



# Trinitopics & Church Announcements

## # 1 ~ Thursday, January 11th, 2024



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## Worship

### 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.

### Take down of Christmas Decorations:

All Christmas decorations were removed on Wednesday by the following individuals: Marlane Wilson, Cooper Burdeniuk (Marlane's grandson), Glenda Penner, Gloria McMillan, Lois Riley, Joanne McMillan, and Alan Silvius. Their time and efforts to complete this job are greatly appreciated. Blessings to each of them.  
Worship Chair ... Alan Silvius

**We are having a Gift Card Fundraiser which will take place during the month of January.** You will find attached the Gift Card Order Form. **Orders, including payment, must be received by Monday, January 29<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm.** All confirmed orders will be sent on January 29<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 pm. **Please note if payment has not been received by our deadline, your order will not be sent.**

Payment for orders will be to Trinity United Church by cheque, cash or E-transfer (trinityucbdn@wcgwave.ca). Please clearly indicate money is for payment for your gift cards. Credit cards cannot be used as a method of payment.

Once again, our target goal is a minimum of \$5000 of sales to avoid any shipping charges.

**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 have any questions, please contact Alan Silvius.



## DEATH AND TAXES

PROTECTING OUR FAMILIES AND ASSETS  
DESIGNED FOR PEOPLE WHO EXPECT TO  
LEAVE A FINANCIAL LEGACY

**JOIN US FOR AN EDUCATION SEMINAR  
MONDAY JANUARY 22, 2024 7:00PM**

### WE WILL HELP YOU NAVIGATE

- Ways to reduce cost for estates
- Tools to help organize estate paperwork
- Tools for reducing delays and costs for estates and more....



✉ TRINITY UNITED CHURCH  
1515 6TH ST. BRANDON MB

PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED  
\*LIMITED TO 50 SPOTS\*

To reserve your seat please call:  
Trinity Church Office 204-728-4796

**JOY BOWMAN**  
PRE-PLANNING SPECIALIST  
CERTIFIED EXECUTOR ASSISTANT



### Death and Taxes Educational Seminar:

This seminar is also a fundraiser for Trinity. The church will receive \$20.00 for each registrant in attendance that evening.

If you are willing to donate two dozen cookies to serve at this event, please contact Alan Silvius at (204) 726-4169 or [silviusa@mymts.net](mailto:silviusa@mymts.net) or see me in person. Thank you!



**Tuesday,  
February 13th,  
2024**

More info to follow in next newsletter.  
Trinity Choir & friends

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 <b>New Years Day</b>	2 WW 9am  WW 4:30pm Prairie Group 8 pm	3	4  Choir Practice Sanctuary 7pm	5  Prairie Group 8 pm	6
7 Trinity Worship +SS 10am GIG Worship 12:30pm COP Worship 5pm	8  WIH Sanctuary 7pm	9 WW 9am UCW Meeting 1:15pm WW 4:30pm Board Meeting 7pm Prairie Group 8 pm	10 Xmas Decoration Takedown 10am	11 Newsletter Bible Study 1:30pm (tentative) Choir Practice Sanctuary 7pm	12 Pat's Writers Library 10:30am	13  Prairie Group 8 pm
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28 Trinity Worship 10am GIG Worship 12:30pm COP Worship 5pm	29	30 WW 9am  WW 4:30pm Prairie Group 8 pm	31	<div style="background-color: yellow; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;">                     Junior Sunday school January 21st Senior Sunday school Every week                 </div> <div style="background-color: cyan; padding: 5px; display: inline-block; margin-left: 20px;"> <b>GIG</b> Global Immersion Gospel <b>COP</b> Church of Pentecost                 </div>		

Trinity United Church  
Annual General Meeting  
Sunday, February 25th.  
Following Worship

**From Trinity's 55 Plus**

Wishing Trinity United Congregation a Healthy, Happy New Year ahead. Thank you and God's blessings for your continued donations to our Mission for Mittens, keeping our children warm year after year. Everyone always welcome to join us for an afternoon of Learning, Fellowship and Cookies ... Information will be posted on The Trinity 55 Plus poster and bulletin board & in the newsletter ..  
Trinity 55 Plus  
Striving to Make a Difference a Little at a Time"  
*Glenn, Ruth, Gail, Hazel and Larry*



**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.

Are you in a position where you need to downsize items in your home? When we accumulate so much it can be overwhelming. The following is something to consider for local Mission and Service.

