



Trinitopics & Church Announcements

6 ~ Thursday, March 21st, 2024



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March 24 - Palm Sunday
March 29 - Good Friday @ Knox: 7 pm
March 31 - Easter Sunday: 10 am - Communion

Trinity March Gift Card Fundraising Project:

Orders, including payment, must be received by Wednesday, March 27th at 4:00 pm. 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 an order via email to silviusa@mymts.net or via phone at (204) 726-4169 (Home) or (204) 570-2338 (Cell).

We are looking for a Property Convenor for Trinity!
This is a very important position which has been empty for some time. Please consider!!
Contact any board member, church office or Rev. Doug

Thank you!!





Subscriptions renewals are due by the end of March, 2024.
Please contact Lois Riley for lriley@mts.net or see me after service.
Subscriptions rates have increased to \$30.00 per year for 10 copies.
This is the first increase in rates in 7 years.
Still an excellent price for this magazine !
Payments are to be made to Trinity United Church.
Cash, cheque or e transfer.

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>
Their names are on the back page of this newsletter.

Have you moved, changed your phone number/email ? If so, please call the church office 204 728-4796, to update it. There is a new directory coming soon, and it is most beneficial for info to be correct.
Thank you!!

Trinity United Church

March 2024

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | | | | | 1 COP Prayers 7pm Prairie Group 8 pm | 2 Eastern Star Meeting Basement 1-4 pm |
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A great big thank you to those who have volunteered for the month of February and March for Junior Sunday School craft support.



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.



Akicika Cante Waste (Good Hearted Warriors)



Bel Canto



Women In Harmony



Prairie Blend

On St. Patrick's Day, the concert at the beautiful Richmond Park Mennonite Church was amazing! These four, very diverse, groups entertained a total of two hours plus last Sunday evening. The proceeds supported the Counselling Centre's 'Project Hope'. Brandon and area has so much talent within it and dedicated leaders and participants!!



We have had a few folk who have been worshipping with us for a while, but have brought their memberships in. So, officially, we welcome new members:
Frances McKague
Barrie & Helen Cochrane
Gary & Myrna Lane

If you were a member of a United Church anywhere and would like it transferred to Trinity, please ask me about it.

Darlynne Smith

- Why did the Easter Bunny have to fire the duck? *Because he kept quacking the eggs!*
- What is the Easter Bunny's favorite kind of music? *Hip hop*

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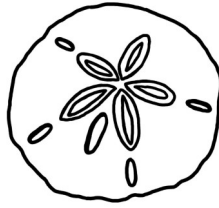
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The Legend of the Sand Dollar

There's a lovely little legend,
that I would like to tell,
of the birth and death of Jesus,
found in this lowly shell.

If you examine it closely,
you'll see that you find here,
four nail holes and a fifth one,
made by a Roman spear.

On one side is the Easter lily,
its center is the star,
that appeared unto the shepherds,
and led them from afar.



The Christmas Poinsettia
etched on the other side,
reminds us of His birthday,
our happy Christmastide.

Now break the center open,
and here you will release,
the five white doves awaiting,
to spread Good Will and Peace.

This simple little symbol,
Christ left for you and me,
to help us spread his gospel,
through all Eternity.

Author Unknown



On March 17th, the Senior Sunday school class learned a little
of symbolism found in nature.

St Patrick brought Christianity to Ireland and used the Shamrock for
explanation. The three sections are for the Father, Son
and Holy Spirit joined together with one stem for unity.

The Easter Lily petals are trumpet shaped which announce Christs return. The
ugly bulb must be placed in the ground and die, then one day it will become a
beautiful flower. This symbolizes Christ being placed in the tomb and being
raised from the dead

Faye McLoughlin brought some Sand Dollars from Barbados and the class
broke them open to discover the 5 Doves.

The Legend of the Sand Dollar was shared
then the class enjoyed some Sand Dollar cookies

Almond Sand Dollar Cookies 325°

1 cup Crisco shortening (could use butter flavour)
1 cup sugar
1 large egg (room temperature)
1 ½ tsp almond extract
1 tsp baking powder
½ tsp salt
3 cups flour (Use 1-1 flour from Bulk Barn
to make it gluten-free)
1-4 tps water as needed

Cream together shortening and sugar.

Beat in egg, almond extract, baking powder and
salt. Gradually add in the flour.

If dough is dry and crumbly, add water, 1 tsp at a
time, until dough forms a ball.

If dough is too soft, refrigerate for an hour

Roll out half the dough about ¼ " thickness between
two sheets of wax paper (important)

Cut out dough circles. Place on baking sheet.

