



Trinitopics & Church Announcements

7 ~ Thursday, March 30th, 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".



Worship Services

April 2: Palm Sunday
April 7: Good Friday Service at 11:00 am. Hosting Knox United
April 9: Easter Sunday – Communion

Pulpit Supply Needs 2023:

Worship Leaders are needed during Rev. Doug's absences this spring and summer due to Prairie Region annual meeting, continuing education and vacation.

Please reflect on your worship talents and consider taking a service during one or more of these dates. Please contact

Alan Silvius at (204) 726-4169 or silviusa@mymts.net.

Tentative dates for consideration are:

- May 7: Worship Committee
- May 21: UCW ?
- June 4: Live-stream Prairie to Pine Region Annual Meeting Worship Service (Possible Potluck Breakfast/Fellowship prior to service)
- July 23:
- July 30:
- August 6:
- August 13
- August 20:



Envelopes for the 'Special Easter Offering' are available on table in narthex.

The Outreach Committee has, with Board approval, asked that the 'special Easter appeal' be given to the YWCA. Below is a note on what the YWCA does in the community.

YWCA: Provides safe, emergency shelter for women and children who are escaping family violence. They also provide short term housing, meals and counselling services for people in our community.

From Outreach Convenor

Connie Haigh

Trinity United Church

April 2023

Sun	Mon	Tues 28	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
<p>Trinity junior Sunday school occurring every second Sunday; marked as 'SS'. Senior Sunday school every week.</p>						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
 <p>Trinity Worship & SS 10 am RCCG Worship 12:30pm COP Worship 5 pm</p>	<p>Prairie Blend 7:30 pm</p>	<p>WW 9am UCW Meeting 1:15 WW 4:30 pm Prairie Group 8 pm</p>	<p>WIH Basement 7pm RCCG Bible Study 7pm</p>	<p>Choir Practise 7 pm</p>	 <p>Good Friday Knox & Trinity At Trinity 11 am Prairie Group 8 pm</p>	<p>RCCG Choir Practice 6pm</p>
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
 <p>Trinity Worship 10 am RCCG Worship 12:30pm COP Worship 5 pm</p>	<p>Easter Monday Office Closed WIH AGM Sanctuary 7 pm Eastern Star Basement 5:30 pm</p>	<p>WW 9 am WW 4:30 pm Trinity Board Meeting 7 pm Prairie Group 8 pm</p>	 <p>Trinity Communion at Valleyview PCH 2 pm RCCG Bible Study 7pm</p>	 <p>Bible Study 1:30pm Choir Practise 7 pm</p>	<p>RCCG Meeting 7 pm Prairie Group 8 pm</p>	<p>Pat's Writer's Group 10:30 Library RCCG 2:00 pm Choir Practice 6pm</p>
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
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23	24	25	26	27	28	29
<p>Trinity Worship 10 am RCCG Worship 12:30pm COP Worship 5 pm</p>	<p>WIH Sanctuary 7pm Prairie Group Bible Study 7:30 pm</p>	<p>55 Plus Scammers 1:30 pm WW 9 am WW 4:30 pm Prairie Group 8 pm</p>	<p>RCCG Bible Study 7pm</p>	 <p>Bible Study 1:30 pm Choir Practise 7 pm</p>	<p>Messy Church 5pm Prairie Group 8 pm RCCG Meeting 9 pm</p>	
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<p>Same as 23rd, except Junior SS at Trinity</p>						



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

Inclusive/Affirming Language=Inclusive/Affirming Community

Being an ally of LGBTQ+ people can start by being aware of our words. Using inclusive and affirming language in our daily lives and as a faith community is one step to making everyone feel welcome, safe, and comfortable.

Egale - "... Canada's leading organization for 2SLGBTQI people and issues" - has tips for using language to build an inclusive/affirming community and relationships.

Inclusive and Affirming Language Tips

Pronouns and names are not the only parts of language marked by gender. Our everyday language is often gendered. By shifting this language to be more inclusive, we can respect and acknowledge the gender identities of all people. Always be mindful of your assumptions and consider gender-neutral ways of communicating the same phrases. These tips are especially important in instances where you are referring to a general audience or don't know the gender of the people you are speaking to.

