



Trinitopics & Church Announcements

24 ~ Thursday, November 23rd, 2023



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Advent Season Worship Services:



Join Us at
Advent Worship

- 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)

Church Decorating for Advent Season:



Our church was decorated for the Christmas Season on November 22nd by the following individuals :

Helen Hicks, Marlane Wilson, Glenda Penner, Gloria McMillan, Sheila McCausland, Joanne McMillan, Barry Hill, Darlene & Alan Silvius.
Their time, talents and efforts to enhance the Sanctuary during this Advent season are greatly appreciated. Blessings to each of them.
Worship Chair ... Alan Silvius

Congregational Meeting Sunday, December 17th, 2023 Following Worship



Blue Christmas



A Service of Remembrance and Hope

December 22, 2023 @ 7pm

Trinity United Church
1515 6th Street
Brandon, MB

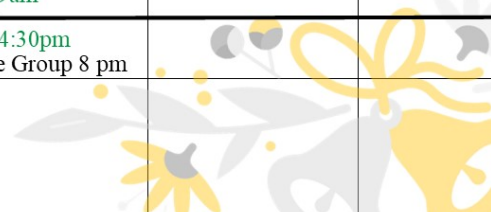



Blue Christmas - a service of Hope and Remembrance will take place at Trinity United Church on Friday, December 22nd at 7:00 pm.

For many people, the Christmas season does not bring with it the joy and happiness that is often associated with this time of year. Individuals may be facing the holiday after the death of a loved one; after a separation or divorce; facing illness with a loved one or self and so forth.

This service will have more of a quiet, somber feel and the scriptures, music and meditation will be focused on the comfort God offers during dark times.

Everyone Welcome!

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<div style="border: 2px solid green; padding: 5px; background-color: #90EE90;"> Trinity Junior Sunday school December 10th Senior Sunday school every week . </div>					1 Prairie Group Christmas Dinner 5 pm	2
3 Trinity Worship + Communion 10am COP Worship 5pm	4 WIH Sanctuary 7pm	5 WW 9am UCW Potluck 12pm Meeting 1:15pm WW 4:30pm Prairie Group 8 pm	6	7 Bible Study 1:30pm Choir Practice Sanctuary 7pm	8 Prairie Group 8 pm	9
10 Trinity Worship 10am + Alexander UC Final Service 2pm COP Worship 5pm	11 Eastern Star Basement 5:30 pm	12 WW 9am WW 4:30pm Board Meeting 7pm Prairie Group 8 pm	13	14 TUC Newsletter Choir Practice Sanctuary 7pm	15 Prairie Group 8 pm	16 Pat's Writers Library 10:30am
17 Trinity Worship + Choir Cantata & Communion 10am COP Worship 5pm	18	19 WW 9am Riverheights Terrace Communion 11 am WW 4:30pm Prairie Group 8 pm	20 Holly Walker Piano Recital 7pm	21 Victoria Landing Communion 2:30 pm Choir Practice Sanctuary 7pm	22 Trinity Blue Christmas Service 7pm Prairie Group 8 pm	23
24 COP Worship 12—3 pm Trinity Christmas Eve Service 7pm	25 Office Closed Christmas <i>Eden & Doug Away</i>	26 Office Closed Boxing Day WW 9am WW 4:30pm Prairie Group 8 pm	27	28	29 Prairie Group 8 pm	30
31 Trinity Breakfast Worship Potluck 9:30am COP Worship 10pm-1am	Office Closed New Years' Day					

A Message from M & P and BA

Monday December 18th- Friday December 22nd - REGULAR HOURS

Monday December 25th - Thursday December 28th- Office CLOSED

Thursday December 28th - Phone messages will be checked by Miranda late morning

Friday December 29th - OFFICE OPEN 2pm- 4pm

Barry Hill ,BA will be there to greet you and gratefully receive any remaining donations for 2023.

