



Trinitopics & Church Announcements

15 ~ Thursday, July 20th, 2023



Rev. Doug Neufeld

Away on Continuing Education & Holidays. Please Call Office Returns August 24th



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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.

Worship News

Ushers Needed for August:

Ushers/Greeters are needed for the month of August.

If you are available to help, please sign up on the sheet posted on the sanctuary doors.

Worship Service Coverage for Summer 2023:

July 23: Faye McLoughlin

July 30: Pat Bowslaugh

August 6: Helen Mitchell, Gail Thickett,
Donald Livesley & Alan Silvius



- August 13: Judy Diswinka & Darlynn Smith
- August 20: Barb Janzen

Trinity Gift Card Fundraising Project:

We are having a Gift Card Fundraiser during the month of July.

Orders, including payment, must be received by Thursday, July 27th 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 silviusa@mymts.net or via phone at (204) 726-4169 (Home) or (204) 570-2338 (Cell).

Elevator Update

Rev. Doug and six Board members met with Kerry from Brandon. Elevators on July 18th. Many questions were answered and a proposal was asked for. Kerry is working with a company to be sure that we can get the best fit and price for our church. We are expecting a proposal soon, but may miss the newsletter time this week. We will keep you updated!







Trinity Board

Breaking news: A new proposal was received Friday, July 21st. Info to follow!!

“Patience is not the ability to wait, but the ability to keep a good attitude while waiting.”

Trinity United Church

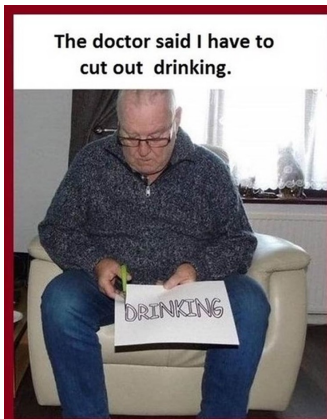
July 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Canada Day RCCG Choir Practice 6pm
2 Trinity Outdoor Service 10am RCCG Worship 12:30pm COP Worship 5pm	3 Office Closed	4 WW 9am WW 4:30pm Prairie Group 8 pm	5 RCCG Bible Study 7pm	6 	7 Prairie Group 8 pm	8 RCCG Choir Practice 6pm
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Alexander United Church
Lottie Bridgeman
Presenting to Rev. Doug
a homemade clacker from a
past Alexander
Vacation Bible School

Thank you to Alexander Church and UCW for giving us items for our kitchen. The very busy ladies offered, and we accepted, many things that will help us in the kitchen , and other areas.





A very youthful looking group!! A picture from the past from 55 Plus.
Thanks Glenn & Ruth!

From left: Irene Smith, Ruth Sawyer, Lorna Drake, Darlynn Smith, presenter, next to her ??, Shirley Wells, Marlane Wilson & Malcolm Macdonald.

**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 had a lovely Baptism during worship on July 9th. Pictured are the Murkin's, Kole, Brittany & baby Malia and Rev. Doug.

At five months old, Malia was very open to the whole process and was an angel!!

Many thanks to Jean Cory for the lovely banner.



From Elaine Madill for Equity & Diversity Committee.

On the following two pages is an article written by a former colleague, Doug Maxwell, retired Conservation Officer and is about a terrible mistake made by our governments concerning Sayisi Dene people in the north in our province in the not-so-distant past - 1950's. I believe that none of us have any concept of the horror inflicted on our Indigenous population that has nothing to do with Residential Schools. I am appalled that I did not even know that Residential Schools existed until the last few years. Anyway, this is a bit lengthy, but impossible to shorten and an incredible tale in our province's history.

The article below was written by Conservation Officer Doug Maxwell (Retired) and shared with his permission. Our governments made so many mistakes with Indigenous Peoples and this is just one ugly reminder in our “recent” history that most of us would not have known anything about.

“Before healing can begin, the injury has to be described. This is a dark story. We’re telling it in hope”

The quote above is the last part of the introduction in the book “Night Spirits” co-authored by Ila Bussidor and Ustun Bilgen-Reinart in 1997. When I read those three short sentences I had to go back and read them a few more times. I’d invite you to do the same before we proceed here.

Going back a few years now I was reading through a book written by a former supervisor I had with the resources department. I came onto some photos showing a large number of caribou that had been killed on a lake crossing in Northern Manitoba in the 1950’s. The estimate of animals killed was considerable....750 or so. Many of them were washed up on shore and not utilized by the hunters. I, like everyone else I assume, was appalled by the wastage.

I had worked in Churchill a few times through my time up north and was aware of a small settlement on the outskirts of town referred to as Dene Village. I did not know much more than that.

