



Trinitopics & Church Announcements

21 ~ Thursday, October 12th, 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, bender 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 safely and support in respect of social justice and human rights.

Pickerel Supper: Wednesday, October 18th 4:30—6:30 pm

There are 50 tickets left for the supper.

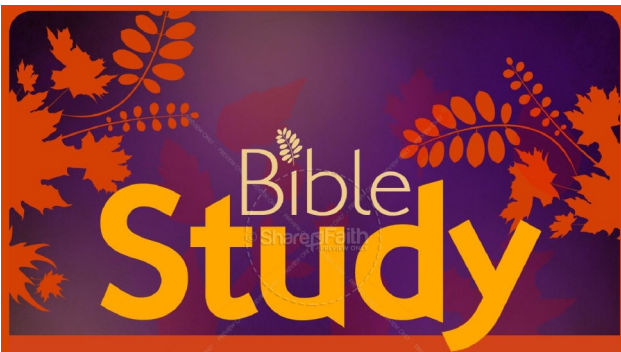
They will be on sale on Sunday and in the office on Monday & Tuesday.

They can be paid for with cash, cheque or e transfer.

Keith & Ken are meeting the fisherman and getting fresh pickerel on Tuesday!! And on Wednesday, we eat them!!

If you would like to work at the supper, please call

Alan Silvius at (204) 726-4169.



Each Thursday @ 1:30

Trinity Directory

There have been questions as to when the directory will be available. I am working on getting the pages set up and put the info on a stick to send to IPC.

I will let you know when I get it sent and then an approximate time frame for the return.

I do apologise for my tardiness .

Darlynne

Trinity 60th Anniversary Shirts

There are some people asking about the Trinity shirts so they are going on sale in the narthex starting on **Sunday, October 22nd**. The shirts are \$25.00 each and can be purchased by cash, cheque or e transfer.

There are still most sizes.

There are also some pens left @ \$2.00 each.

Trinity United Church

October 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
1 Trinity Worship + Sun Sch 10am RCCG Worship 12:30pm COP Worship 5pm	2 Office Closed NDTR Eastern Star Decorating 1pm Eastern Star Basement 5:30 pm	3 WW 9am UCW Downstairs 1:15pm WW 4:30pm Prairie Group 8 pm	4 RCCG Bible Study 7pm	5 Shirley Macdonald Funeral 2pm Choir Practice Sanctuary 7pm	6 Communion @ Riverheights Terrace 11 am Prairie Group 8 pm	7 RCCG Choir Practice 6pm	
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The congregation donated 451 socks in the 5 week program!!
Bear Clan 145 pair, Samaritan House 160 pair and 146 pair went to the Women's Shelter.

The 'special' socks were displayed, with some 'dancing' going on at Fellowship!



The generosity of Trinity showed up again with M&S (sock) money collected being \$504.90!! This will be added to the budget for M & S for 2023. Thanks to Eden & Randolph for counting it!! Wow!!
Thank you for your fun and generosity from Trinity's Outreach Committee!!



Our next meeting is
Tuesday, November 7th, 2023 starting at 1:15 pm

Collection for Pregnancy Support Centre in Nov.

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



Calling All Women

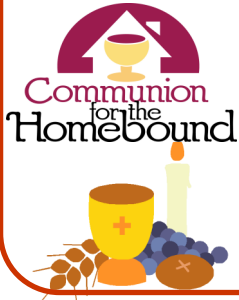
UCW Purpose

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 October Birthdays

22nd Doris Single
26th Lorraine Grill
31st Viv Privat

Please note change in these dates!



Care Home Thanksgiving Communion.

Valleyview PCH:
Friday, October 13th @ 2 pm.

Fairview PCH:
Tuesday, October 17th @ 2 pm

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.

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

At the October UCW meeting, we reported that Darlene, Marlane & I met Louise Hume at Fairview in the Orchard room and presented her with her UCW Life Membership pin. Her history in UCW was:

Leader of Unit 3 1972-1974

Member of afternoon unit from 1975-1979

Rejoined general unit in 2011 until present

Secretary of general UCW 1973-1974

President of General UCW in

2019 & beginning of 2020

As well, her church involvement:

Office secretary 1974-1979

Official Board Secretary 1975-1980; 1983;
2011 - 2013.

