



# Trinitopics & Church Announcements

# 22 ~ Thursday, October 26th, 2023



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## Advent Season Worship Services:



November 26: White Gift Sunday

December 3: Advent 1 & Communion

December 10: Advent 2

December 17: Advent 3 - ? Choir Cantata & Communion

December 22: Blue Christmas Service @ 7:00 pm

December 24: Advent 4 & Christmas Eve @ 7:00 pm (No service @ 10:00 am)

December 31: Worship Around the Breakfast Table.

**Potluck breakfast @ 9:30 followed by**

Worship service which will all take place downstairs. (Rev. Doug on vacation)

### Scripture Readers Wanted 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 work for you. Responsibilities are outlined in the binder.

The Worship Committee would like all to know that if you wish to make an announcement on Sunday mornings, please get approval from Rev. Doug prior to the service. Thank you for your diligence.



**Church Decorating for Advent Season**  
**Wednesday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> 10:00 am**  
**Everyone Welcome! We need your help!**

The next 'Elevator Fundraiser' will be the Strathclair Theatre Chorus who come every second year to perform.

Only about 80 tickets sold! Please see page 5.

### Trinity Christmas Gift Card Fundraising Project:

We are having a Christmas Gift Card Fundraiser during the month of November. If you are considering using these cards as potential gifts, FundScrip has indicated all gift cards are good across Canada and can be used in any province.

**Orders, including payment, must be received by Tuesday, November 28<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: [silviusa@mymts.net](mailto:silviusa@mymts.net) or via phone at (204) 726-4169 (Home) or (204) 570-2338 (Cell).



If you are able to be a substitute pianist, or if you know someone who might be willing to have their name on a substitute pianist list for times when Holly is unavailable, please contact Barb Janzen . 204-761-6893. Thanks!




**Trinity Stewardship Campaign**

The appeal letters not picked up, have been mailed. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact a member of the BA Committee.

Barry Hill, Randolph Smyth, Marv Pidhorny,  
Larry Sage or Todd Kruk.



**Trinity United Church November 2023**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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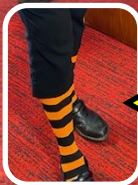
**Affirming Vision, Trinity United Church, Brandon, MB**

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.

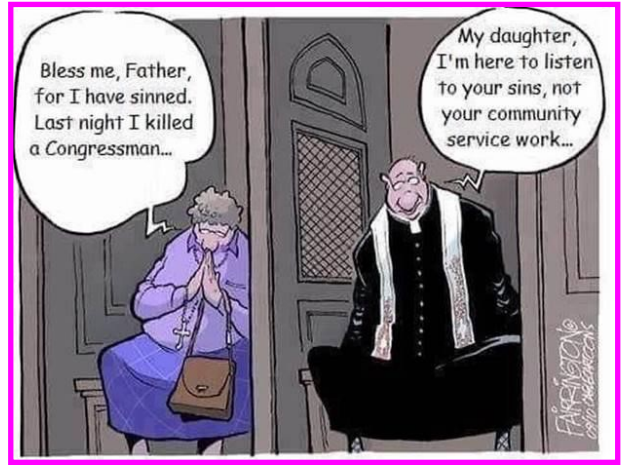
As a congregation we are committed to surroundings that reflect safely and support in respect of social justice and human rights.



What a wonderful treat we had on October 29th. Our Sunday school kids, along with their parents, provided a time of entertainment for all!! Thank you!!



Too shy to join!!



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## NOMINATIONS 2024



Trinity United Church is blessed to have a dedicated and multi- talented minister, great staff and a committed team of volunteers to carry out the mission of our church.

2023 has not been an easy year with the loss of long serving volunteers and dear members of our church.

As we prepare our teams for 2024 we realise that there is a great need to recruit more leaders to carry on this work and support our minister.

Some present Board members are willing to continue their work while others feel the need for a break. Thank you to those who have agreed to continue and to those stepping forward.

Key Board roles that will need replacements are as follows:

**CHAIR,**

**TREASURER,**

**BUSINESS and ADMINISTRATION Convenor,**

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION Convenor,**

**EQUITY and DIVERSITY Convenor**

All Board positions are a 12 month commitment starting January 1<sup>st</sup> 2024. The Board meets once a month and Committees meet an average of 4 times a year with communications and planning happening electronically at times.

If you are interested in any lead position or sitting on a committee, you are welcome to have a chat with myself ( 204 720 1086) or any Board member.

