



Trinitopics & Church Announcements

24 ~ Thursday, November 23rd, 2023



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Advent Season Worship Services:

Join Us at
Advent Worship



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.



A big thank you to all who helped in so many ways to make our Strathclair concert such a success!
A profit of \$3,500.00 was realized. These funds will be applied to our Trinity Elevator Fund.

The old saying, 'Many Hands Make Light The Work' certainly applies to our Trinity Volunteers.

Marlane Wilson

All are invited to **Alexander's Final Worship Service** being held at **Trinity United Brandon on December 10 @ 2:00 pm.**



We come together celebrating over 140 years as a faith community and now bid farewell as we turn the page to what comes next.
Neither death, nor life...nor things present, nor things to come...nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.
(Romans 8:38-39)

Trinity Christmas Gift Card Fundraising Project: information on page 5.

All orders must be in and paid for by November 28th.



Trinity Stewardship Campaign
 Please have all appeal responses in by
 November 30th. Thank you!!
 Barry Hill, Randolph Smyth, Marv Pidhorny,
 Larry Sage or Todd Kruk.



Please note:

The December Calendar below is not the one that I monthly receive from Eden. Therefore, not all activities are noted on in. Eden has been ill, so hope she will be feeling well again, soon!! Also, there is going to be a three week space between this newsletter and the next one, so therefore wanted to mark what I could. We have a busy month upon us! Blessings Darlyne

Trinity United Church

November 2023

19 Trinity Worship 10am RCCG Worship 12:30pm COP Worship 5pm	20 WIH Sanctuary 7pm	21 WW 9am WW 4:30pm Prairie Group 8 pm	22 55+ Event Downstairs 1:30pm RCCG Bible Study 7pm	23 TUC Newsletter Bible Study 1:30pm Choir Practice Sanctuary 7pm	24 Prairie Group 8 pm RCCG 9pm	25 RCCG Choir Practice 6pm
26 Trinity Worship + Sun Sch 10am RCCG Worship 2:30pm White Gift COP Worship 5pm	27 WIH Sanctuary 7pm	28 WW 9am WW 4:30pm Prairie Group 8 pm	29 RCCG Bible Study 7pm	30th Hillcrest PCH Communion 10:15 am Bible Study 1:30pm Choir Practice Sanctuary 7pm		

Trinity United Church

December 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	 Trinity Junior Sunday school December 10th Senior Sunday school every week . 				1 Prairie Group Christmas supper	2
3 	4	5 UCW pot luck @ noon & meeting 1:15	6 Valleyview PCH Communion @ 2 pm	7 Bible Study	8	9
10  Alexander service 2 pm	11	12 Fairview PCH Communion @ 10:30	13	14 Last Newsletter Before Christmas	15	16
17  Choir	18	19 Riverheights Terrace Communion 11 am	20	21 Victoria Landing Communion 2:30 pm	22 Blue Christmas 7 pm	23



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.

HRC Foundation Report: Epidemic of Violence Continues; Transgender and Gender Nonconforming People Still Killed at Disproportionate Rates in 2023

by Jarred Keller • November 20, 2023



WASHINGTON — The Human Rights Campaign Foundation (HRC), the educational arm of the nation’s largest lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer (LGBTQ+) civil rights organization, and its Public Education and Research program published “[The Epidemic of Violence Against the Transgender and Gender Non-Conforming Community in the United States: The 2023 Report](#)” a report released on Trans Day of Remembrance to memorialize the lives of the transgender and gender nonconforming people killed this year. Since 2013, HRC has recorded the deaths of 335 transgender and gender non-conforming victims of fatal violence—including at least 33 deaths in the last 12 months (from after Transgender Day of Remembrance 2022, or November 21, 2022, through November 20, 2023). We say “at least,” as many deaths often go unreported or misreported, or misgendering of victims leads to delays in their identification. What we do know, however, is that the 33 people we lost in the last year were overwhelmingly young and people of color, with Black trans women disproportionately impacted. A plurality of victims were killed by a friend, family, or romantic/sexual intimate partner, and guns were involved in the majority of cases.