Official Board Chair: 1995 - 1996; & 2014 - 2016.

Presbytery Rep: 1976 - 1979; 1990 - 1992;
2014 - 2016.

Worship Committee Chair: 1984 - 1985

Messenger Leader: 1970 - 1973

Congratulations, Louise!!



One of our UCW ladies, Leslie Preston, has a very different hobby. She makes miniature displays like the one here in this picture. She has one for every season plus many unique creations. Thank you for sharing your Thanksgiving creation with us!! Lots of intricate work!!

Trinity United Church Profit & Loss

Jan - Sep 23

Ordinary Income/Expense	
▶ Income	122,474.99
Gross Profit	122,474.99
▶ Expense Includes \$34,282 elevator deposit	149,865.84
Net Ordinary Income	(27,390.85)
▶ Other Income/Expense ▶	(21,939.61) ◀
Net Income	(49,330.46)

To give without any reward, or any notice, has a special quality of its own.

Anne Morrow Lindbergh



Thank you, once again, to the Trinity Garden Team this year!!

Louanne Reid,
Sheila McCausland,
Marv & Georgie
Pidhorny.

The garden was so lovely all summer!

I couldn't help thinking that this birdhouse with the beautiful fall leaves looked so nice. Marv said that he had put that in a number of years ago.

Gorgeous!!

Thank you, all, for your dedicated gift of time.

A note from Louanne re: 'maple bugs'.

About those Trinity Garden creepy bugs: they are known as box-elder or maple bugs. When I was growing up they were seen in the autumn. Now they seem to be around all year.

A mixture of Dawn dish soap and water (one tablespoon Dawn per cup of water) seems effective in ending their existence....until a new group moves in!

They really infested that first day lily plant this year. Apparently they are distasteful to birds and without a predator they linger.

If every living thing is here for a reason, the reason for them being here has not yet revealed itself!

(something like the mosquitos and wood ticks, eh Louanne??)

Elevator Update

Exciting things are happening!!
The old elevator is getting removed, making way for the new one.

Thank you to everyone who have mobility issues and are making the best of the situation!!



On a first evening gathering, there were 32 people who came out to 55 Plus to hear Sonia Morrice share her passion about plant based cooking and eating. She brought many props of what she buys for cooking and baking, many recipes plus a mountain of treats for everyone to taste.

When she said that you wouldn't go home hungry, she was definitely true to her word!!

Another great speaker for Trinity 55 Plus!!

Thanks to everyone !!

We are going to be treated to a 'costume parade' with our Sunday School on October 29th during service. Some of the former Central folk mentioned that this was done at Central and was enjoyed. So come ready to enjoy our young folk 'strutting their stuff'. Maybe some of the congregation would like to join?

The sky's the limit!!



Lost and Found basket has many items in it. There is also a cuff link that was found out by the garden!

Please check through these items. If not claimed, they will be donated to a charity at the end of **October, of this year**. I will **try** to remember to put them out in the narthex for Sunday.

Trinity's October Collection

**HELPING HANDS
CENTRE OF
BRANDON, INC.**



Regular Donated Items: Canned goods Dry goods Fresh produce
Needed Essentials

Margarine
Mayonnaise
Mustard
Sugar
Soya Sauce

Juice
Bottled Water
Garbage bags
Gloves (food safe)
Plastic shopping bags

**IF CHURCH LADIES WERE IN
CHARGE OF THE LAST SUPPER**



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Pickerel Supper Nostalgia Trinity's first Pickerel Suppers

On October 18th, 2012 then March 20th, 2014, Grant and Sheila McCausland initiated the first two Pickerel suppers at Trinity. Grant & the Property Committee took charge of the fish and Sheila recruited some ladies, and voila! There were 93 tickets sold in 2012 with a profit of \$1026.00 and the number of tickets wasn't available for 2014, but the profit was \$1608. On April 15th, 2015, the UCW took on the supper and the info below was in the Brandon Sun.

One fish, two fish, red fish, blue fish ...

Or hundreds of pickerel were served up at the 3rd annual fish fry at Trinity United Church on April 15.

Some 265 people attended this sold-out event with two different seatings at 5 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.