If you have items you no longer need please consider “**Housing First.**” They are located at 705 Rosser Avenue. The Coordinator is Samantha van den Ham and the phone number is 204-441-8575. They will even arrange a pick up with you.

(from the web site) **Housing First** is an approach to ending homelessness that centers on providing case management and supports to individuals/families in need. Once housing is secured the individuals are assisted to move in and some household and grocery items are provided. All donations go to help someone end their homelessness experience.

Items most needed are: couches, dressers, table/chairs, etc. Also towels, sheets, pillows and comforters are needed along with cooking utensils and pots/pans, toasters, micro-waves, dishes, cutlery, etc. They will even take TV’s, DVD players, board games and books. Old cellphones can be serviced as a pay as you go item for safety, education and daily communication.

This cold weather brings the need for mitts, toques, socks, jackets, scarves and boots. There is also a need for hygiene products and cleaning products.

If you have items to donate, or you have questions, you could call the number listed above. **Brandon HF** is on facebook and that is another way you could contact them.

*Submitted by Faye McLoughlin*



Holly Walker’s recital on December 20th. Always an enjoyable event to attend! A few of her students weren't able to attend, but the ones who did, really strut their stuff!!

## World Day of Prayer 2024 Service Available on Video

Posted on January 9, 2024

A 58-minute video of the World Day of Prayer 2024 service, with participants from across Canada, has been created to view at home and in churches. The video is based on the worship service prepared by Palestinian Christian women, and then presented and produced by the Women’s Inter-Church Council of Canada.

**To watch this full-length service video, visit [wicc.org/world-day-of-prayer/how-to-participate/](https://wicc.org/world-day-of-prayer/how-to-participate/) after January 15, 2024. It can be downloaded, for free, from the WDP resource section of [wicc.org](https://wicc.org)**

There is also a recipe for Palestine Sesame cookies that you may be interested in trying!

## Living in New Ways

Last Sunday, January 7, 2024, Rev. Doug's message asked us to reflect on Jesus' baptism as his demonstration of solidarity with humanity and publicly marking a beginning, a benchmark for the way forward into a new way of living.

John questioned the necessity of Jesus' baptism maybe the same way others might question the decision and actions we make when we choose act or live in ways that challenge the expected or status quo or choose to listen, hear, and amplify the "invisible" human and non-human Beings sharing this planet. It behooves us to know "why" we choose to stand with the marginalized on a personal level and not merely a corporate or institutional level.

Equity and Diversity is an allyship. Allies build relationships with the marginalized populations and the weary planet. Allies listen, learn, and recognized the common Spirit in all things for the well-being of all. Allies hold space, become voices, act with the "hidden" populations to enable all beings to live authentically.

If you are looking to learn more and build/maintain a safe space for marginalized people in the community, support the diversity and life of our planet, and experience "living in new ways", the Equity and Diversity Committee is holding space for a couple more members to join our team. Please speak with Denise Weir, Convenor, Elaine Madill, or Rev. Doug Neufeld.



Elsie Franklin proudly shows us the beautiful picture blanket she received from her family for Christmas. This picture certainly does not do it justice!!  
Thank you for sharing this, Elsie!!

Fill the wagon in January ... for  
*Samaritan House*

MOST WANTED FOOD ITEMS	MOST WANTED NON-FOOD ITEMS
 healthy soups & stews  infant formula	 laundry & dish soap  diapers & pull-ups
 whole grain pasta  whole grain cereal	 personal hygiene items
 100% real fruit juice  canned vegetables	 toilet paper & tissues
 canned fish, meat & beans  SAMARITAN HOUSE MINISTRIES INC. <small>Food Bank &amp; Resource Centre 820 Pacific Avenue Brandon MB R7A 0J1 204-726-0758 www.samaritanhouse.net</small>	 SAMARITAN HOUSE MINISTRIES INC. <small>Food Bank &amp; Resource Centre 820 Pacific Avenue Brandon MB R7A 0J1 204-726-0758 www.samaritanhouse.net</small>



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**

**Friday, January 12th at 10:30 in the Trinity library.**

Our prompt for this session is:

"Surprise!" They cried, leaping out from behind the door . . ."

