



Trinitopics & Church Announcements

3 ~ Thursday, February 8th, 2024



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Worship

Upcoming Worship Services:

February 18: First Sunday of Lent - Communion

Please see Pulpit /supply needs during Rev. Doug's Sabbatical on Page 3.

FundScrip Report for January 2024:

Twenty-seven households participated in the January gift card orders with \$10,660.00 worth of orders. Trinity earned \$344.98.

Thank you for your support on this fundraiser. The next gift card orders will take place in March.

Thank you, Alexander!!
for your very generous
gift of \$25,554.00
for the Elevator!!

Trinity United Church Choir

presents

SHROVE TUESDAY 2024



Sausage & Pancake Supper

Tuesday, February 13th

1515 ~ 6th St.

5:00 ~ 6:30 PM



Gluten free available
Fair Trade Coffee & Tea

Musical Entertainment

Free Will Offerings

Profits donated to Westman Women's Shelter

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 Bowslough & 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
Annual General Meeting

Sunday, February 25th.
Following Worship

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Junior Sunday school February 4th & 18th Senior Sunday school Every week</p>				1 Bible Study 1:30pm Choir Practice Sanctuary 7pm	2 COP Prayers 7pm Prairie Group 8 pm	3
4 Trinity Worship + SS 10am GIG Worship 12:30pm COP Worship 5pm	5 WIH Sanctuary 7pm	6 WW 9am UCW 1:15 pm WW 4:30pm Prairie Group 8 pm	7	8  Bible Study 1:30pm Choir Practice Sanctuary 7pm	9 COP Prayers 7pm Prairie Group 8 pm	10 Marina Cram Funeral
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Thank you to the folks who stepped up to help with the Junior Sunday school classes in February!!

- ♦ March 3, 17th and 31st are the next three dates that we will be looking for volunteers.
- ♦ Thank you!!



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.



Pulpit Supply during Rev. Doug Neufeld's Sabbatical 2024

Worship Leaders are needed during Rev. Doug's sabbatical in June, July and August 2024.

Please reflect on your worship talents and consider taking a service during one or more of these dates.

Please contact Alan Silvius at (204) 726-4169 or silviusa@mymts.net.

Date	Pulpit Supply Coverage
June 2 (Pride Sunday)	
June 9	Outreach Committee
June 16 (Father's Day)	Miranda Edwards
June 23	Faye McLoughlin
June 30 (? Outdoor Service)	
July 7	
July 14	
July 21	
July 28	
August 4	
August 11	
August 18	Faye McLoughlin
August 25	Faye McLoughlin
September 1	Miranda Edwards

I think the proper term for 'senior' women should be: Queen-agers.

That is all. Carry on.



Do you ever look at all your kids and think ...

That one will be dropping me curbside at the nursing home;

That one will be paying for it;

That one will visit me the most; and that one?

He'll be sneaking in the good wine!

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.

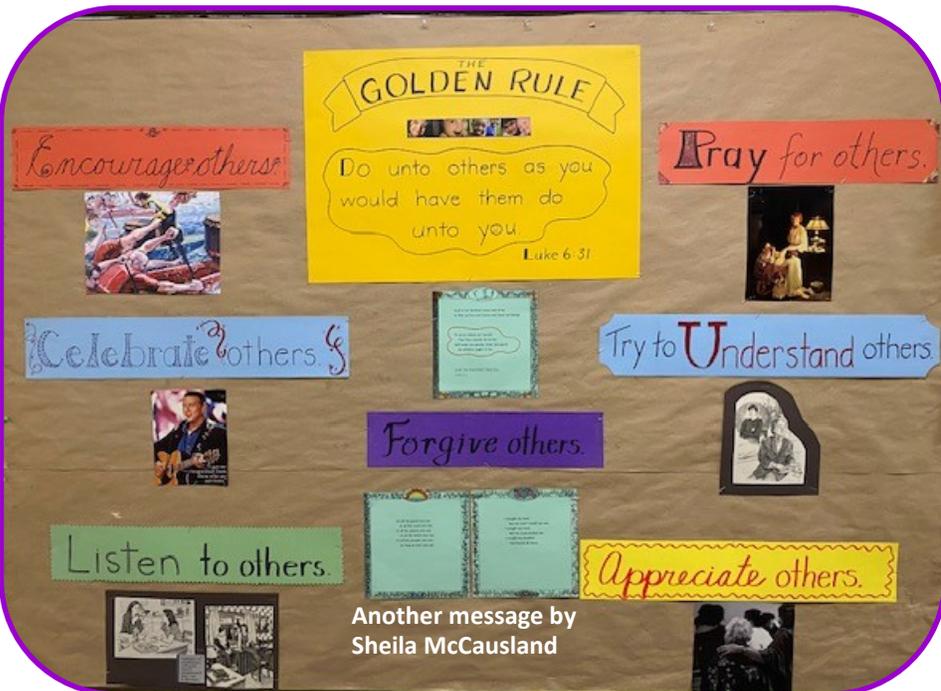
Comedian **Lara Rae** of Little Mosque on the Prairie fame (Al Rae) is a public figure and transwoman in Winnipeg and finds laughter and happiness in her "new" identity. She has graciously agreed to come to speak to our community and will be a great source of education about the transgender community+ 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!