Fast forward a few years and I am retired and doing some reading about a community of Sayisi Dene people that were moved by the Federal Government from their traditional hunting area at Duck Lake to Churchill in the mid 1950’s. I learned about the hardships they faced in their new location with no access to caribou or adequate shelter and food. Their fate was horrible. I like everyone else I assume, was appalled by the treatment of people. Then a couple of years ago I started to wonder if these two situations were connected. Were the Sayisi Dene removed from the land because of their hunting impact on a caribou herd? I pondered this and did some more reading and made some phone calls to people who I thought might know more about this. This having happened in the 1950’s is pretty recent history.

The other day I got my hands on some print that I will try to summarize for you. This, by the way is the toughest thing I have ever put in The Plain View.

So in the fall of 1955 a few Resources and Industry people were doing a wildlife related flight in Northern Manitoba. They landed on Nejanilini Lake where they took the pictures of the dead caribou. The Game Branch from Manitoba soon met with their counterparts from Ontario and Saskatchewan and the Federal Department of Northern Affairs, Citizenship and Immigration to set up a Caribou Conservation Committee.

Manitoba put forth a strong stand that the Sayisi Dene (referred to as Chipewyan by the governments) were killing massive numbers of caribou at various locations across the North and that the animals were mostly wasted and fed to their dog teams. The photos came out and personnel from Indian Affairs Branch corroborated this perception.

The next spring the photos were used in an article in “Beaver” magazine written by the Canadian Wildlife Service wherein it mentioned “orgies of killing”. The article blamed the hunting as the major factor in the perceived drop in caribou numbers. Please notice I said “perceived”.

In 1949 the population of Caribou in the vast area between Hudson Bay and the Mackenzie Valley was estimated at 670,000. In 1955 a second survey showed the numbers had reduced to only 277,000. These numbers rang the alarm bells of resource managers who were determined to limit the killing of caribou by the Sayisi Dene people.

I feel I need to pause here and explain a couple of things before we move on. The Sayisi Dene people lived off the land for hundreds of years before the country was “settled” by white immigration. They were very nomadic moving north and south following the caribou migration. They would walk far into what is now Nunavut with all their belongings being carried and pulled by men, women, children and dogs. Their shelters were made of caribou hides as was most of their clothing. They did trap some furbearers for their hides and utilized other wildlife and fish but the caribou was their main stay. They relied on caribou kills to provide food for them and their dogs. The dogs were no mere pets but were essential for travel and work. When caribou were plentiful they would be killed and allowed to freeze into lakes to be dug out through the winter if no fresh caribou could be had.

So I will carry on. In 1951 Canada adopted a new Indian Act which aimed to assimilate all Aboriginal people into Canadian society.

Then the bottom fell out of the fur industry and the HBC post was closed.

In August of 1956 an amphibious military aircraft landed on Duck Lake. Government officials told the people to get on.

The Sayisi Dene people were flown to Churchill and then trucked to the shores close to town. They did not have shelters available to them and had to make do with what they could load on the plane. They were scared and cold. They were eventually housed in small huts at a camp near the cemetery and later moved into small houses near the outskirts of town called Dene Village.

These people who had lived off the land all their lives were now housed where there was no food, little firewood, no access to caribou and little help from the people who dropped them there.

The book "Night Spirits" is a compilation of individual testimonies about life before and after the forced relocation. It is written as it was told and is graphic. It is a hard read. With no access to their traditional life the people took to the new found demon. Alcohol. Violence and abuse of every kind imaginable embroiled the Dene Village. Children went uncared for. People rummaged the dump and garbage cans in town for scraps of food. Many houses burned with people inside. People froze, starved, drowned, were murdered, raped and run over.

From 1956 till 1977 a total of 117 Sayisi Dene people died. Thirty-two were children under two years of age. Fifty-four died because of alcohol related violence or living conditions.

In the early 1970's there was interest in getting the people back into their traditional territory. A small group had gone ahead and tried one location but deemed it unsuitable. They forged on and found a spot on Tadoule Lake they liked. Caribou were plentiful and the water full of fish.

This then, would become the new home for the Sayisi Dene people and over the next few years the community was re-established back on the land. People had access to their traditional way of life and struggled to regain the skills. Some succeeded. I would love to say everyone lived happily ever after but such is not the case. The cold clear water of Tadoule Lake cannot wash away the memories or the change in life style. The injury is real.

The community has thrived in some ways with many modern conveniences but it has the same struggles we all see with drugs and other addictions.

Go back to where I said "perceived". I refer to a paper "New Caribou Crisis-Then and Now" written by Robert A. Ruttan. Ruttan has a long history of caribou work and was involved in the second survey where a large drop in population was cited. I will not go into all his history but suffice to say he was appointed as the only Caribou Management Biologist administered by the Canadian Wildlife Service. His paper is too long to go into great detail but I can say that it seriously questions.....no....it actually debunks the survey results and contends that the early one with 680,000 was too high and the latter one with 277,00 was substantially low. His point is there was no population crisis. The doom and gloom of the Manitoba Wildlife Branch was unfounded.

