

# Affirming Ministry Service of Celebration

Sunday, November 21, 2021 @ 10:00 a.m.

Trinity United Church, Brandon, Manitoba



Please join us as we celebrate becoming an  
Affirming Ministry of the United Church of Canada

Note: Regathering protocols for worship, approved by the Board, will be in effect  
This includes proof of full Covid-19 vaccination



# Trinitopics & Church Announcements



To Grow in Faith, Fellowship & Service Through Christ Jesus  
**# 23 ~ Thursday, November 4th, 2021**

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Trinity Office Now Open!!  
Mon, Tues, Thurs & Fri  
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## From Trinity Christian Education

We look forward to welcoming back our Sunday School children and youth! Classes will be starting November 28th, 2021. Please note that youth 12 years and over must be double vaccinated and ALL children will be required to wear a mask.

## Advent Season Worship Services:

November 28: Advent 1 – Communion  
December 5: Advent 2  
December 12: Advent 3 – White Gift  
December 23: Advent 4 – Communion  
December 24: Christmas Eve Service @ 7:00 p.m.  
December 26: No Worship Service

**Mark your calendar!**  
**Church Decorating for Advent Season**  
**Wednesday, November 24th**  
**10:00 A.M.**  
**Everyone Welcome!**



## Trinity is Opening

Sunday, November 14th  
10 am

Must be double vaxxed; present covid card & ID  
Please see 'protocols' attachment



Friendly reminder

Thank you to everyone who have returned their Stewardship letters. For those of us who haven't replied, it would be appreciated if you can drop them off in our locked mailbox, or leave them with Eden in the office. Please note current office hours above. Thank you!



**Bedtime**  
**Saturday**  
**November**  
**6th**

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).



## ADVENT CHOIR



Trinity Choir is excited to sing together again!

**You are invited to join the Advent Choir.**

Leader Davis Placatka

Accompanist Holly Walker

When: Thursday, November 25<sup>th</sup> 7 pm-9 pm  
Thursday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> 7 pm-9 pm  
Thursday, December 9<sup>th</sup> 7 pm-9 pm  
Thursday, December 18<sup>th</sup> 7 pm-9 pm



(please arrive 6.35-6.50pm to allow check in just like worship check in)

During these sessions we will practice, sing, and record an anthem to be shared with the Congregation at the regular service. The choir will not sing live at worship. Masks will be worn at all times, seating will be in the pews (social distancing), and we will rejoice.

Any further enquiries please call Miranda (204 720 1086) or drop an email to [miranda.ed@hotmail.com](mailto:miranda.ed@hotmail.com).

Enjoy this Christmas by sharing the Good News in song!

### **We are having a Christmas Gift Card fundraiser during the month of November.**

The order forms have been distributed and if you didn't receive a form, stop by the church office and Eden, our new Administrative Assistant, will have order forms. **Deadline for receipt of orders will be Tuesday, November 23rd at 4:00 pm, with the order being sent on Thursday, November 25th.**

Weather permitting, the cards should arrive by November 30th or December 1st.

If you are considering using these cards as potential gifts, FundScrip has indicated all gift cards are good across Canada and as such can be used in any province.

Payment for orders will be to Trinity United Church by cheque, cash or e-transfer. **Please clearly indicate money is for payment for gift cards. Credit cards cannot be used as a method of payment.**

There are shipping charges which are deducted from our earnings that can range from \$15 – \$30. Once again, our target goal is a minimum of \$5000 of sales to avoid any shipping charges.

**Orders will be received by Alan Silvius at any time so there is no need to wait until the deadline date.** If you prefer, you can send order via email to

[silviusa@mymts.net](mailto:silviusa@mymts.net) or via phone at (204) 726-4169 (Home) or (204) 570-2338 (Cell).

**If you know of family, friends or neighbours who might like to participate in this program, please let me know and I will get you additional order forms.**

If you have any questions, please contact Alan Silvius.

