



# Trinitopics & Church Announcements

# 8 ~ Thursday, April 13th, 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 30: Acknowledgement of individuals who have transferred their memberships to Trinity will take place at this service.**

### Scripture Readers Needed for Sunday Services:

If you are interested in helping with this part of our worship service, please contact Alan Silvius or check the purple binder on the pew at the back of the sanctuary and sign up for the Sunday(s) that would work for you, Responsibilities are outlined in the binder.

### Pulpit Supply Needs 2023:

Worship Leaders are needed during Rev. Doug's absences this summer. 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](mailto:silviusa@mymts.net).

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:



**Thank you** to everyone who sends me articles for the newsletter as well as the many other pictures, jokes, sayings and any information to share. It is so appreciated and certainly makes my job easier!!

Darlynne

Studies show cows produce more milk when the farmer talks to them.

It's a case of in one ear and out the udder.

# 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>						
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
 Trinity Worship & SS 10 am RCCG Worship 12:30pm COP Worship 5 pm	Prairie Blend 7:30 pm	WW 9am UCW Meeting 1:15 WW 4:30 pm Prairie Group 8 pm	WIH Basement 7pm RCCG Bible Study 7pm	Choir Practise 7 pm	 Good Friday Knox & Trinity At Trinity 11 am Prairie Group 8 pm	RCCG Choir Practice 6pm
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
 He IS Risen! Trinity Worship 10 am RCCG Worship 12:30pm COP Worship 5 pm	WIH AGM Sanctuary 7 pm Eastern Star Basement 5:30 pm	WW 9 am WW 4:30 pm Trinity Board Meeting 7 pm Prairie Group 8 pm	 RCCG Bible Study 7pm	 Bible Study 1:30pm Choir Practise 7 pm	RCG Meeting 7 pm Prairie Group 8 pm	Pat's Writer's Group 10:30 Library RCCG 2:00 pm Choir Practice 6pm
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
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23	24	25	26	27	28	29
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30						
Same as 23rd, except Junior SS at Trinity						

## Winnipeg church voted out of Mennonite denomination (*for becoming affirming*)

By: Brenda Suderman, Brandon Sun, Saturday April 1, 2023 (Winnipeg Free Press Insert)

A North Kildonan church plans to stick to its policy of inclusion even if it means membership in their denomination will be revoked this summer.

Jubilee Mennonite Church stands by its policy to welcome people regardless of gender identity, sexual orientation, race, ethnicity, ability, or economic status, says moderator Chris Friesen.

“We have no intention of altering our statement of inclusion that we prepared,” he said of the process that involved several months of study and discussion. The statement says all people are equally loved by God and all may become full members and participate in communion, baptism, and marriage. The full text is posted on the church’s website at jubileemennonitechurch.ca

Nearly 75 per cent of delegates at the Mennonite Brethren Church of Manitoba annual meeting held in Winkler on March 4 voted to revoke Jubilee Mennonite Church’s membership in the denomination by July 1, 2023, unless it returned to “an active embrace of MBCM member church expectations by June 30.”



Jubilee Mennonite Church, Winnipeg (Photo: Google Maps)

Friesen says the main issue remains compliance with the confession of faith held by the Canadian Conference of Mennonite Brethren Churches, the national body of the Mennonite Brethren churches. That document says

marriage is a relationship between a man and a woman and sexual intimacy “rightfully takes place only within marriage.”

The congregations belonging to the denomination have committed themselves to this national confession of faith, conference minister Jason Dyck wrote in an email response to a request for an interview.

Dyck declined any further comment or explanation of a three-paragraph statement on the decision, which also says that the denomination’s leaders recognize that LGBTTQ+ people have experienced exclusion and rejection in churches.

“While this is not everyone’s story, we understand that it is the story of many. We as MBCM leadership are committed to a future where better stories are experienced.”

Friesen says his congregation of about 60 was prepared for the outcome of the March 4 vote and recognizes that people within the denomination hold a variety of perspectives. The congregation is in the process of searching for a new pastor and has welcomed some new attenders since they issued their statement, he says.

