Trinitopics & Church Announcements # 15 ~ Thursday, July 28th, 2022







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Trinity United Church & Trinity UCW ~ 60th Anniversary

Affirming Vision, Trinity United Church, Brandon, MB



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.

Love your neighbour We are on Treaty 2 Territory --- "As long as the sun shines, the grass grows, and the rivers flow".

Pulpit Supply Coverage during Rev. Doug's Vacation:



July 31: Barb Roberds, Denise Weir & Shirley Kernaghan August 7: Hymn Sing Service

August 14: Helen Mitchell, Gail Thickett & Alan Silvius

August 21: Hymns n' Histories: Val, Judy & Darlynne

The plan is to continue to live stream and record these services for our at home congregants.

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.

Ushers Needed for August:

Ushers/Greeters are needed for the month of August. If you are available to help, please sign up on the sheet posted on the sanctuary doors.

Trinity July Gift Card Fundraising Project Update:

Our Gift Card fundraiser is taking place during the month of July. The order forms have been distributed and if you didn't receive a form, stop by the church office and see Eden. Deadline for receipt of orders will be Friday, July 29th at 4:00 pm. As of Tuesday, July 26th our orders total \$9120. Gift Cards should arrive in early August.

Staff Holiday's:



Rev. Doug away until around August 24th Jim leaves on August 8th until after Labour Day. Eden will be back on Tuesday, August 2nd



W.W.J.D.?

The question "What would Jesus do?" often shortened to the acronym "W.W.J.D." has graced wrist bands, T-shirts, and bumper stickers since the 1990s. And while it might sound like an overused cliché, it's a question that can lead our spirit and, by extension, our lives to profound transformation.

What did Jesus do? He crossed a lot of boundaries. In fact, when we think about the boundaries that separate people—things like money, gender, education, culture, religion, and class—Jesus crossed them all.

He struck up a conversation with a Samaritan woman in a culture where it wasn't socially acceptable for men and women, much less Jews and Samaritans, to speak to one another. He healed the bodies and souls of people suffering from a variety of diseases when it was sinful to have anything to do with them. He visited the homes of tax collectors and sex trade workers and advocated for the rights of widows, orphans, and those living in poverty. He not only valued children in a time when they were considered such drains on society that they were abandoned on roadsides, but he also told his followers that unless they were more like children they wouldn't enter the kingdom of heaven.

In the same way, our generosity through <u>Mission & Service</u> breaks down walls that divide and builds bridges that draw us together.

Your generosity supports organizations like hospitals, counselling centres, drop-in circles, and homeless shelters that are there when people need them most. Your gifts sustain education programs that teach farming skills, provide job training, and help remove obstacles so children can remain in school. Your generosity stands up for victims of human trafficking, ensures workers and children know their rights, and advocates for those persecuted because of their sexual orientation, gender, or beliefs. It fosters anti-racism, supports healing and reconciliation, and deepens spiritual practice.

Through Mission & Service, the arms of your generosity stretch wide, reaching into schools, camps, hospitals, shelters, prisons, and churches with three main goals: to help transform lives, deepen meaning and purpose and build a better world.

Mission & Service is one of our church's best answers to the question "What would Jesus do?"

Ducks In A Row Seminar

Monday, November 7, 2022 7:00 – 9:00 pm Lower Level Trinity United Church

Presenter: Joy Bowman

Further details to follow as plans are finalized but potential topics covered are:

- The importance of a will
- Stresses executors face and tips to minimize them
- The value of funeral pre planning
- Tools to help organize estate paperwork
- Probate issues and solutions

Trinity will receive \$20.00 for every individual who attends.

Our minimum goal is to seat 100 people.

Cookies and refreshments will be provided.

Thank you Alan Silvius



.60th Anniversary Project: updating 'picture book'
Possible 60th anniversary tea in October
Our next meeting is **Tuesday, September 13th, starting at 1:15 pm**.
All woman are welcome!!



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

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 July Birthdays

Noreen Paterson Irene Smith Myrna Hall

Did anyone take a few pictures at the celebration?

If so, please send them to the church: trinityucbdn@wcgwave.ca

or to me.darlynnegbsmith@gmail.com

Thank you to Alana Goossen & Al Friesen who sent some to me.

We will be putting together a new church directory this fall; always looking for candid pics!!

We are made for love . . .

"We are made for goodness. We are made for love. We are made for friendliness. We are made for togetherness. We are made for all of the beautiful things that you and I know. We are made to tell the world that there are no outsiders.

All are welcome: black, white, red, yellow, rich, poor, educated, not educated, male, female, gay, straight, all, all, all. We all belong to this family, this human family, God's family."

Desmond Tutu,
Nobel Peace Prize winner



There are our bright & beautiful Trinity Shirts for sale lots of sizes \$25.00

Also, our colourful church pens \$2.00 each
They will be available for sale in the narthex each Sunday &
 in the office on days that Eden works.
Not able to get to the church, but would like one?
Please leave your name at the office 204 728-4796
Cash, cheque or e transfer.



