



Trinitopics & Church Announcements

7 ~ Thursday, April 7th, 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 Service at Knox @ 10:30
 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. **(There will be no service at Trinity United that morning).**

Scripture Readers Needed for Sunday Services:
 If you are interested in helping with this part of our worship service, please contact Alan Silvius or check the purple binder on the pew at the back of the sanctuary and sign up for the Sunday(s) that would work for you, Responsibilities are outlined in the binder.

Pulpit Supply Needs:
 Worship Leaders will be needed during Rev. Doug's absences this spring and summer due to Prairie Region meetings, continuing education and vacation. Please reflect on your worship talents and consider taking a service during one or more of these dates. These services will not be recorded or live-streamed. Please contact Alan Silvius at (204) 726-4169 or silviusa@mymts.net .
 Dates for consideration are:
May 8:
 May 22: UCW leading worship
July 31:
August 7:
August 14:
August 21:

Trinity's Easter 2022 Gift Card Fundraising Project
 Twenty-eight households participated in the March gift card fundraiser with a total of \$10,030.00 worth of orders. As a result, Trinity earned \$303.85. We were successful because of your generosity.
 Our next fundraiser will be during the month of May. More information to follow.

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

The sellers of an architectural marvel in West Vancouver are determined to find new owners who won't tear the place down. The geometric house was built in 1964 by B.C. architect Ron Thom, who was inspired by world-renowned Frank Lloyd Wright.

Tucked away on a giant lot and teetering on the edge of a hill, the bold West Coast home was designed to look like a ship sailing through the Pacific Ocean. The current owners and local real estate buffs are looking for new owners who will appreciate its unique look, rather than tearing it down. The ideal buyer is someone who is creative and thinks outside the box, realtors say. "It's not like anything else in Vancouver," said Trent Rodney of West Coast Modern. "You cannot build this again. We've had architects come through and they're asking to come through because they want to be inspired,... but they're like, 'We would never get anything in here passed by the city (now).'"

Listed at just under \$5 million, the house with hexagonal rooms includes lighting and furniture Thom custom-built for it. The two-level house has three bedrooms and 4.5 bathrooms, and is approximately 2,800 square feet.



Note: There are pictures of this house on the internet; how unique!! Just thought it might help anyone thinking of moving west!!
Google 'geometric home in Vancouver'.

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!

New Hymn by Walter Farquharson and Richard Hall

Walter Farquharson and Richard Hall have just written a hymn addressing the Ukraine invasion, "[I Will Sing To Our God.](#)" The tune is not new, composed in 1985, but the words that went with it at the time are now quite outdated and not very useful. Walter did not write the 1985 words, but has written an entirely new set of lyrics to the music. The biblical inspiration is Exodus 15, The Song of Moses & Miriam. The current inspiration is Russia's invasion of Ukraine.

As the situation in Ukraine is timely, Walter and Richard are sending the hymn to various destinations with the invitation to use and copy freely if it is useful to whoever. They are not seeking royalties. Please feel free to forward it to anyone you feel might have use of it.

Note:
I have printed the hymn off and will ask to have it posted on the bulletin board for anyone to see. Those with email, you can go to to Pine Regional Council <prairietopine@united-church.ca>.

The United Church community has raised \$402,000 for humanitarian relief so far. Of that, \$240,000 has been sent via the ACT Alliance. Spanning 127 countries, the Action by Churches Together (ACT) Alliance is the world's largest network of Protestant and Orthodox churches and agencies, including the United Church. Your generosity through Mission & Service has long supported ACT's humanitarian relief and advocacy efforts. Plans are being finalised for disbursement of \$162,000 and funds that continue to come in.

Prairie to Pine Regional Annual Meeting, May 6-7 2022

All are welcome to Prairie to Pine Regional Council's 2022 annual meeting. We will gather on Zoom on the evening of Friday May 6, and all day Saturday May 7.

Our theme: Remembering, Reconnecting, Revisioning. Our time together will include reflection on this theme; honouring retirees, licensed lay worship leaders, community of faith covenants, and those who left this life in the past year.

