

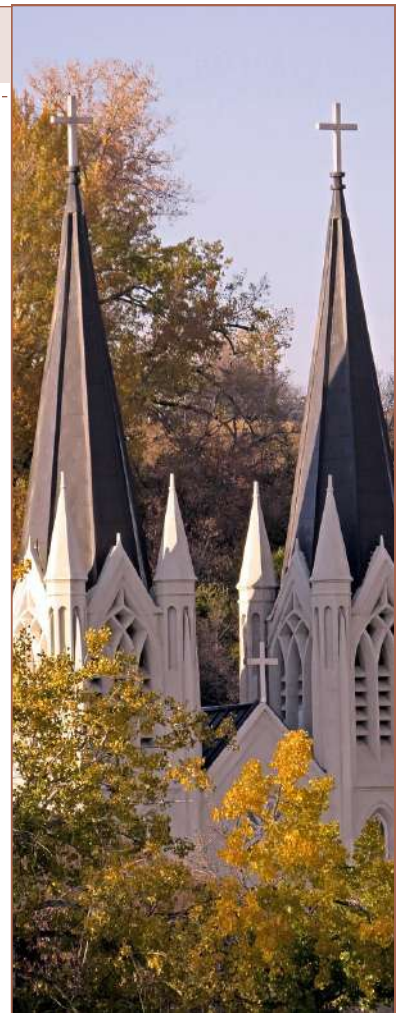


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### MINISTER'S MESSAGE—REV. BOB

I'm thankful, yet it can be hard sometimes. Not so much to find the words or the time to pause and reflect on one of the glimmer moments of life, offering praise to the Source of all that is. That, I can do. In one sense it is what I was trained and educated to do. I'd be lying if I didn't say it's something that tends to come naturally even before my years of formal education. I tend to be a "glass half full" kind of person. Silver linings are kinda my thing. Lemonade is one of my favourite drinks.

Even with that, I've found this fall a challenge. There just seems to be so much negativity in the world. It's like no one is interested in conversation, compromise, and holding the middle for civilized discourse that doesn't descend into escalating degrees of rhetoric and screaming voices. The extremes of the "us" and "them" camps feel like they're growing increasingly militant and aggressive. I worry about what that means for us as a society, a community, a family. The war in Ukraine drudges on and even the military-industrial complex seems to be tiring of the obscene profits ...it's hard to find the silver lining. The anti-SOGI demonstrations were, regardless of what the organizers might say, hate-filled and, I think, fear-fuelled. When you're called garbage, dangerous, and predatorial...when you're told: "Our pastor prayed for the delusional gays" ...It's hard to find the silver lining. When our social empathy quotient seems to be at an all-time low and every other statement seems to be about placing blame in all the wrong places so we can ignore our privilege and our perpetual propping up of oppressive systems, or the perpetual jurisdictional shuffle ...it's hard to find the silver lining.



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One returned and gave thanks. Not ten, one. William Cutter wrote “Doth not each raindrop help to form the cool refreshing shower? And every ray of light to warm and beautify the flower?” It is hard to see the silver lining, yet maybe, like the one and like the raindrop and ray of light, you and I are called to spot the glimmers of hope and amplify them for ourselves and others as we walk in the way of Jesus because sometimes it’s the little glimpses that give us the strength to keep working towards God’s kin-dom right here in our midst and sometimes what we think is a raindrop might actually be a tsunami.



With the backdrop of utterly inappropriate comments by politicians on the National Day of Truth and Reconciliation, Wab Kinew becomes the first indigenous premier in Canada. Over 400 people gathered to proclaim SOGI’s place in schools and the wonder of our identity, expression, and orientation diversity. The feeling of love, acceptance, belonging, and affirmation was palpable. In the midst of people not having clean drinking water, others are trying to figure out how to raise the money to change that. Harmony House is being built. Our community is growing. We’re bringing people together. We’re finding ways to deepen our relationship with the Holy and share that experience with others. We’re spotting and naming hope. Sometimes all it takes is the one who spots the glimmer of hope and is thankful.

In our post-restriction world of inflation and increasing cost of living, it’s hard to spot the silver lining and perhaps that’s why it’s so important that we do our best to embody the one who gives thanks, not because it’s easy, but because it’s desperately needed. As we join in worship and bring our harvest of fresh vegetables and fruit on Thanksgiving Sunday may each of us spot the raindrops of hope that fuel our thanksgiving and may we be a ray of light in someone else’s life. Together may we be the ones who return and give thanks for all Creator has done and is doing in our lives and in the world.