We hope that Rev. Doug Neufeld and Eden Snider have a peaceful and restful Christmas break.

Blessings of the season to our caring Jim Hurd and our musicians Holly and Davis.

Monday January 1st- Office Closed

Tuesday January 2nd- Regular office hours resume



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.

FundScrip Report for 2023:

Forty-one households participated in the November gift card fundraiser with a total of \$22,000.00 worth of orders.
As a result, Trinity earned a total of \$743.06 from this sale.

In **2023** we had six gift card fundraising projects with a total of **\$84,825.00** in orders.

As a result, Trinity has earned **\$2,707.74** this year. We couldn't have obtained these results without your participation throughout the year.

Thank you, we are truly blessed at Trinity.

Our **2024 Gift Card fundraisers** will occur in January, March, May, July, September and November.

Fundraising Event:

Death and Taxes Education Seminar presented by Joy Bowman:

- Monday, January 22, 2024 @ 7:00 pm at Trinity
 - A finance class for estate purposes.

It will be a general overview of options on how to reduce costs and delays when it comes to estate finance.

Designed for people who expect to leave a financial legacy.

Limited to 50 participants. Pre-registration required.

Trinity will receive \$20.00 for each participant in attendance.



THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU

The Outreach Committee of Trinity United Church would like to express their gratitude to our congregation who generously providing food for Christmas dinners, toys for children and personal care items for families.

Your generosity helped fill over

1100 Christmas Cheer hampers to community families.



With Gratitude Trinity Outreach Committee
Connie H., Kathy K., Faye M., Linda F., Lois R., Heather M.



This is the solid oak cross that donned the front of the Sanctuary at Alexander for many years. It was donated by the Rabe Family and here in this picture are descendants of the donors.

This cross was dedicated, along with many other gifts from Alexander, at Trinity in September.



Marion Speers & her beautiful hanging of Alexander United Church



Alexander folk will have a fellowship time at a later time. We are privileged to have some of them worshipping with Trinity and welcome anyone else who might decide to come. You all had wonderful memories to share!! Lovely, meaningful service.





While we look forward to the New Year and all the possibilities for joy and love that 2024 will bring, we can reflect on our spiritual growth in 2023. Through the world's peace, pain, joys and sorrows, it has been a blessing to see God working through our Trinity Community of Faith.

United Church people are quick to ask, "How can we help?"

Thank you for holding our neighbours in warm, tender care throughout a challenging year. You have helped to put food on tables, rebuild communities after a disaster, provide life-saving medication, educate children, and so much more.

- ◆ Your gifts continue to help partners as they respond to the immediate needs of people in Canada and around the world.
- ◆ Your gifts provide the light of hope and help to remove barriers that allow our partners to continue to do the work they do.

As we reflect on the past year and look forward to a new one, thank you for supporting Mission and Service.

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.
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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>

Thank you to those who assisted us in completing the assessment document and to the Board for approving it. .

Alison Murray & Darlyne Smith;
Prairie to Pine Reps



The takedown of Christmas Decorations is tentatively planned for
Wednesday, January 10, 2024 at 10:00 am.
All are welcome!



Maia leading the drummer song!!
Great drummers !!!



Watching a video while waiting for mom & dad.



cousins



We have drummers coming up!



All I want for Christmas is my 4 front teeth!!





**Our next meeting is
Tuesday, January 9th
Starting @ 1:15 pm**



**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 December Birthdays

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

Pastoral CARE

The last two Communion for the Christmas season:



**Tuesday, Dec. 19th
Riverheights Terrace 11 am**

**Thursday, December 21st
Victoria Landing 2:30 pm**

**Thanks to Rev. Doug
Irene Smith, Faye Wilcox,
Georgie Pidhorny, Jean Cory ,
Hillary Baker & Pat Bowslaugh.**

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!!!