We will sing, worship, and discuss together, and there will likely be an opportunity to join in the usual creative and slightly competitive Mission and Service fundraiser. More details to come! Please watch the [Regional meeting web page](#) for more details, including meeting documents. A letter from Diane Dwarka and Pat Bird, Regional Council Co-Chairs, to the Regional Council delegates is available on the website

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



There were 18 women gathered for our April meeting. Marlane Wilson gave a though provoking Devotion; reflecting on 'What Gives Our Lives LIFE'. Winnie Black will be sharing in May. For Monday's in April, Elaine Nairne has arranged drivers for Meals on Wheels Funeral lunch for Jean Hutchings celebration on April 23rd UCW will be ushering in May UCW will be doing Worship on May 22nd (May Long), due to Rev. Doug's absence. Our next meeting is **Tuesday, May 3rd starting at 1:15 pm.** All woman are welcome!!

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.



April 14th	Leslie Preston
April 21st	Kay Gussie
April 24th	Shirley O'Driscoll
April 28th	Marlane Wilson

Thank Offering for Easter

The eighteen UCW members present, at the meeting on Tuesday, gave \$480.00 to the Ukraine relief. Treasurer, Darlene Silvius, reported that this was the largest amount ever collected for a Thank Offering in her 10 plus years of being Treasurer.

Way to go ladies!!



Spring closet cleaning? Bring them to church with you and leave in collection box located in our parking lot!!

Note: Re: Ukraine Relief United Church
As part of the United Church's Emergency Response Fund, 100% of your donation goes directly to emergency relief, with 85% of your donation responding to this designated emergency and 15% responding to future emergencies that do not receive intense media coverage.

Donations to Mission & Service enable the United Church to cover all of the costs of emergency response work without deducting any fees from your donation.



Thanks Sheila

The race of mankind would perish did they cease to aid each other. We cannot exist without mutual help. All, therefore, have the right to ask for it from their fellowmen, and no one who has the power of granting, can refuse without guilt. Sir Walter Scott



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 on April 24th, there will be another joint, and for the last time the 'tri choir', which will be the last with our Central members, at their final service. Ken Jackson will be at the helm that day.



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!!

Pope Francis apologizes to Indigenous delegates for 'deplorable' abuses at residential schools

The apology comes at the end of a week of private separate meetings between the First Nations, Inuit and Métis delegations and the Pope about the Roman Catholic Church's role in Canada's residential school system.

The delegates had gathered for a final and public audience with the Pope at the Vatican on Friday (April 1) as Francis spoke of feeling "sorrow and shame" for the conduct of those who ran the schools.

More than 150,000 Indigenous children were forced to attend residential schools between the 1880s and 1996, and more than 60 per cent of the schools were run by the Catholic Church. The Anglican, Presbyterian, and United Churches, which also ran schools, issued apologies in the 1990s for their roles in Canada's residential school system.



The Truth and Reconciliation Commission — which from 2008 to 2015 examined the record of Canada's residential school system — called for a papal apology in its Call to Action #58.

The Pope's words of apology read, in part *"Listening to your voices I was . . . deeply grieved, by the stories of the suffering, hardship, discrimination and various forms of abuse that some of you have experienced, particularly in the residential schools. It's chilling to think of determined efforts to instill a sense of inferiority, to rob people of their cultural identity, to sever their roots . . . resulting in unresolved traumas that have become intergenerational traumas."*

"All this has made me feel two things very strongly — indignation and shame. Indignation because it is not right to accept evil and, even worse, to grow accustomed to evil, as if it were an inevitable part of the historical process. No!



"I also feel shame . . . for the role that a number of Catholics, particularly those with educational responsibilities, have had in all these things that wounded you, in the abuses you suffered and in the lack of respect shown for your identity, your culture and even your spiritual values. All these things are contrary to the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

"For the deplorable conduct of these members of the Catholic Church, I ask for God's forgiveness, and I want to say to you with all my heart: I am very sorry. And I join my brothers, the Canadian bishops, in asking your pardon".