## Save-On Foods Gift Cards

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## QUEER LABYRINTH

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ANCIENT SPIRITUAL PRACTICE

TRINITY DOWNTOWN  
OCT 18TH, NOV 22ND,  
DEC 20TH | 5-7PM

ALL ARE WELCOME

## QUEER WORSHIP

Livestream & in-person  
Oct. 8th, Nov 12th,  
Dec. 10th | 2pm  
ALL WELCOME



JOIN US TO CELEBRATE GOD'S DIVERSITY

## Silent Auction

Join us for some fun and friendly  
competition. Sunday Nov. 26th  
following worship at 11 a.m.  
Set up Saturday, November 25th.





*1Thessalonians 5:16-18 - Rejoice always pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.*



**BE A TRINITY  
KIDS LEADER**

Help lead one of our Trinity Kids Sunday sessions. It's an opportunity to serve in a deeply meaningful way.

For more information and to sign up  
contact CJ [trinitykids@trinitypg.ca](mailto:trinitykids@trinitypg.ca)

## CHOIR—ERICA SKOWRON

On December 17, the choir will present our annual Advent/ Christmas Cantata. This year we will be presenting "Born a Saviour and a King " by John Purifoy accompanied by the traditional Christmas readings.

We are in need of extra voices especially male voices to fill out our choir for this event. If you would like to sing with us, please come out to our choir practises on Wednesday nights in the sanctuary from 6:30 pm –800 pm, speak to me, Diane or one of the choir members after church , email the church office at [office2trinitypg.ca](mailto:office2trinitypg.ca) or call me at the church 250-563–9167.

Happy Thanksgiving.





## FINANCE COMMITTEE—DOUG HOFSTEDE

Happy Thanksgiving.

The Finance Committee has been reviewing and tracking the church's finances all year and we are grateful for the congregation's continued financial support of the ministry and community programming that makes Trinity a positive influence in our community. Beyond our community, M&S contributions fund the United Church programs across the globe. During our ACM, the congregation committed to contribute more to M&S in 2023 than last year. We are well beyond what we would have expected at this time of year.

Overall, our regular offerings are slightly higher than budgeted and our other revenues have been good. However, we have expenditures that were not expected. As we all know, inflation has affected us all, and this includes the church operations. We have also had some unexpected facility repairs and our insurance increased more than expected due to our fires.

Another unexpected expense that will be coming up is the small roof repair of the "steeple" of the historic hall downtown.

At the end of August, we are about -5% of our revenues over expenses. We still have a few months till the end of the year and historically, the congregation's generosity has narrowed this gap by year end to make up the deficit.

Thank you for your support of the church and thanks to all our counters and Finance committee members.





# THE TABLE

Starting Oct. 26th | 1448 5th Ave  
Trinity Downtown | 6pm

It's an opportunity for a simple meal, games, conversation, and maybe even an open mic. Designed with students in mind, yet open to anyone



## M & P COMMITTEE—KEITH TAITE

Fall is the time of year where we get back to regular schedules, whether it is preparing for harvest, heading to school, or structured activities. The M & P committee is also preparing for our regularly scheduled meetings after a relatively quiet summer.

As always, the M & P Committee acts on the direction from the church's Official Board and provides confidential support for all of its paid staff. The committee liaisons are always available for staff to raise issues or concerns, and of course they can always be an ear willing to just listen.

As we move into this time of structure the M & P committee continues to offer our appreciation to all the staff that keeps Trinity PG operating effectively and efficiently.

Kindest Regards, Keith Taite (Chair)

Marilyn Blair  
Vicki Brown  
Shannon Carson  
Les Waldie

## Muffin Sale

Oct 15nd | Donation

Trays of 6 mixed muffins  
cost by donation.





## FELLOWSHIP TEAM—CATHIE REID

I hope that you have all enjoyed a restful and relaxing summer and are returning to fall activities rested and full of energy.

Fall is a busy time for the Fellowship Team at Trinity United Church. We had our first meeting on September 5<sup>th</sup> and have several activities planned for Fall. These include our first muffin sale by donation which will be held on October 15<sup>th</sup>.

We are also preparing for our Fall Silent Auction on November 26<sup>th</sup>. We will be having a work bee for the Auction at the church on Wednesday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> in the morning. Any items that you would like to donate to the Auction can be dropped off at the Church office prior to that date.