Trinity Pictorial Directory

I have asked IPC if we can have a day(s) in January where there can be numerous people who have started worshipping at Trinity, whether it be by transfer or other, can make an appointment to be part of this directory. As well, those folks who either weren't able to get their pictures done when the company was here, or came following, can now have their pictures taken professionally, instead of the ones that I took of you.

The intended finish date will be the end of January, 2024.

IPC are closed for the season now, but will try to find a date for us after the holiday season. I do hope that anyone who was not able in October/November 2022, will make the effort to help us have a complete directory.

Thank you for your consideration for this project!! I have had many offers of help, but a very recent one from Pat Bowslaugh might work as she has been part of numerous similar situations. Thanks to all who have offered and to those who helped with the sittings, etc. The many spokes make up the wheel!!

I will share more information early next year. Thank you & Merry Christmas!! *Darlynne Smith*

Holiday eating tips:

Mashed potatoes: always ask if they're made with skim milk or whole milk. If it's skim, pass. Why bother? It's like buying a sports car with an automatic transmission.
Did someone mention fruitcake? Granted, it's loaded with the mandatory celebratory calories but avoid it at all cost. I mean, have some standards! (I love fruit cake!!)

Advent and LGBTQ2S+

Submitted for E&D by Elaine Madill

During [Advent](#), the Christian season before Christmas, self-reflection is inspired within us all. Advent is a time of anticipation and wonder. It is a season that is meant to prepare Christians for the drawing near of God — the embodiment of love, and justice, and equity. The Advent season is meant to give us hope, peace, joy, and love through the coming of our Christ child and His/Their teachings in our lives.

Many LGBTQ2S+ people find themselves questioning whether they can be both a person of faith and live authentically as a member of the queer community. God accepts those in the LGBTQ2S+ community and also affirms the full dignity and humanity of this community, in a world where many "Christian" churches do not. Through prayer and study, by witnessing the lived experiences of LGBTQ2S+ people of faith across the world who risk their lives to show that it is indeed possible to live into the fullness of who they are, and by supporting ALL Christians in our communities we honour Christ during Advent (and all seasons).

In addition to saving all of our lives through Jesus' sacrifice, Christ was born of woman to show us His/Their humanity and teach us to love our neighbour as ourselves. Christ is the best example to us of eating with, teaching, and talking with marginalized communities. In order for us to truly follow Christ, can we do less? Hope, peace, joy, and love must be shown to all people in our world, not just during Advent, but as we walk through Christian life. May the annual symbolic coming of the Christ child remind us to love all of our neighbours as we celebrate this Christmas.



Have yourself a prideful Christmas



The Trinity Choir is going to be presenting numerous Anthems this Sunday, December 10th. With our patient, supportive Music Director, Davis Placatka, and extremely talented pianist, Holly Walker, our choir practises and performances are so much fun!!

There is always room for more voices to join.
You don't have to be able to read music; just love to sing!!
Choir practices are Thursday evening, 7—9 pm.



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Paddy is in court, and after an 8 hour trial he pleads guilty.

Judge says, "Why didn't you plead guilty at first and save the court all this time?"

