



# Trinitopics & Church Announcements

# 4 ~ Thursday, February 22nd, 2024



Rev. Doug Neufeld  
Phone: 204 729-1946  
E Mail: rev.doug@wcgwave.ca  
Urgent needs: Cell 204 441-8140



Trinity Office  
Mon, Tues, Thurs & Fri  
9-noon 1-4 pm  
Phone: 204 728-4796  
E Mail: trinityucbdn@wcgwave.ca  
Website: www.trinitybrandon.ca

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

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

**Elevator Fundraising is over**  
See page 3 & hear more about it at AGM

## Shrove Tuesday



Profit of \$1125.00 was sent to Westman Women's Shelter!

### THANK YOU !!

The Trinity Choir thank volunteers who helped in any way for make this year's Shrove Tuesday pancake/sausage supper another successful one!! They are: Keith Privat, Leslie Preston, Al Friesen, Pat King-Doctrovè, Irene Smith, Alan Silvius, Mary Wardle, Linda Kitz, Faye McLoughlin, Barry Hill & Marlane Wilson. Special thanks to Holly, who entertained us with her music & Davis Placatka who practised with a couple of other choirs prior to coming to Trinity to lead ours!! As well, thanks to Reg Atkinson & Al Friesen for sending pictures. Although there weren't as many attending, the usual generosity of Trinity folk & 'free will offering' shone brightly! And ... a note to the clean up /dishwashing crew: When I checked out the kitchen later, there was not a thing that was unfinished & all was put away properly!. A super job!!  
*Trinity is so blessed!!*



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<div style="background-color: yellow; padding: 5px;">                     Junior Sunday school                      February 4th &amp; 18th                      Senior Sunday school                      Every week                 </div>				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
11 Trinity Worship 10am GIG Worship 12:30pm COP Worship 5pm	12 WIH Sanctuary 7pm	13 WW 9am UCW Meeting 1pm WW 4:30pm Shrove Supper 5pm Board Meeting 7:15 pm Prairie Group 8 pm	14	15 Bible Study 1:30pm Choir Practice Sanctuary 7pm	16 COP Prayers 7pm Prairie Group 8 pm	17
18 Trinity Worship + SS 10am GIG Worship 12:30pm COP Worship 5pm	19 Lois Riel Day Office Closed 	20 WW 9am WW 4:30pm Prairie Group 8 pm	21 55+ Event 1:30pm	22  Bible Study 1:30pm Choir Practice Sanctuary 7pm	23 Pat's Writers Library 10:30am COP Prayers 7pm Prairie Group 8 pm	24 Blanket Exercise
25 Trinity Worship 10am GIG Worship 12:30pm COP Worship 5pm	26	27 WW 9am WW 4:30pm Prairie Group 8 pm	28	29 Bible Study 1:30pm Choir Practice Sanctuary 7pm	<div style="background-color: cyan; padding: 5px;"> <b>GIG</b>                      Global Immersion Gospel  <b>COP</b>                      Church of Pentecost                 </div>	



Sunday, February 18th, we were talking about blessings and how we could share God's blessings with others. We used our Sunday school time to bake cookies, bag them and created cards with uplifting messages and pictures to go with the cookies. Brandon Bear Clan will then share these cookies and cards on their patrol.

... Trinity Junior Sunday School



### 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)	Pat Bowslaugh
June 9	Outreach Committee
June 16 (Father's Day)	Miranda Edwards
June 23	Faye McLoughlin
June 30 (Outdoor Service)	Barb Janzen
July 7	
July 14	
July 21	
July 28	
August 4	
August 11	
August 18	Faye McLoughlin
August 25	Faye McLoughlin
September 1	Miranda Edwards

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

Please think about our folks in hospital and care homes and drop them a greeting through the Prairie Mountain Health website. <https://www.prairiemountainhealth.ca/pmh-well-wishes>



## FUNDRAISING FOR ELEVATOR IS COMPLETED!!

Although the elevator is still not ready for us to use, it is getting so squeaky close!!

Kerry & Bob continue their mission and progress is so notable!!

All doors are on ... it goes to all three floors ...Yea!!



It was mentioned about the number of specialized tools that are needed and all used and were spread about!!

## Public Intentional Explicit Day

March 9th, 2024

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!!!



I grew up living paycheck to paycheck, but through hard work and perseverance i now live direct deposit to direct deposit.

You think you know stress? When I grew up, if you missed a TV show you just missed it. Forever.

A police officer called the station on his radio. "I have an intresting case here.An old lady shot her husband for stepping on the floor she just mopped." "Have you arrested the woman?" Not yet.The floor's still wet.