Here are some examples of language you can use:

Inclusive Language	
DO	DON'T
"Can I get you folks something?"	"Can I get you ladies something?"
"We don't know who they were."	"We don't know who he/she was."
Dear Mx. _____ or Dear "Full Name"	Dear Ms. or Mr.
Partner/spouse/significant other	Husband/wife, boyfriend/girlfriend
"There's a visitor/person here to see you."	"There's a woman here to see you."
Esteemed guests	Ladies and gentlemen

Affirming Language	
DO	DON'T
Trans(gender) Person	Transgendered
Transgender is an adjective, not a verb.	
Gay men	The gays
Person-centred language avoids dehumanizing people.	
2SLGBTQI	Homosexual
Use the labels and categories that individuals and communities have self-identified.	
"He is a man/was assigned female at birth"	"They used to be a female/want to be a man"
Recognize that a person's gender is real and enduring, and avoid confounding gender with a point-in-time event or longing.	
"They transitioned"	"They had a sex change"
Living as one's true gender is a process, not a point-in-time event. Further, "switching genders" implies that the individual "opted" to change who they are.	



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 Source: **Egale, Inclusive and Affirming Language Tips**. Accessed March 29, 2023.

Rabbits that marched in a long sweltering Easter parade aren't called hot, cross bunnies for nothing



**Our next meeting is
Tuesday, April 4th, 2023
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 April Birthdays

14th Leslie Preston

24th Shirley O'Driscoll (90th)

28th Marlane Wilson

Trinity March 2023 Gift Card Fundraising Project:

Thirty households participated in the March gift card fundraiser with a total of \$13,870.00 worth of orders. As a result, Trinity earned \$420.05. The January and March gift card sales combined have earned Trinity \$795.52.

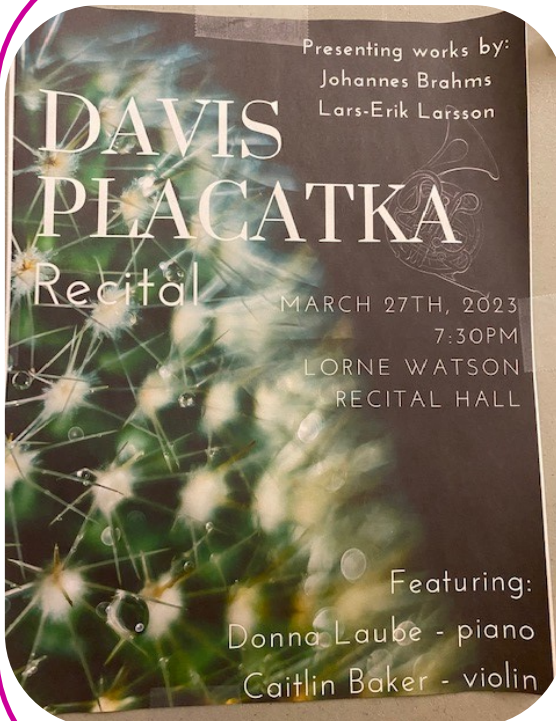
Well done and thank you to all supporters.

We are truly blessed.

Our next Gift Card fundraiser will be during the month of May.

... Alan Silvius

Prayer Shawls are available in the library/meeting room for you to take to comfort anyone; it does not have to be a Trinity person! There are so many beautiful designs and colors to be chosen. Thank you to the talented ladies who made these lovely creations!!!
As well, does anyone have any wool that you would like to donate?



Davis, Trinity's Music Director, had his final recital on March 27th. He played his French Horn & certainly 'made it sing'!! Caitlin's beautifully played violin, along with the pianist, made perfect musical sounds! What a enjoyable evening of music and then to the reception following numerous delicious desserts, fruit & punch, supplied by his family. The page turner, sitting beside the pianist, is his brother, Keiran; it was so nice seeing him again, also! Davis will be wrapping up his final year at BU this year. Congratulations, Davis!!

Swallow your pride occasionally ~ It's non-fattening

People who snore always fall asleep first!

ALL TRINITY WOMEN
Save the **NEW** Date
Wednesday, May 10th, 2023

2 ~ 4 pm

'Getting to Know You'

A time of
Fun
Fellowship

Food

Sign up sheets out mid April.

EASTER

I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies, and whoever lives and believes in me will never die.



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Happiness is not perfected until it is shared.
Live one day at a time and make it a masterpiece!

BEWARE OF SCAMMERS!!

If you receive a phone call saying that your grandchild has been in an accident & they ask you for money to help them out, please hang up and do NOT provide any personal information or money to the scammers.

Watch out for urgent pleas that play on your emotions. Do NOT give out personal information during unsolicited calls.

