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MINISTER'S MESSAGE—REV. DR. KENDRA MITCHELL

Fall has come around again, and we are surrounded with the colours, sights and sounds of creation making ready for rest: red and orange leaves falling into piles, geese flying south, rivers laying low in their beds running slowly toward the sea. It is a time to slow down after a summer filled with the hum of Creation flourishing, a time to center ourselves and our spiritual focus on gratitude, humility and the care of preparing for winter. Orange Shirt Day, or the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation closed out September, reminding us that as we move into this quieter way of being, that we must also tend to remembrance as a spiritual practice.



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Reconciling is the act of bringing elements back into harmony with one another; each of us in our lives has relationships and connections that would be blessed with the care of reconciling. When we remember those who survived, and those who didn't, the Residential School System, we also remember the Lheidli T'enneh and our relationship with them. This relationship is part of our gratitude practice as well; we are looking forward to Thanksgiving weekend knowing that our families will gather to celebrate, to connect and to give thanks for the harvests. As we celebrate, we must also practice care and remembrance, knowing that the harvest that feeds our bodies and our communities is intimately connected to Indigenous land and Indigenous self-determination. This thanksgiving, place an orange candle on the table alongside the turkey and the trimmings, and as you offer thanks to God for the benevolent richness of Creation, offer a prayer of gratitude for the continuing presence and thriving of Indigenous People in Lheidli T'enneh territory and across Turtle Island.

We remember on November 11th, what peace means in our daily lives; we remember fallen loved ones, those who came home from wars and are now passed into blessed memory, and those who still dedicate their lives to preserving and multiplying peace both here in our community and around the world. We remember with gratitude, and we offer prayers of hope for the safety of all people deployed to front lines, the healing of wounds physical and unseen, and for peace in our world that conflict may be ceased. We remember on November 21st, International Trans Day of Remembrance, all of our beloved Trans siblings who live under the shadow of oppression and fear, and we pray that our actions, however small or large might contribute to their safety, their health and wellness, and their thriving in our community and across the globe.

Our community has experienced losses and celebrations already this fall, and so we hold our grief tenderly, and share our joy. As Paul writes in his letter to the Thessalonians, we are not alone in either our grief or our celebrating, we are bound to one another in loving community, and we are deeply loved and held in healing by God. So we pray, we sing, we worship and we put our hands and hearts to the work of remembering, reconciling, healing and celebrating.

"May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and by his grace gave us eternal encouragement and good hope, encourage your hearts and strengthen you." ***– 2 Thessalonians 2:16-17***

-Rev Dr Kendra Mitchell-Foster

HATS FOR KIDS

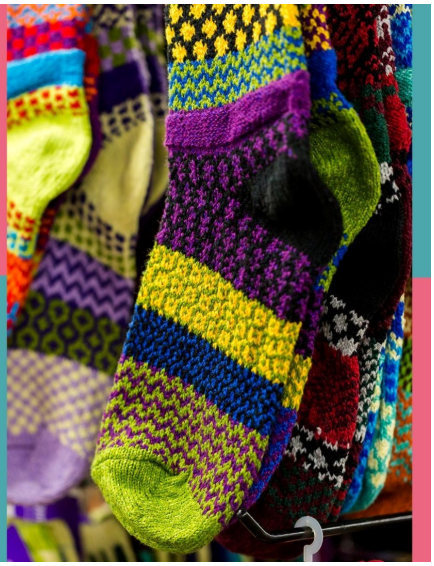
Handmade Hats.
6/bag| Cost $20.

Each bag purchased will be dropped off to a partnered school in Prince George. Order Oct.11 & 18. Payment by cash or cheque only



DROP THE GLOVES AND SOCK IT TO ME

This October we will be collecting donations of NEW warm socks and winter gloves or mitts for adults. These will be given to our guests at St. Vincent's Soup Kitchen in November and December.
There is a bin in the main entrance.









OFFICIAL BOARD—JENNIFER COLE

I hope that everyone has settled into their Fall routine, as we watch the leaves change colour and the trees let go of what no longer serve them. Things may have slowed down a little over the summer months, but they certainly didn't stop! The Search Committee continued with their discernment, and other committees and individual congregants made sure that the work of the church continued.

