



Trinitopics & Church Announcements

3 ~ Thursday, February 2nd, 2023



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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".



Mission & Service Sunday February 5th

This Sunday, February 5th is a Mission and Service Sunday, offered by Faye McLoughlin

It is called TWO by TWO

You are asked to bring Twoonies for M & S.

There are 3 sections to the service so it would be great if you brought a twoonie or two for each section.

It promises to be a fun and educational service



Trinity January 2023

Gift Card Fundraising Project:

Thirty-four households participated in the January gift card fundraiser with a total of

\$12,265.00 worth of orders.

As a result, Trinity earned \$375.47.

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 March.

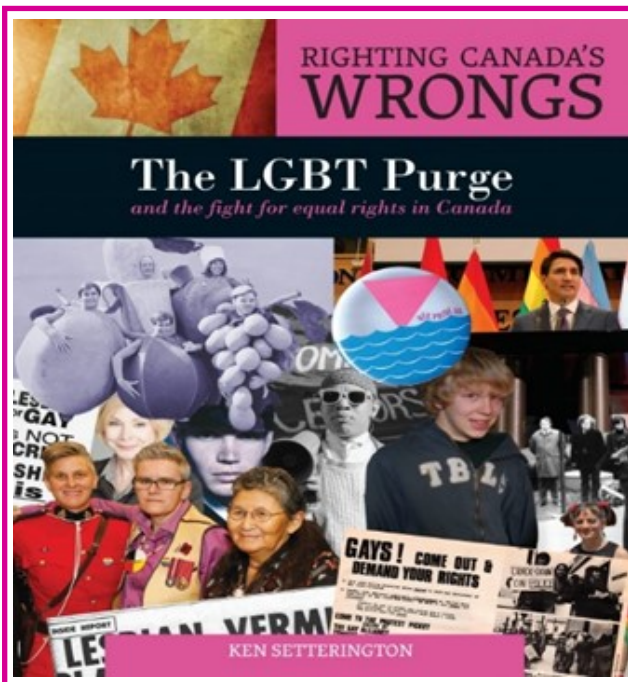
... Alan Silvius

If you know of someone who could use a warm hug we have Prayer Shawls available. They can be found in the room next to the Minister's office. Ask Eden for the key and feel free to take one..

If anyone has any wool that you would like to donate, it would be gratefully appreciated!!



**Feb. 2nd
Sunny day
I saw my shadow!
See you in 6
weeks!!**



This book is one in a series entitled *Righting Canada's Wrongs*. It deals with the many injustices that have occurred in Canada concerning the rights of the LGBT community. It also showcases the advancements that have been made towards society's changing attitudes. This book will be available to loan from Trinity library sometime in March.



Advice is like snow - the softer it falls, the longer it dwells upon, and the deeper it sinks into the mind.
 Samuel Taylor Coleridge

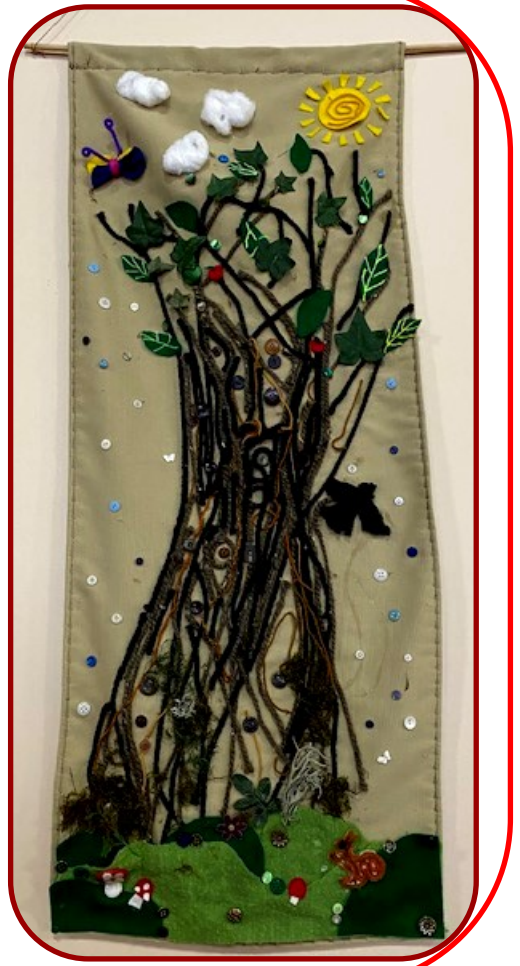
Gas is so hight that the mailman is working from home. He called me yesterday to read my bills to me.
 Old Yeller!!

