



# Trinitopics & Church Announcements

# 24 ~ Thursday, December 1st, 2022



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

### 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.

*Love your neighbour*

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

December 4: Advent 2

December 11: Advent 3

December 18: Advent 4 – Choir Cantata & 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.

Potluck breakfast at 9:30 followed by Worship service which will all take place downstairs.



Pictures taken for the Pictorial Directory will all be in prior to Christmas. Some have been asking & they said even the ones taken in November would be back. I know some showed up this week. Thanks again to all who were able to participate. I am still waiting for pics of some of our Care Home folk. Blessings to all!



**Pat's Writer's Group**  
 Saturday, December 17, at 10:30  
 Trinity library.

We are using story starters for inspiration and this month's is:  
*"She imagined this moment so many times, but she never expected .  
 .."*

*Everyone is welcome!*  
 Alison Murray 204 725-3471



**Trinity Christmas Gift Card Fundraising Project:**

Forty-nine households participated in the November gift card fundraiser with a total of \$23,025.05 (our second highest) worth of orders. As well, due to the FundScrip promotions offered this time, we earned an additional \$148.00. As a result, Trinity earned a total of \$961.05 (our highest earnings) from this sale.

**To date Trinity has earned \$4,475.95 from our eight gift card fundraisers.**  
 Well done and thank you to all supporters. We are truly blessed.  
 Our next project will be a Gift Card fundraiser during the month of January.



**Trinity 55 Plus**

**Guest Speaker Marcel Kringe**  
 Entrepreneur of 2022

**Designed & developed Bushel Plus System**

**This is postponed until further notice.**  
**Watch for new date.**

We welcome another church group who are looking to worship at Trinity. That will make three, if that happens!! We do have:

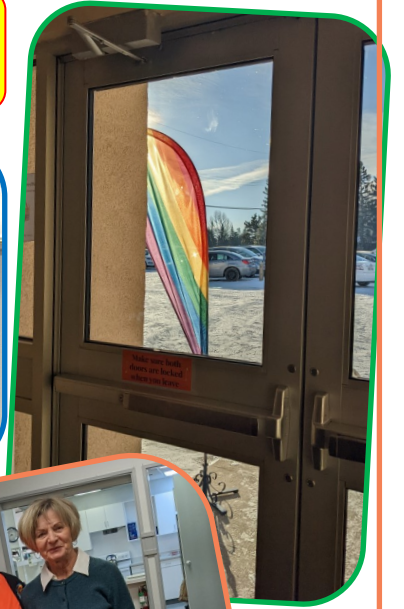
- ♦ Redeemed Christian Church of God
  - ♦ Church of Pentecost (COP)
- We have a busy church!! Halleluiah*







**Happy 1st Affirming Anniversary Trinity!**







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



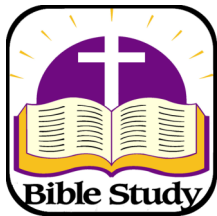
**Calling All Women**

**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.*

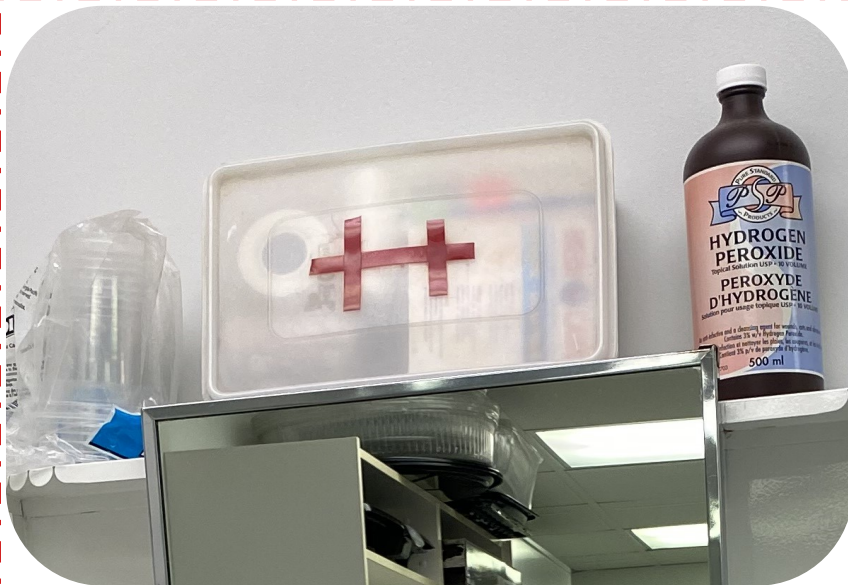
**UCW December Birthdays  
6th June Pedlow**



