



# Trinitopics & Church Announcements

## # 12 ~ Thursday, June 8th, 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 are on Treaty 2 Territory --- "As long as the sun shines, the grass grows, and the rivers flow".



**Pancake Brunch Fundraiser** this Sunday, June 11<sup>th</sup> with profit going towards the cost of replacement of our elevator.  
**Come join us this Sunday for pancakes and fellowship!**

### 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](mailto:silviusa@mymts.net).

Dates for consideration are:

- July 23: Faye McLoughlin
- July 30:
- August 6:
- August 13: Judy Diswinka & Darlyne
- August 20: Barb Janzen



### **Acknowledging Trinity Affiliated Graduates**

If you have a child or grandchild who is graduating this year whether, it be from high school, community college or university, Christian Education would be happy to send a card of congratulations to them. Please submit their full name, address and state what graduation they are celebrating (ex. high school, Brandon University with Arts Degree ) to Lois Riley ([lriley@mts.net](mailto:lriley@mts.net)) or submit to the Church Office and we will send a card of acknowledgement.

**Deadline for submissions is June 15, 2023**

**Front page will showcase these deserving young folks next newsletter!!**

July 2: Post Canada Day Outdoor Service followed by Potluck Picnic:

**HELP NEEDED:** The Worship committee is looking for help from individuals for the event such as:

- Set-up & take-down tables, chairs, pulpit & sound system on front lawn
- Decorate grounds with flags, banners, balloons and table cloths
- Make lemonade and iced tea
- Put food out following service and clean up outside and in kitchen



Please contact Alan if you would be willing to help with any of these duties. (see contact info above).

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 RCCG Choir Practice 6pm
4 Trinity Worship & Breakfast Potluck 9:30am RCCG Worship 12:30pm COP Worship 5pm	5 WIH Sanctuary 7pm	6 WW 9am UCW Meeting 12pm WW 4:30pm Prairie Group 8 pm	7 RCCG Bible Study 7pm	8	9 Prairie Group 8 pm	10 RCCG Choir Practice 6pm
11 Trinity Worship 10am & Pancake Brunch Fundraiser RCCG Worship 12:30pm COP Worship 5pm	12 Eastern Star Basement 5:30 pm WIH Sanctuary 7pm	13 WW 9am WW 4:30pm Board Meeting 7pm Prairie Group 8 pm	14 RCCG Bible Study 7pm	15	16 Prairie Group 8 pm	17 <b>Pride Parade</b> Meets @ city hall @ 12:30 RCCG Basement 12pm RCCG Choir Practice 6pm
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## Trinity May 2023 Gift Card Fundraising Results:

Twenty-six households participated in the May gift card fundraiser with a total of \$11,490.00 worth of orders. As a result, Trinity earned \$379.70.

The January, March and May gift card sales combined have earned Trinity \$1175.22.

Well done and thank you to all supporters. We are truly blessed.  
Our next Gift Card fundraiser will be during the month of July.



We are going to have a Baptism on July 7th. Kole & Brittany Murkin were married at Trinity in 2019; and now we will be welcoming their daughter, Malia, for Baptism!

Another celebration about to happen at Trinity!!



Affirm/S'affirmer  
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Dear Friends,  
We write to you today with a heavy heart.



