# Trinitopics & Church Announcements

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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

#### **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.

Dates for consideration are:

- May 21: UCW
- June 4: Live-stream Prairie to Pine Region Annual Meeting Worship Service (Potluck Breakfast/Fellowship starting at 9:30
- July 30:
- August 6:
- August 13
- August 20:



July 23: Faye McLoughlin

#### Please see May Gift Card fundraising information on page 3

#### Elevator and Roast Beef Supper:

We currently have an issue with the elevator at the church and it cannot be used as of May 9th. If you have purchased a ticket for the beef supper and the elevator remains out of commission on the 24th, please let Eden in the office know if this affects your ability to attend.

#### Roast Beef Supper:

Menu has changed. We will be serving **mashed potatoes & gravy** instead of baked potatoes.

COLUMBUS'S MOTHER: I don't care what you. discovered , Christopher, you could have written. MICHELANGELO'S MOHER : Michel, why can't you draw on the walls like other boys. Do you realize how hard it is to keep cleaning your bedroom ceiling?

## Trinity United Church May 2023

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CHURCH	WIH Sanctuary	UCW Meeting 1:15pm WW 4:30pm	RCCG Bible	Bible Study 1:30pm		RCCG Basement 4pm RCCG Choir
	2	Prairie Group 8 pm	Study 7pm	-	Prairie Group 8 pm	Practice 6pm
<ul> <li><sup>7</sup> Trinity Worship (Worship Comm) 10am</li> <li>RCCG Worship</li> </ul>	8 Eastern Star Basement 5:30 pm	9 WW 9am WW 4:30pm	10 Getting to Know You Women's Event 2pm Basment	11 No Bible Study	12 BCCC Masting	13 Writer's Group Library 10:30am
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#### Trinity Gift Card Fundraising Project:

We are having a Gift Card Fundraiser which will take place during the month of May. The order forms will be distributed by email during the first week of May and will be available from the church office.

Orders, including payment, must be received by Tuesday, May 30<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm.

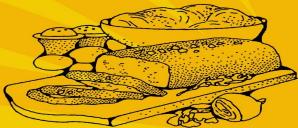
Orders will be received by Alan Silvius at any time so there is no need to wait until the deadline date. If you prefer, you can send order via email to <u>silviusa@mymts.net</u> or via phone at (204) 726-4169 (Home) or (204) 570-2338 (Cell).

**Trinity United Church** 



### DATE: MAY 24TH, 202 1ST SITTING: 5:00PM 2ND SITTING: 6:30PM

Menu: Roast Beef, Mashed potatoes and gravy Peas & Carrots, Coleslaw, Bun, Pie, & Beverage (Diabetic & Gluten-free options available)



Gluten-free Adults: \$20 Children 6-12: \$10 Under 6: FREE Tickets available: Sundays & Trinity Office Only 200 tickets sold

HURCH

There have been 94 tickets sold as of Friday morning.

As we do not have an elevator at this time, and not sure when the part gets here to repair it, it still may be down at the supper date.

Please note that it is now mashed potatoes and gravy.



Last night the Internet stopped working, so I spent a few hours with my family. They seem like good people. If Adam and Eve were Cajuns, they would have eaten the snake instead of the apple and saved us all a lot of trouble.



The biggest joke on mankind is that computers have begun asking humans to prove they aren't a robot.

#### Mother's Day ..... Submitted by Denise Weir

As Mother's Day approaches we are extremely thankful for our own Mom and/or other Caregiver(s) in our lives. Their examples of selflessness and unconditional love taught us to look at all other humans with respect, caring and compassion no matter their race, sexual orientation, or station in life. This teaching reflects teachings from Jesus who loved all those considered to be outcasts. In our society today too many tend to look down on LGBTQ2S+ people, those who are addicted, others who fight mental impairments, and even some minorities. Jesus loved, showed respect for, and blessed the easiest people to hate. Through the heart of Christ, our faith in Him, and being empowered by His grace, we can all become the fruit of His love and enact/demonstrate His caring for others like our own caring examples from childhood. May we remember and embrace the

diversity of families and teach our own kids and grandkids the love and respect of Christ.