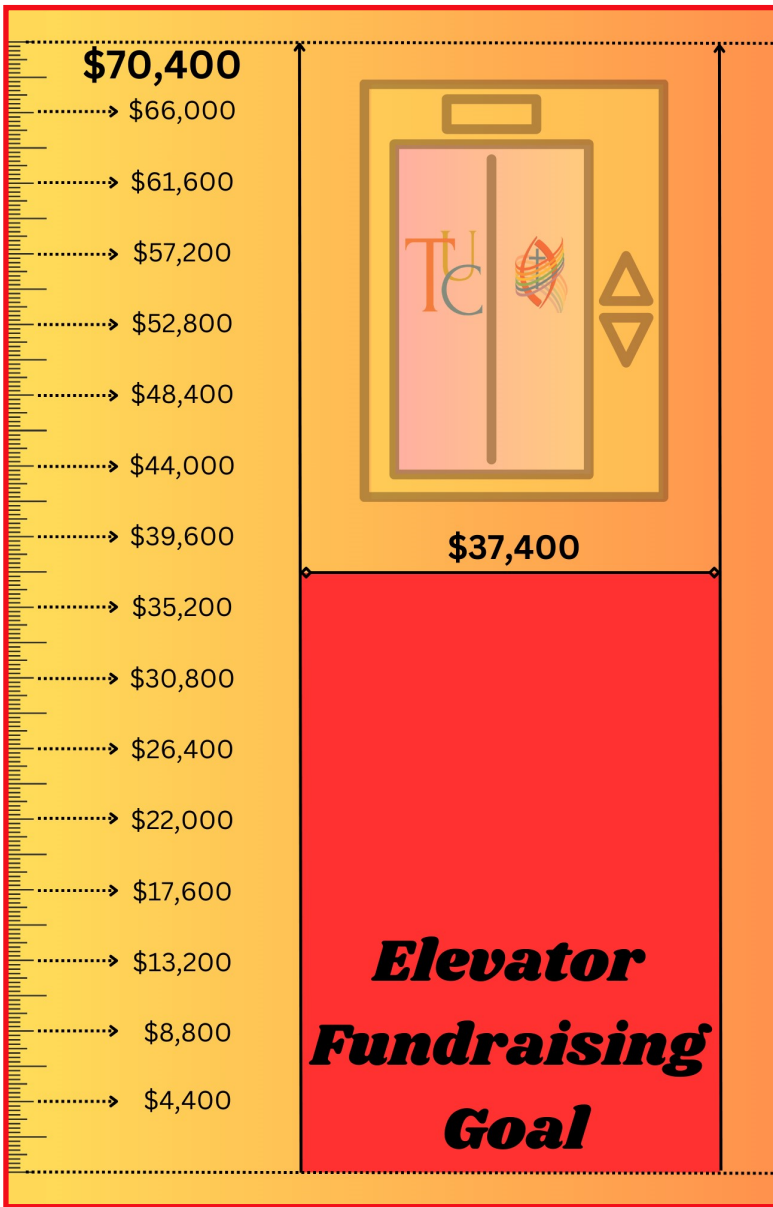
Paddy says, "I thought I was innocent until I heard all the evidence"

My wife asked if she could have a little peace and quiet while she cooked dinner...

So I took the battery out of the smoke alarm!

Practical Advice:

If all the toilets in your house are occupied and you are waiting for one to be free, switch off the wi-fi.



Elevator Update

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



The 'word' is that a possible date for our elevator to arrive is around January 9th. It will be a welcome sight!!
Fundraising updated December 14th.

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

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

Trinity Sanctuary on Sunday, December 17th

A few weeks ago, one of the furnaces needed a heat exchanger. This has been repaired however a Hydro person has to come to open up a furnace connected to it. So it is good news, the furnace is ready to go, but the Hydro person isn't coming until next Wednesday. So the possibility is that we may have to keep bundled up at church on Sunday!! There is also a possibility that something else could happen. Just a head's up!!



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



Welcome to new Trinity Members

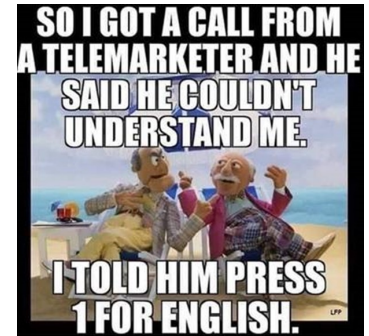
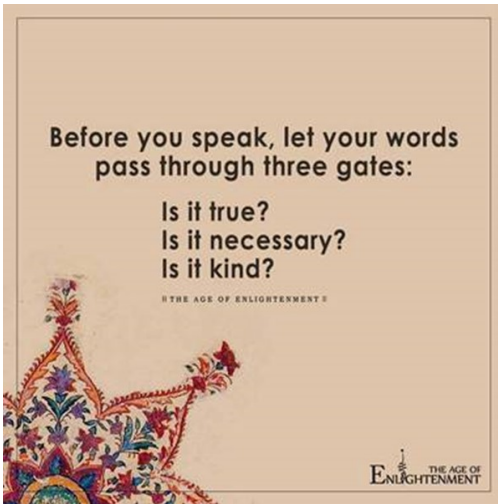
Barrie & Helen Cochrane