The men who attend Trinity United Church planned and ran the fish fry for the past two years; however, this year, the UCW ladies group planned the meal and the men ordered, prepared and cooked the fish on the outside grill.

mission giving. Much of it will stay in Brandon where the need seems to be many."

Also served up with the fish were some home cooked baked potatoes, corn, coleslaw, buns and of course some delicious desserts.

Grant and Sheila McCausland said, "The money raised at this event goes towards church projects and

To find out more about Trinity United Church or the dinner, visit them online at trinitybrandon.ca.

Thanks, Sheila!!

So interesting as we prepare for our 8th Pickerel Supper on Oct. 18th



Ken and Elsie Stanley.



Beryl Truscotte and Lois Serle.



Janice Seddon and Joan Gloor.

Ignite Your Delight

Live THE GOLDEN RULE
It will make a happier world and a happier, loving you.

Be **CREATIVE**! Take up a new hobby. *Create blessings for others. Create answers to problems.*

ADOPT
a tree or a nature spot

Observe • Appreciate • Listen
Experience nature's beauty

Write a Personal MISSION statement
Define the basic purpose of your life.

Watch a Sunrise or Sunset
- breathe in the splendour
- it will penetrate your soul

Sheila creation





Loving One Another



Numerous longitudinal studies reveal that relationships, not just genetics, are the cornerstone of longevity, and all types of relationships – family, friends, partners, and neighbours/community- play a role. However, the quality of the relationships may also play a role.

While all relationships are unique, healthy relationships tend to have a few common elements:

- ♦ Equity – viewing each other as equals.
- ♦ Respect – seeing dignity and value in each other.
- ♦ Communication – ability to share ideas, feelings, opinions, and disagree constructively.
- ♦ Trust – consistency in actions and words over time
- ♦ Responsibility and Accountability – owning our actions, and not needing to check in with others.
- ♦ Support – celebrating the successes of others, encouraging personal growth.
- ♦ Honesty – telling the truth.
- ♦ Boundaries – giving consent and personal/physical ability to say no.
- ♦ Non-threatening behaviour – not controlling the other person.

Interestingly, LGBTQ+ unions are often happier than the mainstream and can teach heterosexual people about healthy relationships.

According to a study from Open University, LGBTQ+ relationships exhibit a high degree of equity without stereotypical expectations of gender roles and family/household duties. Authentically celebrating sexuality, gender identity, while respecting boundaries and comfort levels of how a relationship is expressed in public is a very conscious, intentional decision that heterosexual or cisgendered individuals might take for granted. LGBTQ+ relationships often require a greater level of communication about roles, responsibilities, and boundaries, and sex creating more transparency and greater levels of trust. Additionally, research suggests that LGBTQ+ individuals are adept at handling disagreements and focusing on praising and supporting their partners. Furthermore, LGBTQ+ persons often form commitments based on highly emotional, rational, and pragmatic reasons and craft their own path for the relationship rather than following culturally imposed scripts.

Being open to learning about healthy relationships as exhibited by LGBTQ+ individuals, might also be a way to live authentically in faith with all the attributes of love that are life-giving. We are called to love our neighbours. Applying the attributes of a healthy relationship to everyone we meet might be a quiet, gentle way of doing this.



Additional Reading:

Healthy vs. Unhealthy Relationships. University of Alabama.

Research shows it's relationships, not genetics, that lengthen your life. Deseret News.

What LGBTQ+ Relationships Can Teach Us About Love. Open University.



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Alison Murray & Darlynn Smith


To receive weekly information to your email, or to read what is happening in the United Church:

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

Alison & I will be contacting a few of you to get your opinions on The United Church structural changes that came into effect in 2018. Prairie to Pine require that Communities of Faith do a regular Self-Assessment (Manual 2022, B2.1.b) rather than be part of triennial Oversight visits that had been the responsibility of Presbyteries. As they wish this report be returned by December 15th, we will be asking some of you to fill out the survey. Thank you, in advance!!


Alison Murray & Darlynn Smith;

Prairie Blend
Choir




FALL CONCERT

HARVEST OF HARMONIES
CELEBRATE FALL
WITH A
SYMPHONY OF
VOICES!



