



Trinitopics & Church Announcements

6 ~ Thursday, March 24th, 2022



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1962 ~ 2022 Trinity United Church & Trinity UCW ~ 60th Anniversary

At Trinity United Church our Vision is to Grow in Faith, Fellowship and Service Through Christ Jesus. We believe that all people are children of God and we embrace the fullness of our diversity in ability, age, ethnicity, gender, gender identity, race, sexual orientation, social economic status or any other human division as we unite in worship and full participation in all aspects of our ministry. As a congregation we are all committed to surroundings that reflect safety and support in respect of social justice and human rights.



April 10: Palm Sunday
April 15: Good Friday (Details to be confirmed)

April 17: Easter Sunday – Communion Baptism

April 24: Final Worship service at Central UC. Knox, Forrest and Trinity Congregations have been invited to this service. Further details to follow.

(There will be no service at Trinity United).

Planning for an outdoor worship service/potluck picnic for **Sunday, July 3rd**. There is a possibility this event could be a **Trinity 60th Anniversary Celebration**.

Details to follow in the upcoming months.



Our next Sunday School class for **children and youth** will be **Sunday, April 3, 2022**. Hope to see you there !!

Thank you to Central United Church for the small children's table and chairs; our little people will LOVE them !



“Springtime is the land awakening. The March winds are the morning yawn.”

—LEWIS GRIZZARD

Broadview ~ Time for subscription renewal:

\$25.00 for the year
for 8 issues.

Broadview subscription renewal due date is **March 30, 2022**. Anyone who would like our national magazine for the coming year please fill in an envelope found on a table in the Narthax.

Clearly mark your payment for Broadview.
Thank you.

If you wish to cancel your subscription, please email Lois Riley at lriley@mts.net or 204-728-3443

Ukraine Crisis
Monetary donations can be dropped off, mailed or e transferred to the church. Please be sure that you mark it for Ukraine.

When does a horse talk?

Whinney wants to!

Spring Equinox Reflection

By Jess Swance, Candidate for Ministry, Indigenous Pathway

On Sunday, March 20, we turned our faces to greet the Sugar Moon, the Spring Equinox. It is a day where light and darkness are balanced in time, just as Maple water was a medicine gifted to Indigenous people to bring balance to body and spirit. We begin the spring season being mindful of the intricate balance of Creation, of life and death, of new and old. We give thanks for the small part we have in bringing and assisting new life to bloom, grow, and thrive in our world.

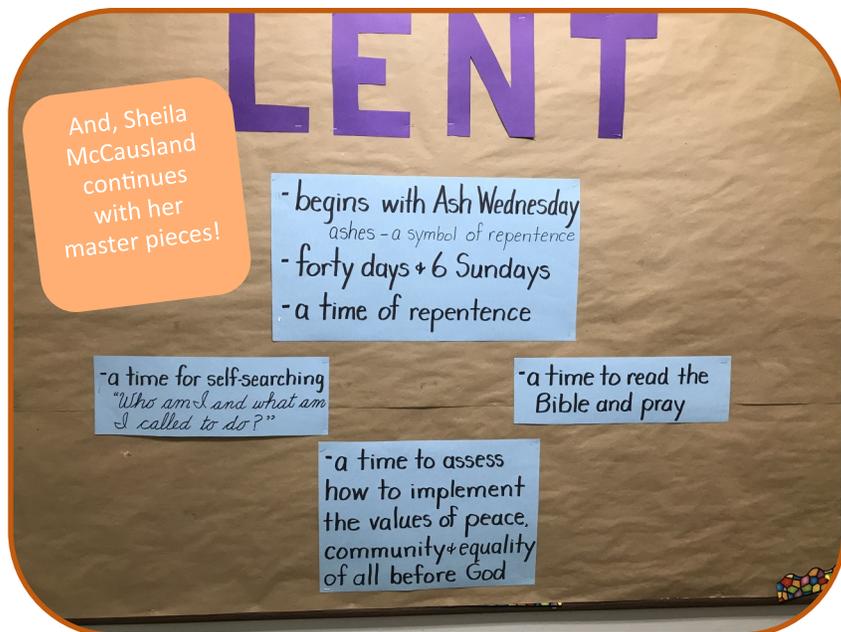
Creator God,

With a breath of fresh spring air, over flow our lungs, awaken our Spirit with the sureness of Spring. Winter, though necessary, was a hard season for many in our communities.

We give thanks for the change of season, for bringing balance and the cycle of creation to our lives. Creator, we ask that you put in our heart a song of peace, understanding, and comfort for a world that is experiencing so many heavy things.

