

Trini Tidings 2021



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COMING UP IN TRINITY WORSHIP

Sundays at 10:30 a.m.

May 16, 2021

“And so we wait...”

May 23, 2021

“Festival of Pentecost”
Guest Worship Leader
The Rev. Norman Collier

May 30, 2021

“Awesome”
Guest Worship Leader
The Rev. Norman Collier

June 6, 2021

“The Beauty of Difference”

June 13, 2021

“Small and Great”

June 20, 2021

“Goliath sized problems”

June 27, 2021

“Home for a Rest”

July 4, 11, 18, 25, Aug 1

No services (see email or social media for online options)

“Just because... Covid!”



Do you know someone who has been working on the “front lines” throughout this pandemic – whether that be a child care provider, a health care worker, a grocery store employee, an educator, or someone else who might be unsung but who has been living and working in a very stressful situation through this pandemic? It need not only be those who have been traditionally thought of as “front line”. It can be a person of any age. Are you aware of someone who might need a small “pick me up” – a token of appreciation, a gesture of caring, an acknowledgment that people care?

We need your help to let us know who we can thank for their hard work on our collective behalf. Throughout May & June we would like your nominations for people who might like to receive a “Just because... Covid” care box from the church. Send us their name, address or contact information, and maybe a little bit about what they’ve been doing/experiencing through these last months (it might help us personalize their token). We will also receive nominations for those for whom Covid has taken a difficult toll and who just need a gesture of kindness to lift their spirits.



Giving from Home



Thanks for continuing to support our church! We are grateful for the ways you are giving, whether that’s by a cheque dropped off to the office, by e-transfer to trinityu@mts.net, credit & debit card gifts through the office or online. We appreciate your generosity & if you need help to access any of these options, call the church office.

Following the Public health orders



As you are no doubt aware, the public health orders continue to change to reflect the number and virulence of Covid-19 (and variant) cases in our province. At this time, public health orders have cancelled all in person gatherings. Churches are to remain closed. Zoom church will continue through May and June, regardless of public health guidelines. We hope that it will be possible to have some people back for in person worship for some services in June, but we will need to keep watching the health orders. **Church will be online only through the end of May.** Changes for June will be announced via email, our website and social media. If you are unsure about whether you can come to church, please be in touch with the church office for clarification.

I hope the weather is good tomorrow for my trip to Puerto Backyarda. I’m getting tired of Los Livingroom.
-Unknown Source



We're Hiring!

Are you interested in contributing to the life and work of Trinity United Church in a new way? We have an exciting opportunity as a Congregational Designated Minister that we are looking to fill.



Note: successful candidate will be subject to satisfactory security checks (child abuse registry, vulnerable persons, criminal record).

Thank you

Your continued financial support is appreciated!

We are pleased to report that our

financial situation continues to be positive. This is due to:

- your generous contributions, whether on-going or one time;
- the Manitoba government's bridge grant;
- our budgeted transfer from our Investing in Our Future fund; and
- our personnel expense is low during this time when we only have one minister.
- Our actual income received to the end of April from all sources is \$78,957.23, which is 32% of our budgeted annual income.

A search committee is working now to fill the ministry staff vacancy. In addition, we do not expect that government assistance will continue.
From The Stewardship Team

Under the supervision of the Coordinating Minister, this position will contribute to our Affirming Ministry in the areas of community building and faith formation. Community building functions include organizing and participating in regular visits to hospital, personal care homes and shut-ins; providing training to lay visitors and teams; preparing and leading funeral services as required. Faith formation functions include encouraging the recruitment and development of lay people with gifts to share in the work of the community of faith; in consultation with volunteer leaders, plan, resource and offer leadership for Christian education programs as required; and working with lay leaders to promote education and action around the work of justice and peace at the local levels. Full position description is available by contacting the Trinity United Church – Portage la Prairie office at the email below.

Please submit a resume and cover letter explaining how you meet the qualifications to: trinityu@mymts.net

We thank all who apply and advise that only those selected for further consideration will be contacted.



"I can't go out because of the virus" sounds weak, whiny and boring. Try instead: "I've sworn an oath of solitude until the pestilence is purged from the lands". Sounds more valiant and heroic, people might even think you are carrying a sword!

- Unknown Source

Trinity's Financial Update

Operating Income for April 2021

\$16,484

Operating Expenses for April 2021

\$17,353



Anticipated Operating Expenses for

May 01 – August 31

\$65,850

Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

Trinity Markers and Milestones

since the March 2021 TriniTidings

Deaths

Jerry R. Samels
June 2, 2020

Cynthia Jordan
May 3, 2021

Baptisms

Huxton Keith Hay, son of Riley Hay & Katarina Boychuk
March 14, 2021

Tuck Russell Hay, son of Skylar Hay & Adrianna Boychuk
March 14, 2021

Hannah Elizabeth Nixon, daughter of Chris & Naomi Nixon
March 21, 2021

Christopher James Nixon, son of Chris & Naomi Nixon
March 21, 2021

Church connections



Who could have guessed how important online communication would turn out to be in a pandemic? While you can always find us by using the telephone, we have many electronic and online options as well.

Regular emails are sent with updates – if you have not been receiving these and you would like to, please email us at trinityu@mts.net with your preferred email address.

Find us through our webpage www.trinityunitedportage.ca, at our Facebook page, or in our active Facebook Group – Trinity United Church, Portage la Prairie. Our YouTube channel is Trinity Portage, at this link: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCifQQLFZrDcGyY-J3xjDoKA/videos> You can also follow us on Instagram at [trinityportage](https://www.instagram.com/trinityportage), and our Twitter handle is [@ChurchPortage](https://twitter.com/ChurchPortage).

