



Trinitopics & Church Announcements

2 ~ Thursday, January 25th, 2024



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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.



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 29th at 4:00 pm.** All confirmed orders will be sent on January 29th 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 or via phone at (204) 726-4169 (Home) or (204) 570-2338 (Cell).

If you have any questions, please contact Alan Silvius.

Completing the Trinity Directory

IPC have given us a day to have pictures taken on **Monday, February 26th.** This will give those from Central and Alexander, or those who could not make the former days, to book a time and get your picture taken professionally. I took many pictures of folks who could not make the times in the fall of 2022,

however please book a time for this shoot. Pat Bowslaugh & I will be contacting a number of you. We both have a sign up sheet for that day. Our priority right now is to get the Feb. 26th day booked to see if we need another day.

Thank you for your co-operation!
Pat & Darlyne

Trinity United Church Choir & Friends presents

Shrove
Tuesday



**Tuesday, February 13th
5 ~ 6:30 pm**

Fair Trade coffee & tea
Donated by Al & Linda Friesen

Gluten Free available

**Musical Entertainment
Free Will Offerings
Benefactor for profits TBA**

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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 New Years Day	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;"> Junior Sunday school January 21st Senior Sunday school Every week </div> <div style="background-color: cyan; padding: 5px; margin-left: 20px;"> GIG Global Immersion Gospel COP Church of Pentecost </div>		



From Sunday School

The **Junior Sunday School** are looking for help on Sunday's with their craft time.

As there is a considerable difference in ages an extra set of hands would be beneficial. You do not need to prepare the craft just be prepared to help on Sunday mornings. We will place a sign up sheet downstairs during Fellowship or contact Michelle or Andy Depner after service.

So if you love to craft or simply enjoy the young folk please "come on down"!!

February dates are the 4th and the 18th...

Please check your calendar.



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.

Trinity's Equity and Diversity committee is working with Knox United Church once again this year to put together a public event for P.I.E. Day on March 9, 2024.

P.I.E. stands for Public, Intentional, Explicit and celebrates full inclusion of everyone, LGBTQIA+ and Two Spirit people within our faith community and our communities. This year the event will once again be held in the auditorium at Knox United Church. There will be vendors from our community along with a speaker/entertainer, who will provide a fun way to engage and learn, and of course there will be PIE and coffee/tea and loads of discussion. Following last year's event the committees received many positive comments where people were pleased to learn, visit, share ideas, and become more comfortable as allies within this community.

Comedian **Lara Rae** of Little Mosque on the Prairie fame (Al Rae) is a public figure and transwoman in Winnipeg and finds laughter and happiness in her "new" identity. She has graciously agreed to come to speak to our community and will be a great source of education about the transgender community+ and will no doubt share some experiences in a manner that will be both poignant and humorous.

So, what can you do to support Brandon's LGBTQIA2S+ community and the affirming Trinity/Knox United Churches?

Come out and learn about our friends and neighbours along with all who want to be Public, Intentional, and Explicit within our faith and wider communities! Additionally, if you wish to help in the kitchen with set up or clean up, or bring a pie to help out, a sign-up sheet will be in the narthex.

We will need the help of three people; two for set up and one for cleanup and 10-15 pies from Trinity. Thank you for your consideration and we hope to see you there!!!



Come on Out!! Have FUN



Crafts, Singing & Dancing, Bible Story & FOOD!!

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, microwaves, 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

The YAAJ Committee is a group of dedicated young adults and youth who work to promote and run young adult and youth events in the Prairie to Pine region of the United Church of Canada.

There is a YAAJ Retreat planned February 17-19th, 2024 in Killarney.

Should be a fun weekend with a community of faith and building leadership.

Financial assistance is available for any Trinity youth wanting to attend.

Please contact Connie or Lois.

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/ after January 15, 2024. It can be downloaded, for free, from the WDP resource section of wicc.org

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

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



TRINITY 55 PLUS GROUP...Wednesday, February 21, 2024, 1:30 pm.

GUESTBEVERLEY HICKS100 YEARS OF PSYCHIATRIC NURSING.

EVERYONE WELCOME ! PLEASE JOIN US...

A time of beverage and cookies to follow...

Voluntary donations -Manitoba Society of Children with DisAbilities...now known as **Manitoba Possible**

Sign up sheet in the narthex.

“Trinity 55 Plus

Striving to Make a Difference a Little at a Time”

Ruth and Glenn ..204 728 4683- Gail Thickett ..204 725 4934 ..Hazel and Larry 204 728 6215

My personal sympathy to the residents of **Valleyview Care Home**. Their elevator has been down all week!! Residents are not able to be moved for entertainment, visitors have to climb stairs to get to their loved ones and entertainers are called off if they need a piano!!

We, at Trinity, can feel that there are those worse off than we have been; for the last ... almost 9 months!!

