



Trinitopics & Church Announcements

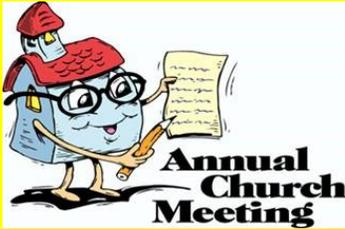


To Grow in Faith, Fellowship & Service Through Christ Jesus
4 ~ Thursday, February 18th, 2021

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Annual General Meeting

Sunday, February 21st, 2021

1:30PM via Zoom and Phone



There are offering envelopes in the church office.
Is there anyone wishing to have a box for this year?

Other options for giving are:

- ◆ PAR: automatically deducted from your account around 20th of month.
- ◆ Using your own envelope or E Transfer.

For more information, or to request envelopes,
please call Reg Atkinson at 204.724.6646 or
Email: trinityucbdn@wcgwave.ca



Join us for Virtual Fellowship Sunday Mornings at 11 am

Rev Doug started at fellowship a couple of weeks ago and there have been about thirty people plus, in total, over the weeks who have taken part. It is good to see folks and chit chat for the hour. Doug gives each person to have their own time and conversations spread from that.

This Sunday, February 21st, there will not be fellowship due to the AGM meeting that starts at 1:30 pm.

'See' you at 1:30!

Did you hear about the guy who invented the knock-knock joke?

He won the 'no-bell' prize.

From Darlynnne; editor:

Trinity Sunday school was sent out the following information to work on during Lent. If children in homes whose children don't go to our church would like to follow some of these, please do so and do send some pictures to me to put in the newsletter.

We love to see your work and pictures!!

Hello Trinity United Church Children and Youth

Lent is known as the 40 days just before Easter when Jesus fasted in the wilderness. During this time Jesus was in the desert, hungry and tempted by Satan. It is a solemn and expectant time when we remember the sacrifice Jesus made giving up his life for us. During this time, we as Christians think about how we behave every day and how we can become better people. This year Lent begins on Wednesday, February 17.

Scripture passages; Matthew 4 1-11 Luke 4 1-13

The good thing is we can observe Lent by remembering Jesus' sacrifices, whether we make sacrifices ourselves or simply do something to make our life more meaningful.

We would invite you to look at the suggested Lent activities and participate in in as many as you would like .

1. Lent Photo Challenge

a) Shrove Tuesday Romans 1 12

The last Tuesday before Lent begins. In the past Christians used this day to eat the food that wouldn't last through Lent. Pancakes used up the milk and egg just by adding the flour. Also called Pancake Tuesday.

b)Ash Wednesday Isaiah 61 1-3

Ashes remind us that God created us from dust. The first day of Lent. In some religions ashes are placed on the forehead as a sign of the dust from which God made us.

c) Palm Sunday Matthew 21 1-11

Palm leaves were laid upon Jesus' path as he entered Jerusalem for goodness and health. It is the Sunday before Easter celebration of Jesus entry into Jerusalem

Use your creative abilities to display your Lent activities and remember to take a photo and send to darlynnegbsmith@gmail.com You can do the same for any of the activities listed below.

2. **Make a prayer chain:** write a name or a situation on 40 strips of paper and assemble them into a paper chain. Remove a link each day and pray for that person or thing each day. Too many...start with 10 or 12.

3. **Grow something.** The Parable of the Lily begins with a mysterious gift on a gray wintry day and ends one spring morning with a joyous discovery. The story helps you to understand the power of grace and forgiveness and the true meaning of Easter. Something wonderful can grow from something dead and ugly.

During the first week of Lent some soil and seeds will be dropped off at your home.

All you need is a small container and you can experience the joy in watching the seeds grow !

4. Write a thank you note to someone, perhaps Rev. Doug , a Sunday School teacher, parent or someone who has helped you to grow in your faith.

5. Give up something....make a "sacrifice". Ideas - give up pop for 40 days

- give up complaining or saying unkind things about "someone" or "something"
- give up technology for ONE DAY a week

6. Each week purge a bag of things like books or toys or gently worn clothing and donate them to Samaritan House/Women's Shelter/Diabetic bins OR simply clean your room up each week .

7. Take care of the body God gave you. Go for a walk, skating or tobogganing and thank God that you are able to do these things!

8. Choose a Lenten craft.

There are lots on the internet...and talk about how it celebrates or acknowledges Jesus' sacrifice.

Have Fun!!

Congratulations to New Affirming Ministries in Manitoba



Steinbach United Church, Steinbach, Manitoba
Affirming Celebration on March 14, 2021



McKenzie United Church, Portage la Prairie, MB
Affirming Celebration January 10, 2021

(Manitoba now has 23 Affirming Ministries)



Heads UP!

Look for a PIE Day announcement in the next newsletter!

During the middle ages they celebrated the end of the plague with wine and parties.

Does anyone know if there is anything planned when this one ends?

I get heavier as I get older because there's a lot more information in my head.

That's my story and I'm sticking to it.

THE GARDEN OF EDEN.

When Adam stayed out very late for a few nights, Eve became upset. "All right, who is she? You're running around with other women," she told her mate.

"Eve, honey, you're being unreasonable," Adam responded. "You know you're the only woman on earth."

The quarrel continued until Adam fell asleep, only to be awakened by a strange pain in the chest. It was his darling Eve poking him rather vigorously about the torso.

"What do you think you're doing?" Adam demanded.