This article consists of excerpts from the following CBC news stories dated April 1, 2022:

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/politics/pope-francis-responds-indigenous-delegations-final-meeting-1.6404344>

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/world/francis-apology-full-text-1.6404953>

The images are from APTN News where you can also watch the full broadcast of the public audience the Indigenous groups had with Pope Francis at the Vatican:

https://www.facebook.com/APTNNews/videos/1019689102307148/?extid=CL-UNK-UNK-UNK-AN_GK0T-GK1C

The United Church of Canada – Responding to Pope Francis

(April 1, 2022 – The United Church of Canada)

“Today in a public audience, Pope Francis spoke to the First Nation, Inuit, and Métis delegates who had travelled to Rome. Time and care must be taken as we reflect on what was shared. As part of our commitment to the 94 Calls to Action of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada, the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, and the Caretakers’ Calls to the Church, The United Church of Canada is seeking the wisdom of the Elders’ Council and National Indigenous Council as to how we might respond”.

The church is invited to pray with the Moderator for the delegates who travelled to Rome.

Prayer for the Delegates Who Travelled to Speak to Pope Francis

*And so I pray, and so I pray,
and so I pray to you, Creator God—
for the delegates who travelled to speak to Pope Francis,
to share, again, the truth of their lives,
as survivors of Canada’s residential institutions,
to share, again, the truth of the lives,
of the children who were taken from family and community,
and who never came home;
to share the truth of what Canada and Church,
through policy and doctrine, have done
to Indigenous peoples of this land,
since the colonizers came.
And so I pray, God,
as I heard our brother, Francis, as he asked for forgiveness;
that the Church will follow its words of sorrow,
with actions of repentance, of reparation, of working for right relationship,
of listening to the calls of Indigenous peoples and communities,
as spoken through the Truth and Reconciliation Commission.*

*And so I pray God,
as the delegates return home,
may all that they have done,
all that they have shared,
change your world, for the better.
In Christ’s name, I ask these things.
Amen.*

—Moderator Richard Bott

The United Church Apology, 1998

In 1998, The United Church of Canada apologized specifically for its role in Indian Residential Schools, and since 2008 has been actively engaged in the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada (TRC), which was created to address the history and legacy of Indian Residential Schools. The United Church is responsible for 15 residential schools operated between 1849 and 1969. About 6.7 percent of the approximately 80,000 residential school students still alive today attended United Church schools.



The Brandon Indian Residential School
(Photo: United Church Archives)

The United Church of Canada ran the Brandon Residential School from 1925 – 1969. It was then taken over by the Roman Catholic Church. It was closed in 1972 and the building demolished in 2000.

<https://united-church.ca/news/responding-pope-francis>



**The United Church
of Canada**



Acting Together for Ukraine

Your support is helping to provide shelter, clean water, food, and medical attention.



We are stronger together, and what affects one of us affects all of us. These two truths have become even more apparent as the invasion of Ukraine continues to cost precious lives and rapidly create a humanitarian crisis. The United Nations reports that millions of people living in the Ukraine, displaced from their homes, are seeking refuge in neighbouring countries. Many have lost friends, loved ones, and property; struggle to meet their basic needs; and face an uncertain future.

In the face of this growing crisis, communities of faith around the world are taking action to offer support.

Spanning 127 countries, the Action by Churches Together (ACT) Alliance is the world's largest network of Protestant and Orthodox churches and agencies, including the United Church. Your generosity through Mission & Service has long supported ACT's humanitarian relief and advocacy efforts.

Right now, your ongoing support through Mission & Service as well as are helping to provide shelter, clean water, food, and medical attention. What's more, the impacts of war in Ukraine are affecting food security for regions that depend on its agricultural production, including in some areas where global partners are responding.

The *New Humanitarian* news site reports that Yemen imports half of its wheat from Ukraine and Russia, 22 percent of corn imported to Spain comes from Ukraine, and Lebanon relies on Ukraine for up to 60 percent of its wheat and has only about a month's worth of reserves.

"Conflict is one of the main reasons that hunger is rising in the world, and Ukraine represents a stark example of how that happens," states Musu Taylor-Lewis, Canadian Foodgrains Bank director of resources and public engagement, in an interview.

United Church Moderator Richard Bott condemned the invasion in a statement released in early March stating that the act of aggression contravenes the Charter of the United Nations (UN) and represents a serious violation of international law. "We call on all parties to immediately cease hostilities and to undertake action to restore peace," he writes, urging the church to hold the people of Ukraine in prayer and "explore whether there is a Ukrainian Catholic church, Ukrainian Orthodox church, or Ukrainian community centre close to you to whom you might write a letter of concern and solidarity or extend solidarity to people of Ukrainian descent in your community."