I am looking forward to settling into the organization that comes with Fall schedules, calendars, and opportunities. The regular Board meetings have started up again and we continue with the business of the church.

As our supervising minister said at our September meeting – as a church, we are not standing still. And that is due to the work of the committees and individuals that keep us moving forward as we wait for our next full-time minister. As Thanksgiving approaches, I am thankful for all that you continue to do to make this such a vibrant and serving place.



Muffin Sale

Oct. 18th | Cost: Donation

Bag provided, or bring your own container and fill with your choice of muffins. Drop off donated muffins in the kitchen the day prior to Sunday service





James 1:17 *- Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.*

FINANCE COMMITTEE—CLAIR MEGER

It has been busy for The Finance Committee this year, dealing with managing the transition of not having a minister to look after the day-to-day issues. We have been more involved with various user groups and the Community Arts Council with respect to Knox presentations.

As of August 31st, our general offerings are slightly lower that budgeted (approx. $8,400 lower) and the M&S contributions are approximately $800 lower than our budgeted amount. We do continue to contribute to M&S based on our budgeted commitment. Thank you to all those contributing financially and we pray for those who offer those important M&S services around the world.

At the end of August, the expenses were approximately $8,000 over our budget (not including salaries). This also does not include a $9,800 property tax bill we received from the city. Apparently, there was a clerical error and we weren't supposed to receive the tax bill. The city has assured us the taxes paid will be refunded. Historically the summer is a slow time of year for the church's finances so we are hoping the congregation's continued generosity will help us make up this deficit.



MINISTRY & PERSONNEL COMMITTEE—KEITH TAITE

For those of you counting, we are now almost a full year since Rev. Bob moved to his calling in Ottawa. Over that year, we have learned that Rev. Bob did many tasks for our ministry. As a result, it has taken our committee a tremendous amount of time to understand all of the aspects of ministry Trinity United PG undertakes and how it relates to our staff and their roles. It has also been a steep learning curve for our committee to understand how staff interacts with other committees and trying to balance the ability for staff to complete their regular duties. With the commitment of my wonderful colleagues, we have come a long way in the last year to provide more standards which will continue to guide the management of staffing roles and responsibilities in the future. One aspect of this included providing staff with tips and tools to be more effective in completing their roles.

As we have all seen over the last year, we are all doing our best to create our new normal for the level of ministry Trinity United PG provides. This involves many hours, by many individuals, but since this committee represents staff, the M&P committee would like to provide our thanks to the staff for all of their great work they do. We also ask that this fall you, the congregation, find time to show staff members some thanks for the roles they take in making our ministry possible.

Kindest Regards, Keith Taite (Chair)

Vicki Brown
Shannon Carson
Heather Neumann
Allan Reed



FELLOWSHIP TEAM—CATHIE REID

The Fellowship Team took some ome off over the summer, but we are now back acovely immersed in our Fall activities. We have resumed serving coffee, tea, & goodies in the Fellowship Hall after Worship.

Our first fundraiser is our **Hats for Kids** sale. Orders will be taken on October 11th & October 18th. There are six hats in each bag, at a cost of $20.00 per bag. The bags will be delivered to our partner schools by Judy Addie. Thank you to Dee Neukomm, Lorna Brown, & Karen Smith for making the beautiful hats.

Our next **Muffin Sale** is October 18th following Worship. The muffin sale is by donation.

The **Fall Silent Auction** is November 29th following Worship. We are holding two work bees, one on Wednesday, November 25th at 9:30 am in the kitchen and one on November 28th at 1:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. You can drop your items off at those times or you can drop them off at the office during regular office hours. You can also come to the work bee and get to know the ladies on the Fellowship Team.

Our December fundraiser is our very popular **Christmas Cookie Sale** which will be held on December 13th. This is a good way to get some Christmas baking. We will be having a work bee in the kitchen on December 12th at 9:30 am.

The Fellowship Team thanks the congregation for their support of our fundraising activities. All funds raised go to support Trinity's ministries in Prince George.

We are also doing **Christmas Gift Bags for Seniors**. Again, thank you to our sewing ladies, Dee Neukomm & Lorna Brown for making the bags and to Debra Keith for material. The bags will be available for pickup starting on November 1st and should be returned to the church by December 6th. They are distributed at Laurier Manor, Simon Fraser Lodge, and the hospital. The bags can be filled with such items as warm socks, nice treat, hand cream, crossword puzzles etc. and a card with a Christmas blessing.