Alison Murray & Darlynne Smith

The United Church of Canada has <u>elected the Rev. Dr. Carmen Lansdowne</u>, <u>Kwisa'lakw</u>, 47, as its 44th Moderator. She will be the church's spiritual leader for the next three years. You are invited to the <u>installation of the new Moderator</u> on Sunday, August 7, 2022, at 1:00 p.m. PDT/ 4:00 p.m. EDT/ 5:30 p.m. NDT. Attend in person, or watch online on <u>YouTube Livestream</u>.



In articulating her vision for The United Church of Canada, the Rev. Dr. Lansdowne speaks of a church committed: "To build new connections and rebuild old ones. To work towards social change that sees a world cared for, and human dignity honoured. To walk together every day in repentance and reconciliation. To march and fight and change unjust systems together. To pray together. To sing together. To discern together."

'Welcome Back Supper' on Wednesday, September 21st.

We are looking for volunteers to be part of organizing and help.

To date there has been no response to a request for volunteers to be part of an organizing group for this fundraising event.

If we don't have a planning group established soon, this supper will not take place.

Please contact Alan Silvius (204) 726-4169 or silviusa@mymts.net.

Trinity Directory 2022

It has been five years since our last directory and we have been contacted by IPC, the same company as has done it for some time, to update our congregation this fall.

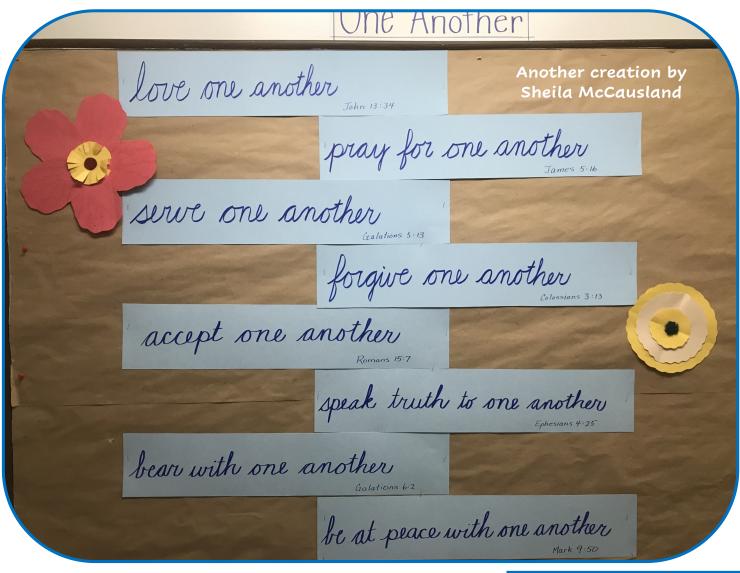
It is very important
to be sure your info is up to date.
Our dates will be Monday, October 3rd until
Saturday, October 8th.

EGGS ARE FANTASTIC FOR A FITNESS DIET. IF YOU DON'T LIKE THE TASTE, JUST ADD COCOA, FLOUR, SUGAR, BUTTER, BAKING POWDER AND COOK AT 180 FOR 30 MINUTES



Laughter is the closest distance between two people.
..... Victor Borge

Self checkout should include an employee discount.





The food collection for July is for Helping Hands. August will be Samăritan House Thanks for your generosity!

Needed Essentials

Food Items

Fresh/frozen/canned meats - poultry, beef, pork

> Fresh/frozen/canned vegetables

> > Potatoes

Rice

Mayonnaise

Margarine

Sugar Salad dressings

Juice or juice crystals

Mustard

Non-food items

Garbage Bags (35x50, 25x35)

Parchment paper

Bleach

Dish soap

Coffee filters

Paper napkins

Dishcloths, tea towels

Steel scrubbies

Cutlery (spoons/forks)

Plastic wrap



Paster Seyi and his wife Ronke, had a baby boy about 2 and a half months ago. His name is 'Praise' A brother for John and Eniola



Notes from the Affirm United AGM

The Affirm United Annual Conference and General Meeting took place from July 14 – 17 via Zoom. Sessions for AU members/congregations included a getto-know-you and morning coffee hour, worship and prayer, formal business meeting, discussion groups, keynote speakers and Sunday morning worship time. Reverend Neufeld and Al Friesen represented Trinity.

A total of 34 new ministries became Affirming between January 1 and December 31, 2021, Trinity United Brandon. This brings the including total number of Affirming Ministries to 269 at the end of 2021. Most of these are communities of faith, but include regional councils, a regional UCW, learning centres one university chaplaincy and one assisted living facility. In addition, there are 164 ministries in the process of becoming affirming at the end of December 2021. Following is the report from the Co-Chairs of Affirm United. The full Annual Report will soon be posted to the AU website, but in the meantime, you can contact Al Friesen for a copy if you wish.

