

The week of December 18, 2022

Announcements

Hybrid Worship on Sunday, Dec 18, 2022: This Sunday we continue the season of Advent, Advent 4 - Love. Rev David will lead the service. To join the ZOOM Meeting on Sunday, ***CLICK HERE***.

"Around the Piano": Dec 18th at 1 pm! Our Annual Advent festive fun event is live and in-person this year. To make sure things are easier for you to attend, Worship + Music are providing a soup and bun lunch in the Hall after service. *There will also be hot chocolate in the Hall after the event!* We have a great list of performers so come and enjoy the music, song, and storytelling!

Office News: Rev. David will be away Jan 1 to 23 taking some well-deserved vacation time after Christmas. Zoe will be away over Christmas, so the Church Office will be closed from Dec 22 to Jan 3. There will be Friday Announcements next week (Dec 23), but none for the week after Christmas (Dec 30).

Christmas at Trinity: Mark your calendars!

Sunday, Dec 18th at 1:00 pm: **Christmas Around the Piano**

Thursday, Dec 22nd at 7:00 pm: **Longest Night Service**

Saturday, Dec 24th at 8:30 pm: **Christmas Eve Family Worship**

Saturday, Dec 24th at 11:30 pm: **Christmas Eve Contemplative Candlelight**

Communion

Sunday, Dec 25th at 10:30 am: **Christmas Day Worship**

Sunday, Jan 1st at 10:30am: **New Year's Day Worship (online only)**

Sunday, Jan 1: We will **not** have a live, in-person service on New Year's Day. An email invite will go out as usual, with a link to join the ZOOM service of **Crossroads United Church (Delta) at 10:30 am (our usual time)**. People can join via the link or by phone, using the Meeting ID provided.

Food Bank Collection: Food and money for Share food Bank and for families in need here at Trinity is being collected on Sundays leading up to Christmas. Please find envelopes for money or cheques and the bin for food at the welcoming table before entering the sanctuary on Sunday morning.

Housekeeping Reminder: Please, please be diligent when arming the Church Alarm when you leave the building. Shout upstairs to make sure no one is in the office up there and shout into the Thrift Shop as well. *It's a big building so please don't assume you are alone.*

A Date for 2023: On Jan 29th **Choral Connections Choir** will be presenting a concert at Trinity as a fundraiser for them **and Trinity**. So please reserve the date and more details coming in the New Year.

"To Share and Not Surrender" – Online Study Group: A study of Indigenous Treaty rights and the book, "To Share Not Surrender" with James Bay United Church, every second Thursday starting January 5, 2023. 7 - 8:30 pm, **online**. Details and registration **[CLICK HERE](#)**.

Gifts with Vision: Christmas Giving can be about doing more than giving gifts: it can be about giving gifts that help change the world. In the spirit of "doing something more," check out the Gifts with Vision catalogue, **[CLICK HERE](#)**.

First United Affordable Housing Petition: Our low-income neighbours are at highest risk, but affordable housing is a crisis for all in our city. Take action and be a part of standing for change today. Get involved by signing the petition by December 31st. First United will send us an update as soon as they can. **[CLICK HERE](#)** to sign the petition today.

Moderator's Christmas Message: In her Christmas video message, UCC Moderator the Right Rev Carmen Lansdowne reminds us that when so much seems uncertain, there is One who came to show us that all the ends of the earth should see the salvation of God. **[CLICK HERE](#)** to watch.

Thrift Store this week: our takings this Wednesday were a triumphant \$454.10!

Big Sign Back: Speaking of triumph, Dave Squires' care and patience has finally brought our Big Sign back to life. We have been waiting on a part to come from California and now it is all working wonderfully again. *Thanks Dave!*

First United Advent, a Video: Watch the Advent Awakening JOY video: "Blessed is anyone who does not stumble on account of me" **[CLICK HERE](#)**.

Ecumenical Advent Meditations: Meditation for December 12: "God's Love includes Everyone". **[CLICK HERE](#)** to watch this third offering.

Trinity + Worship: Missed the In-Person Sunday Gathering? Here is the Sunday service, **[CLICK HERE](#)**, streamed on our YouTube Channel this past Sunday, Dec 11.

Help Support Ukrainian Refugees: The unjust war in the Ukraine continues. The winter will be hard and you can help! All gifts go

directly to support Ukrainian refugees through our Mission & Service partner ACT Alliance. ***CLICK HERE.***

Kapa'a United Church of Christ: Our twinned church newsletter for December, ***CLICK HERE.***

Trinity Prayer Circle: We have two prayer circles set up to receive and act on your prayer requests. Please refer prayer requests to Linda Lund (778-883-3064/linda.lund60@gmail.com).

The Reverend Arthur James Griffin: A service celebrating his life and spirit will be held at West Point Grey United Church tomorrow Saturday, December 17th at 2 pm with coffee and tea to follow.

From Joy Galea: "Art was the minister that got us through the building of Trinity in the present location and through the move. He was our minister when I was 15! He left us in 1967, I think. His plan throughout his ministry was to stay about 7 years in each place. He was wonderful. The team of Art and Pearl was a force to be reckoned with!! We were very lucky to have them."

Prayers of the People: Dec 18 to 24, 2022

In the Ecumenical Prayer Cycle of the World Council of Churches this week, we pray for China, Taiwan, Hong Kong, and Macau. ***CLICK HERE*** to find out more about this part of the world and the ecumenical prayer cycle.

PMRC Prayers: In our own Pacific Mountain Region of the United Church of Canada, we pray for Naramata Centre, Naramata Community Church, Nelson UC, North Lonsdale UC, Northwood UC, and Oak Bay UC.

Healing Pathways: We are offering distance healing during those times or whenever convenient for both practitioner and receiver. Contact Linda Lund (778-883-3064/linda.lund60@gmail.com). We may not connect "Hand to Hand," we must deepen our practice of connecting "Heart to Heart".