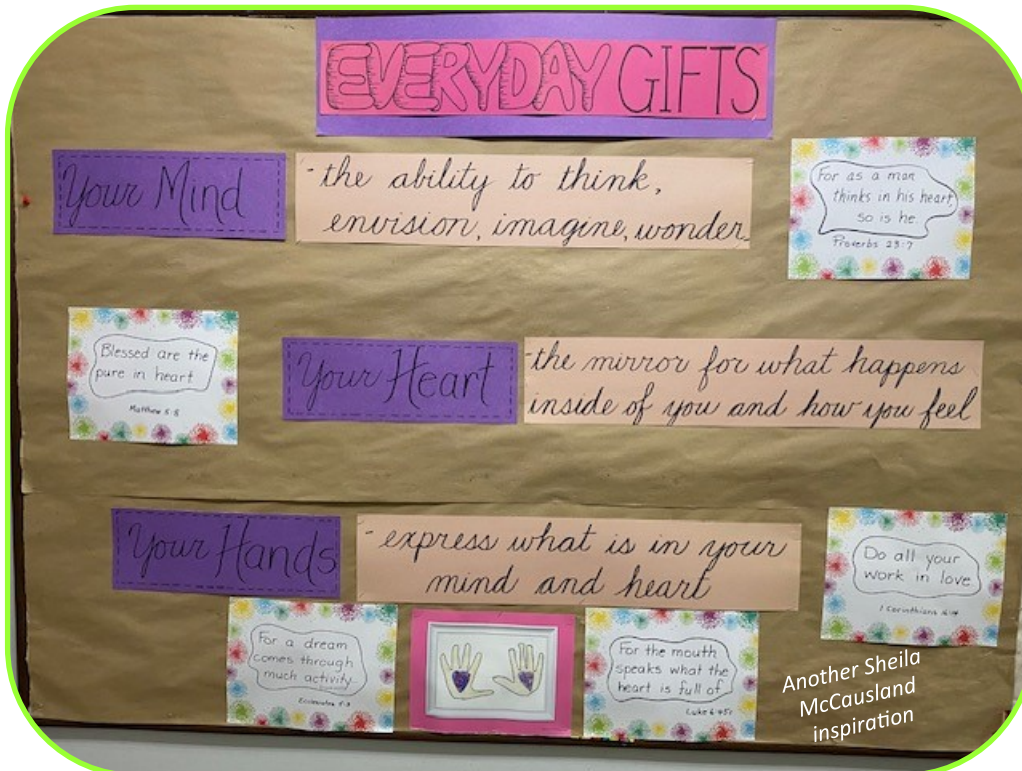
We've all heard the news from Uganda, criminalizing homosexuality with the punishment of death. We recognize that the Churches in Uganda are supporting and upholding the government's decision. We mourn with our Ugandan siblings.

We've heard the cries from our trans siblings in the United States that call out against anti-trans bills. These bills are jeopardizing their healthcare and livelihood in their home states. We pray for their wellbeing and for their safety.

We've joined the fight against book ban initiatives here in Canada. We work with local pride groups to support drag performers, in all their work. We rejoice with the news from Manitoba in the rejection of the call for book bans.

We hear the calls from the injustices that our community is facing. This, on the eve of Pride Month worldwide, is getting harder and harder to comprehend. We continue to support the affirming process and are looking forward to welcoming ten new communities of faith into that fold in the month of June. We will continue our advocacy work, and all the work that we are holding in our hearts within our local communities and beyond.

Love, AU/SE



**When I see ads on TV with smiling happy housewives using a new cleaning product, the only thing I want to buy is the medication they must be on.**

**Apparently there are 2 types of flu. The harmless one that women and children get, and the "near death" version that men get.**

**Things You'll Never Hear a Dad Say:**  
"Here's a credit card and the keys to my new car. Go crazy!!!"  
Your Mother and I are going away for the weekend.  
You might want to consider throwing a party

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

**We couldn't have done it  
without YOU!**



**Trinity Roast Beef Supper May 24, 2023**

**Total Income:       \$3657.00**  
**Total Expenses:     \$1331.00**  
**Profit:                 \$2326.00**

On behalf of Trinity United Church I wish to extend my sincere gratitude to everyone who supported and worked at our Roast Beef Supper. This supper wouldn't have been a success without your help and thoughtful presence. Each of you is a blessing to the church community and we appreciate your service.

There were many individuals involved in this supper who helped make it a success in the following ways:

- ◆ Purchased tickets
- ◆ Donated pies, angel food cakes, fruit topping, cool whip and gluten free dessert
- ◆ Worked at the event peeling potatoes, setting the tables, helping in the kitchen, cutting the pies and desserts, serving the food, assisting at tables, serving tea & coffee, taking tickets, calling individuals for the buffet and clean up at the end of the night

***TO ALL THE WORKERS AT THE SUPPER ..... THANK YOU!***

Job well done!

I wish to acknowledge the following individuals  
for their tireless efforts in ensuring the supper would be successful:

Kitchen Convenors: Joanne McMillan & Marlane Wilson. These two amazing people purchased the food and other supplies, cooked and mashed the potatoes, made the coleslaw, cooked the vegetables and made the gravy. We are grateful for their talents and organizational skills in the kitchen.