Thank you to the ladies who offered to make pies!! *Faye McLoughlin, Winnie Black, Jean Cory, Elaine Madill, June Pedlow, Myrna Lennon, Carol McManes, Cheryl McClelland, Michelle Depner, Kay Gussie & Norie Rathwell.*

We still need someone for set up
Thank you for your consideration and we hope to see you there!!!



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.



February is **Black History Month**

During Black History Month, people in Canada celebrate the many achievements and contributions of Black Canadians and their communities who, throughout history, have done so much to make Canada a culturally diverse, compassionate, and prosperous country.

Recognizing **Black History Month in Canada**

In 1978, the Ontario Black History Society (OBHS) was established. Its founders, including Dr. Daniel G. Hill and Wilson O. Brooks, presented a petition to the City of Toronto to have February formally proclaimed as Black History Month. In 1979, the first-ever Canadian proclamation was issued by Toronto.

The first Black History Month in Nova Scotia was observed in 1988 and later renamed African Heritage Month in 1996.

In 1993, the OBHS successfully filed a petition in Ontario to proclaim February as Black History Month. Following that success, Rosemary Sadlier, president of the OBHS, introduced the idea of having Black History Month recognized across Canada to the Honourable Jean Augustine, the first Black Canadian woman elected to Parliament.

In December 1995, the House of Commons officially recognized February as Black History Month in Canada following a motion introduced by Dr. Augustine.

The House of Commons carried the motion unanimously.

In February 2008, Senator Donald Oliver, the first Black man appointed to the Senate, introduced the

Motion to Recognize Contributions of Black Canadians and February as Black History Month.

It received unanimous approval and was adopted on March 4, 2008. The adoption of this motion completed Canada's parliamentary position on Black History Month.

From Government of Canada Website

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.....

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

HELPING HANDS
CENTRE OF
BRANDON, INC.



Trinity Collection for February

Regular Donated Items: Canned goods, Dry goods, Fresh produce, Monetary gifts

Needed Essentials:

- Margarine
- Mayonnaise
- Mustard
- Sugar
- Soya Sauce
- Juice
- Bottled water
- Garbage bags
- Gloves (food safe)
- Plastic shopping bags

The YAAV 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 YAAV 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.

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

Be grateful that no matter how much chocolate you eat, your earrings will still fit.

Christmas Cheer 2024

The Outreach Committee is thinking ahead to Christmas this year.

We have decided to make cloth bags to hold gifts for our family members. We know there are talented sewers in our congregation who might have time to create these bags. We are hoping for 3 sizes of bags, Small Medium and Large, with a draw-string at the top.

It would be helpful to have the largest bag be approximately the size of a pillowcase with the two smaller bags one being about half size and a small bag for stocking stuffers.

If you are able to help you are welcome to use leftover fabric that would make an attractive Christmas gift bag.

There also might be sales in the fabric stores at this time of the year. The committee will be collecting bags and storing them till they are needed for the Christmas Cheer hampers in December.

Please contact Connie H. or Faye M. if you have questions about the gift bags.

Thanks for your help! Trinity Outreach



Pictures from Feb. 2nd
Messy Church
Next Newsletter

**Next Messy Church
March 8th**



A couple of weeks ago, we sang a wonderful hymn (#578) that reminded us about Trinity's passion for Mission and Service.