May the arrival of Spring lambs, robin song, and peeking tulips be a sign of hope and renewal.

Amen.



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

Masks at Trinity

Although the health rules have called off the need for masks, Trinity Board is saying that when in Trinity, please wear your mask.

What do you think about this ruling?

Please share your thoughts with Rev. Doug or any Board Member prior to next Board meeting, April 12th. This will be on the agenda for this meeting.

Any & all comments welcome!

Trinity has \$100 Sobeys/Safeway gift cards in the office
Please see Eden



What a great afternoon we had on Tuesday, March 8th! About 20 Trinity UCW ladies gathered for the first meeting this year, with one new member, Kay Gussie. Sheila McCausland had prepared a thought provoking Devotion complete with some 'homework'. She also had a song of Peace, to the tune of 'VU 653, Be Still My Soul' that we sang, thinking of the folks fighting in their country of Ukraine.

Our thank offering for Easter will be going to support the courageous people in Ukraine. Our next meeting is **Tuesday, April 5th starting at 1:15 pm**. All woman are welcome!!



Affirming Thoughts

Love your Neighbour

PIE Day PIE Sales

Thank you for supporting the joint pie sale with Knox United Church as part of Affirm United PIE Day. After expenses, the effort raised \$365.20 to be donated to the Sexuality Education Resource Centre for their programming.



Sorting pie orders - Al Friesen (Trinity) and Lynne Manns (Knox)

Message of Thanks from SERC:

"On behalf of all of us at SERC, we would like to thank Trinity United Church for the donation. This donation will be used specifically for 2SLGBTQ+ programming. We are so incredibly grateful to have people like you who are thinking of SERC and the work we do! A very heartfelt thank-you to the folks at Trinity who participated in this fundraising initiative".

What is PIE?

PIE is a special day on March 14th each year that we remind ourselves of the commitment we have made to be **Public, Intentional** and **Explicit** in our welcome to 2SLGBTQIA+ folk of all sexual orientations and gender identities.

Those are the standards we hold ourselves and our welcome to when we seek to live into being Affirming, Welcoming, and Inclusive people and communities.

UCW Birthdays

March

27th Frances McKague
28th Winnie Black



UCW Purpose

To unite women of the congregation for the total mission of the church and to provide a means through which we may express our loyalty and devotion to Jesus Christ in Christian witness, study, fellowship and service.

UCW supplies the coffee, tea, drink crystals, creamers, sugar & sweetener for all Trinity functions.

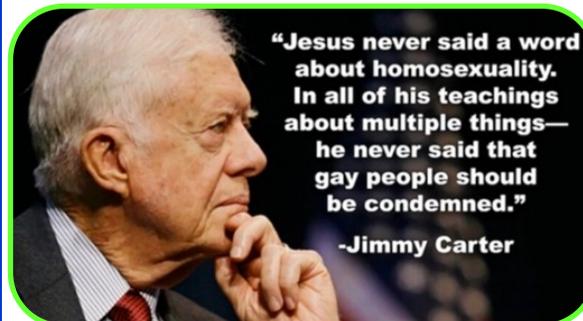


Note: I took a picture of the last two 'pies' at Trinity that were left at day's end after service. The pies were perfect in size, definitely a good sized 'piece'. It was a great idea and well done!

Thanks Al & Knox committee.

Why did the book join the police?

He wanted to go under-cover



"Jesus never said a word about homosexuality. In all of his teachings about multiple things—he never said that gay people should be condemned."
-Jimmy Carter

I thought I would never be one to get up early in the morning to exercise ... And I was right!!

Why did the computer keep sneezing? It had a virus!

Calgary Baptist Church votes in favour of motion to deny membership for LGBTQ2S+ community members

by Mark Villani, CTV News, Calgary, Feb. 3, 2022

The sign in front of the First Baptist Church Calgary on Fourth Street S.W. reads 'Everyone Welcome,' but a recent memo sent out to church members outlines future plans to deny membership for those identifying with the LGBTQ2S+ community.

According to the letter sent by Pastor Norm Derkson, his church disagrees with other Canadian Baptists of Western Canada (CBWC) churches that are accepting of those with non-heterosexual lifestyles because it goes against their interpretation of scripture beliefs.

"The CBWC has voted on a solid position with this matter, affirming and reaffirming a biblical view of marriage and sexuality, and yet these churches have been allowed to continue with practices that are contrary to our collectively stated convictions," the letter reads.



"While the vast majority of churches would not affirm the practice of these few, the number of churches choosing to welcome and affirm these members is growing and as a result the point of tension is on whether the denomination has any right to bring correction on individual churches."