If you put coconut oil into your kale, it makes it easier to scrape into the trash!



Sunday School Banner Presentation

Members of Trinity's senior Sunday school got together and made this banner. Thank you to Maia, Abby & Emma for their exquisite creation!!



Another Fun & successful Messy Church on January 27th!!

There were 24 folks, 11 children and youth.

Due to Rev. Doug being unwell, Miranda Edwards, with Deidree Placatka's assistance, did the story, Davis Placatka did the music and Andy Depner did a 'super man' grace !'

Thank you , Lois Riley f for the pictures!!



So nice to have our senior Sunday school helping with Messy Church!



FUN FOR ALL AGES!!



**Our next meeting is
Tuesday, February 7th, 2023
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 February Birthdays
5th Carolyn Heard*



Thanksgiving tea 2019



Marcel Kringe
Founder & CEO of
Bushel Plus.

Trinity 55 Plus

Rescheduled speaker

**Wednesday, February 8th, 2023
Starting at 1:30 pm**

Designed and developed the Bushelplus System to help farmers to calibrate their combines measuring grain loss.

*“If it is lost or wasted at harvest, then we grew it for no reason.
Less grain loss means more food for the world.”*

Founded a custom app, software, and videography development company targeting the agricultural sector.

Cookies and beverages to follow Come join us, everyone welcome

Voluntary donations towards:
Manitoba Society for Children with Disabilities

Trinity 55 Plus Group

“Striving to make a difference, a little at a time.”

Gail Thickett: 725 4934

Hazel & Larry Sage: 728 6215

Volunteer Piano Players

Are you at the stage in your life that you might be interested in volunteering with piano playing? About 18 years ago, a lady asked me if I would be interested & could she share my name at a care home. I was apprehensive, but thought 'nothing ventured, nothing gained'. It only took one visit to accompany, on the piano, a gal who was singing, and that same gal & I have been a team since. It is so rewarding!! The staff treat you like a crowned queen and you certainly feel very appreciated!! You would be reaching out to many folk who are not able to get out themselves anymore.



If you might be interested in more information, please contact me.

Darlynne Smith

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Our new members & adherents:

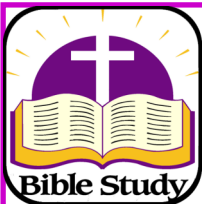
Marilyn Hoffman

Adherent at this point; searching for her membership

Welcome all!!

Trinity has \$100 Gift Cards from Sobey's/Safeway.

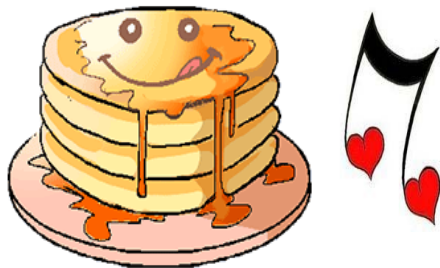
Please see Eden in the office if you would like to purchase cards.



Bible Study next meeting is on **February 9th** starting at 1:30. We will be studying 'Jesus's Farewell Message'
Jesus's Farewell Message FRANCIS CHAN
Everyone Welcome!

And now you can join Bible Study at home. A new piece of technology, donated by the Outreach Committee, has made it possible to invite those who cannot make it to the church to join in by ZOOM.

Thank you to Outreach and Rev. Doug for making possible this important communication
Trinity is blessed!!



Shrove Tuesday

Celiac choices

Fair Trade coffee & tea
(donated by the Friesen's)

The Trinity Choir Proudly Presents

The Return of Shrove Tuesday!!

Tuesday, February 21st

Please mark it on your calendar!!

The usual great pancakes, sausages, fruit etc.,

With appreciation to Keith Privat who accepted our plea to help!!

- ◆ Entertainment

More information to follow!!
All profits to Brandon Bear Clan





**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>

ZEEBU 2023 REGIONAL YOUTH RETREAT IN BRANDON

FEBRUARY 18 @ 6:30 PM - FEBRUARY 20 @ 1:00 PM
(Saturday to Monday of Louis Riel Weekend)
at Knox United Church

A great opportunity to make friends with other youth from across the United Church's Prairie to Pine Region while exploring the theme (Hobbies) through Worship, Song and Inter-active Theme Times. The retreat wouldn't be complete without social time — dancing, games, chatting over meals (and canteen treats)!



Grandmothers connect love for their grandchildren to God's love for all.