Our Moms and Caretakers have shown us grace in every situation in our lives. They are our biggest cheerleaders and are steadfast in their compassion for us when things don't turn out the way we had hoped. For all the mothers and the mothers-at-heart, thank you for your care and kindness.



You don't have to great to start, but you have to start, to be great!!





#### Our next meeting is Tuesday, June 6th, 2023 Pot luck starting at 12:15 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 May Birthdays 7th Marlene Campbell 7th Heather Moore 8th Irene Thompson 16th Elaine Nairne 17th Georgie Pidhorny 29th Nancy Syntak 31st Darlynne Smith 80

Please think about our folks in hospital and care homes and drop them a greeting through the Prairie Mountain Heath website. https://www.prairiemountainhealth.ca/ pmh-well-wishes



UCW will be at the pulpit on the May long Sunday,, May 21st. Our service is one of 'Fellowship of the Least Coin'; reflecting on our earth. If you have some 'least coins' that you would like to share, there will be a separate collection for FLC. Thank you for your consideration!



Shirley Wells

Pushing 80!

Shirley's 90th birthday is not until November 19th BUT she is moving to Winnipeg at the end of May. Thanks to Norie Rathwell for providing a special time for her as well. We will miss this lady who has been part of us for so long!! *All the best, Shirley!!* 





A sure sign of spring! Dandelions growing at front of church!!

Trinity has \$50 & \$100 Gift Cards from Sobeys/Safeway and Superstore. Please see Eden in the office if you would like to purchase cards.

If I am ever on life support, unplug me and plug me back in -- to see if that works.

#### Trinity 55 Plus

#### Wednesday, May 17th @ 1:30 pm

Tim Smith, Brandon Sun and world renowned Photo Journalist, documenting the prairies, the Hutterites, photographing sensitive communities or subjects, mental health and the heartbreak and joy of being invited into people's lives. He covers assignments for a variety of editorial and commercial clients. He is the recipient of numerous awards and press from all over the world. Well known in Brandon for his beautiful photos in the Brandon Sun.

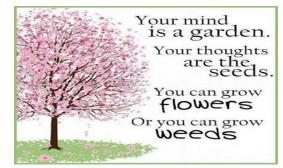
Beverage, cookies & fellowship to follow.

EVERYONE WELCOMEPLEASE JOIN US

Voluntary donations to Manitoba Society of children with DisAbilities

'Trinity 55 Plus Striving to Make a difference a Little at a Time'.

Ruth & Glenn Sawyer 204 728-4683 Gail Thickett 204 725-4934 Hazel & Larry Sage 204 728-6215



What did the limestone say to the geologist? Don't take me for granite!

Which letter of the alphabet has the most water? The "C"

We celebrated last night with a couple of adult beverages... Metamucil and Ensure.

Now that we have ALMOST everyone washing their hands correctly; next week: Turn Signals!!!

**Bible Study has wrapped up for the season**. It will resume in the fall. Thanks for all who participated and to Rev. Doug for facilitating.



Choir Members Welcome! Choir practise Thursday, starting at 7 pm. Two Practices, May 18th & 25th

Three Sunday's, May 14th, 21st & 28th. Prior to holidays



Christian Education Sunday School will have their last class on Sunday, May 28th, 2023 and resume after the September long weekend.

**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!!!

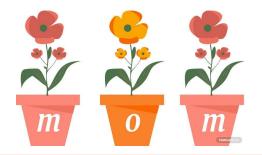


United Church:

**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 <u>letter from Rev. Emma Seamone</u>, Chair of the Annual Meeting Planning Committee

Letter can be read at <u>https://united-church.ca/ e-newsletters</u> There is also a ZOOM option *Please note the new logo for P2P* 





Protecting Love Around the World:Michael Blair's Work"When we hear these stories, we can see that this is a life and death matter."



Would you go to jail to proclaim your love? Would you be willing to die?

We are blessed to live in Canada, a country that recognizes the right to love whoever you want, regardless of their gender or sex. And while we haven't always done what is right, The United Church of Canada now recognizes that *all* love—including Two Spirit or LGBTQIA+ relationships—is holy and blessed by God. But those rights do not exist in

many parts of the world today.