“We’re confident that the process we went through was good,” he says. “We’re comfortable where we landed and we’re looking forward to what the future holds”.

### Editor’s Note:

1. Italicized part of title added for context
2. This article consists of excerpts from the original story in the Winnipeg Free Press Faith section. For full article, visit:

<https://www.winnipegfreepress.com/arts-and-life/life/faith/2023/04/01/winnipeg-church-voted-out-of-mennonite-denomination>



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

Food  
Activities  
Games

# Messy Church

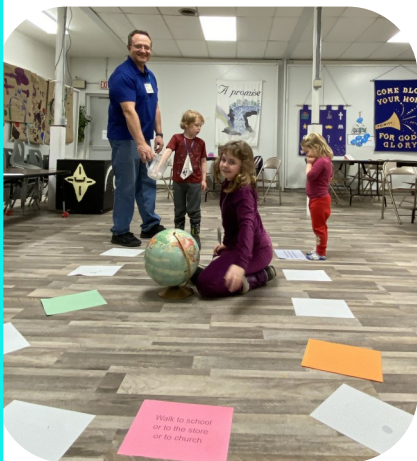
Bible Stories  
Music

All Ages Welcome!  
Supper Provided!

THEME: EASTER SEASON

When: April 28th @ 5pm - 7pm  
Where: Trinity United Church 1515 6th St

March Messy Church was another fun one! Many thanks to our Senior Sunday School for attending and helping with the crafts and younger kids. There was a pancake & sausage supper which was enjoyed! Thanks to the extra kitchen helpers as well!!



Benny says 'Give me food & I will smile'!!



March 'Messy Church Gang'



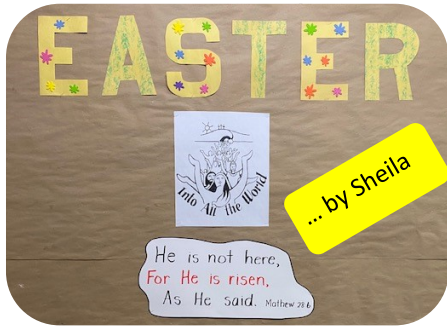
Great job  
Arnie Janzen!!



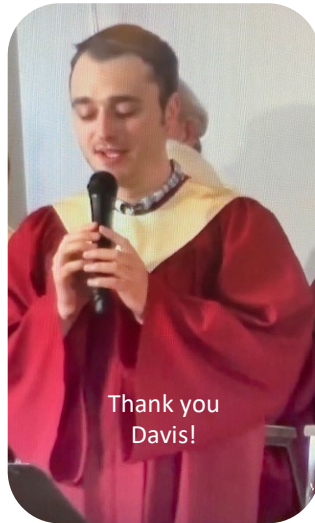
Thank you Pat Bowslaugh & Faye McLoughlin. The pictures were so appreciated!!



Good Friday: Knox & Trinity Choir



Maia  
Placatka



Thank you  
Davis!



Grady & Jessie  
Sumner

Below: Emma & Abby Atkison, Zara Jones & Jessie Sumner assist with Communion.



He is Alive ... Hallelujah



**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.*

**"ROSES ARE RED, YELLOW  
IS THE SUN, YOU AND ME  
TOGETHER ARE LIKE TWO  
SOULS AS ONE."**



Routinely Nomadic

**UCW April Birthdays**

14th Leslie Preston

24th Shirley O'Driscoll (90th)

28th Marlane Wilson

**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!!!

*It always brings a response when you put out a call for wool. This time it is a lady from Hartney, Shirley L. (didn't ask permission, so only your first name!). Thank you Shirley!!*



**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 in Narthex.  
Please sign up & include your  
phone #.  
Thanks to all

Most **Bumblebee Queens** nest just below the ground or under piles of brush in winter, until spring when they emerge.



So leave the leaves, dont rake, mow or till and ban the leaf blower!