It is a privilege to be able to serve our church.

*Blessings, Miranda Edwards*  
*Nominations*



## Catch the Christmas spirit with Strathclair Theatre Chorus

Strathclair Theatre Chorus is known for making beautiful music and they are especially excited to help Westman audiences get in the Christmas spirit this fall!

“It’s Christmas” is a delightful blend of traditional and contemporary Christmas music. It features traditional hymns like O Holy Night, fun novelty songs such as Thirty Second Fa-La-La and selections from movies and musicals like Elf, How the Grinch Stole Christmas and The Polar Express

Strathclair Theatre Chorus is directed by Elizabeth Gebauer (Brandon) and Jeremy Allen (Brandon) and accompanied on piano by Penny Menzies (Inglis) and Barry McNabb (Minnedosa) and on flute by Jeremy Allen. The 50 men and women who make up the ensemble this year come from Strathclair, Shoal Lake, Cardale, Elphinstone, Birtle, Sandy Lake, Rivers, Brandon, Onanole, Glenboro, Minnedosa, Basswood, and Erickson. They rehearse from mid-September to mid-November and then perform in various communities in southern Manitoba. This year, their schedule includes concerts in Minnedosa, Brandon, Hamiota and Strathclair.

The theatre chorus’ first performance was at a dinner theatre on March 2nd, 1991, organized by Strathclair Theatre Committee Inc. as a fund-raiser for a renovation project at the Bend Theatre. It showcased the talents of 37 individuals, many of whom were members of the Strathclair Drama Club. A choir of 27 voices performed that evening, laying the groundwork for the growth and development of a strong, vibrant mixed-voice singing group.

### **Catch the Christmas Spirit with Strathclair Theatre Chorus!**

**Trinity United Church 1515-6th St, Brandon, MB**

**Saturday, November 18th, 2023 @ 7 pm**

**Tickets are \$25.00**

**Tickets available: in the office**

**Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 9–12 & 1–4,**

**Wednesday, November 8th & 15th, 1–4 pm**

**Marlane Wilson will be in the office**

**Also available in the narthex October 29th, November 5th & 12th.**

**Payment by cash, cheque or e transfer.**

**Profit to elevator fund**

**Please contact Marlane Wilson 204 729-8574**

**Or the church office 204 728-4796**



On Saturday, November 11th, 2023, The Royal Canadian Legion Branch No. 3 in Brandon will host its annual

Remembrance Day Service at the Keystone Centre.

The service begins at 10:45 a.m.

Guest speaker this year will be

Colonel Ed Roberds,

son of Harvey & Barb Roberds.

The very proud mother mentioned this to me, today (Thursday)!

I took Ed to school on the bus,  
many years ago!!(Darlynnne)





## Trinity and Christmas Cheer Hampers

The season of Advent is approaching, and the Outreach committee is making plans to help people of our community with Christmas hampers. We will be working with the Christmas Cheer Board to help supply items for their hampers. The Mission statement of the Christmas Cheer Board is "To provide Christmas dinner and gifts for the children, for families in the Westman area who would otherwise go without." This year, as we do not have an elevator to move food upstairs for packing, the committee will be collecting food and needed items and giving them to Christmas Cheer.

So here is how you can help:

Bring in non-perishable food items (see list of needed items below)

Donate new unwrapped gifts for children

Donate monetary gifts to support the purchase of hamper items

Volunteer your time to the Christmas Cheer Board

White Gift Sunday is November 26th: This is the Sunday when we will dedicate your gifts. The food donation wagon will be placed in the narthex beginning November 5th until the end of November.

Please make any monetary donations to Trinity United Church marked 'Christmas Cheer' and place on the offering plate.

Please know that in this time of need and increased costs of food etc., we appreciate that giving to Outreach appeals is your choice as you are able.

Soup, Canned fruit and vegetables

Cranberry sauce

Pasta, Pasta sauce

Canned meats (tuna, salmon, ham)

Coffee & tea

Crackers, cereal, cake mix, coolies

Peanut Butter, Jam

Fruit Juice

Stuffing mix

Other needs: new care items (toothpaste, toothbrushes, etc.) baby formula, toys and books.

