



Trinitopics & Church Announcements

23 ~ Thursday, November 17th, 2022



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1962 ~ 2022 Trinity United Church & Trinity UCW ~ 60th Anniversary



Love your neighbour

Affirming Vision, Trinity United Church, Brandon, MB

At Trinity United Church our Vision is to Grow in Faith, Fellowship and Service Through Christ Jesus. We believe that all people are children of God and we embrace the fullness of our diversity in ability, age, ethnicity, gender, gender identity, race, sexual orientation, social economic status or any other human division as we unite in worship and full participation in all aspects of our ministry.

As a congregation we are committed to surroundings that reflect safety and support in respect of social justice and human rights.

We are on Treaty 2 Territory --- "As long as the sun shines, the grass grows, and the rivers flow".



Trinity United Congregational Meeting

Sunday December 4th

11:00AM following Worship.

All are welcome.

Advent Season Worship Services

November 27: Advent 1 – White Gift & Communion

December 4: Advent 2

December 11: Advent 3

December 18: Advent 4 – Communion

December 24: Christmas Eve Service @ 7:00 p.m.

December 25: No Worship Service

January 1: No Worship Service (Rev. Doug vacation)

January 8: Worship around the breakfast table



Mark your calendar!

Church Decorating for Advent Season
Wednesday, November 23rd 10:00 A.M.
Everyone Welcome! We need your help!

Trinity Christmas Gift Card Fundraising

Please see info on page 3.
All orders/payments due by November 28th.

Affirming Thoughts

Yes, it's been one year!

Join us on Sunday, November 20, 2022,
as we celebrate the first anniversary of becoming
an Affirming Ministry of the United Church of
Canada – Affirm United

- **Rainbow flag entrance**
- **Wear your colours and rainbow ribbons**
- **Rainbow ribbons available for pickup**
- **Special Affirming Moment**
- **Display – Becoming an Affirming Ministry**
- **Rainbow refreshments after service**



Love your neighbour

Our new members & adherents:

We have more new members
from Central;

Mary Chambers, daughter of
former members Dan & Clara
Neets, Rollie & Carol Mackay,
& Gloria Dillabough As well,
Maxine Brown, daughter to
late Irene Brown. has joined
our worship. Also someone
who is in the choir, helping
with many things for some
time now, namely
Donald Livesley.

Welcome all!!

Invitation to Prairie Group AA Meeting

The Prairie Group meets at Trinity
every Tuesday & Friday starting at 8
pm. On the **last Tuesday** of each
month there is an open meeting,
with a speaker . If you know some-
one who needs help with alcoholism,
or you would like to check out a
meeting, the last Tuesday offers you
an invite.

For contact with
someone from the group,
Betty E. 204 724-4675

**What excuse did
Adam give his
children about
why he no longer
lived in Eden?**

**YOUR MOTHER ATE
US OUT OF HOUSE
AND HOME!**

In a moment creative inspiration, the entrepreneur who owned the coin-op laundry beside the church com-
missioned this sign for his window: "Where cleanliness really is next to Godliness!"

Trinity Christmas Gift Card Fundraising Project:



We are having a Christmas Gift Card Fundraiser which will take place during the month of November. If you are considering using these cards as potential gifts, FundScrip has indicated all gift cards are good across Canada and can be used in any province.

The order forms are currently being distributed and if you didn't receive a form, stop by the church office and Eden will have forms or pick one up on Sunday.

Orders, including payment, must be received by Monday, November 28th at 4:00 pm.

Orders will be received by Alan Silvius at any time so there is no need to wait until the deadline date.

If you prefer, you can send order via email to silviusa@mymts.net or via phone at (204) 726-4169 (Home) or (204) 570-2338 (Cell).

Blessings to all and thanks for considering this fundraising project.



Trinity Choir Christmas

Would you like to join our songsters for the Christmas Season??

Great!! Then come on out on Thursday evenings from 7–9 pm. We practise in the Sanctuary and have a fun filled two hours. You do not have to read music. We have a very talented Music Director, Davis Placatka and pianist Holly Walker. Everyone Welcome!!



Do you know someone who is in need of a warm hug?
There are beautiful prayer shawls in the library/meeting room.
Many thanks to those talented ladies who make them!
Please feel welcome to take one.



Thank you to the lady who dropped off some wool this week!!
So much appreciated!!
... Pat Kempthorne



These two pictures are some of the prayer shawls that are in our library/meeting room.