We assist with serving coffee, tea, and refreshments at Memorial services. Linda Schmidt also sends thinking of you and sympathy cards to those who need some extra support.

Cathie Reid (Chair, Fellowship Team)





OUTREACH COMMITTEE—VICKIE BROWN AND JUDY ADDIE

The Outreach Team has been busy over the summer with more than 80 guests receiving a bag lunch on the second Sunday of each month. We had 110 in September and ran out of everything. Thank you to the shoppers, the sandwich makers, those who help at St. Vincent's, and to Gladys, our super soup maker.

In addition to the lunches, guests were offered sun hats, ball caps, reusable water bottles, tissues, and socks. Rain jackets, umbrellas, and ponchos were dropped off at the Fire Pit in late September. Thank you for your donations.

School supplies and filled backpacks that were delivered to 6 schools and to Harmony House in early September were greatly appreciated.



Our next big event will be the annual Drop the Gloves and Sock it to Me in October. We will collect NEW gloves and socks for men and women. Please leave the tags on your purchases.



It's never too early to think about making up a shoebox gift to be given to a guest at St. Vincent's on our December Soup Kitchen day. More details will be available in the coming months.

The Activity Centre for Empowerment (A.C.E.) provides a drop-in centre and activities for its members. Your donations of non-perishable food items and household supplies like detergent and toilet paper are available for those who are on a limited income and need a little extra to stretch their food budget. Feminine hygiene and incontinence products were distributed to various shelters and agencies by the staff at A.C.E. in August. The A.C.E. bin is in the main entrance. Items are collected on the first Sunday of each month. Your donations are always appreciated by the A.C.E. staff and members.

The Outreach Team was pleased to sponsor 3 children from Harmony House which enabled them to attend Camp Spirit. We were also able to contribute to the cost of the new freezer in the kitchen at the Spruceland campus thanks to donations to a legacy account.

Thank you for your time and talent, and for the donations which allow us to continue this important ministry.

Judy Addie and Vickie Brown

Co-chairs Outreach







TRINITY KIDS—C.J. KLITCH

Happy Thanksgiving!

The Trinity Kids Program has continued to follow Spill the Beans for our verses and stories. This has kept us primarily in the book of Luke where we have been learning a lot about the things that we are asked to do, and be, as we follow Jesus and God. We have expanded on how to pray and covered many ways that we are asked to live.

As we move forward towards and into the season of Advent we will begin preparing for our Christmas Pageant. This is planned with the children so I look forward to seeing what they come up with along with all of you!

CJ – Trinity Kids Coordinator



PROPERTY COMMITTEE—BILL HUDYMA

The property committee has been very busy this past summer months. A new door was installed at the main entrance to the music school and a new window in the youth room. Both play school windows have been ordered and will be installed when they are received. The wood on the upper portion of the church has now been completed and looks great. Some of the more rotten boards were replaced. The floors were cleaned and waxed in the hallway, kitchen and the hall. A new door was installed on the gathering room as it could not be locked anymore. The door was painted to match the rest of the interior doors. Some graffiti was painted over near the music school. The music school has removed the grass at the front of their wing and replaced it with a flower garden. A new roof was installed on the shed out in the play school yard. The parking lot was swept removing the gravel from the winter. There are numerous other small jobs that were completed but the above are the major ones completed. A big shout out to John and Heather Neumann, Jack and Marilyn Blair and Wendy Hudyma for all their help. In the near future we are hoping to clean the chairs in the sanctuary which have not been done in over 5 years.

CHOIR—ERICA SKOWRON

On December 13 the choir will present our annual Advent/ Christmas Cantata. This year we will be presenting "Night of Wonder " written and arranged by Jay Althouse and Sally K. Albrecht. We will be joiied by guest narrator, Em Cawsey.

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. We currently are starting the Cantata portion of the rehearsal at 7:30pm and rehearsal until 8 pm. As we get closer to December 13 we will begin rehearsing the Cantata at 6:30 pm. No experience is necessary just a joy for singing. We look forward to seeing you on Wednesday.







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