



Trinitopics & Church Announcements

18 ~ Thursday, August 31st, 2023



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Worship News



Thank you for Pulpit Supply Coverage

On behalf of the Worship committee I wish to acknowledge and thank the following individuals and groups who lead us in worship during Rev. Doug's absences this spring and summer due to Prairie to Pine Region meetings, continuing education events and vacation:

- May 7: Worship Committee: Glenda Penner, Faye McLoughlin, Angela Johnston, Randolph Smyth & Alan Silvius
- May 21: UCW
- July 23: Faye McLoughlin
- July 30: Pat Bowslaugh & Miranda Edwards
- August 6: Helen Mitchell, Gail Thickett, Donald Livesley & Alan Silvius
- August 13: Judy Diswinka & Darlynn Smith
- August 20: Barb Janzen



It is never easy to put yourself out there to prepare and deliver a worship service that may take you out of your comfort zone, but these folks stepped forward to meet the challenge. May God bless them with greater things for their generous contribution to our worship experience this spring and summer while our Minister has been away.

"May the Lord bless them and keep them; may the Lord make his face shine upon them and be gracious to them. Thank you for serving with a willing heart and joyful spirit."

We are truly blessed at Trinity.

Alan Silvius, Worship Convener

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.



Trinity Sunday School teachers are excited to welcome all children and youth back to class this fall. The children will have registration and their first class on **September 17th, 2023** and will meet every second Sunday. Our youth will resume September 24th and will meet weekly

Trinity Gift Card Fundraising Project:

We are having a Gift Card Fundraiser which will take place during the month of September. Orders, including payment, must be received by Thursday, September 28th 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).

Attention: Sobeys and Superstore Gift Cards are available for sale from Eden in the office.

September wagon donations is for Samaritan House Ministries

Also a big 'thank you' for the response to our plea for supplies for Helping Hands. Ken and Kathy Knight took the generous givings for August to Helping Hands.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Trinity junior Sunday school registration September 17th & every second Sunday following. Senior Sunday school registration on September 24th and every week following.</p>					1 Prairie Group 8 pm	2 RCCG Choir Practice 6pm
3 Trinity Worship 10am RCCG Worship 12:30pm COP Worship 5pm	4 Office Closed Labour Day	5 WW 9am WW 4:30pm Prairie Group 8 pm	6 RCCG Bible Study 7pm	7 Choir Practice Sanctuary 7pm	8 Prairie Group 8 pm RCCG Meet 9pm	9 Pat's Writers Library 10:30am RCCG Choir Practice 6pm
10 Trinity Worship 10am RCCG Worship 12:30pm COP Worship 5pm	11 Eastern Star Basement 5:30 pm WIH Sanctuary 7pm	12 WW 9am UCW 1:15 down WW 4:30pm Board Meeting Upstairs 7pm Prairie Group 8 pm	13 RCCG Bible Study 7pm	14 TUC Newsletter Choir Practice Sanctuary 7pm	15 Funeral 1 pm (tentative) Prairie Group 8 pm	16 RCCG Choir Practice 6pm
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Thank You!!

Someone left a package in the 'in church' mailbox with my name on it. I was delighted to receive it and know many of these will be shared with our congregation!!

I do have a couple of suspicions but please know that they are appreciated & I would love to share your name!!!! (sure used a lot of staples!)



Blessings ~ Darlynnne



Wayne Del



Wayne Del

Pringles in Boissevain

60 years ago, Brothers Del & Wayne Pringle started 'Pringles Men's Wear'. Del sold his half to Wayne's son, Ken, a few years ago. Today this business has changed its name to 'Pringles Sports Excellence' and has Ken's son, Tyson, working there, as well.

Today, it is a three generation operation. Congratulations to all!!

Another story regarding Del next newsletter.

Elevator Update

The new elevator proposal that was received on July 21st has been reviewed by the Board. There are a few 'extras', with more cost to them, that needed more explanation, so there was a meeting to discuss them. Caution is being taken. Thank you for your patience & understanding. There will be more news early September.



**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.

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

Sing, Sing, Sing to the Lord

We are excited to announce that Trinity Choir resumes gathering and exploring new and favourite anthems very soon!

We rehearse every Thursday 7-9 pm.

Rehearsal is also held prior to the service at 9.15 am every Sunday.

Davis our Director, and Holly our accompanist are ready to guide us in creating music of praise for worship.

We welcome all to choir.

Please consider this as your invitation to join this aspect of Trinity's ministry.

Our first rehearsal will be Thursday September 7 th @ 7 pm.



I knew Eden had this, but first time that I had seen it in 'action'. She was using it when she was working in the office recently. It allows her to change positions when sitting so much in her job.



Rev. Doug showing the new laptop that will display the PowerPoint slides at Sunday Services.

Trinity UCW will be picking up the tab for this item.
Much needed!!



