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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.

Worship News



Worship Service Coverage for Summer 2023: August 20: Barb Janzen



Trinity Sunday School teachers are excited to welcome all children and youth back to class this fall. The children will have registration and their first class on **September 17th**, 2023 and will meet every second Sunday.

Our youth will resume September 24th and will meet weekly



August collection at Trinity is for Helping Hands (sorry I had Samaritan House last newsletter)!

On their website they are advertising that their **most needed essential** items are:

Margarine,

Juice

Mustard

Spices

Bottled Water

Garbage Bags

Plastic Wrap

Mayo

Sugar

Soya Sauce

Of course 'the essentials' are other than meats, vegetables, fruits and starches.

... the need is great for Helping Hands and that is where our donations will go to this month,

let's FILL the wagon!

Trinity United Church

August 2023

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THE CHURCH IS A GIFT FROM GOD SOME ASSEMBLY REQUIRED

Elevator Update

The new elevator proposal that was received on July 21st has been reviewed by the Board. There are a few 'extras', with more cost to them, that needed more explanation, so there was a meeting to discuss them. Caution is being taken. Thank you for your patience & understanding. There will be more news early September.





Trinity has \$50 & \$100 Gift Cards from Sobeys/Safeway and Superstore. Please see Eden in the office if you would like to purchase cards.

Sing, Sing, Sing to the Lord

We are excited to announce that Trinity Choir resumes gathering and exploring new and favourite anthems very soon!

We rehearse every Thursday 7-9 pm.

Rehearsal is also held prior to the service at 9.15 am every Sunday.

Davis our Director, and Holly our accompanist are ready to guide us in creating music of praise for worship. We welcome all to choir.

Please consider this as your invitation to join this aspect of Trinity's ministry. Our first rehearsal will be Thursday September 7 th @ 7 pm.





The easiest time to add insult to injury is when you're signing someone's cast. Just burned 2,000 calories. That's the last time I leave brownies in the oven while I nap. Today a man knocked on my door and asked for a small donation toward the local swimming pool. I gave him a glass of water.

A recent study has found that women who carry a little extra weight live longer than the men who mention it.



INTRODUCING KOREAN RAINBOW UNITED NETWORK

Jul 6, 2022 | Clusters and Networks, Intercultural, LGBTQIA Affirming, News



Korean Rainbow United is a network of The United Church of Canada for Korean queer people and allies, with involvement

and leadership in our Regional Council. Members of the network work along with affirming Christian alliances in Korea, as well as with the "Rainbow Jesus" activist movement to end the discrimination and hate caused by homophobia/ heterosexism. The national EDGE Network's Zoë Chaytors recently spoke with Yoonjoo Shin, a member of Korean Rainbow United living in Tisdale, Saskatchewan.

Yoonjoo talks with Zoë about the work of Korean Rainbow United, which includes:

- A yearly prayer vigil each April in remembrance of Yukoodang, a Korean gay poet and activist who committed suicide in 2003 at age 18. During the pandemic, Rainbow Korean United virtual contributions to the vigils have included recorded English translations of Yukoodang's poetry, and a recording of a song that Yoonjoo Shin wrote using one of his poems, sung by their virtual choir.
- Translating The United Church of Canada's LGBTQ inclusion materials and queer theological materials into Korean.
- Participating in regular online worship with Korean Rainbow United members in North American churches, and filming the services so that other members can view them. Videos are provided with subtitles available in Korean and English.

Yoonjoo identifies the videomaking as an especially important part of Korean Rainbow United's ministry. She believes that their videos provide a Biblically based perspective on how queer people can be part of their communities of faith that young people will especially find accessible and relevant. Yoonjoo's young daughter appears in one of the videos, pointing to what she hopes will be an ongoing trend of young people wanting to help create them.

"Representation matters," she tells Zoë.

Yoonjoo also believes that allies have a vital role. "I think to stand up as an ally is as important as standing up as a queer person themselves. We all are part of this big community in this society...we need more allies."