Trinity Outreach Committee



### Trinity 55 Plus

We are pleased to say our next guest is Donna Hayden, Founder of "SHAINA STRONG" -- BULLYING, HARASSMENT, SUICIDE ...  
Wednesday, November 22nd 1:30 pm

- ♦ Hayden started the Shania Strong movement after her daughter, Shania, died by suicide at the age of 26 in July 2018 after being viciously bullied on line and through texts.
- ♦ My goal is to create safe spaces where people can open up and heal because addressing issues like suicide requires real, often difficult conversations.
- ♦ The real pandemic for years has been mental health, and it's now coming to the forefront and it's reached a crisis point that can't be ignored.

Voluntary donations ~ Shania Strong  
Trinity 55 Plus, making a difference a little at a time!  
Glenn & Ruth Sawyer; Gail Thickett; Larry & Hazel Sage



Our next meeting is  
 Tuesday, December 5th  
 Pot Luck @ noon; meeting @ 1:15 pm

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 November Birthdays**

6th Audrey Campbell  
 9th Darlene Silvius  
 20th Gail Thickett

Always make sure  
**SOMEONE** in the  
 relationship has  
 good credit. That's  
 why it's called  
**SIGNIFICANT** other.  
 Sign/if/I/can't.

Follow me for more  
 marriage tips

On our way to  
 church, we asked  
 our grandchild why  
 is it important to be  
 quiet in church.  
 She said "Because  
 there are people  
 sleeping!"

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)

Their names are on the back page of  
 this newsletter.

**Lord**

We keep forgetting all those who lived before us,  
 We keep forgetting those who lived and worked in our  
 communities.

We keep forgetting those who prayed and  
 sang hymns in our churches before we were born,  
 We keep forgetting what our fathers have done for us,

We commit the sin, Lord, of  
 assuming that everything begins with us.

We drink from wells we did not find,  
 We eat food from farmland we did not develop,  
 We enjoy freedoms which we have not earned,  
 We worship in churches which we did not build,  
 We live in communities we did not establish,

This day, make us grateful for our heritage.

Amen  
 From the Printery - Mennonite Heritage Village,  
 Steinbach, MB

Submitted many years ago by Ruth Bilowus  
 We Remember

I'm so out of shape that if  
 somebody yells, Run for  
 your life!, I'll be like, You  
 guys go on ahead. I'm  
 going to meet Jesus.







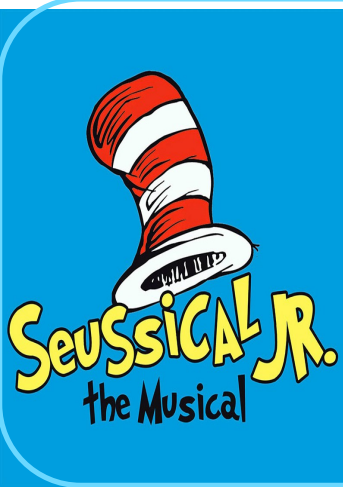
**Elevator Update**  
 Exciting things are happening!! The old elevator is gone, making way for the new one. Thank you to everyone who have mobility issues and are making the best of the situation!!

**NOTICE**  
**ELEVATOR OUT OF SERVICE**

Thank you, Eden, for making this awesome chart! Almost out of the basement!! Way to go, Trinity!! Updated Nov. 9th

**My kids and grandkids keep laughing about me losing my memory. They won't be laughing at Christmas when there's no eggs under the tree!**

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



Vincent Massey presents this fun musical on November 9th, 10th & 11th at the WMCA. Tickets are \$20.00, students and seniors: \$15.00. The most exciting part of this information is that we have one of our senior Sunday school performing in it: **Maia Placatka**. Looks and sounds like a enjoyable evening of entertainment!! Good luck to Maia

Thursday's @ 1:30 pm

*Advent*  
 BIBLE STUDY

J. D. GREEAR

# Pastoral CARE

Trinity's Pastoral Care Team needs a couple more people to be able to connect with more of our shut ins.  
Do you like making phone calls?  
I appreciate those who will come to help at Communion when we go to Care and Senior homes.  
The Christmas 'round' is booked!



Thursday, Nov. 30th	Hillcrest PC Home	10:15 am
Wednesday, Dec. 6th	Valleyview PC Home	2:pm
Tuesday, December 12th	Fairview PC Home	10:30 am
Tuesday, Dec. 19th	Riverheights Terrace	11 am
Thursday, December 21st	Victoria Landing	2:30 pm



Our first delivery of donations down to Westman Christmas Cheer  
If people are interested in volunteering at Westman Christmas Cheer do the following:

1. Go to [www.brandonwestmanchristmascheer.ca](http://www.brandonwestmanchristmascheer.ca)
2. Home page for Westman Christmas Cheer
3. Scroll down to Volunteer and press the arrow that you would like to choose, either Drive with Us or General Duties or both
4. Complete Volunteer form and press Apply Now  
They will receive your application and get back to you.