Our sewing ladies are also busy sewing Hats for Kids and Christmas Gift Bags for Seniors. Hats for Kids will be available for sale starting October 15<sup>th</sup> at a cost of \$20.00 a bag. There are six hats in a bag and the bags are donated to two local elementary schools that Trinity helps to support.

We are also doing Christmas Gift Bags for Seniors. The bags will be available for individuals to pick up on November 5<sup>th</sup>. They need to be back at Trinity for distribution by mid December. The bags will be distributed to Seniors at Laurier Manor, Simon Fraser Lodge, and the hospital. The bags can be filled with such items as warm socks, a mug, chocolates, tea, hand cream, a decoration, shortbread cookies etc.

We are also planning our annual Christmas Cookie sale for December. The Cookie Sale will be held on December 17<sup>th</sup>, which is the same date as the choir Cantata.

One of our members sends cards to those who are in need of a little extra support from Trinity.

The Fellowship ladies are also the ones who provide coffee, tea, and goodies after Worship on Sunday mornings. We also provide coffee & tea and assist with serving at the reception after a Memorial Service.

We meet the first Tuesday of every month at 7:00 p.m. in the Youth Room at the Church and new members are always welcome.

As you can see, we have a very busy fall planned. We are very grateful for your support of our fundraising activities. All funds raised go to support Trinity's various ministries in Prince George.

Cathie Reid,

Chair, Fellowship Team



## CARE OF CREATION TEAM—SHANNON CARSON

***"I loved autumn, the season of the year that God seemed to have put there just for the beauty of it."***  
Lee Maynard

The Trinity Care of Creation Team is starting its second year of being and doing.

### Looking Back:

We are very pleased with what we were able to start and accomplish last year. As a little reminder, last year we: worked toward improving the recycling system at Trinity's two buildings; planned and assisted with a contemplative church service; led a six-week video study titled Climate Change 101; organized the Trinity team for the Community Clean-up; providing seasonal "tips to live a little greener"; and, in June, invited Del Reinheimer to come and talk to us about how his family has reduced their household's carbon footprint. This last event was recorded and if you missed it, you can still watch it through a link on the Trinity website.

### Looking Forward:

Some of the things we are planning for the coming year are: participating in the Season of Creation worship services; providing a "Pause for Creation" message during the second Sunday of the month church service; providing information and a forum for discussion on a bulletin board in the hall behind the sanctuary; hosting a panel discussion in early 2024 with some Trinity members who have some experience with new-ish electric vehicles; coordinating the Trinity team for the City clean-up in the spring of 2024; and, working on a project in remembrance of Barb Dean and her devotion to the care of creation.

We are looking for new members for our Team and new ideas from anyone wanting to share them with us! We have been meeting about once a month for 1-2 hours.

**Our Autumn tips to care for creation:** Get outside and take time to appreciate the beauty of this season: the magnificent yellows and reds of the tree and shrub leaves against the brilliant blue of the sky; the sights and sounds of the migrating and resident birds; and, time spent with family and friends enjoying the bounty of our gardens!

Think about the big and little actions you can take individually and collectively to reduce your carbon footprint and make positive impacts to the natural environment around you.

***"The Earth does not belong to us; we belong to the Earth."*** Chief Seattle

Respectfully Submitted by Shannon Carson on behalf of,

The Team: Vic Steblin, Linda Schmidt and John Neumann





# Christmas for Seniors

Some people in seniors residences don't get a present at Christmas. We want to ensure they know they're not forgotten. Pickup a Christmas bag to fill with goodies at the office. Bags and content list available November 5th.

PLEASE IDENTIFY THE BAG FOR MALE OR FEMALE (M/F). RETURN BY DEC 17TH | MORE INFO AT TRINITYPG.CA



## CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

Join us Dec. 10th for Advent 3 and the TrinityKids Christmas program



## Christmas Cookies

Get your Christmas cookies after worship  
December 17th, 11 am - 12 noon,  
by donation



## CHRISTMAS CANTATA

Dec. 17th join us for worship and the annual Christmas Cantata with the Adult Choir. Want to join the choir for the Canata? Contact Erica through the main office for more information.



## The Great Reveal CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP

Kids and Carols | 3pm  
Family Service | 6pm  
Communion | 9pm  
[www.trinitypg.ca](http://www.trinitypg.ca)

### MISSION AND SERVICE TEAM

Autumn is in the air. Autumn leaves are showering over and around us. It seems to arrive suddenly and reminds us that this is a time to let go and to

release the things that go longer serves us. It is a transition between summer and winter and a time when daylight gets shorter and the animals prepare for the long, cold ahead.

