

# Trinity United Church, Brandon

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## Annual General Meeting

Sunday, February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2023 @ 11:30am

### AGENDA

- 1) Welcome
- 2) Opening Prayer
- 3) **Motion #1:** That all those present have voting privileges. ( Only members of TUC can vote on this motion)
- 4) **Motion #2:** That the Agenda be adopted as presented (amended).
- 5) **Motion #3:** That the minutes of the Congregational Meeting Dec 4, 2022, be adopted as presented (amended).
- 6) Presentation of the Annual Report 2022
  - Financial Report
  - Ministers Report
  - Committee Reports**Motion #4:** That all reports from pages 06 to 30 in Trinity United Church Annual Report Booklet be accepted as presented.
- 7) Auditors Report 2022
- 8) Appointment of Auditor(s) 2023
  - Motion #5:** That Gloria McMillan and Gloria Hill will be Auditors for Trinity United Brandon for 2023.
- 9) Round Table
  - I.
  - II.
- 10) Closing Prayer
- 11) Meeting Adjournment



# Trinitopics & Church Announcements

## # 4 ~ Thursday, February 16th, 2023



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### Affirming Vision, Trinity United Church, Brandon, MB



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*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  
Two by Two \$542.65 was realized for M & S!  
Thank you Faye McLoughlin & all supporters!!



February 26: First Sunday of Lent – Communion



### Trinity's AED (Automated External Defibrillator):

Do you know where the AED is located at Trinity?  
Please check it out the next time you are at the church.

A brief information video on the use of our AED will take place during announcements at the worship service on March 5th. All are encouraged to attend.

The AED and our expired pads will be available for viewing following the service.



**Trinity United Church Brandon AGM**  
**Sunday, February 26th, 2023**  
**Following worship ~ Everyone Welcome!**

## The celebration of February as Black History (or African Heritage) Month

Officially recognized in Canada since 1996, this is a time to honour the contributions and struggles of peoples of African descent.

*Jonisha Lewinson reflects on Black History Month and the diversity of Blackness*

I have a bit of a love/hate relationship with Black History Month. I love that it provides space for Black people to express their culture and highlight important (and many times, tragic) events in their history. Though, on the other hand, I also recognize that it is viewed as the only time Black people are relevant in society. Many see Black History Month as the one and only time issues and experiences pertaining to Black people should be discussed. When people participate in Black History Month, they often times see it as an “out” on acknowledging Black topics throughout the rest of the year.

The first time I was introduced to Black History Month was in middle school when my guidance counsellor (who was Black) asked me to participate in the school assembly. I knew the only reason she asked me was because I was Black, as there were only a few of us at the school. She wanted us to “represent our own.” Around the same time I was asked to present, I was struggling with my identity as a Black person. While both of my parents are Black, they grew up in England, meaning that many aspects of their culture resembled that of Europeans. So, while helping out with the assembly, my mind was opened to a new definition of what it meant to be Black. As I learned about the history and traditions of different Black people around the world, I found it more difficult to classify myself as the same thing. *How could I be black if I didn't eat Jamaican food? How could I be Black if I didn't listen to R&B music. How could I be Black if I didn't understand Patois?* All of these questions churned in my head as I tried to pinpoint what “being Black” really meant.

Fast forward to high school, my identity issues became more complicated. I went from a school where I was the only Black girl student in the grade to being one of many Black people in the same class. At first, I was excited that I'd finally have people I could connect with on a deeper level, though I quickly realized that wasn't the case. Being very European in nature, many of my Black peers didn't recognize me as Black. On many occasions people would say, “Jonisha, you're a White person in a Black person's body,” or something along those lines. In the beginning, I'd laugh their comments away, though as time passed, their words started to affect me more, and I genuinely questioned my identity. Honestly, I still do at times.

I wish those around me, even the Black people, were educated on the robust history of Black people. I wish it was emphasized that “Black” really is just a skin tone, though society (and the effects colonization) has associated “Blackness” with specific traits. Society has created a staple definition of what a Black person is and has deemed anyone who lies outside of that definition as an outcast. We see this all the time when it comes to biracial people who grow up in environments where they are not accepted by either of their racial identity communities, which honestly, is a whole other conversation.