The first two verses read: "As a fire is meant for burning, with a bright and warming flame, so the church is meant for mission, giving glory to God's name. Not to preach our creeds or customs, but to build a bridge of care, we join hands across the nations, finding neighbours everywhere. We are learners, we are teachers, we are pilgrims on the way. We are seekers, we are givers, we are vessels made of clay. By our gentle loving actions, we would show that Christ is light. In a humble, listening spirit, we would live to God's delight."

We listen to the M&S stories each week to remind us that there are so many needs around the world. Our M&S offerings go toward our church's commitment to help provide funds for services wherever needed.

Our M&S goal for 2023 was \$20,000 and we surpassed that. We actually raised \$22,332! Way to go Trinity!!

Locally, our congregation is so wonderful to keep on contributing foods and funds to Samaritan House, Helping Hands, Women's Shelter, the Bear Clan, Christmas Cheer and other projects that come up during the year.

Thank you to everyone for your dedication to provide for our neighbours, be they be near or far.

Submitted by Faye McLoughlin

Marlane Wilson will send a card to someone who is in the hospital, or needing some cheering up. Please call/contact her with anyone's name that you are aware of. **204 729.8574 or marlane.w@yahoo.com**

Pat's Writers Group

Friday, February 23rd 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>

As the Centennial Approaches: Archives Requests

As Communities of Faith within our Region start to plan celebrations in recognition of the United Church of Canada's 100th anniversary in 2025, many are thinking of ways to explore, acknowledge, and share our history. Requests for Archives materials are expected to markedly increase as this milestone approaches. To ensure that our Archivists & Volunteers have enough time to fulfill your request for historical materials, please start planning now & reach out early!

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Our next meeting is
Tuesday, March 5th, 2024
 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.

We have welcomed three new members this year; Linda Kitz, Cheryl McClelland & Myrna Lane.

There will be a 'games day' in March or April.

UCW will be 'in the Pulpit' on May 5th.

UCW February Birthdays

5th Carolyn Heard
 25th Bea Allen

**National Affirming PIE Day Panel-
 Feb 15, 2024, 6 pm on Zoom.**

Three spiritual leaders will reflect on this years PIE Day Theme- PIE in the Public Square.