**Bible Study  
Thursday at 1:30**  
This group is adjourned  
until next year  
See you then!!



Evie & her mom,  
Katie, help bring in  
the gifts.



**Trinity's First Aid Kit**  
In kitchen; on south wall  
on top of cabinet



Then there is the fun dance during  
Children's Time.  
Much enjoyed by all

**Trinity has \$100 Gift Cards from Sobeys/  
Safeway.**

**Please see Eden in the office if you would  
like to purchase cards.**



**Church Decorating for Advent Season**

Our church was decorated for the Christmas Season on November 23rd by the following individuals who volunteered their time and talents:

Helen Hicks, Marlane Wilson, Glenda Penner, Darlene & Alan Silvius

**Their efforts to enhance the Sanctuary during this Advent season are greatly appreciated.**

**Blessings to each of them.**



*Worship Chair ... Alan Silvius*



**A gift from  
Central**



**A gift from  
family of the  
late Irene Brown**

How did the ornament get addicted to Christmas?

He was hooked on trees his whole life.

Why was Santa's little helper depressed?

Because he had very low elf esteem.

What does the Grinch do with a baseball bat?

Hits a gnome and runs.

What do you call a broke Santa Claus?

Saint-nickel-less.

What do you call a kid who doesn't believe in Santa?

A rebel without a Claus.

Why did Frosty ask for a divorce?

His wife was a total flake.

What do you get when you cross a duck with How much did Santa pay for his sleigh?

Nothing. It was on the house!h Santa?

A Christmas quacker.

# Trans Day of Remembrance Vigil Held at Knox United Church

## Club Q shooting an ugly reminder of hatred and transphobia

A group of around 40 people, including members of the LGBTQ2S+ community and their allies, met at Knox United Church, Brandon, on November 19 to remember victims of transphobia violence. But they had no way of knowing that at the very moment of their vigil a gunman entered the Q Club in Colorado Springs killing five and injuring 19 people – because of who they were.

The victims, including members of the LGBTQ community and allies, were:

- Raymond Green Vance (he/him), 22
- Kelly Loving (she/her), 40
- Daniel Aston (he/him), 28
- Derrick Rump (he/him)
- Ashley Paugh (she/ her), 35



Knox United Church, Brandon

The Transgender Day of Remembrance, observed every year on Nov. 20, is an international day of mourning and memorial for transgender people who were killed in the past year. At the service in Brandon, the names of 390 people killed during the past year were read out loud, followed by the lighting of candles in their honour. (This is the number officially recorded, but the true number is likely much higher).

Although the keynote speaker at the Knox remembrance event, [Leila Praznik](#), focused on “the joyful experiences that have come as part of me discovering my true gender”, they cautioned that at the same time there

must be recognition of how bigotry can prevent transgender, non-binary, and gender-diverse people from living joyfully. Praznik said her hope is others will be able to share in the happiness she has found by embracing her authentic gender. Those experiences can serve to fight transphobia, she said.



Leila Praznik, keynote speaker at Knox Trans Day of Remembrance Service (Photo: CBC News; for full story visit <https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/manitoba/trans-day-remembrance-brandon-1.6657854>)

"That's the idea we should strive for, to not have to do this service, to not have these several dozens, perhaps even hundreds of names that we have to read out every year because of transphobic violence." Regrettably, the Colorado Springs shooting is a graphic reminder that we have not reached this ideal and that there is much work left to be done to make our world a safe place for everyone. Let us all do our part to make it so.