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



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.

UCW

September Birthdays

- 14th Helen Hicks
- 17th Joanne McMillan
- 19th Louise Hume

September 20th, 2023
 UCW & Friends Women's Day
 10 am ~ 4 pm

Trinity UCW is hosting UCW and friends from Brandon and areas surrounding, to a day of fun, fellowship, faith and food.

'The normal!'

All women welcome.

Guest speaker:

Joan Zaretsky from Winnipeg
 & Ross Robinson from John Howard Society.

Please see **Page 6** for more info.

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>

Their names are on the back page of this newsletter.

TRIUMPH OF THE CROSS



Our **Trinity Garden Team** are doing a great job!
 Thank you Sheila McCausland, Marv & Georgie Pidhorny & Louanne Reid.
 Our garden has been so lovely all summer!!
 The roses are fading but seeing more of others!!

Thank you

To everyone who helped at the large funeral luncheon this week. So many were so generous with your time, expertise & the lovely dainties.

To our senior Sunday school gals who helped immensely with their young legs, and also, to a UCW husband who helped, you all were so appreciated!!

Each one of you was a spoke that made up the wheel that day!!

Gratefully: Marlane, Darlene, Darlyne and Trinity UCW.

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Morgan Harris and Mercedes Myran were murdered in 2022, and their bodies were left in a Winnipeg landfill. Morgan and Mercedes' families and communities have been calling for a search of the landfill ever since, and the province has refused. The federal government will not take action alone.

Landfill searches for non-Indigenous murder victims have been successfully undertaken in the past, yet Manitoba remains unwilling to act in this case. This is an act of racism, and demonstrates a lack of humanity. It has emboldened others to commit racist acts against those calling for the basic dignity that has been afforded to others to be shown for Morgan and Mercedes.

The United Church of Canada believes that the inherent dignity of every human being must be respected. In life, and now in death, Morgan, Mercedes, and thousands of other missing and murdered Indigenous women, girls, and Two Spirit people have been denied the dignity and respect that they deserve.

In December 2022, the Rev. Michael Blair, General Secretary, wrote to Winnipeg Chief of Police Danny Smyth asking that he revisit his decision to not search the Prairie Green landfill at that time. The Prairie-to-Pine Regional Council has just released a statement calling for members to raise the issue with officials and contact their local MLAs.

We call on the government to bring Morgan and Mercedes home to their loved ones.

We are in solidarity with Camp Morgan and Camp Mercedes in Winnipeg. #SearchTheLandfill

Communities of faith, ministries, and individuals across the country are invited to share this message and add their own voices to the call for a search. As you do so, please be aware of the trauma that these recent events continue to bring up for those who have been most closely affected. Visit The United Church of Canada [Facebook page](#) and [Instagram channel](#) for social media, banner images, and profile graphics you can share to amplify this call for justice.



... From E & O Committee
Alison Murray

Sharing a new idea at Fairview PC Home ... held on July 21st, 2023

There was a first time trial of a Talent Contest by Fairview's residents that happened in July. The criteria was to 'strut your stuff' in anything. It ended up providing a wonderful hour plus of folks singing, telling jokes, playing a fiddle, showing Karate moves, Ukulele playing & singing, displaying handywork, singing to karaoke, reciting poetry. I hope I have remembered all of the talent that I witnessed that day. Trinity's Judy Diswinka played a few tunes on her fiddle & I accompanied her.

This was the first one, and I really think it will become an annual event, or more often.

A great new idea!! Way to go Fairview Recreation!!

Trinity Outreach Christmas Cheer Hampers

Trinity Outreach Committee are beginning to plan for the delivering of Christmas Cheer hampers to families at Christmas time. We would like to use shopping totes with handles like the ones in this picture. If you have totes like this that you can donate or lend to the organizing committee please let someone on the committee know.

The boxes provided by Christmas Cheer are very large and heavy after packing so in order to help our delivering families we would like to use reusable tote bins. These bins would be unpacked at the recipient families' homes and taken back by the delivering people.

Thanks for your help.

Trinity Outreach:

Connie Haigh, Kathy Knight, Faye McLoughlin, Heather Moore, Linda Friesen

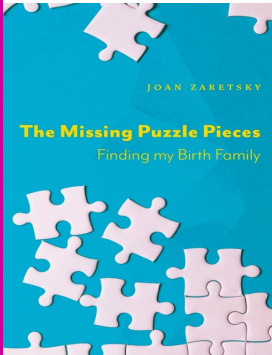


Trinity UCW hosting
Women's Day of Fun, Faith, Fellowship & Food
Wednesday, September 20th

Two Speakers:

(Author) Joan Zaretsky &

Ross Robinson from John Howard Society (speaking on Food Rescue)



Manitoba Author Finds Birth Family After 55 years

The Missing Puzzle Pieces: Finding My Birth Family

Submitted by Joan (Hudson) Zaretsky

Have you ever been in a public place and observed someone who looked like you and wondered to yourself "Could this woman be my mother?"? For the vast majority of the population, this scenario would never happen. For those individuals who are adopted and have not found their birth family, this can be a common occurrence. Not knowing their birth mother and/or father can cause an individual to experience a gap in their understanding as to who they are as a person and who are their birth family members.