For the longest time, I hated being Black, and that was mostly to do with the fact that I never saw myself represented in the places that I wanted to be in. All throughout school I was fed the narrative that Canada is one of the most diverse and accepting places on the planet. Yet, when I opened my textbook, I rarely ever saw any Black people (or other people of colour) in it. *How can a nation preach diversity when they refuse to acknowledge the diversity of their country?*

It's not enough to have Black History Month. People use Black History Month as a way to avoid the real problems that effect Black people. While Black history month is a great tool for amplifying the voices of Black people, it is not enough to change the way the world views Black people. Western society has conditioned us to believe that White is the default. And when we truly believe that, everything that people of colour contribute to the world is either taken for granted, stolen, or eradicated.

As much as I wish there wasn't a need for Black History Month, I appreciate the fact that it allows Black people to speak freely about their story, their history, unapologetically. I'm tired of hearing *my* truth being told through someone else's eyes.

It took a while, but now I'm ready. So, hand me the mic. I got a lot to say.

*Jonisha Lewinson is a Creative Writing and Publishing student at Sheridan College who is on track to graduate April 2023. She is affiliated with The United Church of Canada and has been attending North Bramalea United Church since she immigrated from England at a young age. Jonisha has always had an interest in social justice and participated in the Young Black Scholars Program and developed the United Church's Anti-Racism Training for Youth (ages 13-18) curriculum.*

## Trinity 55+

Trinity 55+ was initiated by Rev John Nesbitt.

He approached Sheila McCausland with the idea to support newly retired church members.

Sheila asked Ruth and Glenn Sawyer to join the committee.

The first meeting was held April 27<sup>th</sup> 2005.

The committees purpose was to

Provide opportunities for people to develop a sense of community in our church;

Where friendship can form and grow

Where folks can grow in faith and spiritually

Where people naturally grow to care about and for one another

Where people make common cause and take on some of the tasks that further the mission of the congregation.

The free will offerings are given to a charity of the committees choosing .

The present donations have been donated to Children with disabilities.

Program topics have included, health and wellness community awareness , travel documentaries to interesting countries ,wills and estates, memoir writing and much more

February 8th, 2023 meeting raised 62 dollars for our mission project.

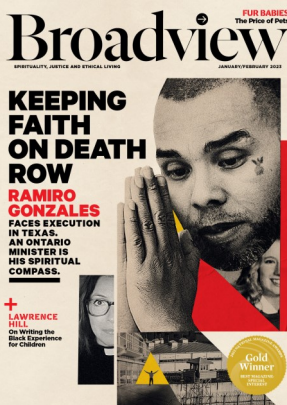
Each meeting is accompanied by fellowship; Coffee Tea and Cookies. Everyone is Welcome!

*This article was submitted by Gail Thickett with thanks to Sheila McCausland.*

Trinity 55 Plus

Making a difference ... a little at a time

Glenn & Ruth Sawyer, Gail Thickett, Larry & Hazel Sage



From CE : **Broadview subscriptions are up for renewal.**

Those planning to renew please submit payment clearly marked with your name and if paying by cheque please indicate so on the cheque.

If paying cash please place in an envelope with your name. Subscription cost is \$25.00 for the year.

If you are a new subscriber there will be envelopes with a form for contact information in the narthex.

Any questions contact Lois Riley  
(204 728-3433 or [lriley@mymts.net](mailto:lriley@mymts.net))

**PIE Day Event jointly hosted by Trinity and Knox United Churches.**

Saturday, March 18, 2023 from 1 pm to 3 pm at  
Knox United Church.

Bring a friend and enjoy music and conversation with Anastasia Gibson a clinical psychologist, local musician, and proud transgendered woman, while savouring pie, of course.

*Hope to see you there!*

**Trinity E & D Chair  
Denise Weir & Committee**





**Our next meeting is  
Tuesday, March 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**

**ALL TRINITY WOMEN**  
Save the Date  
**Wednesday, April 26th, 2023**  
2 ~ 4 pm  
**'Getting to Know You'**  
A time of  
Fun  
Fellowship  
Food  
More information to follow.

**Saving A Life**

On Christmas Eve 2022 in Buffalo, New York, Sha'Kyra Aughtry heard someone outside screaming for help in the midst of a blizzard.

Aughtry and her boyfriend, Trent Alls, brought the developmentally disabled man, 64-year-old Joe White, into their home to warm up -- but Aughtry feared it was too late. White was covered in frostbite. The couple fed White, gave him a warm bath and tried to treat his frostbite. Due to the blizzard, emergency responders were unable to respond to her calls. In a desperate plea for help, Aughtry took to Facebook Live.

A group of good Samaritans saw her Facebook post and helped transport White to the hospital where he is still recovering after nearly all of his fingers were amputated. Because of what Aughtry and Alls did, the NFL gifted them two tickets to the Super Bowl last Sunday in Arizona. Delta Airlines will fly them there.