**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' in May TBA.

**UCW March Birthday**

27th Frances McKague  
28th Winnie Black

**UCW February Birthdays**  
5th Carolyn Heard  
25th Bea Allen



Friday, March 1<sup>st</sup> @ 2 pm  
Wednesday, March 6<sup>th</sup> @ 2 pm  
Wednesday, March 13th  
Thursday, March 14<sup>th</sup> @ 11 am  
Tuesday, March 26<sup>th</sup> @ 2 pm

Valleyview PCH  
Hillcrest Place  
Fairview PCH (Tentative)  
Riverheights Terrace  
Victoria Landing

**BEWARE OF SCAMMERS!!**

They are out there in full force!!  
Be Smart .... Be Careful!!

**PICTURE for DIRECTORY**

**ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26TH**  
**You will all be contacted prior to picture time.**

**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 for the lovely prayer shawl that was given to me and to the ladies who continue to make them!!

I also appreciate the thoughts and prayers that are associated with it!  
...with love & blessings ... Darlynnne

# ROTARY SPRING BOOK SALE



**VICTORIA INN BRANDON  
IMPERIAL BALLROOM**

**Thursday, March 28, 2024  
9:00am - 8:00pm**

**Friday, March 29, 2024  
9:00am - 8:00pm**

**Saturday, March 30, 2024  
9:00am - 2:00pm**

**FREE BOOK FOR EVERY CHILD  
OVER 75,000 BOOKS...  
SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE  
FREE ADMISSION**

...Please bring your own book bags

**FALL BOOK SALE SEPTEMBER 12,13,14, 2024**

Inquiries for  
Rotary Club of Brandon:  
www.rotaryclubofbrandon.org  
brotary1344@gmail.com



"All funds raised support Brandon Westman  
& International Rotary projects...  
Thank you to everyone for your support.

**Rotary**   
Club of Brandon 1344

Some men say they don't wear their wedding band because it cuts off circulation.  
*Well, that's the point, isn't it?*

Queering Identities: LGBTQ+ Sexuality and Gender Identity is a free course on Coursera. Participants will explore the history of LGBTQ+ identities, experiences, and activism.  
Major events of the LGBTQ+ community will also be discussed.  
Participants can register at their convenience as it is a self-paced course. If interested, please register at  
[https://www.coursera.org/learn/queeringidentities?recoOrder=9&utm\\_source=marketing&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=45698&sfmc\\_id=4407253&sfmc\\_key=0031U00001Pfou2QAB](https://www.coursera.org/learn/queeringidentities?recoOrder=9&utm_source=marketing&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=45698&sfmc_id=4407253&sfmc_key=0031U00001Pfou2QAB)

Before you marry a person, you should first make them use a computer with a slow Internet connection to see who they really are.  
Did you hear about the shepherd who drove his sheep through town? He was given a ticket for making a ewe turn.  
Our child has a great deal of willpower—and even more won't power.

Sixty years ago this month four young British "mop heads" appeared on the Ed Sullivan Television Show in New York for the first time. They were called "The Beatles" and they were on their way to exerting a long lasting influence on rock and roll music, an influence that is said to have raised rock music to an art form.

To mark that anniversary, and to demonstrate the claim that the Beatles' rock music can be considered an art form, the Brandon-based **Prairie Lights String Quartet** will be performing "An Evening With The Beatles", a concert of many of the most popular Beatles songs in arrangements by Laura Jones and others. "Contrary to Lennon and McCartney's lyrics in *Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band*, the Beatles' music has never gone out of style," says Jones: "The popularity of these songs is enduring and easily crosses the boundaries between so-called "rock" and "classical" formats. We look forward to sharing our classical take on these memorable songs with our audience, and we want them all to sing along!"

The members of the Quartet are well known Brandon players. A laureate of the Eckhardt-Grammaté Competition, violinist Kerry DuWors recently received her 20-year pin as a faculty member at Brandon University. Judit Jarmillo is a recent graduate of the Masters' program at the BU School of Music, and violist Robert Richardson and cellist Laura Jones are both sessional faculty instructors at BU. Robert and Laura both grew up in Brandon, while Kerry is a native of Saskatchewan; Judit, from Mexico, has adopted Brandon as a home away from home.

The concert will take place at **First Presbyterian Church** in Brandon, a venue that is well known for the fine quality of its acoustics. The Concert begins at  
**7:30 p.m. on Thursday, February 29.**  
Advance tickets at \$25 can be arranged by calling 204-727-5874.  
Admission at the door will be \$30.  
Please see poster on bulletin board.




**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.**



Pictures from last Messy Church!! Banana Boats, hotdogs with sails, crosses, games, story, dance & food!!!  
 Next Messy Church: Friday, March 8th

## 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/](http://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](http://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



There were over twenty folk out to hear a very passionate Beverley Hicks share all about the  
the  
100 Years of  
Psychiatric Nursing.  
She also brought much memorabilia for us to see.