Yoonjoo's smile through the interview tells us that while Korean Rainbow United is about solidarity and activism, it's also about spreading the joy that comes from feeling that you're in a space where you're truly welcome and where your contributions are valued.

May all of us experience that joy and strive to pass it on to others!

We are going to have guests in our church overnight Saturday and Sunday. They will be at Sunday Worship and we will be able to visit with them during fellowship on Sunday. Here is the link to check out for more information! https://www.komoot.com/collection/2200049/-from-victoria-to-aylmerref=undefined Blessings

From Eden; Thursday afternoon: Rev. Doug and I have been in contact with retired United Church pastor Rev. Edward Barbezat, who is cycling cross country with his friend Greg Golding to raise money for orphans in Uganda (original message below), and has requested a place to stay overnight at our church to cut down on their costs, which we have agreed to provide. They weren't sure until now when they would make it or if it was going to work out at all, but I have been in contact with Rev. Barbezat today to say that they will be in Brandon Saturday night.

They plan to stay overnight Saturday and Sunday, worshipping with Trinity and exploring the city Sunday, and continuing their journey Monday morning. Rev. Doug has agreed to let them into the church on Saturday and Sunday evening. I will be here Monday morning when they leave around 9am.

They have all their own sleeping gear, and just need an empty space to set up – no scheduling conflicts in the basement for both nights.

I think this covers all the info you might want; no action is required of you besides welcoming them at church on Sunday! I will put an announcement in about their visit, so people can speak with them about their journey and cause during fellowship.

Dear colleagues, sisters and brothers in Christ,

My friend Greg Golding and I are cyclists. In the past we have covered quite a bit of territory in the Ottawa region. I am a 77 year young, retired pastor. I am still an associate pastor at L'Église Unie Saint-Marc (Saint-Mark United Church). My friend Greg retired a few months ago.

We are planning a coast-to-coast Canadian ride (July 31st -Sept 27th) to raise funds for an orphanage. Greg will do most of the riding. I will drive the car with all our equipment. Every riding day I will decide after having reached our sleeping destination, whether to ride back on my bike, to meet my friend and travel back together. If not, then I would work on the book I am writing about my parents who were Swiss missionaries in Chad Africa.

We are riding to raise funds for the group of 16 orphans we support in Uganda Africa. Some of them are now in Secondary school and are planning to further their studies. We have not yet raised any funds for their university tuition and expenses. This is the purpose of our ride.

In order to minimize cost since we are self-financing the ride, we would like to request assistance by providing a space in your church basement or other location where we could install our air-mattresses and spend the night.

Should we arrive on a weeknight we would be available for a talk about the orphanage and or situation in Uganda in the evening with interested folks from your church. If a Saturday night, we would like the opportunity to worship with you on Sunday. I could say something during the announcement time or if you would like I could do the preaching on that day.

If you can help us accomplish our goal, we would be very grateful and will respond with the tentative date for your town. More details to follow regarding contributions if anyone is interested to donate.

Feel free to respond to this email or phone me directly at 1-819-319-6435

Until then, stay blessed! We hope to see you this summer!

Rev. Edward F. Barbezat & Greg Golding

Hebrews 13: 1-2 which says:

"Keep on loving one another as Christians. Remember to welcome strangers in your homes. There were some who did that and welcomed angels without knowing it."



Our next meeting is Tuesday, September 12th, 2023 starting at 1:15 pm

Have a great summer!!.

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



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.

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August Birthdays

7th Shirley Mabon 19th Sheila McCausland

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/pmhwell-wishes

Their names are on the back page of this newsletter.



The Lord watch between me and thee when we are absent one from another.





Our **Trinity Garden Team** are doing a great job!
Thank you Sheila McCausland, Marv &
Georgie Pidhorny & Louanne R.
Our garden is lovely!!
The roses are so showy!!