Blessings to all and thanks for considering this fundraising project. As well, information is included on the November/December Gift Card Promotions where some retailers have increased their regular percentage offerings and thus are earning potential. These increased percentages are not on the order forms. They will be added to our earnings when the order is sent. **Please see attachment for 'specials'.**



## Trinity 55 Plus Group ~ 2021-2022



Another year has come & gone ... We pray for those who have experienced a difficult year of loss, isolation and illness. We miss you all!!

We are looking forward to, hopefully, being able to meet again, enjoy our time of fellowship , sharing and learning.

Winter is on its way and our mission for mittens, socks, etc. continues and we are always open to receiving them. To remain safe we will place the container on the front step (26 Driftwood) ; or we will come around and pick up from you. Please call Glenn or Ruth if you wish us to pick them up (204 728. 4683).

*"Trinity 55 Plus Striving to make a difference ... a little at a time".*

## God's Doors Are Open For All



Art installation at Shaughnessy Heights  
United Church, Vancouver, B.C.

### A SWARM OF BEES

B- Helpful, B-Happy, B-Hopeful, B-Kind;  
B- Busy of Body, B-Busy of Mind ,  
B- Earnest, B-Truthful, B-Firm and B-Good,  
B- Sure that your B- Havior is all that it should.  
B- Sharp in the morning, and never B- flat,  
B- Ware most of all that you never B- That!  
B- All of these things and whatever B-Fall  
B- Sure you'll B-Happy, B- Loved by all!  
author unknown.

**Felt  
uncomfortable  
driving into the  
cemetery. The  
gps blurted out  
you have reached  
your final  
destination.**



### DID YOU KNOW?

There is a **village** in the **Netherlands** with **no roads**. The only **form of transportation** is by **boat**.

### DID YOU KNOW?

**AN OCTOPUS ACTUALLY  
HAS 6 ARMS AND 2 LEGS,  
NOT 8 LEGS.**

**APPARENTLY YOU CAN'T  
USE "BEEF STEW" AS  
A PASSWORD. IT'S  
NOT STROGANOFF**

## A Second Chance



**“Without the support that I regularly get here, I don’t know where I’d be.”**

According to the Canadian Mental Health Association, one in five Canadians experience mental health problems. Your Mission & Service gifts help. In his own words, Chance shares how the mental health support he received through the Bissell Centre—an organization supported through your Mission & Service gifts—helped him change his life.

“My name is Chance. I’m 25 years old and live at Hope Terrace, a permanent supportive home that is run by the Bissell Centre. I have Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder—a type of brain injury with no cure—so I need help with things like coping with my emotions, keeping appointments, and cooking.

“Before I moved into the Hope Terrace residence, life was frustrating and stressful. I used to live at my grandmother’s house, along with my mom and four other family members. When everyone was home it was chaos, which made it even harder to manage my emotions—even happy emotions were too much at times.

“Mom and I knew I needed help, but we didn’t have money and we didn’t know where to start. So, a few years ago, I tagged along with my friend to Bissell Centre’s Easter meal. He was getting help from Bissell and seemed to like it enough. Maybe I could get help too?

“It was at that very meal that I first heard about Bissell’s mental health resources and the Hope Terrace house.

“When I was invited to move into Hope Terrace a few months later, Mom and I both agreed it would be a good decision. I finally felt some hope. Maybe life doesn’t have to be so hard all the time? Maybe I could have a better life?

“The staff here help me with the things that overwhelm me most—like budgeting, cooking, and dealing with my emotions. They are awesome! They’re really good, kind people—they’re my family. “Without the support that I regularly get here, I don’t know where I’d be.”

*Thank you for your generosity through [Mission & Service](#).*

## Knox Lunch & Learn – Beyond the Binary: Supporting Community

The Affirm Committee at Knox United Church, Brandon, is hosting a Lunch and Learn on Nov. 12 from 12:00 noon to about 1:30 called “Beyond the Binary: Supporting Community”. Rachael Wu from SERC will share information about being Transgender and explain terms like gender-queer, gender fluid and agender. She is prepared to answer questions you may have to develop a better understanding of challenges members of the trans community face and how we, as a church community, can be supportive.