"We would like to introduce Glenn Waterman, our new Annual Giving Lead. Glenn felt drawn to this story of discrimination changing through education and compassion because it mirrored the work he was involved in at two of his prior organizations, The Leprosy Mission and International Justice Mission. In both cases, one through stigma surrounding leprosy and the other dealing with slavery, the people he interacted with needed understanding, compassion, and justice.

In the Rift Valley of Kenya, 7 percent of the people who live there are HIV positive—nearly 900,000—and many will not survive. Grandmothers whose children have died of AIDS are often left alone to care for their grandchildren, and to add insult to injury, their church community condemns them, leaving them without support as they raise their grandchildren.

Some pastors in the Rift Valley, as in many other places, believe and teach that faithful Christians cannot contract the disease and that it is a judgment from God—a disease for sexual sinners.

"The pastors had little information about HIV and AIDS; to them, and others in the community, it was a strange disease.... [They believed] HIV was a result of sexual sin and was a judgement from God for the sexually immoral," writes Esther Mombo of the World Council of Churches.

In partnership with the United Church, Mombo and Pauline Wanjuru of St. Paul's University in Limuru, Kenya, led a series of workshops in one Rift Valley community that has been hit especially hard by HIV/AIDS. They invited grandmothers and pastors to connect and learn from each other.

One grandmother who attended the workshops was 70 years old. She had lost both her daughter and her son and was left to raise three grandchildren on her own. Instead of stepping up to help, her neighbours refused to visit her because they said her daughter and son had been sexually immoral. Her pastor wouldn't even attend her children's funerals because he didn't want to be seen associating with her family. When she went to church, the pastor preached about the punishment for sexual immorality.

At the workshops, this woman bravely told her story to the pastors who attended. She also shared with them how it felt to be shamed for loving her children and grandchildren. Another grandmother explained that her grandchildren were born with the virus and couldn't have been involved in any sexual immorality. Yet another spoke of God's love for everyone. Pastors listened and learned, and ended by making a commitment to extend compassion and offer pastoral care to the grandmothers.

All of us know from our own life experience that when we know better, we do better. Your Mission & Service gifts gave these grandmothers the opportunity to help their pastors learn to do better by connecting their love for their grandchildren to God's love for all. Thank you.



Choir practise
Thursday, starting at 7 pm.
Everyone is welcome to join at any time!!

February 2023 structure cannot come in your life time again



This year February has:
4 Sundays, 4 Mondays, 4 Tuesdays, 4 Wednesdays,
4 Thursdays, 4 Fridays and 4 Saturdays.

This happens once every 823 years and is call Miraclein.

The meaning of 'Miraclein', from the internet, says:

1 'an extraordinary event taken as a sign of the supernatural power of God. : 2 an extremely outstanding or unusual event, thing, or accomplishment.



Pat's Writers Group

The next meeting for the group will be Saturday, February 18 at 10:30 in the Trinity library. Our story starter for this month is "He should have never let her into the apartment. . . "
All are welcome!

Might you be interested in joining this group?

Contact :Alison Murray 204 725-3471 or almark@mymts.net

NEVER LEAVE HOME WITHOUT A KISS, A HUG AND AN 'I LOVE YOU.' THEN REMOVE THE DOG HAIR FROM YOUR MOUTH AS YOU WALK TO THE CAR.



Happy Anniversary

I have no February Anniversaries in my records!! *Heart month???*

FELLOWSHIP FOLLOWING WORSHIP EACH WEEK

Thank you for the helpers, donators & all who come and have fellowship together!!

Feb 5th: Barb Roberds, Shirley Kernaghan, Darlyne Smith

Feb 12th

Myrna Lane, need someone else.

Feb 19th

Barry & Gloria Hill, Donald Livesley, Gail Thickett

February 26th

Marilyn Hoffman, Helen Dyer

March 5th

Outreach Committee

Trinity February Birthdays

None recorded in my records!!!



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Please be sure to call or e-mail
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with any reports of folks in hospital or
needing some contact.
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If you know someone, or yourself,
who would like a care call from
Rev. Neufeld; call 204-441-8140
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January 29th
Love God; God Loves You
Love Each Other
You Are Blessed!

Alice Laminman fell & broke her
hip & had surgery.
Thinking of you, Alice

Thoughts & prayers to Irene &
Harvey Smith
on the loss of a nephew.
They are like grandchildren!!

Continued well wishes to Marina
Cram & family!

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

Valentine reminds us of the gift of God
to mankind and true love of God in our
hearts. That we have to also love the
way God loves. God loves uncondition-
ally and sacrificially, as He loves till the
very end. His kind of love is without any
string attached to it.

- 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
 - 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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The newsletter is prepared every 2nd week
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'May God hold you in the palm of His Hand'