Derkson says the goal is "to provide a procedure for addressing churches 'acting in ways contrary to our assembly ratified positions; one that both provides for hopeful restoration, as well as necessary removal from fellowship in cases where there is no repentance'."

LGBTQ COMMUNITY SPEAKS OUT

Haley Wray grew up with two lesbian mothers in rural Alberta and says this letter from the First Baptist Church feels like a step back in time. "It's 2022," Wray said.

"It's a tough thing, it marks exclusion, there's no discussion, they're not looking to learn or connect with anybody in the community, there's judgement that's been made and they're taking the next step."

Fellow advocate and director of Affirming Connections in Calgary Pam Rocker agrees and hopes to strengthen and amplify voices for fully inclusive faith-based practices.

"It shocks me because I always hope that we're progressing or moving forward, and that we're continuing to realize the expansiveness the love of God and the divine have however we define it," Rocker said.

"I believe in something that's far more graceful and open and loving and that's what I believe Calgary and Canada is all about."

STRIKING A NERVE

The line about 'repentance' in the First Baptist Church Calgary letter also struck a nerve with John Pentland who is lead pastor at Hillhurst United Church.

"Repent means that you're changing your mind, changing your direction, and my understanding and love for the LGBTQ plus community is that it's not about choice, it's who they are."

"Our church has not always had an affirming stance, there was time when we were a community of concern within the United Church, but through looking at scripture and reason and tradition and experience, we realized there are larger decision-making elements.

"We have always been a church that seeks to be opening and welcoming and ever-progressing towards a wider inclusion of all people."



Hillhurst United Church, Calgary, AB

Note: This article consists of excerpts, for the full story visit: <https://calgary.ctvnews.ca/calgary-baptist-church-votes-in-favour-of-motion-to-deny-membership-for-lgbtq2s-community-members-1.5767010>

*Nearly 23 million Afghans—more than half the population—
face potentially life-threatening food shortages.*



Afghanistan is on the verge of the worst crisis in its history. Even before the Taliban took control of the country last August, Afghans were already struggling with the effects of 40 years of conflict, the worst drought in 27 years, and the COVID-19 pandemic. Then, with restrictions on international funding put in place to prevent money from falling into the hands of the Taliban, humanitarian assistance was impeded.

The consequences have been devastating. The United Nations estimates that nearly 23 million Afghans—more than half the population—face potentially life-threatening food shortages, with nearly 9 million on the brink of famine. People also lack proper healthcare and are facing unemployment and housing shortages.

Our Mission & Service partner, the Asian Muslim Action Network (AMAN), has been working hard to provide food packages to internally displaced families in Afghanistan during this emergency. The life-saving packages contain staples like rice, sugar, oil, salt, beans, potatoes, and onions to feed a family for up to two months. So far, 133 families have received the packages, including widows and orphans.

"The most challenging issue was and is the fund transfer to Afghanistan because the banking system of the country is still almost completely frozen," reports Zineb Naini, AMAN's international program coordinator. "Nevertheless, we were able to reach these families and, in the future, we hope to reach many more. Recently we obtained a grant that will allow us to distribute food packages to about 400 families."

Please make a gift through Mission and Service today. In the most difficult circumstances, your generosity helps sustain families and provide much needed hope.



A couple of years ago at 55 Plus

We are happy to say that we have received word that Trinity 55 Plus can resume meeting again with some precautions...

Please mark your calendars

Wednesday, May 4, 2022, 1:30 pm.. presentation —
AL & LINDA FREISEN ...JOURNEY TO CHURCHILL..

Further information to follow.

Gail, Ruth & Glenn

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Trinity 55 Plus ...

making a difference a little at a time.



Another new batch

TRINITY 55 PLUS GROUP...Thank you again for the wonderful donations to the Mission for Mittens ..

Always so gratefully accepted by the recipients.

Blessings to you all .. your donations you have been able to keep many children and adult hands warm over the past cold and windy winter...

Note: **Many thanks to Ruth & Glenn** for their on going passion for this committee; even through the last two Pandemic years!!

They figured out a way to help kids with less!!

Thanks to Sheila McCausland for the following inspiring article!

Create, Create, Create

Life is creation. You can create joy, create delight. Create your day the way you like it. Create a pollution free planet. Create blessings wherever you go.