A makeshift memorial near the Club Q nightclub continues to grow (Photo: CBC As It Happens, for full article & interviews visit: <https://www.cbc.ca/radio/asithappens/club-q-colorado-springs-shooting-1.6659345>)

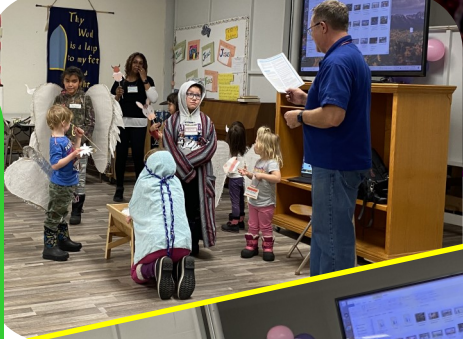


*Love your neighbour*





Benny & Melissa play



The Christmas Story  
Donald is Simeon

**MESSY CHURCH**

Wasn't this a party!! We were blessed with lots of kids as well as lots of young at heart!! Would others be interested in joining next time and doing an activity?? Thanks to all who took part and helped to make it a fun evening!! Thanks to Andy for help with pictures!! Thanks to Rev. Doug for his bottle of ketchup from his desk!! Saved the meal for some!!



The gang, some hiding!!





## Trinity Christmas Cheer Hampers

Trinity Outreach has packed 22 hampers this year for families in need of support in our community. The hampers will help provide families with food for their Christmas meal.

**Hamper Delivery Wednesday, December 14th**

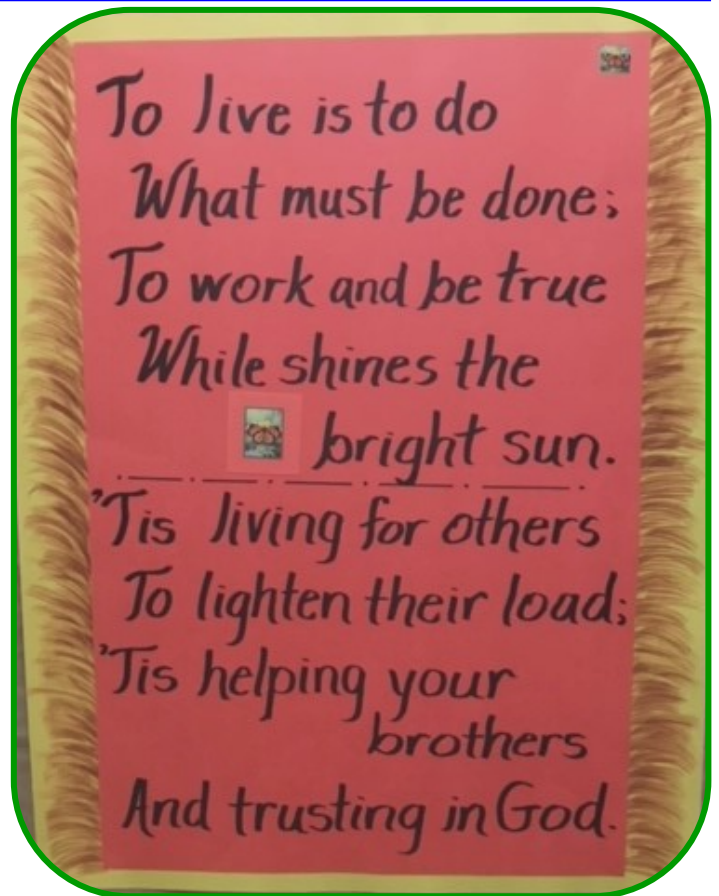
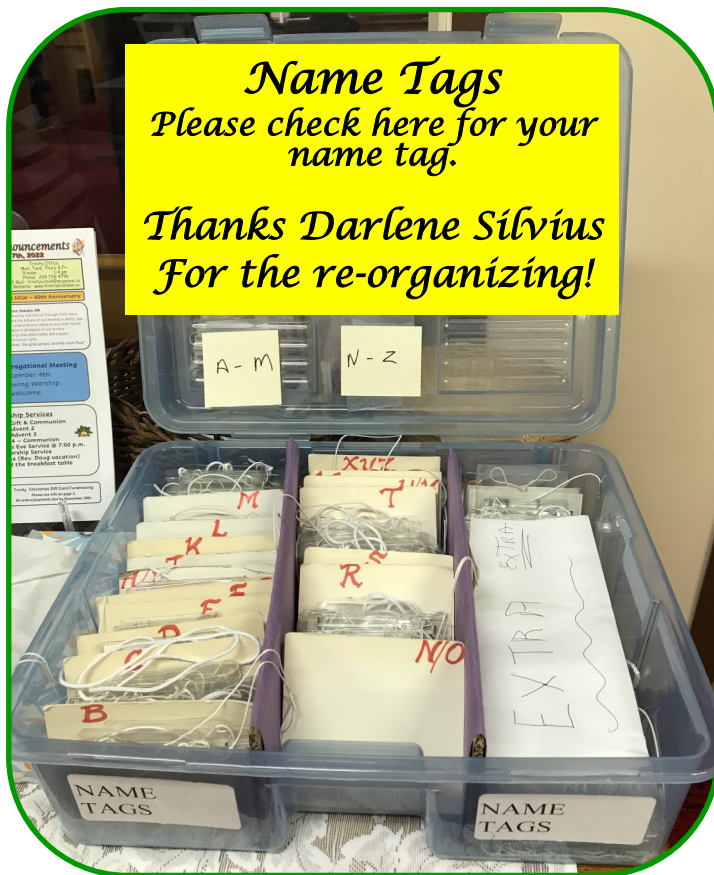
**Drivers and helpers are need on this day**