"Counting your ribs," said Eve.

Paddy calls Easyjet to book a flight. The operator asks "How many people are flying with you?"

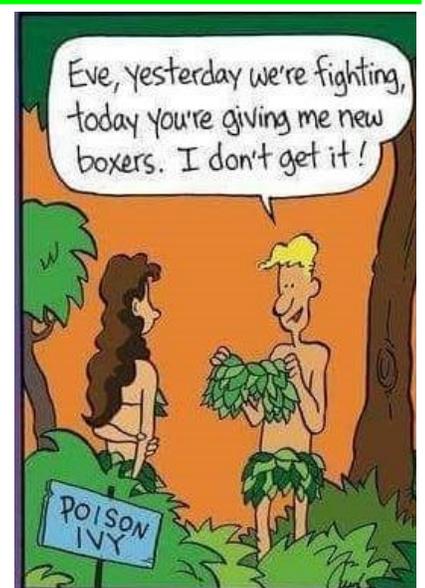
Paddy replies "I don't know! It's your plane!"

Why did the teacher marry the janitor?
Because he swept her off her feet!

Two boys were walking home from Sunday school after hearing a strong preaching on the devil. One said to the other, 'What do you think about all this Satan stuff?'

The other boy replied, 'Well, you know how Santa Claus turned out.

It's probably just your Dad...'





Building a World Where Everyone Belongs: Lynda's Story

Everyone belongs; that belief anchors our United Church. It's why your Mission & Service gifts support gatherings of people who are left on the margins of society and support education events that help us learn what we can do about it.

Disability is one aspect of social justice the United Church is working on. Did you know that one in five Canadians live with at least one disability? That's 6.2 million people. Of these, 1.2 million can't afford aids, devices, or prescription medications. People living with severe disabilities have half the income of those with none. Seniors are almost twice as likely to have a disability as people who are of working age. Disability is an issue that affects us all. That's why the United Church partners with people from other denominations to raise awareness. People like Anglican disability activist Lynda Katsuno, who is widely considered a pioneer in the field.

Lynda has lived with disability since she was in a car accident in 1973. At the time, she was a primary school teacher and loved her job working with children. After the accident, she wasn't sure if she would be able to return to what she loved because the school wasn't accessible. Lynda credits a committed principal and board of education superintendent for making the changes that would enable her to return to her job.

"I became a disability activist when I realized it takes political will to change society for the better. Our community is made stronger when we include people with disabilities. If people with disabilities were fully welcome, the world would be a richer place. It would be a place where there is hope and no fear," she says.

Ideals of mutuality, inclusivity, and justice drive Lynda's passion to make the world a better place for all. "I don't want to be seen as a poor, pathetic person. I want to be seen as a child of God," she says.

Your generosity supports events and education that help create healthy, strong, welcoming communities inside and outside the church. Communities where no one is left out. Where we are all seen as children of God. Let's build a world where everyone belongs. Make your Mission & Service gift for belonging today.

Romans 12:4-6a

⁴ For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, ⁵ so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. ⁶ We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith;

Did you know the first French fries weren't actually cooked in France? They were cooked in Greece



**No legacy is so rich as honesty.
William Shakespeare**



**What is the best way to cook an alligator?
In a Croc pot**



TRINITY 55 PLUS GROUP

Thank you all for all your continuing donations and for supporting ..Assistive Technology for Children with DisAbilities....
We are well on our way to reaching our goal..

As winter continues, our Mission for Mittens continues.. Mittens for kindergarten age to the older children in Middle School.. and always for the Homeless will be appreciated....

They can be dropped off at 26 Driftwood Crescent or we will pick up... call Ruth or Glenn prior 204 728 4683 and we will put a container on the step for safe drop off. Looking forward to when we we can meet again.

" Trinity 55 Plus Striving to Make a Difference a Little at a Time"

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

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



Margaret Izzard ~ still in Reston Health Centre

Georgina McEvoy, who is now in Virden hospital, is doing well and may be looking at coming home in the near future. Our best!

Malcolm Macdonald has been in Assiniboine Centre for a little while. Thinking of you, Malcolm. as you entertain the nurses. :-)

Prayers and get well wishes to Ieleen Turner who is in the Assiniboine hospital fighting an infection. Thinking of you!!

Jean Hutchings is still in General Hospital but waiting for a bed in Assiniboine to convalesce; where she can have a visitor. Our thoughts & prayers always with you!!

Our thoughts and prayers, and sincere sympathy to Glenda, Ashley and Dale Penner on the loss of husband & dad, Ed.

Carol McManus and family on the loss of daughter & sibling, Heather.

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



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



Sunday, February 14th
Transformation Sunday
Time for more church
More walking in God's Creation
More time for reflecting on self

Our Friends in Personal Care and Senior Homes

Dinsdale	Lois Aube
Fairview	Audrey Campbell, Lillian Atchison, Linda Garson, Louise Hodge, Betty Russell, Keith Vrooman, Alma Yule
Souris PCH	Emma Garden
Rideau	Don Chambers, Murray Hicks, 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, Dave & Joyce McClelland, Vera Skayman
Rotary Villas	Beatrice Lee, Marg Lovstrom, Frank Rabe
Victoria Land-ing	Pat Rathwell, Ieleen Turner, Alice Wesley



Sunsets:

February 5th
5:42 pm
February 19th
6:06 pm



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May God hold you in the palm of His Hand