Pie & Dessert Convenor: Darlene Silvius. Forty-one pies, three angel food cakes and a gluten free dessert were cut and made ready to serve by Darlene and her crew.

Connie Haigh donated over 280 homemade buns. Thank you Connie, the buns were delicious.

Darlynne Smith ordered 115.4 lbs of beef from Old Style Butcher shop who cooked and sliced the meat and delivered it to Trinity. Thank you Darlynne, it wouldn't have been much of a beef supper without the beef.

Thank you to Joy Bowman who contacted Jay McCallum regarding the possibility of his business donating potatoes to the supper.

A special thank you to our senior youth who worked through both sittings as table workers.  
Your smiling presence was greatly appreciated by everyone.

A special thank you is extended to Jay McCallum,  
the owner of Eastside Eatery and Poutine King Food Truck,  
who donated 200 lbs of potatoes to the supper.

A thank you letter will be sent to Jason but in addition, I encourage congregants to support his restaurant and/or food truck if they can and let him know you are grateful for his generous donation to Trinity's supper.

Our outreach to the community continued as a result of the roast beef supper. The leftover mashed potatoes, peas & carrots, coleslaw and gravy were donated to Helping Hands. This organization was very grateful for the donation and it would be put to good use.

***Thank you all for faithfully serving our church!  
We are truly blessed at Trinity.***

Respectfully submitted,

Alan Silvius

## Why Pride?

The Brandon Pride Parade is taking place on June 17, 2023. The major goal of pride parades is to honour and celebrate lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgendered, queer, two-spirited + persons, in addition to raise awareness in society so that people can break free from the stigma and biases that surround them. Pride is generally celebrated in June based on a series of spontaneous protests beginning with a police raid at the Stonewall Inn in Greenwich Village in New York City that occurred on June 28, 1969. The Stonewall Inn was home to a gay bar and police raids on gay bars were common in the 1960's. One June 28, 1969 gay and lesbian and other street people in Greenwich village fought back when the police became violent during the raid. This sparked organizing and further protests the next night and several nights later. Greenwich Village residents organized into activist groups demanding the right to live openly regarding their sexual orientation without fear of being arrested. One year later, on June 28, 1970, parades were held in Chicago, New York, Los Angeles, and San Francisco, marking the anniversary of the raid setting pride parades in motion.

Canada's first Pride Parades took place in Ottawa and Vancouver in 1971. There are some significant legal dates to remark upon when it comes to LGBTQ2S+ rights in our country. Bill C-150 was passed and same-sex sexual activity became lawful on June 27, 1969. The Liberal political party of this time was identified as being able to separate legalism from moralism, regardless of individual moral stances against homosexuality. The Supreme Court of Canada in 1995 held that sexual orientation was constitutionally protected under the equality clause in the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms. Same sex marriage was legalized nationwide in Canada in 2005, 4<sup>th</sup> country in the world and the first in the Americas. In our United Church of Canada in 1988, General Council 32 declared that all people regardless of sexual orientation are welcome as full members of the United Church, and all members are eligible to be considered for ordered ministry.

As Canadians and United Church of Canada members we take pride in our open-mindedness, but do we actually take pride in our belief that ALL God's children are created in His image and we are all loved equally by our God? Jesus loved the marginalized and taught this throughout his ministry. Do we need more confirmation to do the same? Just a thought to ponder as we move in the week(s) ahead.



Poster created by Eden Snider

*Happy Pride Month!*

Although I am not to 'advertise' in this newsletter, I would like to mention that if you are looking for a couple of fellows to come and pick up your metals, or old cars etc., I have had them help me on my property a few times and I recommend them.

They are fair & get the job done.

'Recycled Automotive Pickup' 204-215-0142

### Things You'll Never Hear a Dad Say:

"Well, how 'bout that? I'm lost! Looks like we'll have to stop and ask for directions."

"You know Pumpkin, now that you're thirteen, you'll be ready for un-chaperoned car dates. Won't that be fun?"

"I noticed that all your friends have a certain hostile attitude. I like that."

"Whaddya wanna go and get a job for? I make plenty of money for you to spend."