Thank you

To the UCW ladies who cleaned part of the kitchen last week. There were some notable issues but they cleaned it up!

There is going to be another day to finish in the near future.

Many thanks to all of you!!

It isn't a nice job!!

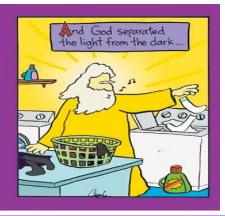
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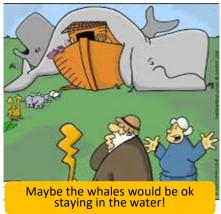


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United Church:

https://united-church.ca/ e-newsletters





Being here for Refugees and Migrants in Morrocco "We are there for people who have nowhere else to go."



In the last three years, the number of refugees and asylum seekers in Morocco has more than doubled. Today, the country is both a transit and a host country with 18,102 refugees and asylum seekers.* (UNHCR (*United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees*) Morocco - Fact sheet, January 2023. is a United Nations agency mandated to aid and protect refugees, forcibly displaced communities, and stateless people, and to assist in their voluntary repat-

riation, local integration or resettlement to a third country). Each person arrives in Morocco hoping for a better life for themselves and their family. Many attempt to cross the Strait of Gibraltar from Morocco to Europe. Some make the 14-km trip; others don't because it proves too costly and dangerous.

"To give you an idea of what this 'trip' looks like, they get on an inflated boat normally made for 10-20 people and they are more than 40 people on it hoping that the wind, their manual manoeuvres, and God will get them to Europe. And they pay thousands of euros to get on that boat!" write Fritz Joseph and Emmanuela Loccident, who served four years in Morocco with the United Church in partnership with Global Ministries of the Disciples of Christ.

"Every day we hear of people who die trying to cross over. A lot don't even know how to swim. Many of those wishing to cross the sea and ultimately go to Europe were, and still are, living in scarcity and poverty because they have used all their money to get to Morocco. Every country they must cross requires fees for passage. So, when arriving in Morocco, they must find a way to pay for their next and final trip to Europe."

In Morocco, your <u>Mission and Service</u> gifts support refugees and migrants by providing life-saving medication as well as blankets, food, clothes, and professional training.

"Without the help of partners, none of this tremendous help that is offered to migrating people in Morocco would be possible. None," explain Fritz and Emmanuela. "Helping migrants is one of the biggest ministries of the church. We are there for people who have nowhere else to go."

This is only one story of how your generosity through <u>Mission and Service</u> helps change lives. Thank you for your gifts!

What was Moses' wife, Zipphora, known as when she'd throw dinner parties?

"The hostess with the Moses."

What did God's people say when food fell from Heaven?
"Oh man-na!"

How are toddlers and those who attempted to build a tower to Heaven similar?

They all babble.

Which king liked to do things on his own? Solomon.

Why did Adam and Eve do math every day?

They were told to be fruitful and multiply.

What did Adam say to Eve when handing her something to wear? "Take it or leaf it."

What's a miracle that can be done by a complainer? Turning anything into whine.

What size was the lumber that was made to build the ark?

Where was Solomon's Temple located?
On the side of his head.

How do pastors like their orange juice?

With *pulp*it.

I failed math so many times at school, I can't even count.

I can't believe I got fired from the calendar factory. All I did was take a day off.

TRINITY 55 PLUS MISSION FOR MITTENS CONTINUES.....

we are again open to receiving your gifts of mittens, socks, etc for children, adults, and those new to Canada who have never dealt with our cold weather... a basket will be set up in the narthex to receive them...

They are always so gratefully received by the recipients..

Blessings and thank you..

Trinity 55 Plus making a difference a little at a time: Glenn & Ruth Sawyer: 204 728-4683, Gail Thickett: 204 725-4934 Larry & Hazel Sage: 204 728-6215



The Church Written by Glenn Sawyer

There is nothing as friendly as a church

No matter how far a person likes to search.

