



# Trinitopics & Church Announcements

# 25 ~ Thursday, December 15th, 2022



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## 1962 ~ 2022 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 committed to surroundings that reflect safety and support in respect of social justice and human rights.

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

*"Glory to God in the highest heaven,  
and on earth  
peace goodwill among people!"  
Merry Christmas from  
Doug, Donna and family.*

*Joy to the world*



### Christmas Message from the Trinity Board

I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

As we celebrate Christ's birth as people of faith, know that God sees you.

On behalf of the Board, all the best for a safe, peaceful and joyful Christmas season  
May you have health and happiness in 2023!

Jason Splett - Trinity Board Chair



**Message from  
Trinity United Ministry & Personnel:**  
Please note that the Church office will not be regularly staffed between **December 23<sup>rd</sup> 2022 – January 2<sup>nd</sup> 2023**  
If you have any year end business to attend to, please do so accordingly.

A member of the *Business and Administration Committee* will be at the office on **Friday, December 30<sup>th</sup> from 11am - 2pm** if you need any assistance.

*Trinity Congregation joins the  
M and P Committee in  
congratulating our staff for their  
contribution to the  
success of Trinity.*



*Blessings & Merry Christmas!*  
Miranda, Larry, Pat, Barb, Dallas



**Pat's Writer's Group**  
 Saturday, December 17, at 10:30  
 Trinity library.

We are using story starters for inspiration and this month's is:

**"She imagined this moment so many times, but she never expected"**

**Everyone is welcome!**



***That is Christmas***

*Every time a hand reaches out  
 To help another  
 That is Christmas  
 Every time someone puts anger aside  
 And strives for understanding  
 That is Christmas  
 Every time people forget their differences  
 And realize their love for each other  
 That is Christmas  
 May this Christmas bring us  
 Closer to the spirit of human understanding  
 Closer to the blessing of peace!*

*Author Unknown*

***Wishes for peace and joy this Christmas***

***From: Trinity Equity & Diversity Committee***



**Advent Season Worship Services**

**December 11: Advent 3**

**December 18: Advent 4 – Choir Cantata & Communion**

**December 24: Christmas Eve Service @ 7:00 p.m.**

**December 25: No Worship Service**

**January 1: No Worship Service (Rev. Doug vacation)**

**January 8: Worship around the breakfast table.**

**Potluck breakfast at 9:30 followed by Worship service which will all take place downstairs.**







**Our next meeting is  
Tuesday, January 10th, 2023  
Meeting: starting at 1:15 pm.**



**Calling All Women**

**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 December Birthdays  
8th June Pedlow**

**I would like to wish all the UCW members, and their families, a MERRY CHRISTMAS and hope to see them all in the new year from Irene Thompson (UCW Pres)**

Trinity UCW met on the 6th of December with a Christmas Pot Luck luncheon;  
*the best meal anywhere!!*

How nice to see husbands sharing again!!  
Rev. Doug gave the Devotion.

UCW greets for the month of December.

New members are  
Heather Moore and Nancy Syntak.

Welcome!!

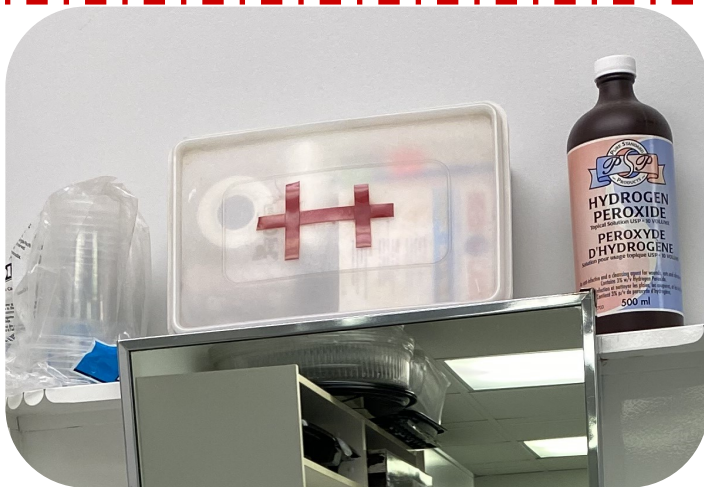
Motions were made to:

Donate \$125.00 to church for decorations

Donate \$2,000.00 to Trinity General Fund

It is also nice to have money to donate again!  
Rev Doug had the honour of taking our picture!

*Lovely afternoon!*



**Trinity's First Aid Kit  
In kitchen; on south wall  
on top of cabinet**



*Have any suggestions?  
This box is on east wall  
of elevator*

**Trinity has \$100 Gift Cards from Sobeys/  
Safeway.  
Please see Eden in the office if you  
would like to purchase cards.**



From Sunday School  
 The children and youth enjoyed sharing "God's Gift To Us" on  
 Sunday December 11, 2022.  
 Thank you to everyone who helped us make it possible.  
 From the children, youth and teachers at Trinity  
 may the gifts of Hope, Love Joy and Peace be yours this season !



The nativity play was going as planned and Joseph and Mary were going from house to house knocking on the doors and asking if there was any room for them. As they continued to get "no room" answers a little voice called from the back "YOU SHOULD HAVE BOOKED!" bringing the house down.

Grandma Nike (from the RCCG group) hoping granddaughter Anabel will have a little nap.

We received another generous gift of money (8000. plus) from Central's closing for our Christian Education Committee. Thank you Central!!

Greetings from Worship Committee

During the Holiday Season more than ever our thoughts turn gratefully to those who have made each of our worship services possible in 2022. And in this spirit we sincerely say Thank You!