Co-chair Report 2021

Thank you for another amazing year, everyone! As co-chairs, we are beyond proud of all that the organization and our community has accomplished over the last year and the passion that our organization sees every day. As an organization, we have much to celebrate and uplift from the past year:

- We have seen nationwide support for ministries who have faced hatred and vandalism, but who have persevered and continue to live into the PIE framework.
- More ministries than ever celebrate their Affirming status or start the Affirming process.
- Celebrated PIE Day on March 14th, in partnership with Affirming Connections.

- We continue to diversify and serve as a network of people supporting one another in creating affirming spaces for all.
- Working with Strong Roots Consulting for visioning and looking into our future as an organization
- Helping to facilitate a working group, partnered with The United Church of Canada, to follow up to the Iridesce Project Final Report.

We are inspired by the ways that Affirming Ministries across the country find new and exciting ways to live into being affirming. There are different worships, resources, events, workshops, and so much more popping up all around the country. We are amazed and humbled by all that goes on within our communities, and we encourage you to keep creating.

We want to give thanks to our incredible council who have been working harder than ever to create, facilitate, and network this past year. Our volunteer coordinators and other volunteers have also been working tirelessly to keep things moving and fighting for 2S-LGBTQIA+ justice across the country.

As we continue forward into the coming years, we are certain that the power of our volunteers and other team members is what makes our organization so successful and our work so meaningful. We are looking forward to another busy and delightful year ahead of us.

Many thanks and blessings to you all,
Julian Munro (they/them) + Brent Alexander (he/him)
Co-Chairs- Affirm United / S'affirmer Ensemble





Trinity July Birthdays

July 16th Donna Pearen July 16th Irene Smith July 19th Kathy Mitchell

July 25th Gordon Fraser July 31st Anne Clark

Do you, or someone you know at Trinity, have a birthday or anniversary that you/ they would like shared?



Trinity August Birthdays

August 3rd Donna Vrooman August 6th Edna Stewart August 13th Shirley Kernaghan August 29th Roy Mitchell August 29th Ken Winstone



This is the way that this jar of jam looked like when the lid was removed, 'No Name' strawberry jam!!

Nice finishing touch!!



Happy Anniversary

August 1st Ken & Helen Mitchell 63rd

August 2nd Glenn & Ruth Sawyer

August 3rd Ken & Carol Winstone

August 7th Cliff & Pat Bowslaugh 61st

August 17th Ralph & Carolyn Heard 65th

August 15th Keith & Vivian Privat

August 31st Arnie & Barb Janzen



THE FOUR MAGIC WORDS OF THE CANADIANS:

"PLEASE", "THANK YOU",
"SORRY", "EH!"

Laundry:

Washing - 30 mins Drying - 60 mins Putting away- 7 to 10 business days

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).

FELLOWSHIP FOLLOWING WORSHIP EACH WEEK

Thank you to all who have helped, donated with money or food, and especially those who have come and had fellowship with us!!

There is an average of 30–40 each week. It is being enjoyed!

Yea!!!

Providing snacks for

July 31st Sam & Myrna Lennon
August 7th
Gail Thickett & Donald
Thank you!!

Please know that there is decaf coffee & snacks for gluten free available.

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Please think about our folks in hospital and care homes and drop them a greeting through the Prairie Mountain Heath website.

https://www.prairiemountainhealth.ca/ pmh-well-wishes

If you know someone, or yourself, who would like a care call from Rev. Neufeld; call 204-441-8140 204 729-1946



Rev. Doug preparing for holidays!!

And working from a VERY WARM Sanctuary

His next service August 28th

Relax, Golf, & Rejuvenate Our sincere thoughts & sympathy are with the families of:

Dave McClelland; with the passing of his beloved wife, Joyce, on July 15th.

The music world has lost a

The music world has lost a wonderful & talented entertainer!!

No service planned as yet

Irene Brown who passed away on July 22nd. The service to celebrate her life was on July 28th. The world has lost a very upbeat, entertaining lady!!

Beryl Truscott & families on the passing of her sister, Lois Searle on July 14th.



Our Friends in Personal Care and Senior Homes

Dinsdale: Lois Aube, Malcolm Macdonald

Fairview: Lillian Atchison, Audrey Campbell, Judy Diswinka,

Bev Dittmer, Gordon Fraser, Linda Garson,

Dennis & Louise Hume.

Betty Russell, Evelyn Thompson,

Souris PCH: Emma Garden

Rideau: Don Chambers, Murray Hicks, Garry VanRenselaar Valleyview: Cliff Bowslaugh, Laura Cliffe, Bernice Erskine,

Shirley O'Driscoll, Lois Wolfe,

Riverheights Terrace: Patty Hargreaves, Vera Skayman

Rotary Villas: Don Jessiman, Marg Lovstrom

Victoria Landing: Al & Helen Lauder, Fred Miller,

Pat Rathwell, Marg Speers

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

Thinking of
Irene Smith
Beryl Truscott
Alice Laminman







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The newsletter is prepared every 2nd weeks
Delivery is being made to all non email
The next issue will be August 11th

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