Speakers are

Rev. Franklyn James,

Theologian, Educator, Poet -

Rabbi Dr. Nachshon Siritsky,

Spiritual leader of The Chavurah Collective:
 Decolonizing Judaism in Mi'kma'k -

Rev. Tricia Gerhard,

Minister at Westworth United Church,
 an Affirming ministry in Winnipeg

For more information and to register,
 please go to <https://pieday.ca/>

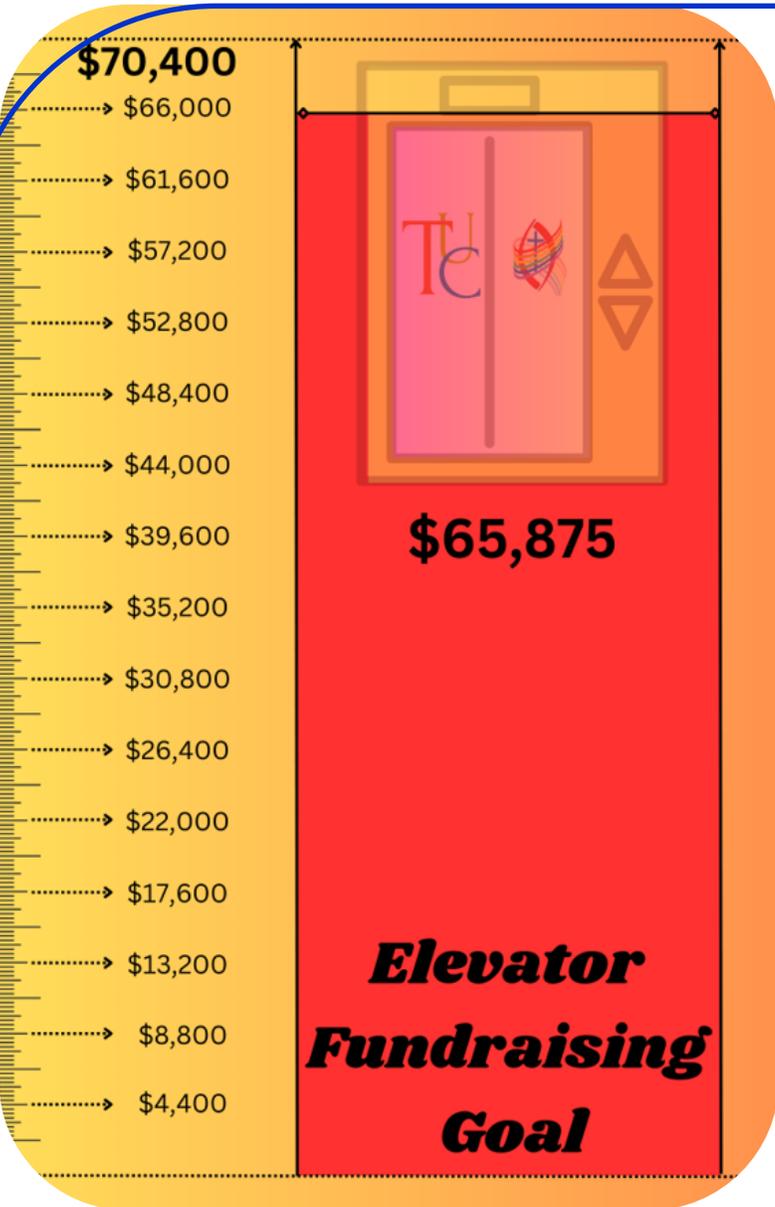


Prayer Shawls are available in the library/meeting room for you to take to comfort anyone; it does not have to be a Trinity person!

There are so many beautiful designs and colors to be chosen.

Thank you to the talented ladies who made these lovely creations!!!





Yes, the elevator is still 'out of service' BUT our new one was delivered on Tuesday, Feb. 6th.



By about noon on Wednesday, Kerry & Bob had it in the narthex and were starting the procedure to install it!



Reg took this picture on Friday morning & sent it to me. Already, much that was on the floor on Wednesday is now in the shaft. (Thanks Reg)

What a welcome sight in our church!! After almost ten months, the promise of an elevator again is closer!!

Kerry thought it might take a couple of weeks, then has to be inspected. So the speed of the elevator journey remains slow, but so much more tangible!!

The Brandon Elevator staff don't leave the church after they get there in the morning. They are a very dedicated pair!! They are working hard to get it operational asap.

Many thanks!!

For most people when you lose your "khakis" you've lost your pants. When you're from Boston & lose your "khakis" you can't start your car.

YOU KNOW WHEN YOU BUY A BAG OF SALAD & IT GETS ALL BROWN & SOGGY? COOKIES DON'T DO THAT

This is why Shetland ponies never caught on in Wyoming.



Trinity
February Birthdays
18th
Lois Riley

The easiest time to add insult to injury is when you're signing someone's cast.

Light travels faster than sound, which is the reason that some people appear bright before you hear them speak.

My therapist says I have a preoccupation for revenge. We'll see about that

A termite walks into the bar and asks, 'Is the bar tender here?'

A told my girlfriend she drew her eyebrows too high. She seemed surprised.

Pastoral Care & Fellowship Committee

There has been two additions to this committee and one of them is Myrna Lane. She worked with Christmas Cheer for many years organizing a large undertaking!! She retired from that committee at the end of 2023. Myrna is going to work with the Fellowship part of this committee with me. She is hoping by April, that there could be 'teams' in place. We think that as of right now, the generous people who have been taking a turn, would easily make it that you would only have to be on duty every 8 or 9 weeks. Maybe longer!

This used to be how it was done prior years before COVID. However we have lost some folks and other have health issues and are no longer able to help.

Myrna will be working on this concept over the next couple of months so you will be hearing from her in the near future.

Thank you, Myrna,
for giving Fellowship a whirl!!!

FELLOWSHIP FOLLOWING WORSHIP EACH WEEK

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

February 11th

Myrna Lennon, Kathy Knight

February 18th

Myrna Lane, Darlynn Smith & need someone.

February 25th (AGM)

Sheila McCausland, Mary Wardle

March 3rd

Gail & Donald, Gloria & Barry

March 10th

The Sisters & Janice Seddon.

March 17th

Outreach Committee

March 24th

Linda Friesen & Friends



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Please be sure to call or e-mail
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with any reports of folks in hospital or
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If you know someone, or yourself,
who would like a care call from
Rev. Neufeld; please call the office.
204 728-4796



Messy Church Ministry ~ February 2nd

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, 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

*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!*

Our thoughts and prayers
to **Lorraine Grill** who has
been in hospital.
Thinking of **Leona Pringle**
who is in Rivers,
working hard!!



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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 22nd, 2024
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'May God hold you in the palm of His Hand'