All are welcome!

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



[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>

Our prayers and sympathies are extended to our Executive Minister Shannon McCarthy on **the death of Shannon's Mom, Shirley McCarthy on January 02, 2024** as a result of a stroke suffered on December 16, 2023. A celebration of life will be held on January 13, 2024, at Willowgrove United Church, 55 Tilley Road, Sault Ste. Marie Ontario. An obituary will be available at a later date.

This info was in last week's Prairie to Pine Newsletter which can be found at <https://united-church.ca/e-newsletters>



**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 January Birthdays**  
*There are none!*

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

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

**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!!!

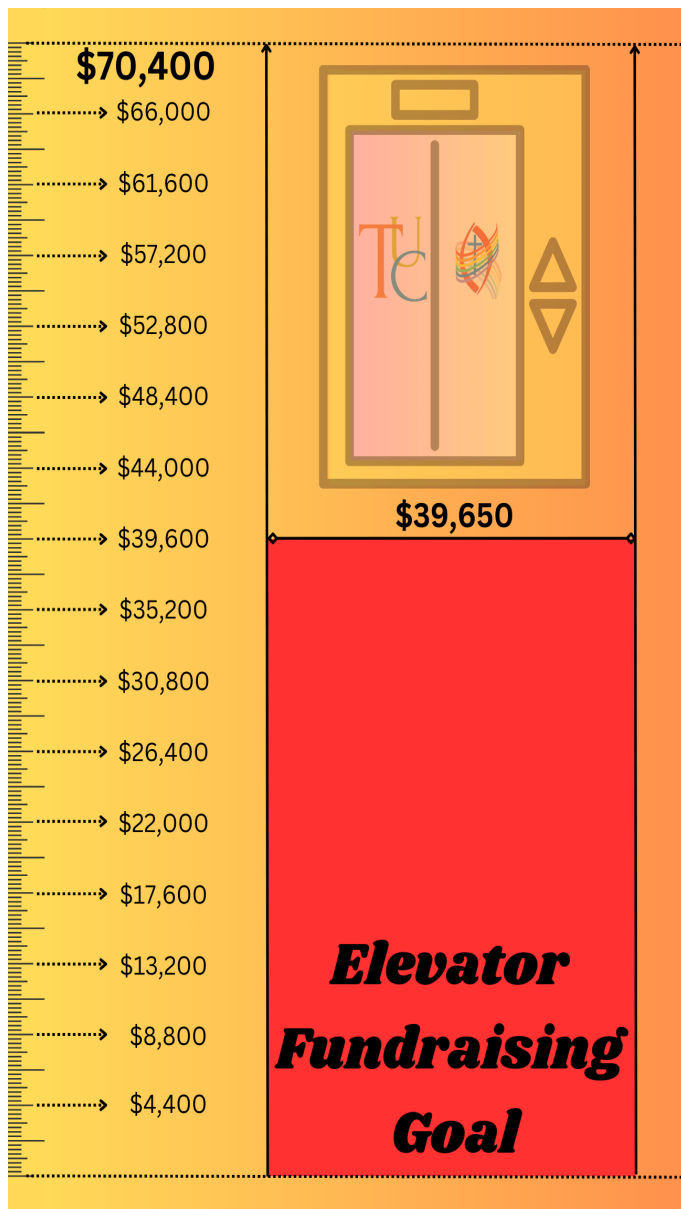
**Trinity Pictorial Directory**

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 company came up with a tentative date a couple of days ago, but I need to clear with the Board.**

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!!

*Darlynne Smith*



## Elevator Update



The elevator parts left the factory on January 9th. We expect them to get to the church around the 20th of January. As in December, we wait for the 'birth'; this time of our elevator!!



Our narthex will not have this lovely hanging covering the elevator door another year!