**Our next meeting is
Tuesday, December 6th
Christmas pot luck at 12 noon,
Meeting: starting at 1:15 pm.**



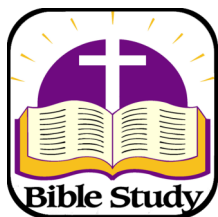
**UCW supplies the coffee, tea, drink crystals,
creamers, sugar & sweetener
for all Trinity functions.**

UCW Purpose

To unite women of the congregation for the total mission of the church and to provide a means through which we may express our loyalty and devotion to Jesus Christ in Christian witness, study, fellowship and service.

UCW November Birthdays

6th Audrey Campbell
9th Darlene Silvius (special)
19th Shirley Wells
20th Gail Thickett



Bible Study
Thursday at 1:30
Studying 'Book of Jonah'
Join us for a time of
fun & fellowship

Trinity UCW news

There were 16 ladies present at the November meeting.

There is going to be a Christmas Pot Luck on Dec 6th. Husbands and 'significant' others are invited.

Items were taken to Pregnancy Support Centre of Westman.

A time of fellowship ended the afternoon with tea & cookies.

God is talking to one of his angels and says, "Do you know what I have just done? I have just created a 24-hour period of alternating light and darkness on Earth. Isn't that good?"

The angel says, "Yes, but what will you do now?"

God says, "I think I'll call it a day."

Ducks in a Row Funeral Pre-planning Seminar:

We had a fantastic turn out for the Ducks in a Row Funeral Pre-planning Seminar. This event was successful because of the support from many of you in the congregation. Seventy-eight seminar evaluations were returned which resulted in Trinity earning \$1560.00. Well done! Thank you to the UCW for the use of their coffee/tea supplies, and much appreciation to the ten UCW members who provided cookies. As well, a thank you is extended to those individuals who helped with food set-up and/or provided clean up and operating the elevator. This event would not have been as successful without these dedicated volunteers. We are truly blessed at Trinity.

Joy Bowman, seminar facilitator, has requested we provide her with a letter evaluating the seminar. If you have any comments you wish to be included in this letter, it would be greatly appreciated if you could forward them to Alan Silvius at silviusa@mymts.net.

Respectfully, Alan Silvius

**Trinity has \$100 Gift Cards from Sobeys/Safeway.
Please see Eden in the office if you would like to purchase cards.**

WINNIPEG BEACH UNITED CHURCH COMMITTED TO PROGRESSIVE THEOLOGY

By SHARON CHISVIN

Brandon Sun, October 22, 2022

THERE has been a lot of change in Winnipeg Beach since the Lake Winnipeg resort town was founded at the start of the 20th century. The dance hall that was once touted as the largest in Western Canada and the wooden roller coaster that attracted thousands of thrill seekers every summer were both disbanded decades ago, as were the downtown CPR train station and CPR steamer pier.

The resort town's United Church, however, still stands on the corner of Murray Avenue and Stitt Street — exactly where it has been since 1925, when it took over a Methodist Church that had been built back in 1907.

That church is now known as the Clandeboye Winnipeg Beach United Church, reflecting the merger of the beach church with the one in nearby Clandeboye into a two-point pastoral charge.

“In the last few years, a decision was made to have one church with two worship sites,” explains Minister K. Virginia Coleman. “This allowed us to streamline governance and needed committees.”

“Several years ago, the church entered into the United Church's **Affirming Ministry program** where they studied and reflected on inclusion, especially of the 2S-LGBTQ-AI community,” Coleman explains. “At the end of the program they applied to be an Affirming Congregation and made public their commitment.

“We are committed to progressive theology,” Coleman continues, “and as such are able to examine our biblical stories and theological understandings, gain up to date information, and move forward in our understanding of what it means to live our lives as Christians in this time and place.”

That moving forward in understanding, she elaborates, means being completely inclusive and affirming of all ages, all stages of faith development and exploration, and all gender identities and abilities.

It involves a recognition that the essence of being human is love, she continues.

“Not greed and power, not accumulation of wealth, not oppression of others who are different in colour or sex or occupation but love and respect and caring.”



Clandeboye Winnipeg Beach United Church

Attendance does tend to skew a little younger during the church's new monthly **Rainbow Spirit gathering** and worship service. That event reflects the church's status as an inclusive, welcoming, safe and progressive congregation.

The Rainbow Spirit gathering is only one expression of the church's commitment to social justice issues and equality. Although it is not as involved in larger global justice issues as it would like to be, due only to the small size of its congregation and a limited number of volunteers, the church is as active as possible in local causes, among other initiatives, helping to collect and distribute winter wear to children in need and groceries and gifts for Christmas and other holiday hampers.