Another interesting tidbit taken from a 1959 report on a caribou tagging project at Duck Lake authored by a prominent Manitoba Wildlife Branch Biologist. "Interference from {Natives} did not occur since the band that speared at these crossings in earlier years had been moved to a point near Churchill as part of a program to reduce human utilization." This statement was important to me because it not only confirmed the reason for the move but it exemplifies the lack of respect for a population of people. This is systemic racism on the podium. Caribou are more important than people.

I cannot help wondering why it took me so long to know this stuff. I worked for the same department for 35 years and had no clue. I also cannot believe that this type of human tragedy is not a part of our school curriculum.

One more thought and I will let you go. Wendy Mesley was/is the CBC anchor for The Weekly. She is suspended from work because she read a quote on the air that had a derogatory word referring to African Americans. This made me think about some of the words I hear in my own circles that are just as or more offensive than the one she read. Come on people. There are words out there that have no place in our language and I would ask you to look at yourself with that in mind.

With the country and world in such a mess we all need to be part of the solution and not standing in the doorway watching and waiting."

Submitted by Elaine Madill for Equity & Diversity



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

Have a great summer!!



Calling All Women

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

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.

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



UCW

July Birthdays

15th Noreen Paterson

16th Irene Smith

29th Myrna Hall

August Birthdays

7th Shirley Mabon

19th Sheila McCausland



Our **Mystery Trinity Garden Angel and friends**
are doing a great job!

We have a team working with our garden
now!! Sheila McCausland, Marv & Georgie
Pidhorny & of course the new mystery
Thanks to all!! Teamwork!!
Sorry, I didn't get an updated pic!!

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

*Thank you
Alexander!*



We now have the
cross, that graced
the front wall of
the sanctuary at
Alexander Church,
mounted on a wall
in the narthex.

Thanks Rev. Doug
for transporting it,
and to
Ken Winstone,
Keith Privat &
Barry Hill for
mounting it.

It is beautiful!!

PRESENTED IN MEMORY OF
ALEX + MARGARET RABE
BY THEIR SON FRANK,
WIFE BETTY, AND FAMILY.
MARCH 11, 1984

This is the
plaque that is
on the cross.
Memories!!

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Alison Murray & Darlynn Smith

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United Church:

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Johnny's Dust

After church, Johnny tells his parents he has to go and talk to the minister right away.

They agree, and the pastor greets the family.

"Pastor," Johnny says, "I heard you say today that our bodies came from the dust."

"That's right, Johnny, I did," he says.

"And I heard you say that when we die, our bodies go back to dust."

"Yes, I'm glad you were listening," the pastor replies.

"Why do you ask?"

"Well you better come over to our house right away and look under my bed, 'cause there's someone either comin' or goin'!"



MISSION AND SERVICE FUND

Your Generosity Settles Families

When Almaz Feshaye and her two young children arrived in Canada in 1991, they did not know what to expect. None of them knew the language or culture but hoped and prayed that Canada would be a safer place than Eritrea, a war-torn country in Eastern Africa.

Leaving Eritrea could have meant the difference between life and death. "Everyone had to be a soldier," Almaz describes, before sharing the sombre note that "people have died trying to escape." She was devastated to have to flee her home and frightened by not knowing what would come next.

When Almaz and her two children—then aged four and six—arrived in Alberta, they were greeted with warmth and love by members of Gaetz Memorial United Church. "They opened the gate for me; I have no words," she says with gratitude. "They changed my life, starting from getting furniture, renting a place to live, helping me with the language, and support for my kids."

Almaz describes the congregation and community as "selfless and kind." The church was one block from the family's new home, and Almaz says, "My son was very forgetful, so I gave the church secretary an extra key."

Now settled in Red Deer, Alberta, Almaz is joyfully giving back to her community. She works in social services and offers her time as a volunteer with local programs that help people experiencing homelessness and poverty. She is also passionate about helping other refugees learn the local culture and language.

Your gifts to Mission and Service help support life-changing programming and staffing to support families seeking safety

Almaz has some words for anyone considering supporting refugee programs through Mission and Service: "Don't think twice! It doesn't have to be millions—whatever you give means a lot. If it is financial, educational, time, knowledge, it means a lot. You are saving the lives of human beings and making the world better."

Thank you for your generosity.

In his beautiful book, "I Shall Not Want," Robert Ketchum tells of a Sunday School teacher who asked her group of children if anyone could quote the entire 23rd Psalm. A golden-haired, four-and-a-half-year-old girl was among those who raised their hands.