Autumn is a peaceful time of the year. It is a time to contemplate the year that has preceded us. It has been a busy year as we see ourselves coming out of the confines of Covid. There is hope and a new revival of what is ahead.

The General council Office has adopted a "Call to Vision Statement" which speaks to how we embody the Christian story. Our stories have been more personally focused this year giving you an insight into some of the very personal lives that we have touched.

Mission and Service is the heart and soul of the United Church of Canada and is the Foundation of how we offer support around the world and close to home. We would like to thank you, the congregation of Trinity United Church and extend our appreciation as we continue to meet and exceed our goals to help those near and far.

Blessings from your Mission & Service Team





## OUTREACH COMMITTEE—JUDY ADDIE

As Thanksgiving approaches, we are thankful that we have warm houses, beds to sleep in, and food on the table. We think of the vulnerable members of our community who are unhoused, who do not have adequate winter clothing, or who have food shortages.

We think of families who are struggling with the cost of school supplies and back to school clothing.

The Outreach Committee continues to serve those in need in our community. Thank you for the rain gear, umbrellas, and ponchos. More than 20 items were given out on a rainy morning in September. Thank you for the ball caps and sun hats that were received by guests at St. Vincent's. More than 120 hats were given away during the spring and summer months. The school supplies that you donated in August and September were delivered to our three partner schools. These extras helped to take the stress off parents who could not afford school supplies.

The Outreach Committee serves a soup and sandwich bag lunch to approximately 100 guests at St. Vincent de Paul's Drop in Centre on the second Sunday of each month. Many people help with shopping for groceries, buying bread, making soup, making sandwiches, and serving more than 100 guests in the afternoon. Speak to Vickie or Judy if you'd like to help, or just pop into the kitchen after church.

Some of our events in the coming months will be 'Drop the Gloves and Sock it to Me'. We will be asking for donations of NEW gloves and socks for adults and children. We will be collecting leftover Halloween candy in November so that a treat can be added to lunch bags at St. Vincent's. Our big event is Shoebox Sunday when over 125 shoebox sized gifts are given to guests at the Soup Kitchen in December. You'll be hearing more in the upcoming weeks about these fall and winter events.

Thank you for your service whether it's your time, your money, or the items that you donate.



Vickie Brown  
Judy Addie  
Co-chairs  
Outreach Committee



## HATS FOR KIDS

Handmade Fleece Hats.

6/bag | Cost \$20.

Each bag purchased will be dropped off to a school in PG. Order onsite starting Oct. 15th; through the main office or online.



### A.C.E.—EVELYN O’SULLIVAN

" The first Sunday of each month, non-perishable food items are generously donated to ACE. ACE stands for Activity Centre for Empowerment. It is the Activity Centre for those with Mental Illness.

It is located at 6th Avenue and George Street.

Our donations are placed in the "pantry" where clients can access them to supplement their grocery needs. Some of the donated items can be used in the Cost Recovery Kitchen where affordable, nutritious meals are prepared.

Food items appreciated are: pasta, canned fruit and vegetables , granola bars and protein foods such as canned beans, canned fish, canned meat, peanut butter.

Thank you, Trinity United, for your generosity each month, to ACE.

## Fellowship Time

Stay after worship for coffee/tea/juice, a cookie, and great conversation.

It's time to reconnect with one another.

See you there.







# DAVID SUZUKI


*A Fundraiser*


**Saturday, October 7th  
7 to 9 PM**

**House of Ancestors**  
355 Vancouver Street  
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\$50 to attend  
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Refreshments + finger food

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or Books and Company

All proceeds go to  CONSERVATION NORTH



Jennifer Roessler photo

## Inspired: Slaying, Giants, Walking on Water, and Loving the Bible Again

Join the Monday Night Study Group and Rev. Bob Mondays Oct. 16 – Nov. 6 at 6:30 pm. Online and on-site for 'Inspired: slaying, giants, walking on water, and loving the bible again' by Rachel Held Evans. More information on our website



## OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

Be a part of the Knox Centre volunteer team!

We're creating a list of people who could scan tickets and be hosts. Training and support provided. You don't have to do every event. Sign up for one, some, or all!

Contact [events@knoxcentre.ca](mailto:events@knoxcentre.ca) or Rev. Bob to sign up or for more details





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