“The epidemic of violence against transgender and gender non-conforming people is a national tragedy and a national embarrassment. Each of the lives taken is the result of a society that demeans and devalues anyone who dares challenge the gender binary. In state houses across the nation, we’ve seen bills signed into law that ban gender-affirming healthcare, make schools unsafe for LGBTQ+ youth, and ban transgender and non-binary people from public bathrooms. Even before the horrific Club Q shooting last November, we’ve seen bomb threats directed at schools, hospitals and libraries simply for supporting transgender and non-binary people. Each of these grotesque actions serves to increase stigma and create a hostile environment that endangers the lives of anyone outside the gender binary. We must imagine a better future for transgender and gender non-conforming people—not just surviving, but truly living as free and equal members of our society.”

Kelly Robinson, President of the Human Rights Campaign



Submitted by Rev. Doug Neufeld for Trinity Equity & Diversity



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!

It is the mark of an educated mind to be able to entertain a thought without accepting it.

Aristotle



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, Filled!! Thank you!!

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION Convenor,

EQUITY and DIVERSITY Convenor

All Board positions are a 12 month commitment starting January 1st 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

Thank you Trinity!!



This is the second trip to Christmas Cheer with items from Trinity. Our committee received a message that they are in need of soups.

Welcome new Trinity Members Trevor & Faye McLoughlin Trevor & Faye came from Melita and have been at our church for quite a while, but now ... it is 'official'!!



I had this delicious omlette this morning. I seasoned the eggs with sugar, oil, and chocolate, and threw in a little flour for texture...



Go Bombers, Go!!



Congregational Meeting Sunday, December 17th, 2023 Following Worship



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 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).

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.

**This year, much needed
SOUP!!**

Trinity Outreach Committee

Trinity's Property Committee & Caretaker

This is a committee that there isn't much news about. But, behind the scenes Chair, Ken Winstone and his crew are a busy bunch.

The latest has been the issue with the furnaces. We have three furnaces and a couple of weeks ago, the church was some chilly for a bit. One of the heat exchangers in one of the furnaces quit working. Ken tells me that this is under warranty for the part and some of the labour. That was good news!!! One of the furnaces has been put out of commission, so the church is being heated by the remaining two. Nice to have 'spares', eh?

We are very appreciative of our Property Committee:, grass mowing, snow clearing, fixing anything not working, doors, lights, sewer backups, furnaces and many more issues.

Thank you all!!

Ken Winstone, Chair,
Rick Church, Barry Hill, Keith Privat, ,
And as well

Our trusty Caretaker, Jim Hurd! He is always in the middle of these issues as well. Just recently he wore one of the vacuums out so had to get another one.

I know, Jim, 'It's your job'!!

Trinity is so Blessed!!



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 December Birthdays

6th Faye McLoughlin
 8th June Pedlow
 27th Eileen McLarty

Pastoral
CARE



Trinity's Pastoral Care Team has had two people show interest to join us.
 Thank you to the ladies; names to be shared soon.
 I appreciate those who will come to help at Communion when we go to Care and Senior homes.
 The Christmas 'round' is booked!

Please contact me if you are able to come to assist

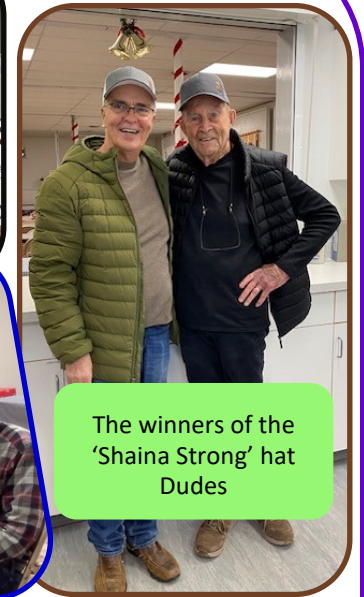
Thursday, Nov. 30th	Hillcrest PC Home	10:15 am
Wednesday, Dec. 6th	Valleyview PC Home	2:pm
Tuesday, December 12th	Fairview PC Home	10:30 am
Tuesday, Dec. 19th	Riverheights Terrace	11 am
Thursday, December 21st	Victoria Landing	2:30 pm