It will always welcome you in'

It will help to keep you out of sin.

In every town or village, one can always be found

In most cases it can be heard by it welcoming sound.

Don't be afraid to open the door and come inside

Even it you can't see or touch Him, he will always be by

your side.

Thank you Glenn!



Prayer Shawls are available in the library/meeting room for you to take to comfort anyone; it does not have to be a Trinity person! There are so many beautiful designs and colors to be chosen. Thank you to the talented ladies who made these lovely creations!!!

August 31st Arnie & Barb Janzen

September
1st Al & Linda Friesen
12th Sam & Myrna Lennon **65th**



Why did the melon jump into the lake?
It wanted to be a water-melon.

Where do young trees go to learn? Elementree school.

The greatest remedy for anger is delay. Lucius Annaeus Seneca

People who laugh a lot are healthier than those who don't.

Trinity August Birthdays

3rd Donna Vrooman
4th Colin Snelgrove
6th Edna Stewart
13th Shirley Kernaghan
29th Roy Mitchell
29th Ken Winstone







Belated
Happy 50th Anniversary
Bill & Marilyn Tockar
August 11th, 2023
(Found this in Brandon Sun)

FELLOWSHIP FOLLOWING WORSHIP EACH WEEK

Thank you for the helpers, donators & all who come for fellowship.

August 20th The Faye's

August 27th
Darlynne & helpers

September 3rd September 10th September 17th September 24th

Looking for volunteers for September~ thanks!



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Marlane Wilson,
with any reports of folks in hospital or
needing some contact.
204 729-8574 or marlane.w@yahoo.com

Looking forward to our last lay service this summer August 20th Barb Janzen is at the pulpit.

Rev. Doug is back next week.
Aug 27th.

Almost back to school!!

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

If you know someone, or yourself, who would like a care call from Rev. Neufeld; please call the office. 204 728-4796

- Thinking of Vera Skayman; in Assiniboine
- ♦ Reminder: Gwen Bollman luncheon @ noon on Friday (today).
- Our thoughts and prayers to anyone who has/is experiencing health issues. If you know of someone, please let Marlane &/or the church office know. Thank you!

Thoughts and Prayers to Gloria McMillan & Family on the recent loss of her brother, Lew Morrison. He passed on July 15th.



Joyce McClelland playing and singing this.
So beautiful!

Drinking from My Saucer Submitted by Norm & Val Poersch

I've never made a fortune,
And I'll never make one now
But it really doesn't matter
'Cause I'm happy anyhow
As I go along my journey
I'm reaping better than I've sowed
I'm drinking from the saucer
'Cause my cup has overflowed

I don't have a lot of riches,
And sometimes the going's tough
But with kin and friends to love me
I think I'm rich enough
I thank God for the blessings
That His mercy has bestowed
I'm drinking from the saucer
'Cause my cup has overflowed

He gives me strength and courage
When the way grows steep and rough
I'll not ask for other blessings for
I'm already blessed enough
May we never be too busy
To help bear another's load
Then we'll all be drinking from
the saucer
When our cups have overflowed

Our Friends in Personal Care and Senior Homes

Dinsdale: Lois Aube, Malcolm Macdonald

Fairview: Audrey Campbell, Judy Diswinka, Linda Garson,

Louise Hume, Eunice Lindenberg, Betty Russell

Hillcrest PCH: Don Jessiman Souris PCH: Emma Garden

Rideau: Don Chambers, Garry VanRenselaar Valleyview: Cliff Bowslaugh, Laura Cliffe, ,

Shirley O'Driscoll, Del Pringle

Riverheights Terrace: Pheme Andrew, Elsie Franklin, Patty Hargreaves, Dave McClelland, Marlene Shantz, Vera Skayman

Rotary Villas: Myrna Barkley, Marg Lovstrom

Victoria Landing: Al & Helen Lauder, Betty McFarland,

Fred Miller, Pat Rathwell

Wawanesa PCH: Alice Laminman



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