A Gift in Memory

The Trinity Memorial Fund seeks to honour the life and faith of loved ones in ways that keeps their memory and significance alive. We also receive memorial gifts to the Operating Fund, the Mission and Service Fund, and any other ministry of the church.

We thank God for the life of Joyce Rutter, Rick Blight, Don Blight, Thelma & Lorne Carter, Lorena Pogue, Roy Tibbett & Cynthia Jordan, in whose memory we have received donations since March 2021.

Serious Lockdown Advice



Everyone please be careful because people are going crazy from being locked down at home!

I was just talking about this with the microwave and the toaster while drinking my Pepsi, and we agreed that things are getting bad.

I didn't mention any of this to the washing machine, because she puts a different spin on everything!

Certainly couldn't share with the fridge, because he's been acting cold and distant! In the end, the iron straightened me out!

She said the situation isn't all that pressing and all the wrinkles will soon get ironed out!

The vacuum, however, was very unsympathetic – told me just suck it up!

But the fan was very optimistic and gave me hope that it will all blow over soon!

The toilet looked a bit flushed but didn't say anything when I asked its opinion, but the front door said I was becoming unhinged and the doorknob told me to get a grip!

You can just about guess what the curtains told me: they told me to "pull myself together!" We will survive!

– Unknown Source



The UCW Unit C is grateful to everyone who supported their



petunia sales fundraiser. The proceeds will enable a select group of children in the "Chance to Grow" program to participate in sports, music and other nurturing activities. A small amount will also come back to the church. Thank you!

Come & Join Us!

Join us for our introductory speaker series. On **Sunday, June 13 at 1:00 p.m.**, we will be coming together (virtually) to learn a little bit about indigenous issues. Did you know that Treaties are living documents that continue to be relevant today? We will provide a brief overview of the Treaties relevant to Indigenous people in Manitoba. Following this, our presenter, Cornell Pashe, Indigenous Community Coordinator with PCRC, will speak to us about Circles for Reconciliation: what are they, how do they work and the current Circle(s) for reconciliation in this community.

We look forward to learning together. Further information about the zoom link will be provided closer to the event.

From The Stewardship Team

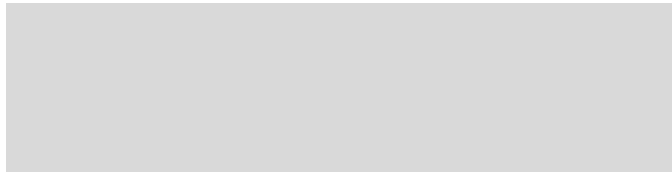


July at Trinity

As the pandemic winds its way through a third wave, your Leadership team has spent considerable time discerning the best use of time and resources for the

summer months. At this time, public health orders have cancelled all in-person

gatherings, and while we hope that restriction may be somewhat lifted by the summer, there is no guarantee, and wisdom would suggest that smaller numbers are better. With a large portion of the population still in the initial stages of vaccinations, we are still not at a point when it seems advisable to partner with other churches, regardless of the public health orders.



Therefore, the Leadership Team has decided that for the month of July while our staff take vacation, we will also cancel Sunday services. You can find alternative online options in our Facebook group, and via emails that will go out near the end of June for those who are interested. Trinity regular worship will resume August 8 – format will depend on health orders.

If you would appreciate having print worship materials available for home use, **please request those from the office by June 15**, so that they can be prepared and sent out/delivered.

During the month of July, if you have a pastoral emergency, please call the church telephone number (204-857-4471) – the answering machine will indicate who is on call for such emergencies. An email

will be sent out late June with contact information for all church needs while staff take vacation.



Plan Some Summer Spontaneity

Maybe you're one of those parents who can wake up on a random Tuesday and plan an amazing spur of the moment adventure. If you're not, or if your schedule just doesn't work that way, you can get the same effect with a little planning. While it is incredibly difficult to plan anything these days, try this: Look at your summer calendar now, before we even get there. Choose three

(two? one?) times throughout the summer that work for you, and block them out now. Write "Spontaneous Picnic!" "Spontaneous Hike!" or whatever. No need to tell your kids; just wake them up that morning and spring it on them. That way this summer won't slip away without any fun surprises like last year did, and your kids will think you're one of those fun, spontaneous parents!

Plan a Yes Day. The pandemic has been all about saying 'no' and what we can't do right now. Tell your kids that being a parent often means saying "no" more than you would like. Tell them that whatever they ask you to do

with them that day, you will say "yes." (Be smart, though! Lay down some parameters: cost, distance, health orders, safety...) If you have more than one kid and can manage it, give them each their own day or part of the day.

Prairie to Pine Regional Council!

The meeting of Prairie to Pine Region will be held online, via zoom, May 28-30. Trinity's lay representatives will be Lesia Case and Brenda Brand.



Summer Vacation Schedule Staff

- Jacquie Bennet will take vacation July 2-30. While she is away, the church office will be closed. The office will re-open on Tuesday, August 3.
- Don Morrison will take vacation July 2-July 16. Urgent property needs during this time will be dealt with by the M & P Committee or the Trustees.
- Julie Baker will take vacation July 1 - August 2. For emergency pastoral care while she is on vacation, please call the church answering machine to find out who is available.



During July the church building will remain closed to the public.

The local Tom Jones recently received a new deck and porch from his mom & dad. The porch is presently a music utility room. The mobile home the deck and room are built onto, tidied up awesomely with gear carefully arranged in the utility room.