Knowing she was adopted from age three, when she went with her parents to select her new baby brother at the Child and Family Services building, Joan believed that all babies were simply chosen by new parents. She spent her early years living with her adoptive parents on a dairy farm in Rosser Municipality. Her dad and her uncle farmed together and her two cousins were also adopted. Adoption was the norm for her as a young child.

Joan's book, ***The Missing Puzzle Pieces: Finding My Birth Family***, is an exploration of strategies adopted children and adults can employ when seeking their heritage by finding their birth parents. Her story is a tribute to Joan's loving adoptive family for preparing her to deal with unforeseeable life challenges as she meets her new birth family.

As you read the book, a remarkable number of coincidences or *Godwinks* are revealed in the journey finding her roots. One amazing *Godwink* involved meeting a woman at a house party in Tucson, Arizona who grew up two doors down the street from Joan's birth family in Ochre River, MB. Her journey to find information about her birth family was truly a work of revelations and wonder.

It is a book which will make you laugh, make you cry and make you ponder questions about your own heritage and life experiences. As an Instructor in the topic of Resiliency at the University of Winnipeg, Joan's story describes many situations whereby she was forced to draw upon her resiliency strategies to keep moving forward.

Joan Zaretsky has been an educator for over 45 years in many different educational capacities. She has a Doctoral degree in Inclusive Special Education and has written and presented papers across North America. This memoir is her first book written passionately from her heart rather than her research findings. She currently sits on the Board of Directors of the Lilyfield United Church and has been the Secretary of the Prairie to Pine UCW Executive for the past three years.

Did you know that Brandon has a 'Food Rescue Store' at 719 Rosser Ave in Brandon, MB? Some of you will, as 55 Plus had him, **Ross Robinson from John Howard Society**, for a speaker last November. However, many of people coming to our gathering on the 20th, will not have heard him. It was thought that this is a topic that might be of interest to rural towns, as well.

We will welcome Ross to our gathering in the afternoon and will follow with a question time.

More information next newsletter.



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Alison Murray & Darlynn Smith

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United Church:

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



Thank you, Al Friesen, for fixing these!!

Sending People to School—Together: Patti Talbot's Work

How do you make the world a better place?

You can start by taking kids to school.



Around the world, 57 million children cannot attend school.* They may never learn to read, to add or subtract, or to write. These are the skills they need to succeed.

Even more importantly, they never learn about their basic human rights.

It's a complicated problem, says Patti Talbot, the United Church's Global Partnership Team Leader. "The work we do isn't going to lead to immediate societal change," she says, "but it will make a big difference down the road."

When children can't go to school, society suffers. And that is why Mission & Service is in partnership with 85 organizations that work to increase access to education across the globe.

Each partner has their own approach to education and skills training, each supported by your gifts to Mission & Service.

Colombia's Center for Communication uses arts and media to teach children about their rights. Women for Change in Zambia creates educational groups where participants share agricultural knowledge and awareness of their rights. At Japan's Asian Rural Institute, local leaders gather to learn sustainable agriculture techniques they can take home and transform their communities.

"How can we make the world a better place?" asks Talbot before responding, "We can't do that by ourselves; our partners know best what the challenges are."

Talbot, a child of missionaries who was raised in Japan and Korea, knows that educational partnerships are critical. "In our partnerships, we learn from and teach each other," she says. "The United Church's focus is more than just sharing resources, but really sharing life together."

It's an approach that Talbot knows works, even if results take time. "Our partners are very grateful that the United Church of Canada has demonstrated over and over again that we are there for the long term," Talbot says.

"Partners say to us 'It makes such a difference to us to know that the United Church is with us, walking with us in prayer, supporting us, remembering us in their lives.'"

Fill the Trinity Wagon

This may not look like our food collection wagon at Trinity but at least it is green.

September's food collection is to help the folks at **Samaritan House** fill hampers for 80-100 families per month.

Thanks to those of you who were able to support the work of Helping Hands in August.

Please note that any food items collected will be sorted and delivered to the appropriate agency.



Please see the lists posted on the Bulletin Board in the narthex for the most needed items for Samaritan House.

**Trinity 55 Plus
Trinity United Church
Thursday, September 21st, 1:30 pm**

**Join us for an amazing journey with
Gloria & Barry Hill
as they share their travels in Ecuador.**

**Everyone Welcome!! Please Join Us!!
Cookies, Beverage and
Fellowship to follow.**

**Voluntary donations to Society for Children
with DisAbilities.**

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

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



Trinity was honoured to have Rev. Ed and Greg spend two nights (August 19th & 20th) in the basement of our church. They joined us for service and fellowship.