Thank you for all the ways you express compassion and care and
for faithfully supporting Mission & Service.
By acting together, we can be there as a worldwide church community
when and where it matters most.



Prairie to Pine Youth
United Church of Canada



Rock Lake United Church Camp

- Camps for tots to teens (4 to 15 yrs)
- Leadership Development Week & volunteer opportunities (14 to 18 yrs)
- Summer jobs (16 plus)

Rock Lake United Church Job & Volunteer Opportunities

Rock Lake United Church Camp is a welcoming and accessible environment located just over 2 hours southwest of Winnipeg. The camp runs programs from Sunday-Friday during the months of July and August. Camp programs are separated into age groups, with campers ranging in age from 5-17. To be a part of RLUCC this summer as a coordinator, staff member, or counsellor, please visit the following official job listing,

or go to www.rocklake.com/jobs:2022-job-opportunities.pdf (rocklake.com)



Son, Brad, has been waiting for her to finish visiting, for some time, and has gathered all her paraphernalia, including her purse!! Pat's hands/arms are free!

Pat Bowslaugh at the end of the evening of her 80th surprise?? birthday!!

Very nice evening at the 'Eagles Nest'



Trinity Birthdays **April**

Belated 95th ~

April 5th ... Bev Dittmer!!

15th ... Val Poersch

24th ... Ken Mitchell ~ **95 years**

A duck, a skunk and a deer went out for dinner at a restaurant one night.

When it came time to pay, the skunk didn't have a scent, the deer didn't have a buck,



so they put the meal on the duck's bill.

Our days are getting longer!



Sunrise 6:52 a.m.

Sunset 8:09 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

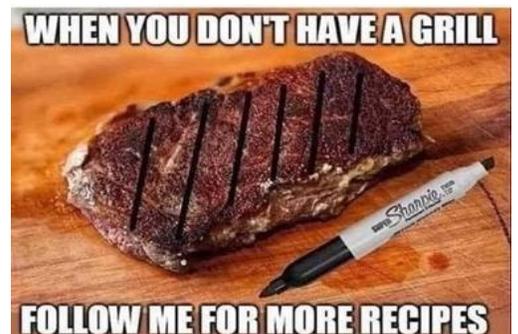
- * How did the music teacher get locked in the classroom?
His keys were inside the piano!
- * What is the hardest part about skydiving?
The ground!
- * Why don't cows have any money?
Because farmers milk them dry

Some 'Puns'

Dad, are we pyromaniacs? Yes, we arson.
She was only a moonshiner's daughter, but I miss her still.
What do you call a pig with laryngitis? Disgruntled.
Why do bees stay in their hives during winter? Swarm.
Just so everyone is clear, I'm going to put my glasses on.
A commander walks into a bar and orders everyone around.
I lost my job as a stage designer. I left without making a scene.
Never buy flowers from a monk. Only you can prevent florist friars.
How much did the pirate pay to get his ears pierced? A buccaneer.
I once worked at a cheap pizza shop to get by.
I kneaded the dough.

Angry wife's note to husband: "Your dinner is in the recipe book on page 32 and the ingredients are at the store."

**You really gotta hand it to "short people"...
Mainly because they can't reach it.**



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>



Lighting the Christ Candle

Golden Rule
'Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.'

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 **Judy Diswinka**. She has settled in at Fairview and is attending some of the activities.

I also had a phone visit with Little Laura Cliffe almost 103 years old. She has 'kicked' a spell with Covid and is happy that she can go out of her room again!! She says that she is feeling better.

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 Skyman

Rotary Villas: Marg Lovstrom, Marg Speers

Victoria Landing: Fred Miller, Pat Rathwell

Celebration of Life for
 Jean Hutchings
 at Trinity on Saturday,
 April 23rd, starting at 2 pm.



May you always have work
 for your hand to do
 May your pockets hold always
 a coin or two
 May the sun shine bright on
 your windowpane
 May the rainbow be certain to
 follow each rain
 May the hand of a friend
 always be near you
 And may God fill your heart
 with gladness to cheer you.



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The next issue will be April 21st

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