Thanks  
Connie Haigh  
Outreach Committee





### Building Climate Resiliency

“Women for Change” is an organization in Zambia that strives to improve conditions in rural communities by empowering women and girls. In Zambia, women are responsible for collecting firewood and charcoal and making food. Because of climate change they have to walk longer distances to get firewood and charcoal, so that means it is harder to make food. The organization was established in 1992 and has a long-standing partnership with the United Church since 1995.

From the beginning, mobilizing communities to share ideas and best practices has been key to the work. Since its inception, 1,500 community groups have been established, with 25-40 people in each group. The group discusses a variety of justice-related topics. Building climate resiliency by preparing for, recovering from, and adapting to drastically changing weather patterns is a priority. Groups discuss how they can save and share seeds, what they can plant with longer or shorter rains, and if there are traditional methods that can increase food production. They are grateful for the United Church’s support, helping to building awareness and resiliency.

Your gifts through Mission and Service support long-term, life-changing work through committed partners like Women for Change. Thank you

(excerpt from The United Church of Canada web site

*Submitted by Faye McLoughlin*

### 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

### Pat’s Writers Group

**Saturday, November 18th at 10:30 in the Trinity library.**

Our prompt for this session is:

“It was a sunny July afternoon when I discovered I could fly. . “  
Or a cat story ....

Or a story/ article/poem - anything of your choosing!

All are welcome!

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



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



[prairietopine@united-church.ca](mailto:prairietopine@united-church.ca)

Alison Murray & Darlyne 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 & Darlyne Smith;*

**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!!!

**November**

16th Ken & Carole Winstone  
 18th Ernest & Pat Kempthorne



**Trinity November Birthdays**

5th Laurie Wagner  
 5th Beth Cass  
 19 Georgina McEvoy  
 20th Barb Janzen  
 26th Al Friesen

- ◆ Step with care and great tact, and remember that Life's a Great Balancing Act. Dr. Seuss
- ◆ A smile is a curve that sets everything straight. Phyllis Diller
- ◆ What do you call a well-balanced horse? Stable
- ◆ Silent gratitude isn't much use to anyone. Gertrude Stein

**Last year I joined a support group for antisocial people. We haven't met yet.**

A termite walks into a bar and says, "So, is the bar tender here?"

**Beware of a new Amazon scam. My husband ordered me some expensive jewelry, but motorcycle parts came instead. Thankfully they fit his bike...**



**FELLOWSHIP FOLLOWING WORSHIP EACH WEEK**

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

November 12th  
 Myrna Lane

November 19th

November 26th

*Fellowship hour*

204 728-7713  
 204 724-2923  
 darlynnegbsmith@gmail.com

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

*In Our Thoughts  
and Prayers*

- ♦ 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!
- ♦ The funeral service and luncheon to follow for Evelyn Gillander will be on November 15th @ 2 pm.

Our prayers and hugs go out to you!!



Thoughts and prayers to the family of Evelyn Gillander who passed recently.

There will now be more music in heaven!

**Progress**

*We came upon that little church*

In a quiet countryside,  
Its roof was almost torn off  
And it looked so bare inside.  
With glass all gone, the windows  
Were like giant staring eyes,  
The kind you see in nightmares  
And can somehow recognize.  
I asked how come that little church  
was being wrecked this way;  
For years it served that community  
Where Christian knelt to pray,  
The children learned great lessons there  
Within that Sunday School.  
That made them better people  
Who obeyed the Golden Rule.  
Then they told me this was progress  
Searching for a better way.  
That this church was quite outmoded  
Like old Dobbin in our day.  
Now perhaps, there may be logic  
In this modern restless search  
But life was a lot more simple  
In that little country church  
*Beatrice Telfer*



In Rev Doug's absence, Miranda handled the 'story of Stone Soup' very capably to our colourful Sunday school on October 29th! Thank you to **Alan Silvius, Faye McLoughlin and Miranda Edwards**, for presenting Doug's service to us with very little notice!!  
*Trinity is so blessed!!*

Thank you  
Trinity Sunday  
School, parents &  
teachers!!

THANKFUL  
GRATEFUL  
BLESSED!

**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



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**The next issue will be November 23rd, 2023**  
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'May God hold you in the palm of His Hand'