A bit skeptical, the teacher asked if she could really quote the entire psalm.

The little girl came to the front of the room, faced the class, made a perky little bow, and said,

"The Lord is my shepherd, that's all I want."

She bowed again and went and sat down.

That may well be the greatest interpretation of the 23rd Psalm ever heard.

"Here lies an atheist. All dressed up and no place to go." — a tombstone in Thurmont, Maryland

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!!!

Happy Anniversary
'Penblwydd Priodas Hapus'
July 25th Esmor & Miranda Edwards

August

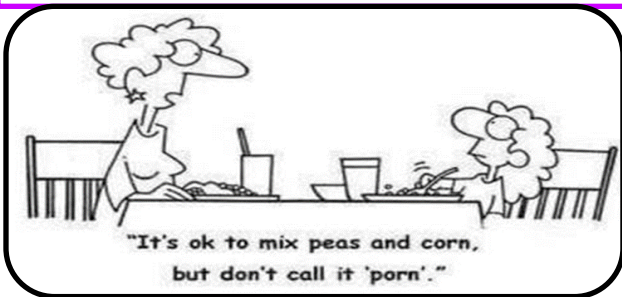
1st	Ken & Helen Mitchell	64th
2nd	Alan & Darlene Silvius	48th
5th	Trevor & Faye McLoughlin	
7th	Cliff & Pat Bowslaugh	62nd
15th	Keith & Viv Privat	52nd
17th	Ralph & Carolyn Heard	66th
31st	Arnie & Barb Janzen	



Two peanuts were walking down the street.
One was a-salted.

Some of the funniest people I have ever met were my supervisors at the Christian retreat center. Sometimes they were funny without even realizing it. One day, a supervisor left a box of donuts in the breakroom with a sign:
"Happy National Donut Day! Be blessed by these Angle Halos."
"Forgive Your Enemies— It Messes

A friend suggest putting horse manure on my strawberries:
Never doing that again! Going back to whipped cream!!



FELLOWSHIP FOLLOWING WORSHIP EACH WEEK

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

July 9th,
Edie Mowatt & Sheila McCausland

16th,
Sheila McCausland & June Pedlow

23rd
Darlyne & ??????

30th.

August 6th

August 13th
Marilyn Hoffman & Helen Dyer

Trinity July Birthdays

14th	Linda Garson
14th	Dorothy Helgeson
16th	Donna Pearen
19th	Kathy Mitchell
31st	Anne Clark

Trinity August Birthdays

4th	Colin Snelgrove
13th	Shirley Kernaghan

"Never make fun of someone who speaks broken English. It means they know another language."
H. Jackson Brown, Jr.



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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; please call the office.
204 728-4796



Rev. Doug's last service for 5 weeks was last Sunday (16th). His time away includes continuing education and holidays. Enjoy your well earned break, Doug!

Alice Laminman has been moved to Wawanesa PCH. I had a phone conversation with her and she is happy there. Her daughter, Linda, who had the brain surgery and also needed a PCH, is in Wawanesa as well and has a room beside Alice. Our newsletter will be printed off there for her; thanks to their Recreation Staff, Cheryl!

Heather Moore: convalescing from hip surgery. Glad to hear there is no more pain!!

Some of you will remember **Gwen Bollman.** She worshiped with us for a number of years; but, because of illness, was moved out to Calgary where her son, Miles, lives. We had a call from Miles this week; Gwen passed away during the Pandemic and will be coming 'home' for burial. The family is asking us for a luncheon on August 18th at noon.

UCW is looking after this. Miles said that he attended cubs and scouts at Trinity! déjà vu ...



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

Hillcrest PCH: Don Jessiman

Souris PCH: Emma Garden

Rideau: Don Chambers, 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

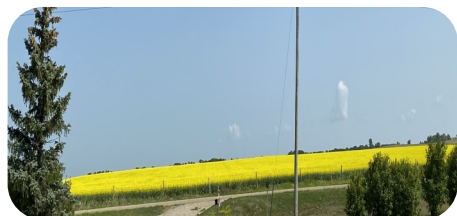
Rotary Villas: Myrna Barkley, Marg Lovstrom

Victoria Landing: Al & Helen Lauder, Betty McFarland,
Fred Miller, Pat Rathwell

Wawanesa PCH: Alice Laminman

Let me live in a house
by the side of the road
Where the race of men go by
The men who are good
and the men who are bad,
As good and as bad as I.
I would not sit
in the scorner's seat
Nor hurl the cynic's ban-
Let me live in a house
by the side of the road
And be a friend to man.

Does this poem bring back some memories? This was a framed wall hanging in my family home



Beautiful view from across the road from my acreage.



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The newsletter is prepared every 2nd week

Delivery is being made to all non email

The next issue will be August 3rd, 2023

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