Our next meeting is  
Tuesday, September 12th, 2023  
starting at 1:15 pm.

Have a great summer!

UCW supplies the coffee, tea, drink crystals,  
creamers, sugar & sweetener  
for all Trinity functions.



Calling All Women

### 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 June Birthdays

June

1st	Jean Cory
10th	Laura Cliffe 104 yrs!
12th	Norie Rathwell
20th	Pat Kempthorne

Trinity UCW had our June pot luck and last meeting prior to summer holidays on June 6th. There were about 25 at the pot luck which included three UCW husbands, Ralph Heard, Marv Pidhorny & Harvey Smith. As always, the pot luck was outstanding and enjoyed by all!!

The meeting followed with decisions of a couple of fundraisings, one in the fall & one in the winter. We also have a rally booked for September 20th at Trinity.

We wrapped up the afternoon bidding each other a good summer.

The Lord watch between me and thee when we are  
absent one from another.



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>

Hope is the only bee that makes honey without flowers.  
Robert Green Ingersoll

- Did Eve ever have a date with Adam?  
No, just an apple.
- What's the difference between Jesus and pizza?  
Jesus can't be topped.

- Which Bible character had no parents?  
Joshua, son of Nun.
- Why do fathers take an extra pair of socks when they go golfing? In case they get a hole in one!
- What do you get when you cross a dad and a computer?  
A dad-a-base!

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A welcome call came to the office offering to be our garden caretaker this summer. She said that she does not need any credits in the newsletter; so be it!

She has already started & many thanks to our **Mystery Trinity Garden Angel.**

She didn't say that I was not to give her a title!!



### TRINITY UNITED 55 GROUP June, 2023

Wishing everyone the God's blessings for a great summer, safe travels, good health, great visits with family, friends, and maybe making new friends, new to our city.

We are looking forward to our first guests in the fall:

**GLORIA and BARRY HILL** who will share their TRAVELS TO ECUADOR and the following month with **"COOKING VEGAN "**. Please join us .

"Trinity 55 Plus striving to make a difference a little at a time"



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



**IF THERE WAS A PILL TO CURE  
PROCRASTINATION, I WOULD  
PROBABLY TAKE IT TOMORROW.**

### McMillan

We wish to extend our heartfelt appreciation for all the donations made to Trinity in memory of Murray.

The outpouring of support has been overwhelming.

With sincere thanks,

Gloria, Steve, Jana, Dan & Families



It's true.  
The time has come!

### JIM HURD IS 70!

Come help Jim celebrate this milestone!

June 11th, 2023

1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

East End Community Center  
405 Park Street, Brandon

Trinity's trusty custodian was 70 years young on May 2nd however the celebration is happening this Sunday!

I love this picture, Jim!!

Thanks for all you do for Trinity; over & above 'your job'!!

Enjoy your celebration!!

**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!!!



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

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Alison Murray & Darlynn Smith

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United Church:

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



Sunday, June 4th

After a delicious pot luck breakfast, we are ready to watch the Prairie to Pine Regional Worship Service. There were MANY positive comments!



Thanks to the great minds for remembering that there would be a Communion at the service; Alan & the two Faye's (Wilcox/McLoughlin) looked after the elements. Alan found some juice in cooler, and the Faye's went to the buffet table and found the bread element, and prepared it!! Fun!!

## Affirming that Gender & Sexuality are Gifts from God

Activists and Two Spirit or LGBTQIA+ folks share their personal and collective struggles and gains.



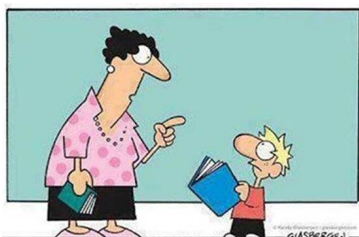
The United Church of Canada affirms that gender and sexuality are gifts of God, and that all persons are made in the image of God. We welcome into full membership and ministry people of all sexual orientations and gender identities.

In February 2023, a consultation with Mission & Service partners in Asia provided a safe space for gender and sexual minorities to share their personal and collective struggles and gains. Scholars, theologians, and grassroots activists gathered to present theologies from the region, with a particular focus on the diverse and specific contexts, cultures, and challenges in Asia.