These folks told me that they were former Trinity Members, then moved out to the Oak Lake area, and have moved back to Brandon after a number of years. They have been worshipping at Trinity for a short time, again!



WHAT WAS THE BLACKSMITH'S FAVORITE MUSIC? *HEAVY METAL!*

WHY DID THE FARMER PLAY MUSIC IN HIS YARD?
 HE WANTED TO SEE A BARN DANCE



FELLOWSHIP FOLLOWING WORSHIP EACH WEEK

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

November 26th
Edie Mowat & Marg Cullen

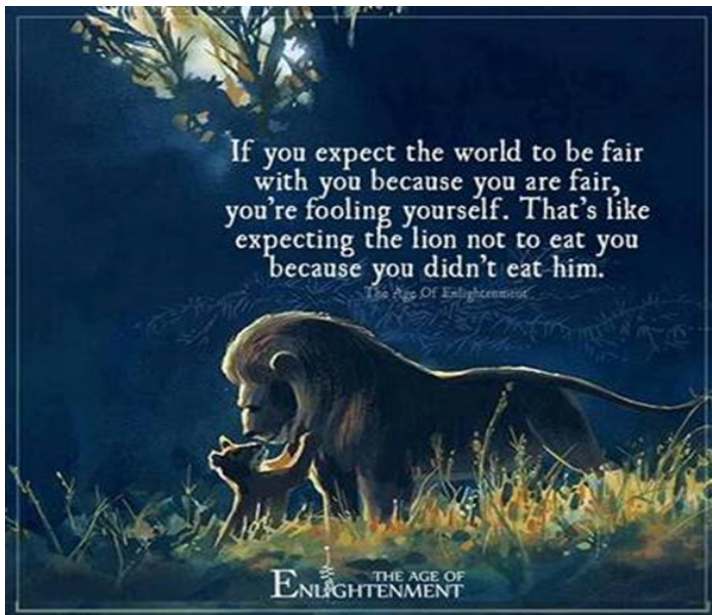
December 3rd
Lorraine Grill & Janice Seddon

December 10th
Myrna Lennon, Marilyn Hoffman & Helen Dyer

December 17th
Gloria Dillabough & Tim Hortons



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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



Advent 2 ~ December 10th
 Rev. Doug and our Sunday school,
 junior & senior.
 Always great entertainment!
 Trinity is so blessed!!

*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!

Prayers and love to two families who have lost love ones:

Katherine Mitchell and family with the loss of Roy on November 21st.

Dawne Obleman & family on the loss of her mother, **Laura Cliffe**, on November 30th. There will be a grave side service on what would have been her 105th birthday, June 10th, at the Brandon cemetery beside her husband. .



We shall never know all the good that a simple smile can do.
 Mother Teresa



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, 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

As this year is winding down, very quickly, I want to thank everyone who were so dedicated sending items to me for this newsletter, whether it be for committee information, news about friends and family and not to be forgotten, the humorous additions that are emailed or left in packages for me!!

I love the 'Did You Knows'! Of course some of those have to be 'edited'!



Thank you to the Board and Staff who support me with any help that I ask for!

Life is Good!!

Wishing everyone a Christmas 'filled with peace, joy & love'. Have a happy, healthy 2024.



Darlynnne

*Christmas isn't a season.
 It's a feeling.*

-Edna Ferber



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The next issue will be January 11th, 2024

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