She also shared that there was still a lot of historic memorabilia in the 'Main' building at the old Mental Hospital Grounds that could be lost. If you have any knowledge on how to save this, please see Glen Simard, the Brandon East NDP Rep.

A very interesting subject and well shared!!

<https://www.commediaportal.ca/en/media/one-hundred-years-psychiatric-nursing-western-manitoba>. Here is a link to see and hear more . Very interesting!!



Caught this talented lady putting up the new message!!  
Thanks Sheila!!

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

# 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**



**Rock Lake Camp** information on bulletin board. Please check it out!  
They are hiring for positions as well as  
camping experiences for the family for this summer.

Did you hear the one about ...  
the nurse who was chewed out by the doctor because she was absent without gauze?  
the crustacean accused of promoting his own shellfish interests?  
the cat who ate a ball of yarn? She had mittens.  
the kid who started a business tying shoelaces on the playground? It was a knot-for-profit.  
the claustrophobic astronaut? He just wanted a little more space.



Eliza Dolittle from My Fair Lady sang, “All I want is a room somewhere, far away from the cold night air, with one enormous chair - Ow wouldn’t it be lovely? Lots of chocolate for me to eat, lots of coal makin’ lots of heat. Warm face, warm hands, warm feet, Ow, wouldn’t it be lovely?”

This is a story and Eliza ends up with a warm home with loved ones. Compare this with the reality that today there are too many people currently who do not have a warm home, nor do they have enough to eat.

This is a reality here in Brandon, as well as in most cities in Canada, and around the world. It is heartbreaking that food prices keep rising so that even with a salary some families depend on school meals for their children’s nourishment and regular trips to a food bank or kitchen to feed their families.

Your gifts of food and monetary donations to local helping establishments are so important for the well-being and dignity of so many people. Mission and Service partners with many organizations around the world to help provide affordable housing, food security, medical supports and so much more.

Thank you for your generosity in sharing your resources locally and to the Trinity Mission and Service Fund.

*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



[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>

### 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!

To subscribe to the Weekly News

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

**I REMEMBER  
MULTIPLICATION  
WAS CALLED  
"TIMES TABLES"**



**I miss the GOOD OLD DAYS**



**when you could actually  
have an opinion without  
offending anyone.**

Did you hear they arrested the devil?  
Yeah, they got him on possession.

What did one DNA say to the other  
DNA? "Do these genes make me look  
fat?"

My IQ test results came back. They were  
negative.

What do you get when you cross a polar  
bear with a seal? A polar bear.

Why can't you trust an atom? Because  
they make up literally everything.

Why was six afraid of seven? Because  
seven eight nine.

What do you call a hippie's wife?  
Mississippi.

What's the difference between an out-  
law and an in-law? Outlaws are wanted.



### **Fellowship Committee**

we are looking for those attending  
Fellowship to think about taking a  
turn to host on a rotating schedule.

We would like to try it until the end  
of June. The more teams who will  
participate, the less number of  
times you would be hosting.

Please talk to Myrna Lane or  
Darlynn Smith about the proposed  
duties.

**Trinity  
March Birthdays**

9th	Reg Atkinson
17th	Ralph Heard
19th	Betty Russell <b>101 years</b>
22nd	Carol McManes
27th	Laura Fardoe Bournes
30th	Pat Bowslaugh

### **FELLOWSHIP FOLLOWING WORSHIP EACH WEEK**

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

**February 25th (AGM)  
Sheila McCausland, Mary Wardle**

**March 3rd  
Gloria & Barry Hill (need someone)**

**March 10th  
The Sisters & Janice Seddon.**

**March 17th  
Outreach Committee**

**March 24th  
Linda Friesen & Friends**

**March 31st  
Easter Sunday**



Myrna Lane  
204 763-4429 myrnal@mynetset.ca  
204 728-7713 204 724-2923  
darlynnegsmith@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*



Rev. Doug & his young flock on February 18th.  
They certainly knew all about Noah and his Ark!  
They shared their knowledge very freely with very  
little coaching!!

Great job, Jr. Sunday School & Rev. Doug!!  
Thanks to Faye McLoughlin for the picture!!

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 **Barb Roberds**  
who is spending some time  
in hospital. You are in our  
thoughts & prayers, Barb!!

Our thoughts & Prayers to **Jim & Brenda Empey and families** following the loss of their son/brother Sheldon. Thinking of all of you at this difficult time!

Continued thoughts to  
the **Cram family!**  
Wonderful memories!!

### *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

Live with no regrets,  
Treat people the way  
you want to be treated,  
Work like you don't  
need the money,  
Love like you have  
never been hurt, &  
Dance like you do when  
nobody is watching

### Trinitopics & Church Announcements

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

**The next issue will be March 7th, 2024**

darlynnegbsmith@gmail.com

204-728-7713 @ home ~ 204-724-2923 @ cell

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