Through a series of panel presentations and in worship, participants heard stories from mass movements for social change, "revolutions toward gender justice," and experiences of advocacy work.

Mission & Service partners included the National Councils of Churches in Korea, India, Japan, and the Philippines; Pembizo Christian Council; and All Africa Theological Education by Extension. Solidarity partners included Union Theological Seminary, Jakarta Theological Seminary, and Beyond the Boundary: Knowing and Concerns Intersex.

Your **Mission & Service** gifts allow programs like these to help people continue to flourish. Thank you for your generosity.



It's called **reading**.  
It's how people install new software into their brains.

**I asked the Librarian if she had any books about Paranoia.**

**She whispered: "They're right behind you...."**

When I was young, I was poor. But after years of hard work, I am no longer young.

**Did you know you have the right to remain silent even when you're not being arrested?**



## Grandfathers

Grandfathers are a special breed  
 Of kinfolk, all their own.  
 They love you and hug you.  
 And spoil you to death.  
 And then, they send you home.  
 ~ Joyce C. Lock



**Why did the  
 cow jump  
 over the  
 moon?  
 The farmer  
 had cold  
 hands.**

**It is an ironic habit of human beings to run  
 faster when we have lost our way. Rollo May**

**'Well done' is better than 'well said'. Benjamin Franklin**

**Why should you always knock on a refrigerator door  
 before opening it? In case there is a salad dressing!**

**What do cakes and baseball have in common?  
 They both need a batter!**

**Reserve your right to think, for even to think  
 wrongly is better than not to think at all. Hypatia**



**June 3rd  
 Happy belated 45th  
 wedding anniversary  
 to Del & Leona Pringle.**



## Trinity June Birthdays June

**1st Tina Ure  
 1st Donalda Warren  
 12th Helen Mitchell  
 24th Beryl Truscott  
 26th Norm Poersch  
 28th Judy Diswinka**

**June 21 is**

## National Indigenous Peoples Day.

This is a day for all Canadians to recognize and celebrate the unique heritage, diverse cultures and outstanding contributions of First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples. The Canadian Constitution recognizes these three groups as Aboriginal peoples, also known as Indigenous peoples.

Although these groups share many similarities, they each have their own distinct heritage, language, cultural practices and spiritual beliefs. In cooperation with Indigenous organizations, the Government of Canada chose June 21, the summer solstice, for National Aboriginal Day, now known as National Indigenous Peoples Day. For generations, many Indigenous peoples and communities have celebrated their culture and heritage on or near this day due to the significance of the summer solstice as the longest day of the year.

## FELLOWSHIP FOLLOWING WORSHIP EACH WEEK

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

**June 11th**

**Keith Privat has agreed to come with his  
 famous pancake/sausage brunch again!  
 Profit to Elevator Fund**

**June 18th**

**Sam & Myrna Lennon  
 Wilma Seafoot**

**June 25th**

**Edie Mowatt (need another here)**

**July 2nd  
 Outside service  
 & pot luck**



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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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 who would like a care call from  
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Those who bring  
 sunshine to the  
 lives of others  
 cannot keep it  
 from themselves.

... Sir James Barrie

**Alice Laminman** still in Assiniboine  
**Don Jessiman** .. Still in Assiniboine  
**Eunice Lindenberg:** as she patiently  
 waits for her foot to heal after a  
 fall.  
**Vera Skayman** is in the Assiniboine  
 on 2nd floor. Wishing her well.

Thinking of **Myrna Lane** as she waits  
 for hip surgery;

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



Favour

A favour is that kindly deed  
 Beyond a friendly smile  
 That comforts someone else on  
 earth  
 And makes this life worthwhile.  
 It may involve some little effort that  
 Is generously spent  
 We may be asked to do it, or  
 The thought may be our own.  
 In any case it is the way  
 Our clarity is shown  
 It is a little sacrifice  
 That we are glad to make.  
 To brighten up the sky a bit  
 For someone else's sake.  
 And often we consider it  
 A privilege to extend  
 Because there is no greater deed  
 Than helping out a friend.  
 .....James Metcalfe

***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
- 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

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**The next issue will be June 22nd, 2023**

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'May God hold you in the palm of His Hand'