October 15, 2023 at 3PM
Knox United Church, 451 17th Street, Brandon
Admission \$10



Western Manitoba Youth Choir 2023
In Concert

TUESDAY OCT 17
DATE

7:30 PM
TIME

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
LOCATION

\$15.- 12 & under - FREE
ADMISSION

CHORISTERS REPRESENTING
Elkhorn
Melita
Souris
Miniota
Oak Lake
Wawanessa
Deloraine
Goodlands
Killarney
Neepawa
Brandon
Virden
Cromer
Justice
Forrest
Rivers

THE ROTARY CLUB OF BRANDON
SPONSORED BY



Pat's Writers Group

Friday, October 20 at 10:30 in the Trinity library.

Our prompt for this session is:
"There's only one thing in the world I'm afraid of. . ."
Or if you have a dog story- **or both!**

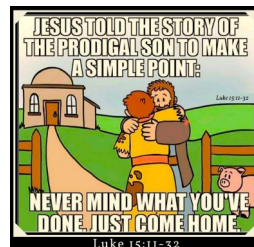
All are welcome!
Please contact Alison Murray for more info.
204 725-3471 almark@mymts.net

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



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!!!

October

5th Norm & Val Poersch
 11th Doug & Donna Neufeld
 12th Glenn & Ruth Sawyer
 20th Harvey & Irene Smith



Trinity October Birthdays

17th Hillary Baker
 20th Harvey Smith
 22nd Cathy Snelgrove
 22nd Nancy Snelgrove
 30th Carole Winstone



What happens when doctors get mad?
 They lose their patients
 I had amnesia once... or twice.

I am neither for nor against apathy.

All I ask is a chance to prove that money can't make me happy.

If the world were a logical place, men would be the ones who ride horses side saddle.

What is a "free gift"? Aren't all gifts free?

They told me I was gullible... and I believed them.

Teach a child to be polite and courteous in the home and, when he grows up, he'll never be able to merge his car onto the freeway.

Experience is the thing you have left when everything else is gone.

One nice thing about egotists: they don't talk about other people.

FELLOWSHIP FOLLOWING WORSHIP EACH WEEK

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

**October 15th
 Faye & Faye**

**October 22nd
 Myrna Lane, Myrna Lennon,
 Edna Stewart**

**October 29th
 June Pedlow & Frances McKague**

Needing help for November. Please see the sign up sheet at Fellowship. 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; please call the office.
 204 728-4796



There are many things for which we give thanks
 A glorious sunrise reflected in a duck slough,
 Green leaves unfolding in the spring:
 The flash of a white-tailed deer in the bluff;
 A bird call from a saskatoon bush;
 Spider webs on slender branches, like silvery nets
 Flung out by fairies to catch the diamond dew:
 The crisp crackle of dried leaves as you scuffle
 through them; Violets in the rain ...
 the smell of woodsmoke ...a rainbows end ...
 The softness of a prairie sunset.
Written by Angus Campbell McColl
Former United Church minister in Boissevain

- ◆ Thinking of **Eileen McLarty** and **Winnie Black** after spending time in hospital recently.
- ◆ Looking forward to seeing **Sharon Howard** when her health allows. Thinking of you, Sharon!
- ◆ 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!



*In Our Thoughts
 & Prayers*

Alice Laminman & her family on the loss of daughter **Linda Malcolm & Shirley Macdonald families** as they deal with both of their parents deaths.
Donna Myers and families following **Elwood's** passing.
Shirley O'Driscoll families . service is Oct 14th at 2
Bill Hutchings and families re: loss of 105 year old sister **Beryle Burt.**

Thank you, Sheila!

Our Friends in Personal Care and Senior Homes

- Dinsdale:** Lois Aube
- 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, Del Pringle
- Riverheights Terrace:** Pheme Andrew, Elsie Franklin, Patty Hargreaves, Dave McClelland, Marlene Shantz,
- Rotary Villas:** Myrna Barkley, Marg Lovstrom
- Victoria Landing:** Elizabeth Cass, Al & Helen Lauder, Betty McFarland, Fred Miller, Pat Rathwell, Wilma Seafoot
- Wawanesa PCH:** Alice Laminman

*" Do a good deed every day,
 Obey the Golden Rule
 Never say an angry word
 Or be unkind or cruel
 Scatter seeds of happiness
 At home or play or school
 And you'll find there's
 sunshine everywhere
 Obey the Golden Rule."*



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