Knox United Church is having a
 'Taste of the holidays' Supper.
Sunday, December 3rd, 2023
 One sitting at 5:30 pm Only 160 tickets available
 Roasted Pork Loin; Meatballs
 Lots of delicious extras.
 Gluten Free options available
 Adults: \$18.00
 For delivery or pickup
 Order by December 1st.

Ten Thousand Villages
Children's Holiday Stop & Shop
 Saturday, December 2nd, 2023
 1—4 pm
 Please call or email to secure your spot
 Walk ins welcome
 829 Rosser Ave.
 204 726-8755
 villagesbrandon@gmail.com



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!!!
 Thank you to Shirley Lowe from Hartney for donating this container of wool.



A sobering and educational 55 Plus.

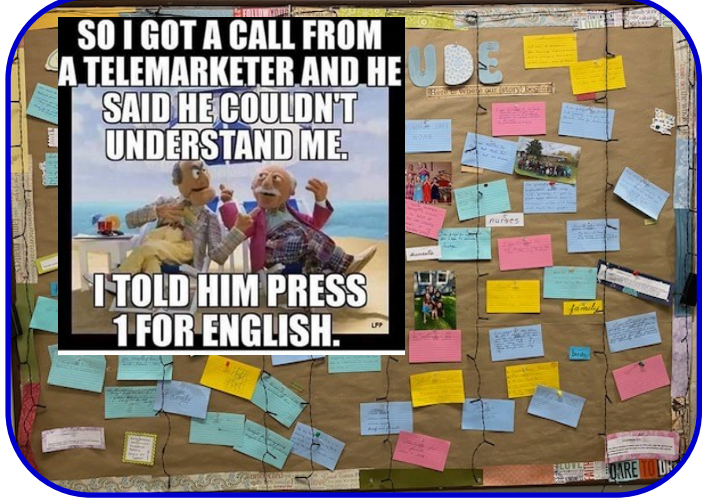
The winners of the 'Shaina Strong' hat Dudes

Shaina Strong Thank You

ShainaStrong@outlook.com
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/ShainaStrong/>



Trinity's senior Sunday school have made this board for folks to post what they are grateful for. There are still a few spaces that can be used!



Messy Church

Sorry I don't have pictures of the craft tables! Thanks to everyone, including our Senior Sunday School, for making it another success!!





Elevator Update

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! We are now above the main floor!! Way to go, Trinity!! Updated **Nov. 18th**



Trinity has \$50 & \$100 Gift Cards from Sobeys/Safeway and Superstore.

Please see Eden in the office if you would like to purchase cards.



Thursday's @ 1:30 pm

Advent
BIBLE STUDY

advent
J. D. GREEAR



During this Christmas season our Trinity people are so very good about providing food stuffs to put in hampers for people in need. Donations are also made during the year to organizations such as Helping Hands and Samaritan House.

As much as food is so important for life, so is cleanliness. We have an opportunity to do so much more. In the “Gifts with Vision” booklet (page 9) there is an opportunity to help provide a more comfortable and dignified life for those living on the streets. Your \$50 donation to “1JustCity’s Dignified Life Project” in Winnipeg will help to restore dignity to unhoused people by helping them to access showers and laundry facilities. They can also receive personal items such as toothpaste, soap, fresh clothing and underwear.

The “Gifts with Vision” booklets are at the back of the church in the narthex.