That long-standing commitment to community is in no way deterred by a physical structure that dates back more than a century. After all, the church's singular “candle-snuffer” steeple still points skyward, and although it is not as tall as the lakeshore's landmark water tower, it continues to serve as a beacon and a reminder that Winnipeg Beach has always been a welcoming place.

Excerpts, for the full article visit https://brandonsun-can.newsmemory.com/?publink=19f09adb58_1348682

Highlights added





Messy Church
For the young &
the young at
heart!
Supper provided
Friday,
November 25th
5–7 pm

Food Rescue ~ Brandon

Ross Robinson, from John Howard Society was the guest speaker at Trinity 55 Plus on November 16th.

This facility at 719 Rosser Ave. welcomes everyone who would like to shop there. Their hours are:

Thursday & Friday: 3–6 p,

Saturday: 10–4 pm

Sunday: 1–3 pm

The day following a holiday they are open.

They have networked with many places to pick up, or have it transported to their store. Anything that reached the 'best before' date, is moved out by the store to the food rescue, instead of going to the land fill.. 'Best Before' date is still good for some time to follow. There is never any guarantees of what there will be; they take whatever is given.

They have one full time staff, and 4 part time. The money they make in the store pays for the lights, rent, transporting by semi and all expenses.

What great thinking put this together! The most updated information can be seen daily on **FaceBook @foodrescuegrocery**, on their web page <https://www.foodrescuegrocery.com/> or visit their store.

This accounting of the presentation hardly touches on the whole story. What an amazing venture!

Thanks to the John Howard Society and to the 55 plus Group (Glenn & Ruth, Gail, Larry & Hazel) for finding this excellent, worth while project in our city!!

This store will be helping so many!!



Trinity Christmas Cheer Hampers

Trinity Outreach is planning to pack 22 hampers this year for families in need of support in our community. The hampers, which we prepare, will help provide families with food for their Christmas meal.

Here is how we can help:

- ◆ Bring non-perishable food items and place them in our food gifts wagon during **November and December** (peanut butter, soups, canned veg. and fruit, canned meats, juices, jam or jelly, crackers, tea bags or coffee, cake mix, baby food, pork & beans, jelly or puddings, cranberry sauce, stuffing, pasta and sauce, cereal)
- ◆ Make a financial contribution to help with the cost of fresh meat, fresh vegetables, milk and any needed groceries to complete the hampers
- ◆ Knit mittens toques and scarves for children
- ◆ Sign up to buy gifts for the children – select a card from the Christmas tree decorated by the Senior Sunday School
- ◆ **White Gift Sunday is Nov. 27th** – offerings of money and food collected will be presented this Sunday.
- ◆ Volunteers are needed for packing, delivery, and organization of hampers, please speak to members of the committee if you are able to help.
Connie H. (204 725-2676), Heather M., Linda F., Lois R.
- ◆ Hamper Delivery Dec. 14 – 15 (More information will be sent out later)

Thanks so much. Our Trinity congregation is so generous in sharing their gifts with those in our community who need a helping hand. - Trinity Outreach



Why do we say 'AMEN' after a prayer, instead of 'AWOMAN'
Same reason we sing 'hymns' instead of 'hers'

Words of wisdom: "There's a fine line between a long, drawn-out sermon and a hostage situation."



**PRAIRIE TO PINE
WEEKLY NEWS**
THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA
EVENTS EDITION



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Alison Murray & Darlynn Smith

To receive weekly information to your email, or to read what is going on in the United Church:
<https://united-church.ca/e-newsletters>

NEW: Feature story on unmarked burials at Brandon Residential School

Prairie to Pine Archivist Erin Acland worked with Global News on a documentary on unmarked burials at [Brandon Residential School](#), run by the Methodist and then United Church from 1895-1969. [Please see the story and the video here.](#)

To see this article, please go to

<https://united-church.ca/e-newsletters>

Thank you as well to people in Brandon, including members of Knox United Church, who continue to hold this crucial work on behalf of the wider United Church. The search, as with all such searches, is very painful for the people of Sioux Valley Dakota Nation, made worse by their [inability to access private land long thought to house burials.](#)

Trinity Pictorial Directory

Thanks to all who came to have their pictures taken at the church. We have about 150 - 160 pictures when I receive the remaining ones from care/senior homes.

Darlynn

Knox United Church

451-18th St
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A Taste of the Holidays

BBQ chicken, meat balls,
lots of extras.

Gluten free options available.

