.

Many thanks to our U.C.W. executive; Irene Thompson, June Pedlow, Darlene Silvius & Gloria McMillan for setting this up and having it ready for us! (We did pay for our own) :>

*U.C.W.... the thread that connects*



Trinity 55 Plus Group ~ 2021

**MERRY CHRISTMAS AND GOD'S BLESSINGS FOR A HEALTHY HAPPY YEAR AHEAD.**

Thank you so much to everyone for all your continued contributions .. mittens, socks, scarves, etc. over the past year and before. They are always so gratefully received. To those who are experiencing difficult times, our prayers are with you and pray that God may bless you, and grant you with whatever strength you may need the most each day.

We have been looking forward to meeting again and are pleased to say that our FIRST 55 Plus gathering will be with LINDA and AL FRIESEN who have agreed to take us on a AMAZING JOURNEY TO CHURCHILL, which they took this past fall. We are so looking forward to that...We will work out the safety, etc. before we can schedule a date...sometime in January hopefully.

"Trinity 55 Plus Group Striving to make a Difference a little at a Time"

Merry Christmas, God's Blessings..

Gail Thickett, Ruth and Glenn Sawyer, Shirley O'Driscoll ...

**Shirley ~ thank you so much for all you did for 55 Plus.. and blessing us with your faith and friendship...miss you!**



This basket is in the narthex for Mittens etc.

*Joy to the world*



Christmas tree for anti-vaxxers "No needles"

**From our Music Director; Davis Placatka**

Davis is working on his 4th year at the Brandon University School of Music. He has 3 semesters left to go before obtaining a Bachelor of Music degree. Right now, most of Davis' course work involves music research- studying subjects like theory, composition, and history. He also maintains his interest in music education, conducting, and is involved in numerous musical ensembles at the school of music this year!

While finishing up his music degree this year and next year, Davis is also taking some science courses which he hopes to use to obtain a science degree. He has enjoyed employment at the Brandon Research and Development Centre throughout his education, and would like to pursue a similar career in plant biology and agriculture after graduation!



Although Davis' fall has been busy and tiring with work and school, he has enjoyed all of the in-person music and concerts which have been able to resume during this time.

Davis is looking forward to starting his 'Holiday Break' after writing his last university exam for this term on Saturday, December 18th!

**MY WISH LIST FOR THE HOLIDAYS IS SHORT THIS YEAR:**

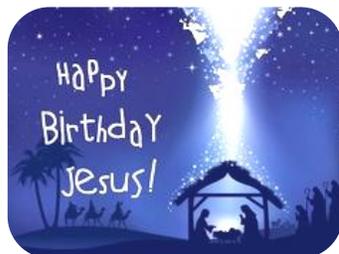
- 1. \$1,000,000 IN CASH**
- 2. THE SOULS OF ALL WHO HAVE DISPLEASED ME**
- 3. A KITTEN**

Some people seem to have aged like fine wine. I aged like milk ... I got sour and chunky.

Happy birthday  
 December 1st Mabel Ramsay  
 December 5th Murray McMillan  
 December 6th Donna Neufeld  
 December 22nd Ruth Sawyer  
 December 20th Holly Walker  
 December 23rd Leonard Wray  
 December 27th Keith Privat



December 25th



Happy 55th Anniversary  
**Eddy & Hillary Baker**  
 December 24



Happy 52nd Anniversary  
**Don & Marion Kitz**  
 December 27th



Help needed with lighting of  
 Advent 3 Candle

UCW Birthdays  
 December 6th

June Pedlow

80 years  
 young!!



The Twelve  
 days of  
 Christmas

IT'S  
 BEGINNING  
 TO LOOK  
 A LOT  
 LIKE  
 Christmas

The **partridge** in a pear tree was Jesus Christ.

**Two turtle doves** were the Old and New Testaments.

**Three French hens** stood for faith, hope and love.

**The four calling birds** were the four gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John.

**The five golden rings** recalled the Torah or Law, the first five books of the Old Testament.

**The six geese a-laying** stood for the six days of creation.

**Seven swans a-swimming** represented the sevenfold gifts of the Holy Spirit: Prophecy, Serving, Teaching, Exhortation, Contribution, Leadership, and Mercy.

**The eight maids a-milking** were the eight beatitudes.

**Nine ladies dancing** were the nine fruits of the Holy Spirit: Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness, and Self Control.

**The ten lords a-leaping** were the ten commandments.

**The eleven pipers piping** stood for the eleven faithful disciples.

**The twelve drummers drumming** symbolized the twelve points of belief in the Apostles' Creed.

If you know someone, or yourself, who would like a care call from Rev. Neufeld; call 204-441-8140  
 204 729.1946

## Covid 19 Version of 'The Night before Christmas'

'Twas the night before Christmas, but Covid was here,  
So we all had to stay extra cautious this year.  
Our masks were all hung by the chimney with care  
In case Santa forgot his and needed a spare.

With Covid, we couldn't leave cookies or cake  
So we left Santa hand sanitizer to take.  
The children were sleeping, the brave little tots  
The ones over 5 had just had their first shots.

And mom in her kerchief and me in my cap  
Had just settled in for a long winter's nap.  
But we tossed and we turned all night in our beds  
As visions of variants danced in our heads.

Gamma and Delta and now Omicron  
These Covid mutations that go on and on  
I thought to myself, "If this doesn't get better,  
I'll soon be familiar with every Greek letter".

Then just as I started to drift off and doze  
A clatter of noise from the front lawn arose.  
I leapt from my bed and ran straight down the stair  
I opened the door, and an old gent stood there.