There has been people in Brandon and area who have been called and have lost many thousands of dollars.

Hang up & report it to the police: 204 729 2345 (Brandon City Police)

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

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



Bible Study will begin again after Easter.

Trinity 55 Plus

Tuesday, April 25th

Constable Dufault
from Brandon Police
Services will be
talking about
'SCAMMERS'!!



Wednesday, May 17th

Tim Smith, Brandon Sun photographer, is coming to speak.

From Website: 'Manitoba-based photographer and speaker Tim Smith has spent sixteen years documenting life on the prairies including fourteen years photographing the Hutterites; insular Anabaptists who live communally on colonies in Canada and the United States'.



Thank you to all Broadview subscribers.

Your subscription for 2023-2024 will begin in June.

Lois

Trinity is taking Easter Communion to Valleyview PC Home on Wednesday, April 12th @ 2 pm.

This will be the first one since the world was shut down in March of 2020.

It is the only one this time but hoping to be able to visit more homes for Thanksgiving.



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Alison Murray & Darlynn Smith

To receive weekly information to your email, or to read what is happening in the United Church:

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

2023 Prairie to Pine Regional Council Meeting
The Regional Meeting for this year will be on June 1-4, 2023 at the United Church in Meadowood (1111 Dakota Street, Winnipeg). Here is the [letter from Rev. Emma Seamone](#), Chair of the Annual Meeting Planning Committee
Letter can be read at <https://united-church.ca/e-newsletters>
There is also a ZOOM option
Please note the new logo for P2P

Wawanesa United Church
Hosting
A Music Concert
Saturday, April 22nd, 2023 7 pm
All Genres of Music
Admission by donation
See poster on bulletin board for more info.

It was Palm Sunday but because of a sore throat, 5-year-old Bobby stayed home from church with a baby-sitter. When the family returned home, they were carrying several palm fronds. Bobby asked them what they were for. 'People held them over Jesus' head as he walked by,' his father told him. 'Wouldn't you know it,' Bobby fumed, 'the one Sunday I don't go and He

The Incredible Difference Your Gifts Make: Bill's Story

"Being at camp solidified my strong connection with the natural world."



None of us can go a single day without having an impact on someone's life. And we can't always predict how what we do to help change a life might wind up changing ours, too. Take Bill Darnell. Bill's love affair with nature began at camp, but it didn't end there. Far from it. Bill's childhood experience of camp wound up inspiring one of the world's most influential environmental movements.

"Camping had a big effect on me. I grew up in suburbia and didn't have much access to the natural world. Camping was an opportunity to go out and be in nature. It was amazing. Being at camp solidified my strong connection with the natural world," he says.

Bill's early camp experience instilled such a love of nature that when he became an adult, he became an environmental activist. "When I was 25 years old, not far removed from my years in camp, I saw that they were testing nuclear weapons. That was so obviously wrong that I felt I had to do something to stop it," he says.

So Bill and a small group of friends anxiously climbed on board an 85-foot fishing boat later dubbed *Greenpeace*. Together, they set sail for Alaska to stop the testing of a nuclear bomb. Greenpeace as a movement was born.

Bill's story proves that camping experiences in childhood can lead to a lifelong commitment to care for God's creation.

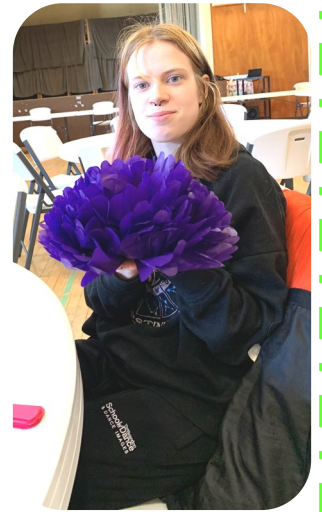
As scientists and activists sound the alarm around climate change and experts report that not spending enough time outside is having an impact on our children's health and well-being, outdoor ministry has never been more crucial. It's just one of the many reasons why Mission & Service really matters.

Your Mission & Service gifts support over two dozen United Church-run camps across the country. Every year, your generosity gives thousands of children an opportunity to go to camp. There, they learn life skills, meet other campers, explore faith, and spend time outside.

Like Bill, some young people may leave camp so impressed by the natural environment that they get on board a movement to take care of it. "Camping made an incredible difference in my life. I know it will make an incredible difference to young people across Canada. I give thanks to those who support it," Bill says.