Sunday, November 27th, 2022

One sitting @ 5:30 pm

160 tickets available

Adults: \$18.00

Children under 12: \$8.00

Preschoolers: free

Tickets: Church Office

Options: Delivery ~ 4:30 pm

Pickup: 5pm

Order deadline:

Thursday, November 24th

I've always wondered if chickens communicated using foul language. *Maybe only when they're egg cited.*

An invisible man married an invisible woman. *The kids were nothing to look at either.*

I didn't think the chiropractor would improve my posture. *But I stand corrected.*

I took my new girlfriend out on our first date to the ice rink, and entry was half price. *She called me a cheap skate.*

Studies show cows produce more milk when the farmer talks to them. *It's a case of in one ear and out the udder.*

I used to date a girl with one leg who worked at a brewery. *She was in charge of the hops.*

My cross-eyed wife and I just got a divorce. *I found out she was seeing someone on the side.*

Why couldn't they play cards on the Ark?
Because Noah was always standing on the deck!

**FELLOWSHIP FOLLOWING WORSHIP
EACH WEEK**

Thank you to all who help, donate money or food, and especially those who have come and have fellowship with us!!

- November 6th** Jean Cory & Myrna Lennon
- Nov. 13th** The Faye's;
McLoughlin & Wilcox
- Nov. 20th** Bea Allen , Janice Seddon & E & O Committee
- Nov. 27th** Edie Mowat & Mary Chambers
- December 4th** Gail Thickett,
Donald Livesley, Barry & Gloria Hill
- December 11th** Pancake Brunch
- Dec. 18th** Christmas Brunch
Darlynn Smith, Judy Diswinka



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Piano

A piano could be a lesson in racial harmony. It has black keys and white keys. They have to work together to make music. A piano could be a lesson in pop psychology. Like any stringed instrument, it can make music only when its strings are under tension. That message could comfort people who fear tension tearing them apart. But the message I like best came from a group who noted that each key on a piano can play only one note. Just one note. 'We humans like to think of ourselves as independent', the group said. 'We want to be jacks of all trades, self sufficient. The piano reminds us that it's enough to play one note, as long as we play it in tune. 'Then the musician can use us to make beautiful harmony'.

That's why we gather in congregations, they suggested. So that each of us can play the note that each plays best, and God can use us to make beautiful music.

From 'Everyday Parables'
... James Taylor



Happy Anniversary

November 16th
Ken & Carole Winstone



November 18th
Ernest & Pat Kempthorne
Celebrating 55 years!!



Trinity November Birthdays

- 5th Laurie Wagner
15th Beth Cass
19th Georgina McEvoy
20th Barb Janzen



**APPARANTLY, THIS IS THE ROUTE OUR
PARENTS TOOK TO GO TO SCHOOL**



Please be sure to call or e-mail
Marlane Wilson,
with any reports of folks in hospital or
needing some contact.
204 729-8574 or marlane.w@yahoo.com

If you know someone, or yourself,
who would like a care call from
Rev. Neufeld; call 204-441-8140
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May the Strength of God be
with you, May you never tire
of the work God calls you to
do!!

Our sincere thoughts and prayers to
the family of **Gordon Fraser**. He is
with his beloved Elsie again. He was
very proud that he made his 91st
birthday! Rest in peace, Gordon!!

To **Joanne McMillan** and her families;
words cannot express the enormity
of your loss of Dave!! Sending our
love, hugs and prayers!!

The service for Dave will be on
Monday, November 21st at Trinity @
11:00 am. Luncheon to follow.



Sending our
thoughts, prayers
and HUGS to all who
are experiencing
health issues.

Continued thoughts
and prayers to
Marina Cram & all
her family!

Those who bring
sunshine to the
lives of others
cannot keep it
from themselves.

Our Friends in Personal Care and Senior Homes

Dinsdale: Lois Aube, Malcolm Macdonald

Fairview: Lillian Atchison, Audrey Campbell, Judy Diswinka,
Linda Garson, Dennis & Louise Hume, Eunice Lindenberg,
Betty Russell, Evelyn Thompson

Souris PCH: Emma Garden

Rideau: Don Chambers, Murray Hicks, Garry VanRenselaar

Valleyview: Cliff Bowslaugh, Laura Cliffe, Bernice Erskine,
Shirley O'Driscoll, Lois Wolfe,

Riverheights Terrace: Patty Hargreaves, Vera Skayman

Rotary Villas: Myrna Barkley, Don Jessiman, Marg Lovstrom

Victoria Landing: Al & Helen Lauder, Fred Miller,
Pat Rathwell, Marg Speers

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Delivery is being made to all non email

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'May God hold you in the palm of His Hand'