His N 95 made him look pretty weird  
But I knew who he was by his red suit and beard.  
I kept six feet away but blurted out quick  
"What are you doing here, jolly Saint Nick?"

Then I said, "Where's your presents, your reindeer and sleigh?  
Don't you know that tomorrow will be Christmas Day?"  
And Santa stood there looking sad in the snow  
As he started to tell me a long tale of woe.

And Rudolph's career can't be resurrected.  
With his shiny red nose, they all think he's infected.  
Even with his old sleigh, Santa couldn't go far.  
Every border to cross needs a new PCR.

Santa sighed as he told me how nice it would be  
If children could once again sit on his knee.  
He couldn't care less if they're naughty or nice  
But they'd have to show proof that they'd had their shot twice.

He said he'd been stuck at the North Pole alone  
All his white collar elves had been working from home,  
And most of the others said "Santa, don't hire us!  
We can live off the CERB now, thanks to the virus".

Those left in the toyshop had little to do.  
With supply chain disruptions, they could make nothing new.

And as for the reindeer, they'd all gone away.  
None of them left to pull on his sleigh.

He said Dasher and Dancer were in quarantine,  
Prancer and Vixen refused the vaccine,  
Comet and Cupid were in ICU,  
So were Donner and Blitzen, they may not pull through.

But then the old twinkle returned to his eyes.  
And he said that he'd brought me a Christmas surprise.  
When I unwrapped the box and opened it wide,  
Starlight and rainbows streamed out from inside.

Some letters whirled round and flew up to the sky  
And they spelled out a word that was 40 feet high.  
There first was an H, then an O, then a P,  
Then I saw it spelled HOPE when it added the E.

"Christmas magic" said Santa as he smiled through his beard.

Then suddenly all of the reindeer appeared.  
He jumped into his sleigh and he waved me good-bye,  
Then he soared o'er the rooftops and into the sky.

I heard him exclaim as he drove out of sight  
"Get your vaccines my friends, Merry Christmas, good-night".

Then I went back to bed and a sweet Christmas dream  
Of a world when we'd finished with Covid 19.



## Patient/Resident Well Wishes

In this holiday season, with our hospitals, care and senior homes so restricted, please remember the option of being able to go on the Prairie Mountain Health website and leave a message for a shut in. Be sure to leave your name with the message so folks know that it is you contacting them.

It just takes a few minutes and might brighten someone's day!

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>

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



**Our thoughts & prayers to**

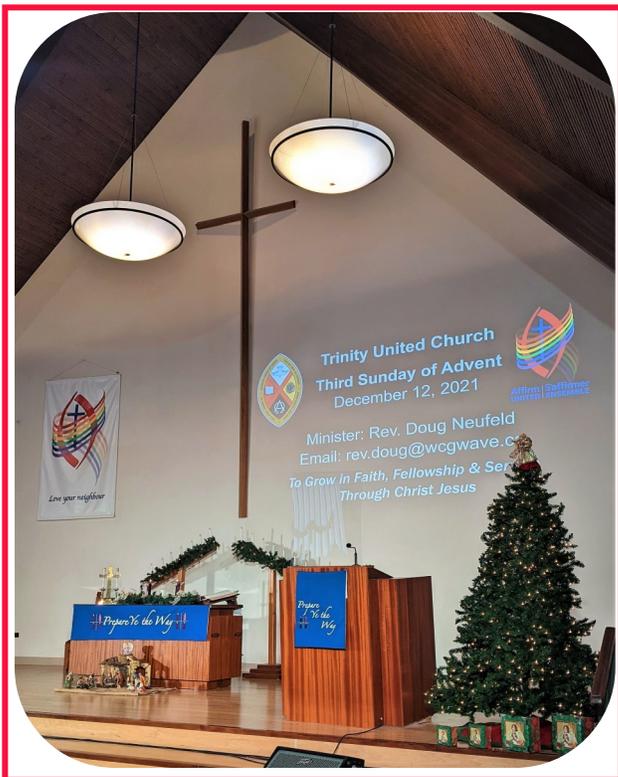
**Irene Brown:** in Assiniboine recuperating after a fall. Reports are that she is doing well.

**Ruth Bilowus:** on Assiniboine three.

The powerful words from 1 Corinthians 13:13 are as relevant now as they have ever been: *Three things will last forever –*

*faith, hope, and love – and the*

**Please be sure to call or e-mail Marlane Wilson, 204.729.8574 with any reports of folks in hospital or needing some contact. 204 729-8574 or marlane.w@yahoo.com**



Thank you to all who sent me articles to put in the Trinitopics newsletter this year. There are many faithful people who share a variety of informative and entertaining data.

Thanks to faithful & dedicated Tina Ure who helps me print & prepare at the office then takes the west-enders to delivers.

Following this newsletter, we are going to have a three week break, and will be 'back on the job' next year with the first one on the 6th of January.

From my family to yours ...

Wishing you a

**Merry Christmas & a Happy Healthy 2022**

**Our Friends in Personal Care and Senior Homes**

**Dinsdale:** Lois Aube

**Fairview:** Lillian Atchison, Audrey Campbell, Judy Diswinka, Gordon Fraser, Linda Garson, Louise Hodge, Dennis Hume, Betty Russell, Keith Vrooman, Alma Yule

**Souris PCH:** Emma Garden

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

**Valleyview:** Cliff Bowslaugh, Laura Cliffe, Bernice Erskine, Shirley O'Driscoll, Lois Wolfe,

**Riverheights Terrace:** Patty Hargreaves, Al & Helen Lauder, Vera Skayman

**Rotary Villas:** Marg Lovstrom, Marg Speers

**Trinitopics & Church Announcements**

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**The next issue will be January 6th**

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May God hold you in the palm of His Hand