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

MOST WANTED FOOD ITEMS



MOST WANTED NON-FOOD ITEMS



SAMARITAN HOUSE MINISTRIES INC. Food Bank & Resource Centre 820 Pacific Avenue Brandon MB R7A 0J1 204-726-0758 www.samaritanhouse.net

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Trinity has \$50 & \$100 Gift Cards from Sobeys/Safeway and Super-store.

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



WWJD

Mission and Service is one of our church's best answers to the question: "What would Jesus do?"

Jesus crossed a lot of boundaries. When we think of boundaries that separate people – like money, gender, education, culture, religion and class – we know that Jesus crossed them all, inspiring hope, inclusion and compassion.

In the same way, our generosity through Mission and Service breaks down walls that divide and builds bridges that bring us together.

We support organizations in Canada and around the world that help hospitals, soup kitchens, camps, counselling services, drop-in centres and homeless shelters. Our gifts also help to sustain education programs that teach farming skills, provide job training and help remove obstacles so children can attend school.

Our generosity stands up for victims of human trafficking, ensures that workers and children know their rights, and advocates for those persecuted because of their sexual orientation, gender or beliefs. We also promote anti-racism, support healing and reconciliation and encourage respect for one another.

Through Mission and Service, the arms of our generosity stretch wide, reaching into schools, camps, hospitals, shelters, sustainable farm land, prisons and churches.

We answer the question "What would Jesus do?" by giving generously to Mission and Service. Thank you for your support.

Submitted by Faye McLoughlin



Pat's Writers Group

Friday, February 25th at 10:30 in the Trinity library.

Our prompt for this session is:

*"Walking through the graveyard,
Katie couldn't shake the feeling that she was being watched ..."*

All are welcome!

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



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Alison Murray & Darlyne Smith

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

Our thoughts and prayers are with **Barb Jardine** as she recovers from heart surgery at St. Boniface Hospital, Winnipeg. Barb is Ministry Personnel most recently in a pastoral relationship with Forrest and Brookdale Pastoral Charges. She would welcome visits from her ministry colleagues.

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Go to <https://united-church.ca/e-newsletters> & find above link!



Our next meeting is
Tuesday, February 6th
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 February Birthdays

5th Carolyn Heard
 25th Bea Allen

Trinity UCW Executive for 2024

President: Darlynn Smith
 Vice President: Faye McLoughlin
 Secretary: Leslie Preston
 Treasurer: Darlene Silvius
 Past President: Irene Thompson

We are so happy to have a full executive this year!!

Thanks to all for stepping up. At present, we have 36 Trinity ladies on our list. There is 'always room for one more'!! Everyone is welcome!!

We meet on the **first Tuesday** of the month **EXCEPT** September & January When we meet on the second Tuesday.



The tax receipts are ready and will be available in the narthex again this Sunday, the 28th. Any not picked up will be mailed next week.

Thanks to Eden, Reg & the BA Committee for their work in getting them ready!!

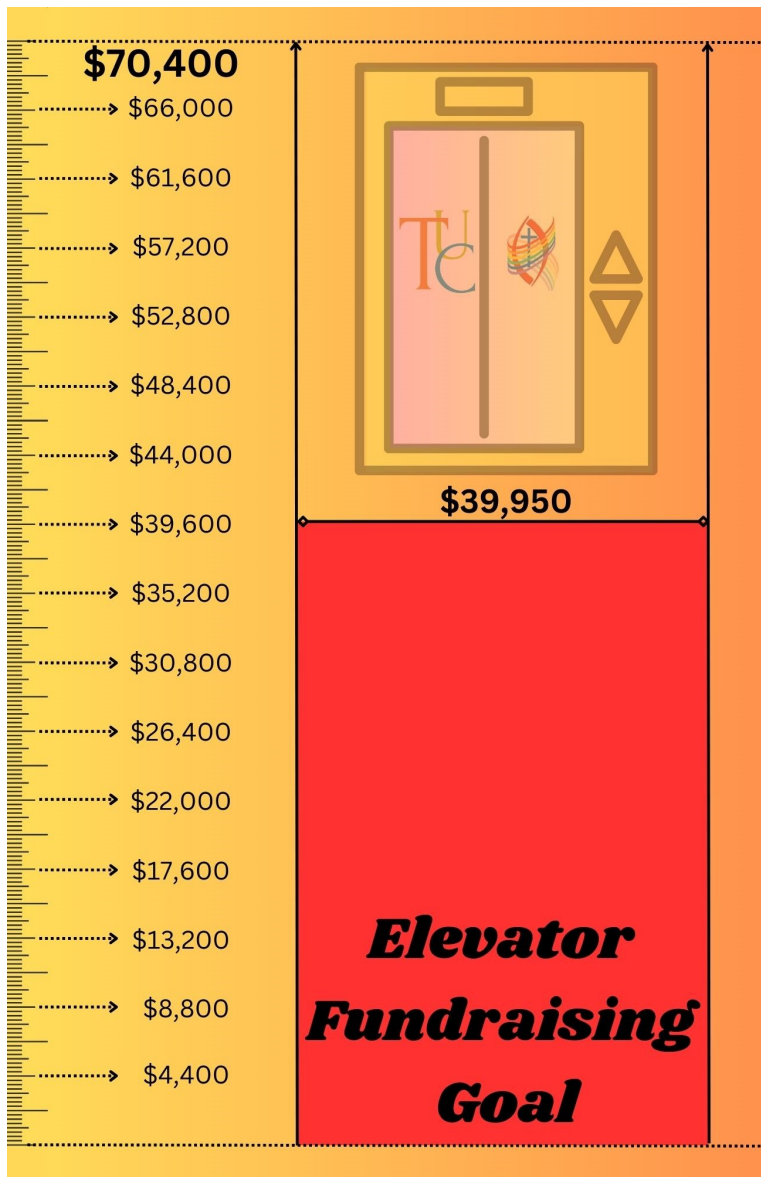
Prayer Shawls are available in the library/meeting room for you to take to comfort anyone; it does not have to be a Trinity person!