To the entire Trinity family may your homes be filled with peace, your lives with hope, and your hearts with faith!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all!

*May the God of Hope fill  
you with all joy and peace  
as you trust in him, so that  
you may overflow with hope by the power of the  
Holy Spirit.*

*Romans 15:13*

*Have a blessed Christmas!*

*Alan Silvius*



**.Takedown of Christmas Decorations:**

The takedown of Christmas Decorations is planned for  
**Wednesday, January 11, 2023 at 10:00 am.**

All are welcome!



As a teacher, Ms. Jones, was very curious about how each of her students celebrated Christmas. She called on young Patrick Murphy. Tell me Patrick what do you do at Christmas time? she asked.

Patrick addressed the class, Well Ms. Jones, me and my twelve brothers and sisters go to the midnight Mass and we sing hymns, then we come home very late and we put mince pies by the back door and hang up our stockings. Then all excited we go to bed and wait for Father Christmas to come with all our toys.

Very nice Patrick, she said. Now Jimmy Brown what do you do at Christmas?

Well, Ms. Jones, me and my sister also go to Church with Mum and Dad and we sing carols and we get home ever so late. We put cookies and milk by the chimney and we hang up our stockings. We hardly sleep, waiting for Santa Claus to bring our presents.

Realizing there was a Jewish boy in the class and not wanting to leave him out of the discussion, she asked, Now, Isaac Cohen, what do you do at Christmas?

Isaac said, Well, it's the same thing every year. Dad comes home from the office. We all pile into the Rolls Royce, then we drive to his toy factory. When we get inside, we look at all the empty shelves and begin to sing "What a Friend We Have in Jesus." Then we all go to the Bahamas





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**Regional annual meeting 2023** Your annual meeting planning committee has begun its work for our hoped-for in person meeting June 1-4 in Winnipeg. [Please click here to see an update from chair Emma Seamone](#), and share the update with your treasurer and/ or finance committee.

Alison Murray & Darlyne Smith

To receive weekly information to your email, or to read what is going on in the United Church:  
<https://united-church.ca/e-newsletters>

**Moderator's Christmas message**

In her [Christmas video message](#), Moderator Carmen Lansdowne reminds us that when so much seems uncertain and the news amplifies all the hard news stories, there is One who came to show us that all the ends of the earth should see the salvation of God—and that through that One, we are capable of coming together to achieve the impossible.

If you would like to include the video in your worship live stream, please use the downloadable version, available at the following link: <https://bit.ly/3hZ2wlv>



Another very successful Pancake/Sausage Brunch. Thank you Keith Privat and Trinity men!! There were 95 adults and 8 children. The profit was \$590.00. and proceeds went to Samaritan House.

**Our new members & adherents:**

We have more new members from Central;

Bill Everingham  
Beryl Everingham  
Helen Dyer

**Welcome all!!**



**TRINITY 55 PLUS GROUP  
MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY, HEALTHY NEW YEAR**



Christmas 2019

**GOD'S BLESSINGS FOR ALL YOUR GENEROUS DONATIONS  
TO OUR MISSION FOR MITTENS 2022 ... YOU HAVE GIFTED SO MANY CHILDREN  
AND ADULTS A MUCH WARMER WINTER.**

**Looking forward to 2023 ... Everyone Welcome**

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

**Gail Thickett**

**Larry & Hazel Sage**

**Glenn & Ruth Sawyer**



*Happy Anniversary*

**December 23rd  
Eddy & Hillary Baker**

What do you call an old  
snowman?  
Water.



**FELLOWSHIP FOLLOWING WORSHIP  
EACH WEEK**

**Thank you** to all who help,  
donate, money or food, and  
especially those who have come  
and have fellowship with us!!

**Dec. 18th** Christmas Brunchie  
, Val Poersch, Judy Diswinka  
Darlynn Smith

I will send out a list for helpers  
for the new year.

*Wishing everyone a .Happy Holiday  
Season and good health &  
happiness in 2023*

**Trinity December Birthdays**

1st	Mabel Ramsay
5th	Murray McMillan
6th	Donna Neufeld
20th	Holly Walker
22nd	Ruth Sawyer
24th	Betty McFarland
23rd	Leonard Wray
27th	Keith Privat



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who would like a care call from  
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December 11th Advent 3  
Sunday School Presentation  
Congratulations to all!

Continued thoughts and  
prayers to **Marina Cram** & all  
her family!

**Beryl Truscott** has a new  
pacemaker. She is at home  
convalescing. Continued good  
wishes, Beryl!!

Sending our thoughts ,  
prayers and HUGS to all who  
are experiencing health issues



### *Our Friends in Personal Care and Senior Homes*

**Dinsdale:** Lois Aube, Malcolm Macdonald  
**Fairview:** Audrey Campbell, Judy Diswinka, Linda Garson,  
Dennis & Louise Hume, Eunice Lindenberg,  
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, Marlene Shantz,  
Vera Skyman  
**Rotary Villas:** Myrna Barkley, Don Jessiman, Marg Lovstrom  
**Victoria Landing:** Al & Helen Lauder, Fred Miller,  
Pat Rathwell, Marg Speers

Thank you to  
everyone who  
sent in information/  
articles/jokes/etc to  
the newsletter this  
year! Without your  
participation, it  
would not be as  
'newsy'.  
May the spirit of  
this season, remain  
until next year,  
at this time!  
Merry Christmas &  
health & happiness  
for 2023.  
Darlynnne



**Trinitopics & Church Announcements**  
The newsletter is prepared every 2nd week  
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'May God hold you in the palm of His Hand'