*Optional: Press 5 almond slices into center of each cookie.
Use a straw or a toothpick to make the holes
Sprinkle with granulated sugar.

Bake 11-15 minutes (depends on your oven)
until cookies turn a bit golden.

Cookies are delicate.

Remove from pan onto a wire rack and
let cool completely before
putting into a container.

*cookies could be made without almonds or poking holes,
but are tasty with sprinkled sugar



Our next meeting is
 Tuesday, April 2nd, 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.

21 hardy UCW women showed up at the meeting on March 5th.

We will have a games day on April 10th; more info to follow.

UCW women will be celebrating mother's at the Mother's Day service on May 12th.

UCW will be at the pulpit that day.

Easter Thank Offering will go to 'Housing First'

UCW March Birthday

27th Frances McKague
 28th Winnie Black



Thursday, March 28th
 @ 10am
 Victoria Landing

Hillcrest Home to be announced

**Trinity United Church
 Games Day**



Wednesday, April 10th
1515 6th St, Brandon



Soup and bun luncheon followed by an afternoon of games

**PLAY YOUR FAVOURITE GAMES
 WITH FRIENDS!**



Lunch @ 12pm with games to follow
 Cost: \$10/person
 Beverages and cookies following the games

Please bring all necessary items needed to play your games including scorecards, pencils, etc.

Inquiries: Marg Cullen, 730-2404,
 mcullen@wcgwave.ca

BEWARE OF SCAMMERS!!

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

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!!!



Board Chair, Gloria McMillan, cuts the ribbon as the Senior Sunday School hold the ribbon.

It is Official!!
Sunday, March 10th

Trinity has a brand new lift!!
Hallelujah !!

Trinity is Blessed!!

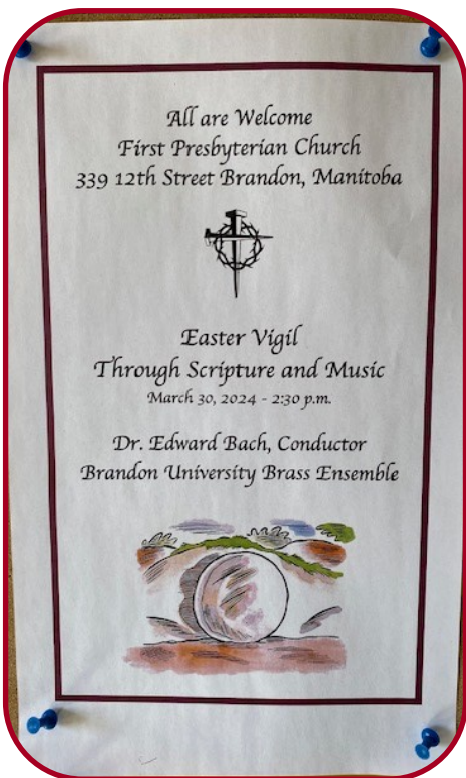


We all gather to watch the opening of the lift!



The Sister's & Janice Seddon were on fellowship duty; so missed the excitement upstairs. They had snacks for over 70 folk who came for fellowship that day!!

- Why did the jelly bean go to school? *Because he really wanted to be a Smartie.*
 - 364 days of the year: Do NOT eat anything you find on the ground.
- Easter: Go and search in the dirt for candy a strange giant bunny left for you, kids!*
- ♦ Why did the Easter Bunny have on a hat?
Because he was having a bad hare day.



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THE GOSPEL OF
MARK
FRANCIS CHAN
A VIDEO BIBLE STUDY

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.

P.I.E. Day Appreciation

Your Equity and Diversity Committee gives a big shout out to all of our congregation members who generously helped out on P.I.E. Day! We thank Faye McLoughlin, Winnie Black, Jean Cory, Elaine Madill, June Pedlow, Myrna Lennon, Carol McManus, Cheryl McClelland, Michelle Depner, Kay Gussie, and Norie Rothwell for their delicious pies. We also thank Denise Weir, Faye McLoughlin, Alan Silvius, Doug Neufeld, and Elaine Madill for pitching in with set-up and/or clean-up and the various needs during the event.

P.I.E. Day was a resounding success with speaker Lara Rae making her journey into finding her truth very real to the audience. Lara Rae is a transgender woman who spoke with grace and humour and helped those gathered to understand what her life looked like to her from childhood until today. After her session on stage was complete Lara Rae answered questions. She gave the audience a perspective that many had not thought about and those who live within the 2SLGBTQIA+ community a sense of belonging. Hopefully, we all had that same sense of belonging!