We will meet in person in the Chapel. Please note that you need to be fully vaccinated to attend in the church and wearing a mask. We will not be serving food or beverages but you are welcome to bring your own.

If you are not able to attend but would like some information from the session, please contact Laura.

If you have any questions or seek more information, contact Laura Crookshanks at 204 728-2935 or email at [crooks@wcgwave.ca](mailto:crooks@wcgwave.ca)

If you know someone, or yourself, who would like a care call from Rev. Neufeld; call 204-441-8140  
204 729.1946  
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We can all agree that in 2015 not a single person got the answer correct to, ‘Where do you see yourself 5 years from now?’

- ♦ So if a cow doesn’t produce milk, is it a milk dud or an udder failure?





Thank you everyone for the food, flowers, cards, and kind words I received while Ferg was in hospital, and since his death. Everything was really appreciated, and has helped me to cope with the lonesome days. Myrna



I have no Happy Birthday's, belated or other! As well, not one anniversary that I know of!! Please contact me if you would like to share your special dates.

**Thank you** to the dedicated folks who send me 'fun' material as well as spiritual! A while ago, I named some folks, but did forget one, so:

**Thank you, one & all ...** Darlynnne

**WHY DO EGGS COME IN FLIMSY STYROFOAM CARTONS AND BATTERIES COME IN A PACKAGE ONLY A CHAINSAW CAN OPEN?**

Look how instinctively, the mother croc carries the baby in its mouth. Nature is beautiful.



Is the "S" or "C" in scent silent?

How many of us have looked around our family reunion and thought, "Well aren't we just two clowns short of a circus?"



To those who still wear their mask below the nose, it's been almost a year now; it takes less time to potty train a toddler.

Sherman\_Beardman 1.3k points 2 years ago

The fact that Kansas and Arkansas are pronounced differently bothers me way more than it should.

## UCW Birthdays November

6th  
Audrey Campbell

19th  
Shirley Wells

20th  
Gail Thickett

25th  
Ruth Bilowus  
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Some news from our  
UCW Treasurer

Trinity UCW made,  
after expenses,  
\$246.13  
from funeral lunch!!  
Our 1st fundraiser!!



**DID YOU KNOW?**

**BANANA IS A HAPPY FRUIT. EATING JUST ONE CAN HELP YOU RELIEVE IRRITABLE EMOTIONS, ANGER OR DEPRESSION.**

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>

Please be sure to call or e-mail Marlane Wilson, 204.729.8574 with any reports of folks in hospital or needing some contact.



**October 24th:**  
**84th Sunday of Pandemic**  
**Giving thanks; Modeling Gratitude**  
**Time ... Talent ... Treasure**  
**Love God ... Love Each Other**

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

### Our thoughts & prayers to:

**Judy Diswinka:** .

**Irene Brown:** in Assiniboine recuperating after a fall.

**Judy Diswinka:** still in general centre.

Thinking of both of you ladies and hoping that you know that we are thinking of you!!  
Blessings!!

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 greatest of these is love.*

#### Go In Love

Go in Love; have no fear. God will guide you, He is always near.  
Go in love; take His hand, God will hear you, He will understand.  
May His light forever shine upon you; may His peace be always in your heart.  
God in love; face each day. God will lead you; He will show the way.  
Go in love and live in faith ... Amen



### Our Friends in Personal Care and Senior Homes

**Dinsdale:** Lois Aube

**Fairview:** Audrey Campbell, Lillian Atchison, Linda Garson, Louise Hodge, Dennis Hume, Bea Lee, Betty Russell, Keith Vrooman, Alma Yule

**Souris PCH:** Emma Garden

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

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

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

**Rotary Villas:** Marg Lovstrom

**Victoria Landing:** Fred Miller, Pat Rathwell, Alice Wesley,

May your troubles be less  
May your blessings be more

Wishing nothing but happiness  
To come through your door.



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The newsletter is prepared every 2nd week  
Delivery is being made to all non email

**The next issue will be November 18th**

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May God hold you in the palm of His Hand