Aughtry and Alls' kids also got a surprise: a free four-day vacation for their first-ever trip to Disney

Trinity 55 Plus  
Marcel Krings and his Bushel Plus presentation was so amazing!! What he has accomplished in his tender 35 years is more than amazing!! If you weren't able to make it to 55 Plus last week, and you get another opportunity, he has an amazing story to share & is a captivating speaker!!(Amazing!)  
Also, in the crowd that day were Glenn & Ruth Sawyer. It was so nice to see them again after the months of health issues that Glenn struggled with. However, he is looking good & was his usual entertaining self.  
Below are a couple of pictures; sadly Glenn had to go home prior to the end so is missing from the committee picture.



*Another interesting guest speaker  
from  
Trinity 55 Plus!*

### 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

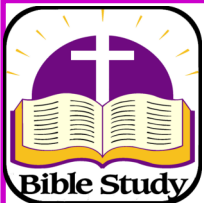
204 728-7713, 204 724-2923, darlynnegbsmith@gmail.com

Our new member:  
Margaret Woods

Welcome Margaret!

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

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



Bible Study next meeting is on **February 23rd** starting at 1:30.

We are studying 'Jesus's Farwell Message'  
Jesus's Farewell Message

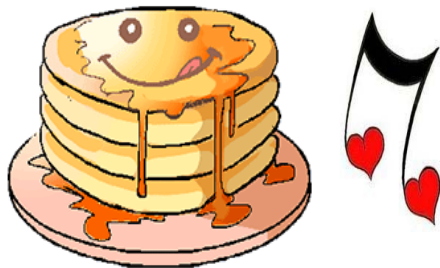
FRANCIS CHAN

Everyone Welcome!

And now you can join Bible Study at home. A new piece of technology, donated by the **Christian Education Committee**, has made it possible to invite those who cannot make it to the church to join in by ZOOM. Link is sent out weekly.

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

From Editor: Last newsletter, I recorded, in error, that Outreach donated the equipment, however it was the CE Committee.



Shrove Tuesday

Celiac choices

Fair Trade coffee & tea  
(donated by the Friesens)

### The Trinity Choir Proudly Presents

The Return of Shrove Tuesday!!

Tuesday, February 21st

5 ~ 6:45 pm

The usual great pancakes, sausages, fruit etc.,

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

- ◆ Entertainment

**Free Will Offerings**

All profits to Brandon Bear Clan



**BRANDON**



## Brandon Bear Clan

The Bear Clan is a community based solution to crime prevention, providing a sense of safety, solidarity, and belonging to both its members and to the community they serve.

- Purpose is to help people prevent the need for police and authority interventions
- We offer help, information, supplies and respect to all community members
  - Volunteers are Required (any gender, 18 years or older)


## Fill the Bin for Brandon Bear Clan

Neck Warmers  
Mitts and Gloves  
Men's and Ladies boots and shoes  
Underwear  
Warm Socks  
Hand Warmers  
Small Shampoos and Toothpaste/Toothbrushes  
Kleenex  
Lip Chap  
Hot Chocolate Mix

## February Food Drive

### MOST WANTED FOOD ITEMS



 **SAMARITAN HOUSE** MINISTRIES INC. Food Bank & Resource Centre  
820 Pacific Avenue  
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204-726-0758  
www.samaritanhouse.net

### MOST WANTED NON-FOOD ITEMS



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**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>

## Regional News and Events

Our thoughts and prayers continue to be with people effected by the earthquakes in **Turkey and Syria** and all those rallying to provide assistance and support. For details on ways to provide assistance through United Church partners consult

[Global Emergency Response | The United Church of Canada \(united-church.ca\)](#)

### **REMINDER: SAVE THE DATES – Regional Meeting - June 1-4, 2023**

*Through the Wilderness Together-* We are gathering in person for a REGIONAL MEETING in Winnipeg, MB. **Please ensure you have elected a Regional Representative** for your Community of Faith who will be able to attend. We are also looking for volunteers.

[Please read the letter of the Planning Committee.](#)

More details will follow as preparation for the meeting progresses.



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## Elders teach students the words, phrases, songs, and stories of their ancestors.

### Take a moment to think about your favourite story.

Now imagine that story being at risk of disappearing because the language it's written in is endangered. This is something that nine Elders from Haida Gwaii are passionately trying to change.