**@ 1 pm      3 or 4 teams**

**@ 5 pm      for folks who needed a later delivery**

**Please call Connie H. (204 725-2676), or see her at church this Sunday!!**

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



How much did Santa pay for his sleigh?      Nothing. It was on the house!  
How do you help someone who's lost their Christmas spirit?      Nurse them back to elf.





Trinity's Senior Sunday School pose in front of the tree with cards for gifts for the Christmas Hampers.

The cards were soon taken and gifts will be purchased.

Thank you ladies for helping with the hampers!!



Another Sheila McCausland creation

Would you like to join our songsters for the Christmas Season?? We are working on a Christmas Cantata. **create!** Then come on out on Thursday evenings from 7-9 pm.





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



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Alison Murray & Darlynn Smith

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<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

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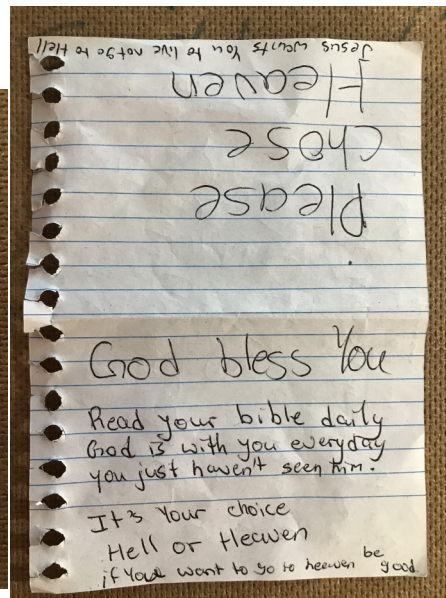
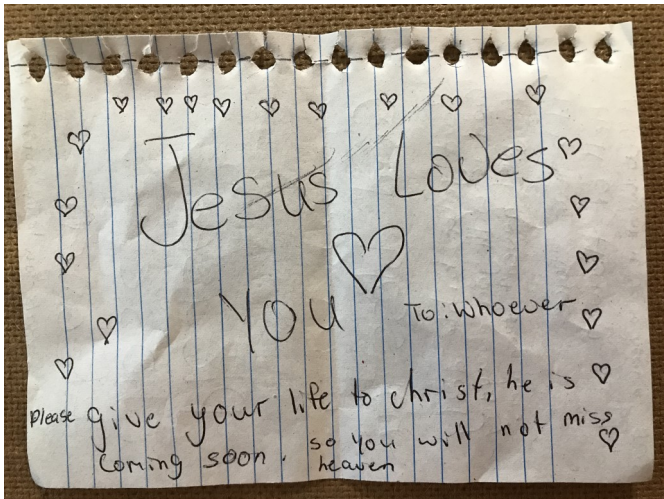
Thank you as well to people in Brandon, including members of Knox United Church, who continue to hold this crucial work on behalf of the wider United Church. The search, as with all such searches, is very painful for the people of Sioux Valley Dakota Nation, made worse by their [inability to access private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



Another very generous financial gift has come to Trinity from Central United funds. ...

