



White Gift Sunday & Children's Sunday, December 15th

White Gift Sunday is a long tradition of collecting gifts for those in need during the Christmas season. Traditionally the gift was wrapped in white tissue paper, representing the coming of light into the world in the form of the Christ Child. This year, on Sunday Dec. 15th, we continue the tradition by asking you to consider bringing to worship a non-perishable food. The White Gifts will be taken to the Abbotsford Community services to assist in creating Christmas hampers for families in need.



SPA Events - YOGA

Gentle Yoga for all levels of experience.
Every Friday morning 9-10 am. \$15.

Drop in, 10 sessions \$10. Each

For registrations for all programs and more information visit www.abbyspa.com

No Yoga December 27

Meditation & Mindfulness Classes

Wednesday Afternoons 12:15 – 1:15 pm.

NO classes December 25 or January 1

Join Brandi Matheson for a one Hour session for mindfulness and meditation.

I Need a Silent Night...

Date: December 13, 2019. Time: 7-9 PM

Location: SPA Facility. Cost: \$10

(33737 George Ferguson Way, Abbotsford)

Leader: Brandi M.

December can be a month filled with constant rushing around to finish your shopping, get all the visits into family and friends, hosting and attending parties, watching the kids in their concerts, and it never seems to end!

Take an evening for silent meditation, to centre yourself again during this busy holiday season.

TRINITY MEMORIAL UNITED CHURCH 33737 George Ferguson Way, Abbotsford, BC **ANNOUNCEMENTS** December 1, 2019

Welcome! If you are visiting, please sign our guest register. If you are looking for a church home, fill out an "Information" card found in the pews and deposit it in the offering plate.

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Scripture Readings for Sunday, December 8, 2019

Isaiah 11:1-10, Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19, Romans 15:4-13

Matthew 3:1-12



Youth Group Sunday Evenings

Meeting tonight, December 1 at 6 pm. Heather Autio and Rev.

Bill are hosting our youth group program this year.

Youth group is for youth 12 to 18 years old are welcome.

Calendars

The 2020 Canadian Church Calendar is now available at the church office. Cost is \$7. Focused on the worship theme "We cannot keep from singing," this bilingual calendar features colourful photos and all the special days, church seasons, and lectionary dates.



Trinity Memorial United Church

December 1st - Advent Event

Turkey Lunch/ Live Auction

Where – After Church in the upper room - TODAY

UCW Sunshine Unit Potluck Luncheon

Thursday, December 12 - 12 noon at Madelyn's' House



CHRISTMAS CAROL SING-A-LONG "CHRISTMAS IN THE VALLEY"

Get your voices in shape and into the Christmas spirit!

**Come and join us at the 7th Annual
WEDNESDAY, DEC. 4th 7:00 – 8:30pm**

Refreshments to Follow. Trinity Memorial
33737 George Ferguson Way,

Donations to the Abbotsford Christmas Bureau will be greatly appreciated. Presented by the United Churches in Abbotsford, Mt. Lehman and Mission.

Romeo's and Juliette's (Wives) breakfast



**Friday, December 20 - 7:30 am at Jo Jo's.
Please RSVP to Frank Benedict by December 13
so he can let the restaurant know. 604-852-8933.
Thank you**

Mission & Service

Thank you so much to all who give to Mission & Service.

Our gifts are making a difference in many lives. The need is great.

That's why it is important to meet our goal of \$18'000.00.

We are behind, but with each of us giving extra between now

and the end of December, it's possible to catch up! Every dollar brings us closer. Thank you from all those to whose lives we've brought hope and healing this year!



. Stewardship Program Christmas gift to the Church.

As we approach the end of the year, we also approach the last few weeks when you can make a gift to the church and have it count for your 2019 charitable contributions.

Consider making Christmas gift to Trinity Memorial. The wellbeing of your faith community is our shared gift to each of us and to the whole community. Envelopes available at the back of the church



Wednesday, December 11th – 7:00

Preparing our Souls for Christmas: For those with sorrow in their hearts.

Does sorrow shadow your Christmas experience? On Wednesday, Dec. 11th at 7:00PM considering attending a gentle 45 minute worship with others who may share your Christmas burden. This worship event will help you move through the season and continue on your journey

Proposal Fall 2019

Purpose, Vision and Mission - Trinity Memorial United Church

What drives us: Purpose:

To bring about the Reign of the Love of God in all places for all of Creation.

What we hope for: Vision:

Through the teachings of Jesus Christ and the guidance of the Holy Spirit we become a spiritual home, safe, nurturing and welcoming.

We envision a Spiritual home, as a church and followers of Jesus Christ, **where all people** regardless of age, gender identity, sexual orientation, race, nationality, mental or physical ability, family status, economic or any other cultural definition that limits inclusion:

- feel safe
- find that their wellbeing is nurtured.
- Together can work for justice
- Are encouraged to live with respect to Creation, honouring all life, and the heritage of land.
- can encounter God's presence.

What we do: Mission:

We will:

- Welcome strangers
- act with respect and love towards others.
- respond to injustice
- minimize the impact of our living on Creation.
- seek an ever-deeper connection with God, through the teaching of Jesus, and the guidance of the Holy Spirit.
- creatively worship God.
- learn together to deepen our understanding.