"One of our partners in Kenya has advocated strongly for the human rights of sexual minorities, and that has caused him to be in jail, caused him to risk his life to be able to do that," says the Rev. Michael Blair. The church's first openly gay General Secretary is now helping to advocate for sexual and gender minorities in foreign countries.

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Mission & Service plays a critical role in Blair's efforts.

Your gifts help shelter refugees as they escape repressive governments. Same-sex attraction is a crime in 71 countries, and 11 of them have the death penalty.

Mission & Service also holds consultations in other countries to discover how we can best work with our partners to protect sexual and gender minorities. "A few years ago, we hosted a consultation here in Canada with several partners and asked how we can be supportive of their work," Blair says. "They told us we needed to come and help in their context."

To date, Mission & Service has supported consultations in Latin America and the Philippines. "We are bringing together leaders to explore how the church can be a place of liberation and life for sexual and gender minorities in those communities. That is happening because of the folks who contribute to <u>Mission & Service</u>," says Blair.

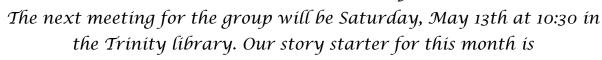
> Thank you for helping to protect sexual and gender minorities. You are saving lives and changing views around the world!







Pat's Writers Group



"I knew he'd been there because he'd stubbed out his cigarette in the sink..."

All are welcome! Might you be interested in joining this group? Contact :Alison Murray 204 725-3471 or almark@mymts.net

**On June 4th**, we are planning a pot luck breakfast; starting at 9:30. The Prairie to Pine service will be starting at 10:30 and it is going to be viewed downstairs. So, why not make it a special fellowship and have a pot luck /fellowship prior to the service, right??

As we did at our January pot luck, those who wish, bring a dish & it always makes the best meal you can have!! If you aren't able, or don't wish to bring a dish,

#### PLEASE COME ANYWAY!!

There will be coffee/tea/juice & goodness knows what else! Lots to graze on



#### **Trinity May Birthdays**

7th	Heather Moore
10th	Myrna Barkley
15th	Mickey Dux
28th	Veronica Miller
29th	Lorrie Snelgrove

FELLOWSHIP FOLLOWING WORSHIP EACH WEEK

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

> May 14th Gail Thicket & Donald Livesley; Gloria & Barry Hill

May 21st Shirley Kernaghan, Denise Weir

May 28th Sonia Morrice (need one or two to help her)

> JUNE 4TH Pot luck The Faye's & Darlynne

Hot off the Press Keith Privat has agreed to come with his famous pancake/sausage brunch on June 25th More info next newsletter.



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If you know someone, or yourself, who would like a care call from Rev. Neufeld; call 204-441-8140 204 729.1946

> Thousands of Reasons By Doe Zantamata

If every morning, You can find a reason to say, "Yes, it's going to be a beautiful day."

And every day, you find a reason to say, "Yes, it is a beautiful day."

And every night, you find a reason to say, "Yes, it was a beautiful day."

> Then one day, You'll look back and easily say, "Yes...it was a beautiful life." happinessinyourlife.com

Alice Laminman Thinking of you, Alice. Continued well wishes to Marina Cram & family! Don Jessiman Thinking of you, Don! Thinking of Myrna Lane as she waits for hip surgery; originally was to be April 24th!! Waiting for parts to re-

Doctor uses Continued thoughts of love and prayers to Gloria McMillan and families!

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to Gloria McMillan and families! Sharing your loss, Gloria!!



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

In Our Thought

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

Dinsdale: Lois Aube, Malcolm Macdonald Fairview: Audrey Campbell, Judy Diswinka, Linda Garson, 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: AI & Helen Lauder, Fred Miller, Pat Rathwell, Marg Speers . When a kid says, "Daddy, I want Mommy" that's the kid version of "I'd like to speak to your supervisor".

"Mothers hold their children's hands for a short while, but their hearts forever." – UNKNOWN







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