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



Senior Sunday School assisting with the junior group . Eating off the lovely table that was given to us from Central.

**Foods we ate in the 50 & 60's**  
 Curry was a surname.  
 A takeaway was a mathematical problem.  
 A pizza was something to do with a leaning tower.

Rice was only eaten as a milk pudding.  
 Calamari was called squid and we used it as fish bait.  
 A Big Mac was what we wore when it was raining.



Bible Study has begun again Thursday's at 1:30pm.  
 The new study is  
 'The Book of Job by Francis Chan'



**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'.

**Trinity 55 Plus**  
**Making a difference a little at a time**



Heather Moore on Easter Sunday  
 'In her Easter Bonnet  
 With the bunny ears upon it'

**Foods we ate in the 50 & 60's**  
 Seaweed was not a recognised food.  
 "Kebab" was not even a word, never mind a food.



**PRAIRIE TO PINE**  
REGIONAL COUNCIL  
The United Church of Canada



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Alison Murray & Darlynn Smith

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

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.



**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.

**Your Generosity Shows Love of Creation**

Pray, learn, and act for Creation



Earth Day is celebrated in communities around the world on April 22 each year. This year, the United Church and fellow members of the For the Love of Creation climate justice initiative are holding a "Together for the Love of Creation" Earth Week (opens in a new tab), April 16-22.

We often hear messages about the habits we can change and the things we can do to take better care of the earth. In day-to-day life, we hear about bans on single-use plastic, ways to reduce waste in our homes, and the ebbs and flows of Earth hurting and healing—but we can also engage in prayer, learning, and action to achieve sustainable habits and deeper understanding, respect, and hope for earth.

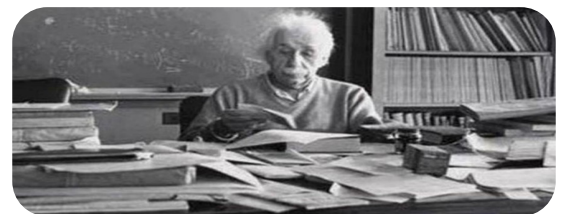
Your Mission & Service gifts support the development and delivery of climate initiatives and educational opportunities. Thank you for your generosity.



**FOR THE LOVE OF CREATION**



when nothing goes right... go left.



If a cluttered desk is a sign of a cluttered mind, of what, then, is an empty desk a sign?  
Albert Einstein





## Vegreville, Alberta, Canada

The Easter egg or Ukrainian 'Pysanka,' was constructed in 1975 in honour of the early Ukrainian settlements east of Edmonton. Thousands of tourists from around the world visit Vegreville annually and marvel at the Pysanka.

**Variation Law** - If you change lines (or traffic lanes), the one you were in will always move faster than the one you are in now

**Law of the Bath** - When the body is fully immersed in water, the telephone will ring.

**Law of Public Speaking** -- A CLOSED MOUTH GATHERS NO FEET!



## 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](mailto: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 unspread as butter!
- ◆ The secret of happiness is not to do what you like, but to like what you do.

## 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

## FELLOWSHIP FOLLOWING WORSHIP EACH WEEK

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

April 16th

Myrna & Sam Lennon & Darlyne

April 23rd

Sheila McCausland, Bea Allen, Bill & Beryl Everington

April 30th

Janice Seddon & the sisters

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  
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Easter Sunday 2023  
Many thanks to our Senior Sunday  
school for their participation in the  
service. Our future leaders!!  
Blessings!

**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*



Our thoughts and prayers to Craig  
& Beth Lee and their families on  
the loss of their son, David.  
Deepest sympathy

**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

“See the land, her Easter keeping,  
Rises as her Maker rose.  
Seeds, so long in darkness ...  
sleeping,  
Burst at last from winter snows.  
Earth with heaven above rejoices;  
Fields and gardens hail the spring;  
Sloughs and woodlands ...  
ring with voices,  
While the wild birds ...  
build and sing.”

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



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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'