There are so many beautiful designs and colors to be chosen. Thank you to the talented ladies who made these lovely creations!!!



Bible Study happens every Thursday at 1:30. Studying the book of Mark Please join in person or on Zoom. Rev. Doug will send out a link weekly.

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



As in December, we wait for the 'birth'; this time of our elevator!!

I think that this update is accurate and promising! As of today, Friday the 26th, the report is that it is complete and in the warehouse, waiting to be shipped. Our local elevator contact is ready to install as soon as it gets here. By Googling, I think it is coming from Brampton, Ontario.





Trinity February Birthdays
18th Lois Riley

1. Birthdays are like golfing — it's a lot more fun if you don't keep count!
2. You aren't old, you're a classic!
3. What goes up but never comes down? ...
4. Like an iPhone, you upgrade each year!

We have recently lost two pioneer Members of Trinity.

On December 4th, 2023, Emma Garden passed at Souris PCH. She was 94 years young. Her obituary is on Brockie Donovan website. She was Member # 23.

On January 13th, 2024, Thelma Souliere passed in Winnipeg at 89 years young. Her obituary is also on Brockie Donovan website. She was Member #109.

WHAT DO YOU GET WHEN YOU CROSS A POLICEMAN WITH A SKUNK?
LAW AND ODOR!



Some Bob Hope Humour! (Thanks, Marilyn!)

ON TURNING 100 - "I don't feel old. In fact, I don't feel anything until noon. Then it's time for my nap."

ON GIVING UP HIS EARLY CAREER (BOXING) - "I ruined my hands in the ring. The referee kept stepping on them."

ON WHY HE CHOSE SHOWBIZ FOR HIS CAREER - "When I was born, the doctor said to my mother, congratulations, you have an eight pound ham."

ON RECEIVING THE CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL - "I feel very humble, but I think I have the strength of character to fight it."

ON HIS FAMILY'S EARLY POVERTY - "Four of us slept in the one bed. When it got cold, mother threw on another brother."

ON HIS SIX BROTHERS - "That's how I learned to dance. Waiting for the bathroom."

ON HIS EARLY FAILURES - "I would not have had anything to eat if it wasn't for the stuff the audience threw at me."

ON GOING TO HEAVEN - "I have done benefits for ALL religions. I would hate to blow the hereafter on a technicality."

FELLOWSHIP FOLLOWING WORSHIP EACH WEEK

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

January 28th
Mary Wardle & Sonia Morrice.

February 4th
The Faye's

February 11th
Myrna Lennon (need someone else)

February 18th

February 25th (AGM)

March 3rd
Gail & Donald, Gloria & Barry

March 10th
The Sisters & Janice Seddon.

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 & 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** as she adjusts to her new home in Victoria Landing.

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

Thinking of **Leona Pringle** as she recovers from hip surgery.



Rev. Doug, junior & senior Sunday school & Trinity congregation dance to the kids song and dance video on January 21st. Also good for congregation! No dozing 😊

Our Friends in Personal Care and Senior Homes

Dinsdale: Lois Aube, Lloyd Kitz

Fairview: Audrey Campbell, Judy Diswinka, Linda Garson, Louise Hume, Eunice Lindenberg, Betty Russell

Hillcrest PCH: Don Jessiman, Vera Skayman

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, Myrna Hall, Al & Helen Lauder, Betty McFarland, Fred Miller, Pat Rathwell, Wilma Seafoot

Wawanesa PCH: Alice Laminman

When the song of angels is stilled
When the star in the sky is gone,
When the kings and princes are home,
When the shepherds are back
with their flock
The work of Christmas begins:

To find the lost
To heal the broken
To feed the hungry
To release the prisoner
To rebuild the nations
To bring peace among people
To make music in the heart.

~Howard Thurman



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

The next issue will be February 8th, 2024

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