Because the elevator was not in service, talented decorating crew decided to use this lovely creation for this season. The tree was made by Leslie Martel, the 5 year olds from Sunday School made the sheep ornaments with the help of Olwen Burr. The rest of the tree ornaments were made by Myrna Hall as many of the originals were lost. Thanks, Marlane, for this history!!

when u leave ur dog w/ grandparents



**Thank you to all** who called, texted, emailed, sent cards flowers and food after hearing about the loss of my son, Michael's dad, Ken Dobbyn.

Ken was diagnosed with front lobe Dementia about two years ago. He was still working as he was just 59 years old. After many tests, his fate was not a kind prognosis. He chose to end his life by MAID on the morning of December 22nd. None of us knew about this, so it was a shock!! However, he is at peace and out of the stress of 'what was going to happen'! This decision had to be done when he was still of his own mind.

We are all at peace with his decision now.

There will be no service, at his request.

He is in the arms of God and out of pain!

*With much appreciation*

*Michael, Darlynn, Kathy & Nicole  
& families*

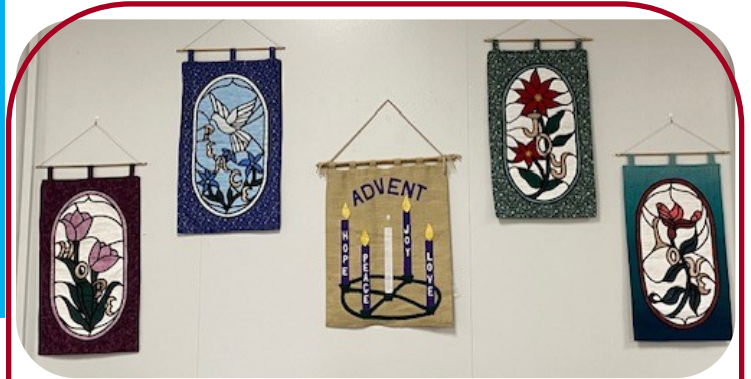
## Trinity January Birthdays

2nd Marv Pidhorny

18th Doug Neufeld

18th Lois Park

25th Robert Garson



These five lovely banners decorated one wall, downstairs, this Christmas season. Marion Speers made the four on the sides, she says not the burlap one. Can someone share who made the advent one? We also have others creators in our church. Viv Privat does many for every season of the year.

And, I am sure there are others!!

Thank you for the beauty of your creations that you share!!

**Most people are at the age where they are using their phones to document the good times in their lives. I'm at the age where I use my phone to take pictures of labels that I can't read and use my phone to enlarge the print so that I can read it.**

"Found this sign in front of someone's home (Canada)"



## FELLOWSHIP FOLLOWING WORSHIP EACH WEEK

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

**January 7th**

**Myrna Lane, Sheila McCausland & Marlane Wilson (Thank you!!)**

**January 14th**

**Lois Riley  
Sam & Myrna Lennon**



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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



Christmas Eve Service 2023 at Trinity United Bdn.  
Congrats to Rev. Doug (with butterfly's), Maia, Sheila,  
Al & Carol , as well as the choir and the folks,  
'behind the scene', for their contributions!!  
A meaningful, enjoyable service!

### *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!

Thinking of **Myrna Hall** who has spent some time in hospital. I understand that she will be moving to Victoria Landing in the near future.

Thinking of **Patty Hargreaves** who is in hospital.



**Happy 2024!!**



Brush away old heartaches.  
Learn from our mistakes.  
Another year is finally over.  
A new dawn awakes

Let the old year out.  
Welcome the new one in.  
Bury the bad things of the past  
As a new year now begins.

Make your New Year wishes  
As simple as you can.  
Pray for peace and love,  
Not for wealth or fame.

Pray for health and happiness.  
Pray for your fellow man.  
Pray for all the ones you love.  
Pray for those who've lost their way.

As the midnight hour chimes,  
We leave the old and embrace the new.  
I wish the things you wish for yourself,  
And may God's love stay with you.

John P. Read.

### *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, Vera Skayman

**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

### **Trinitopics & Church Announcements**

The newsletter is prepared every 2nd week  
Delivery is being made to all non email

**The next issue will be January 25th, 2024**

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