Zara was the only teen available from Trinity Sunday school to help decorate for PIE day. Pictured here are the Knox & Trinity decorating crew. Thanks to Lois Riley for the pictures!!



Pat's Writers Group



The next meeting for the group will be Saturday, April 15th at 10:30 in the Trinity library. Our story starter for this month is

"I crouched behind the car, trying not to make a sound.."

All are welcome!

Might you be interested in joining this group?

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

- ◆ What starts with P and ends with E and has thousands of letters? Post Office
- ◆ Learn from other people's mistakes ... there isn't time to make them all yourself!!
- ◆ After all is said and done, more is said than done!
- ◆ People will believe anything if you whisper it!!
- ◆ A rumor is about to unspring as butter!
- ◆ The secret of happiness is not to do what you like, but to like what you do.

FELLOWSHIP FOLLOWING WORSHIP EACH WEEK

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

April 2nd

Palm Sunday

Barb Roberds, Shirley Kernaghan, Denise Weir & Darlyne Smith

Happy Belated Anniversary

March 18th

Dave & Irene Thompson

56 years



Trinity April Birthdays

15th Val Poersch

20th Jason Splett

21st Barb Roberds 80

24th Ken Mitchell 96 Y Young

Easter Sunday
Worship Committee
Hot Cross Buns

Would you like to help with fellowship?
Please contact me, or sign up on Sunday's.

Thank You!!



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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 is walking a little and
 hoping to get home (to Lions).
 Thinking of you, Alice.
 Keep up the good work!!

Continued well wishes to **Marina Cram**
 & family! It is so great that you are
 feeling some better right now!!

Don Jessiman is in the Assiniboine on
 the third floor now and is feeling better.
 He loves phone calls! To contact him, call
 the hospital switch board at 204 578-4000
 and ask for A 3; then for Don. Don was a
 very faithful visitor so hope he gets lots
 of visits and calls!!
 Thinking of you, Don!
*Sending our thoughts,
 prayers and HUGS to all who are
 experiencing health issues*




Week 4
 Lenten
 Practice

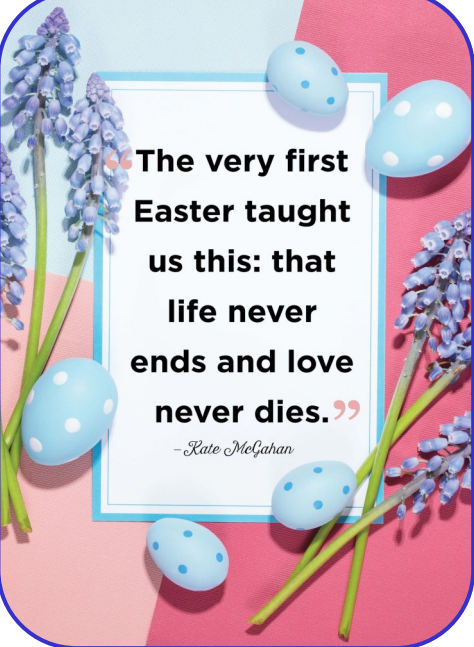
Appreciation and Contentment
 This week,
 do an "Appreciation Inventory."
 Look, touch, smell, remember,
 and immerse yourself
 in what you have been given.

*Fourth Sunday of Lent
 March 26th
 'Appreciation Inventory' for
 April 2nd service; Palm Sunday*

"Easter is meant to be a symbol of hope, renewal, and new life."
 "For I remember it is Easter Morn and
 life and love and peace are all new born."
 "There would be no Christmas if there was no Easter."
 "Blessed are those who have not seen and have yet believed."

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, ,
 Shirley O'Driscoll, Del Pringle, Lois Wolfe,
Riverheights Terrace: Pheme Andrew, Elsie Franklin, Patty
 Hargreaves, Dave McClelland, Marlene Shantz, Vera Skayman
Rotary Villas: Myrna Barkley, Don Jessiman, Marg Lovstrom
Victoria Landing: Al & Helen Lauder, Fred Miller,
 Pat Rathwell, Marg Speers



**The very first
 Easter taught
 us this: that
 life never
 ends and love
 never dies."**
 - Kate McEahan



Easter
 He IS Risen!

Good Friday Service: April 7th @ 11 am
 Easter Sunday Service: April 9th @ 10 am

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 The newsletter is prepared every 2nd week
 Delivery is being made to all non email
The next issue will be April 13th, 2023
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 'May God hold you in the palm of His Hand'