A cheque in the amount of \$8,090.92 for our Christian Education Committee. We have been so blessed!

*Message found in perus*



Under 'Jesus Loves You:' 'To Whoever, Please give your life to Christ. He is coming soon, so you will not miss heaven'.

On other side: Under 'Please Chose Heaven' Jesus wants you to live, not go to Hell. Under God bless You: Read your bible daily; God is with you everyday; It's your choice; Hell or Heaven. If you want to go to heaven, be good. *What a caring & informative message to find!!* ❤️

**Our new members & adherents:**

We have more new members from Central;

- Betty McFarland
- Edith Graham
- Mary Chambers
- Frank Skuce
- Gloria Dillabough

Also new folk from Saskatchewan:  
Todd & Melissa Bryden

Welcome all!!



**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!!

**December 4th** Gail Thickett,  
Donald Livesley, Barry & Gloria Hill

**December 11th** Pancake Brunch

**Dec. 18th** Christmas Brunchie  
Darlynn Smith, Judy Diswinka  
(*Hope you don't think that this is  
a sit down meal!! Still snacks!!*)



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*The ability to speak several languages is an asset, but the ability to keep your mouth shut in any language is priceless.*

*Be decisive. Right or wrong, make a decision. The road is littered with flat squirrels who couldn't make a decision.*

*"The starting pay is \$40,000. Later it can go up to \$80,000."*

*"Great. I'll start later."*

*When the pool re-opened, due to social distancing rules, no water in lanes 1, 3, & 5.*

*Just once, I want the username and password prompt to say, "Close enough."*

*If you see me talking to myself, just move along. I'm self-employed. We're having a meeting.*

*I envy people who grow old gracefully. They age like a fine wine. I'm-aging like milk: Getting sour and chunky.*

Why can't you play hockey with pigs?

They always hog the puck

What musical instrument  
is found in the bathroom?

A tuba toothpaste.

Why isn't there a clock in the library?

Because it tocks too much.

An elderly, but hardy cattleman from Alberta once told a young female neighbour that if she wanted to live a long life, the secret was to sprinkle a pinch of gunpowder on her oatmeal each morning. She did this religiously and lived to the ripe old age of 103.

She left behind  
14 children, 30 grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren, five great-great-grandchildren and

a 40-foot HOLE  
where the crematorium ... used to be.



*Happy Anniversary*

**December 24th**  
**Eddy & Hillary Baker**

**Trinity December Birthdays**

1st	Mabel Ramsay
5th	Murray McMillan
6th	Donna Neufeld
20th	Holly Walker
22nd	Ruth Sawyer
24th	Betty McFarland
23rd	Leonard Wray
27th	Keith Privat



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  
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**November 27th**  
**ADVENT 1**

Our thoughts, prayers and hugs to  
 the family of **Lillian Atchison**, who  
 passed away on November 17th.  
 Lillian's service was at Pipestone  
 where she will join Wilbert again.  
 Thinking of all of her families! ✝️

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

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



First great grandchild of the  
 late Irene & Wilf Brown –  
 "Izaiah" –  
 born on Sept. 29, 2022 –  
 parents are Jaime & Paul.

***Our Friends in Personal Care and Senior Homes***

- Dinsdale:** Lois Aube, Malcolm Macdonald
- Fairview:** 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, Marlene Shantz,  
 Vera Skyman
- Rotary Villas:** Myrna Barkley, Don Jessiman, Marg Lovstrom
- Victoria Landing:** Al & Helen Lauder, Fred Miller,  
 Pat Rathwell, Marg Speers



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