Once there were over 15,000 fluent speakers of Haida, but today, because of assimilation tactics like residential schools, almost all Haida people speak English at home. The nine Elders—with an average age of more than 80—represent about half of the fluent Haida speakers who remain. With partner support, the work of these Elders in a research-based revitalization project keeps the Haida language alive and growing.

The Elders are teaching students the words, phrases, songs and stories of their ancestors. The response has been empowering, with language learners near and far dedicating themselves to study. Lessons are given through the Longhouse of Skidegate village, but the program reaches much further, with more than 120 online lessons available. The opportunity to connect across the globe has allowed Haida language, stories, and culture to be shared broadly.

The program also gives young people from the Haida Nation the opportunity to connect with the Elders to nurture their cultural pride and understanding. "I appreciate the work the Elders are doing with our language and culture," said one young student.

"They work very hard every day so that my generation can remember."

The Haida language is not the only Indigenous language that has been endangered. Your gifts to [Mission & Service](#) support programs and partnerships for Indigenous cultural revitalization around the world.



Choir practise

Thursday, starting at 7 pm.

Everyone is welcome to join at any time!!

Welcome new member Murray Hagyard!

Why do cows wear bells?

Because their horns don't work.

What does corn say when it gets a compliment?

Aw, shucks!

After having children, Adam and Eve started getting a lot of questions from their kids about why they no longer lived in Eden. Adam has a simple answer for this: "Your mother ate us out of house and home."





Sincere thank you to Rev. Doug and Trinity congregation for your prayers, calls, offers to help, and well wishes, during recent health challenges.  
 God Bless ..... The Sawyers..  
 Glenn, Ruth, Erin, Tracey and family.

What is cut on a table, but is never eaten?  
 deck of cards

If two's company, and three's a crowd, what are four and five?  
 Nine

What is the longest word in the dictionary?  
 SMILE: It is a mile between the two s's.

What gets bigger the more you take away?  
 A hole.

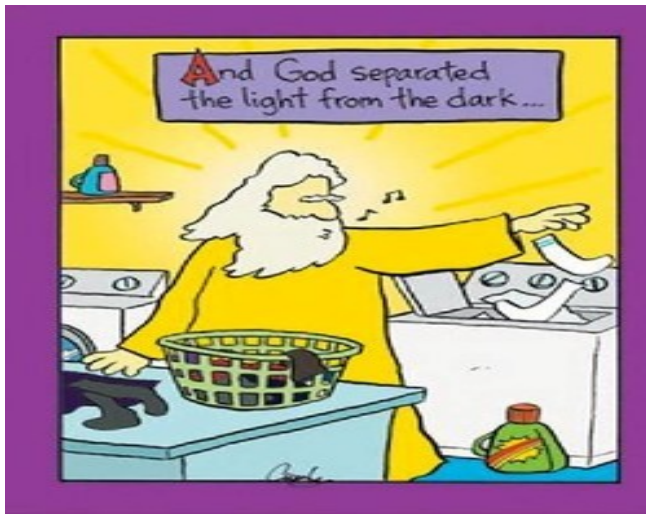
What do you call sweets that can keep a beat?  
 Candy rappers.



### 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



### FELLOWSHIP FOLLOWING WORSHIP EACH WEEK

Thank you for the helpers, donators & all who come for fellowship.

Feb 19th  
 Barry & Gloria Hill, Donald Livesley, Gail Thickett

February 26th  
 Marilyn Hoffman, Helen Dyer

March 5th  
 Outreach Committee

March 12th  
 Need a team here

March 19th  
 Janice Seddon & the Three Sisters



### Happy Anniversary

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

### Trinity Birthdays

None recorded in my records!!!



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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  
204 729.1946

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

Thoughts & prayers to our church  
pianist, **Holly Walker**, after her fall  
on wet stairs at her school. Glad  
there were no broken bones, Holly!!!!

Continued well wishes to Marina  
Cram & family!

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



February 5th Service  
Mission & Service  
Faye McLoughlin  
The 'net' caught \$542.65

*Be faithful to that which exists  
within yourself.*

**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

When God is our  
companion  
As we walk the road  
of life  
There is help for every  
problem  
And grace  
for care and strife;  
And we'll find that  
we've been happy  
All along the path  
we've trod,  
When in faith we've  
made the journey  
Hand in hand, along  
with God.  
Jon Gilbert



**Trinitopics & Church Announcements**  
The newsletter is prepared every 2nd week  
Delivery is being made to all non email  
**The next issue will be March 2nd, 2023**  
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'May God hold you in the palm of His Hand'