Please take one and consider this gift or choose another.

Our Mission is to help transform lives, inspire meaning and purpose and to help built a better world.

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, December 16th at 10:30 in the Trinity library.

Our prompt for this session is:
“with a sudden rush of panic, I realize
I had no idea where I was

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



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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 meeting on Tuesday, November 28th 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.

*Alison Murray & Darlyne Smith;
Prairie to Pine Reps*

December

7th Robert & Linda Garson
 23rd Eddy & Hillary Baker
 27th Don & Marion Kitz

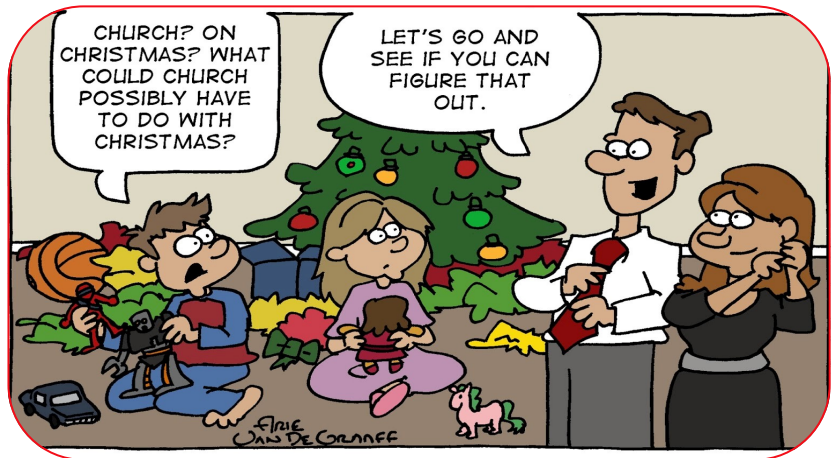


Trinity December Birthdays

1st Mabel Ramsay
 6th Donna Neufeld
 20th Holly Walker
 22nd Ruth Sawyer
 23rd Leonard Wray
 24th Betty McFarland
 27th Keith Privat



What do pigs use in the shower? Hogwash
 What kind of phones do turtles use? Shell-ular
 What is the lighthouse's keepers favourite instrument? Fog Horn
 What does an alligator cook in? A Crock Pot



FELLOWSHIP FOLLOWING WORSHIP EACH WEEK

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

November 26th
Edie Mowat & Marg Cullen

December 3rd
Lorraine Grill & Janice Seddon

December 10th
Myrna Lennon, Marilyn Hoffman & Helen Dyer

December 17th
Gloria Dillabough & Tim Hortons



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Me washing \$200 worth of groceries in 2023



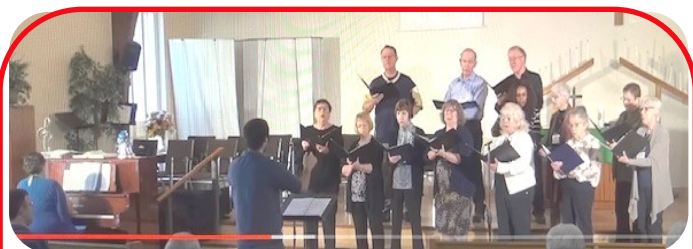
Please be sure to call or e-mail
 Marlane Wilson,
 with any reports of folks in hospital or
 needing some contact.
 204 729-8574 or marlane.w@yahoo.com

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
 & 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!

I have heard of no one in the hospital!!
 Hope this is so.
 Blessings to all as we move into our Christmas
 season this year!!



Choir Anthem,
 'In Gratitude We Come'

THANKFUL
 GRATEFUL
 BLESSED

Thank You!
 8 letters
 2 Words
 1 Meaning:
 Gratitude



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

A Simple Grace

*God, we thank you for this
 food
 For rest and home and
 all things good.
 For wind and rain and
 sun above
 But most of all for those
 we love*



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