They are on a journey across Canada to raise funds for secondary education for Uganda Orphans. As of August 31st morning, they are celebrating that they are half way; only 3500 km to go!! This morning they are at Nipigon, Ontario; which is the tip of Lake Superior. They camped at Kakabeka Falls, which they said was 'spectacular'!

If interested, you can follow them on <https://www.youtube.com/@GregEd-lh6uf> Or <https://www.gofundme.com/f/educational-needs-for-16-ugandan-orphans>

Thank you, Trinity, for your generous support!



Pat's Writers Group

will convene again after the summer break on **Saturday, September 9 at 10:30 in the Trinity library.**

Our prompt for this session is:
"It had been the happiest day of his life. . . "

All are welcome!

Please contact Alison Murray for more info.
204 725-3471 almark@mymts.net

TRINITY 55 PLUS MISSION FOR MITTENS CONTINUES.....

we are again open to receiving your gifts of mittens, socks, etc. for children, adults, and those new to Canada who have never dealt with our cold weather...

a basket will be set up in the narthex to receive them...
They are always so gratefully received by the recipients..

Blessings and thank you..

Trinity 55 Plus making a difference a little at a time:
Glenn & Ruth Sawyer: 204 728-4683, Gail Thickett: 204 725-4934
Larry & Hazel Sage: 204 728-6215

TWENTY YEARS AGO (Brandon Sun; August 31st, 2023 ... page A6)

Geography teacher **Al Friesen** is trekking to Nunavut to share his knowledge of a software tool with students. The Neelin High School teacher is speaking about Geographic Information Systems (GIS), a software tool, at Kiilnik High School in Cambridge Bay. GIS combines layers of information about places on Earth to give you a better understanding of that place.

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!!!

September
 1st Al & Linda Friesen
 12th Sam & Myrna Lennon **65th**



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

- ◆ Bring your sins to the altar and drop them like it is hot.
- ◆ Visitors welcomed. Members expected
- ◆ Seven days without prayers makes one weak.
 - ◆ Jesus loves you and your tattoos.
- ◆ We are praying and listening to the scientists.
- ◆ Download your worries and get online with God.
- ◆ What section would you prefer in the afterlife? Smoking or non-smoking?
- ◆ How do we make holy water? We boil the hell out of it.
- ◆ Hipster Jesus loved you before you were cool.
- ◆ God wants full custody, not just weekend visits.
 - ◆ Jesus had two dads, and he turned out fine.
- ◆ If you are more fortunate than others, build a longer table, not a taller fence.
- ◆ Lord, help us be the people our dogs think we are.
- ◆ Are you having trouble sleeping? Try one of our sermons.
- ◆ If God had a refrigerator, your picture would be on it.
- ◆ What part of 'Thou shall not' don't you understand?
 - ◆ Sin is a short word with a long sentence.
- ◆ Why pay for GPS? Jesus gives directions for free.
- ◆ Pastors feed and lead, members swallow and follow

Horse Play
 A farm hand took his girl for a buggy ride and nine miles out in the country the horse dropped dead.
 'oh dear' sighed the girl 'and I am so tired'!
 'Suppose I give you a nice kiss, 'said the farmhand. 'This will put life in you'.
 'In that case, said the girl, 'you'd better kiss the horse'!

Trinity September Birthdays

14th	Miranda Edwards
16th	Rick Church
22nd	Bill Hutchings (96 years)
23rd	Linda Friesen
28th	Myrna Lennon
29th	Sheila Atkinson

FELLOWSHIP FOLLOWING WORSHIP EACH WEEK

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

**August 27th
 Marlane & Darlynn**

**September 3rd
 Edie Mowat & Sheila McCausland**

**September 10th
 September 17th
 September 24th**

**Looking for volunteers
 for September~ thanks!**



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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



Welcoming back
 'the man dressed in black':

No, it is not Johnny Cash!! It is Rev. Doug dressed in black as he had a funeral service following our Sunday service last week!

Great to have him refreshed & back in the saddle!

- ◆ Thinking of Vera Skayman; in Assiniboine
- ◆ Our thoughts and prayers to anyone who has/ is experiencing health issues. If you know of someone, please let Marlane &/or the church office know. Thank you!



Thoughts and Prayers to Irene Thompson & family on Dave's passing on August 20th. His service was August 28th.

In Our Thoughts & Prayers



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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

Our house is so much brighter
 When you come here to stay;
 Our troubles seem much lighter
 And sad thoughts fly away.
 We're sorry when you leave us,
 We hoped you would remain,
 Now we're longing for the next
 time
 You visit us again.

(From
 The Friendship Book



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