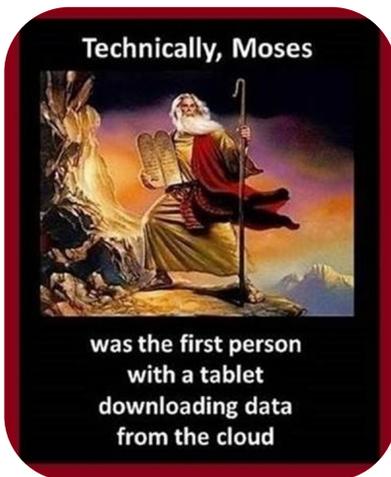
Take up a hobby, paint a picture, become an artist. Sculpt something in clay, grow an herb garden on your kitchen window sill, write a song. Find a new way to approach an old problem.

Do something you have never done before and do it with flair, even if you don't do it well. Create the dance of life.

Henry David Thoreau had a unique perspective on creation: "It is something to be able to paint a lovely picture, or to carve a magnificent statue, but it is far more glorious to carve and paint the very atmosphere in which we live."

You can create heaven on earth. It's up to you.

Barbara Nichols in Out of the Blue



Last Sunday, we had a treat from Davis and his roommate, Kaitlyn. As the choir had spent choir practise with recording a hymn for the Ruth Bilowus service, we ran out of time for Sunday service.

It was so much enjoyed as well as the 'after service' music that they played!

Choirs for Good Friday, April 15th, and Central UC last service, April 24th.



There is going to be joint choirs for Good Friday at Knox; under the direction of Bernie Whetter. At Central's last service, there will be another joint choir, which will be the last with our Central members, at their final service. It will be likely that Ken Jackson will be at the helm that day.

This news was shared with us at choir last night, March 24th. It is exciting to be starting to do more 'normal' activities while still showing caution with the 'variants' that are still *looming* around.

If there are any interested folk who would like to consider joining these choirs, or considering joining the Trinity choir, come on out to our choir practices on Thursday evening starting at 7 pm.

We have a wonderful Music Director, Davis Placatka, who leads us so very ably! And, it is fun!!



What do you call a group of rabbits hopping backwards?

A receding hare line



Taking 'applications' from people to care for our church garden for this summer. Pictured are Ken & Carol Winstone who you could talk to to get the information on what is involved in this volunteer task.

Thanks to them for the many years that they have cared for our garden!

Ken: 204.726.4822
 Carol: 204 573.3369
 kenandcarolwinstone@gmail.com

Trinity Birthdays

March

22nd Carol McManus

30th Pat Bowslaugh 80 years young!!



Happy Anniversary March 19th
Roy & Kathy Mitchell



Our days are getting longer!



Sunrise 7:25 a.m.

Sunset 7:57 p.m.

Patient/Resident Well Wishes

In this 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!

www.prairiemountainhealth.ca/pmh-well-wishes

What's the best thing to put into a pie?

Your teeth!

Yesterday, my husband thought he saw a cockroach in the kitchen. He sprayed everything down and cleaned thoroughly. Today, I am putting the cockroach in the bathroom.

I hate it when I can't figure out how to use the I-phone and the resident tech expert is asleep!

He's 5 .. and it is past his bedtime

I just paid for a 12 month gym membership. The bank called to see if my credit card was stolen!

I had the wrong name for the Kiwanis Club last issue!



50 YEARS CELEBRATION

Assiniboine Kiwanis

On January 21st, Only remaining Charter Member, **Ralph Heard**, joined a surprise recognition, in his honour!

There were about 21 people; family, friends and other members, who gathered to honour and show their congratulations.

Between that, and your 90th birthday on March 17th he had a lot of celebrating in a short time!!

Again, congratulations on all.



Congratulations to Norm & Val Poersch on the birth of another grand daughter. Olivia Grace Poersch; first child of their son, Travis.

She arrived on Friday, March 18th.

Congratulations to all!

Sign: 'Red tape holds up new bridges'.

You mean there is something stronger than Duct Tape????

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>



Rev. Doug reading a story to our Sunday school, ending with a Veggie Tales singing prayer.

God Loves You
God Made You Special

*'In my bed so quietly I
rest in knowing God Loves Me'*

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

I had a phone visit with **Irene Brown**. She has been convalescing at home following a three month stay in hospital after a broken leg. She said it was a slow process but is healing. Thinking of you, Irene. Keep up your positive and entertaining attitude!

I know of no one in the hospital! I hope that is a fact! If you know of someone who would like to have contact with the church, please share with office or Rev. Doug.



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

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

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, 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

Victoria Landing: Fred Miller, Pat Rathwell

Our continued thoughts and prayers to three Trinity families who have lost loved ones recently:



Leonard Wray & families
Chris Latcham & families
Families of Ruth Bilowus

Whoever you are, be noble,
Whatever you do, do well,
Whenever you speak,
speak kindly,
Make joy wherever
you dwell

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'May God hold you in the palm of His Hand'