Additionally, P.I.E. Day raised \$1,276.15 that went to the Westman Empowerment Fund. There were 120 people in attendance and the event was a great success. There were evaluation sheets gathered to assess and try to make next year's event even better!

Once again we thank everyone who took part in helping out with P.I.E. Day and/or attending. Your willingness to give generously and open your hearts and minds is so appreciated.

... Elaine Madill (Trinity E & D Committee)



Thanks to Rev. Doug for the pictures



To receive weekly information to your email, or to read what is happening in the United Church: <https://united-church.ca/e-newsletters>

Trinity Reps:

Alison Murray & Darlyne Smith

Job posting: Development Coordinator

THE CENTRE FOR CHRISTIAN STUDIES, Winnipeg, Manitoba, invites applications for a Development Coordinator (.7 FTE) with a start date of June 1, 2024 (negotiable). A full Position Description may be found by visiting:

<http://ccsonline.ca/job-postings/> Deadline for applications is April 19, 2024.

On Tuesday, March 19th, Trinity 55 Plus hosted guest speaker, **Florence Halcrow, from 'The Blue Door'**. Florence, a very Passionate, hard working leader, says she is trying to fill in the places where those less fortunate fall. This facility is located at 31A-9th St. and open from 11 am-7 pm. She said that there are between fifty-sixty people a day who use their space.

The Blue Door has an ID bank (medical card, photo ID), which they keep there so they are safe. When clients leave to their permanent homes, they take their information with them. Since they started this program in 2021, there have been over 500 files.

To make a monetary donation to the Blue Door, and get receipted for it, The John Howard Society takes these, and forwards the money to The Blue Door. Any cheque should indicate 'The Blue Door' on the memo.

John Howard contact info is:
204 727-1696 office@brandonjohnhoward.ca
There is so much more that can be shared!
Also check the 'Ask Auntie'
Excellent presentation!! Thanks 55 Plus 🧡



Here is Florence Halcrow flanked by those who loved with the presentation that day. Missing from this picture is **Al Friesen** who said the meaningful opening prayer. Also **Viv Privat** who was asked to help as this was a function that had a few 'situations of unknown' to it, however ended up with over 27 people attending!! Two committee members, Larry & Hazel had commitments, but Glenn, Ruth & Gail were pleased!! A total of \$147.50 was collected for the Blue Door. They appreciate donations of socks & clothes. They have a freezer so soups & food are welcome!!

Trinity collection for March is for Samaritan House.

MOST WANTED FOOD ITEMS



SAMARITAN HOUSE MINISTRIES INC.
Food Bank & Resource Centre
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204-726-0758
www.samaritanhouse.net

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Messy Church on March 8th

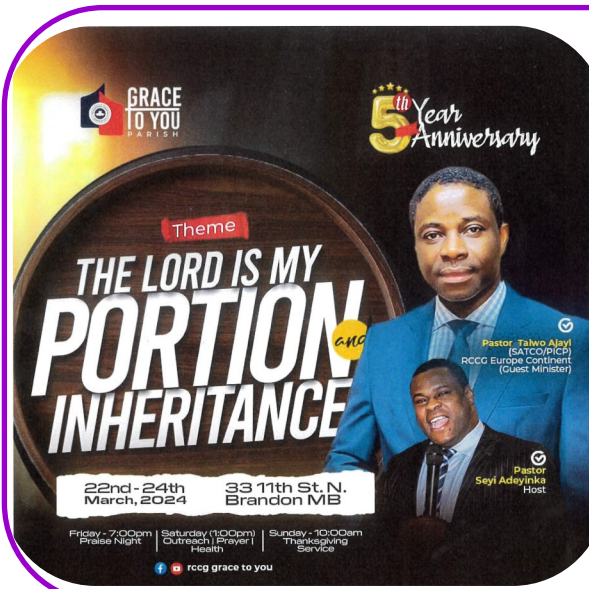
Another fun filled, learning, dancing, story telling and fellowship evening!!

The last Messy Church until fall is scheduled for Friday, April 19th.



Rev. Doug & Adam assist the young folk with the Easter Story.

This is the scene of the open tomb.



An Invitation

Trinity's former renters, RCCG (Redeemed Christian Church of God), are celebrating their 5th Anniversary at their new Worship Space, 33-11th St. North (former Sokal Hall) that they purchased late last year.

Trinity staff & congregation have been invited to celebrate with them!

The dates & times are:

- Friday, March 22nd: 7 pm (Praise Night)
- Saturday, March 23rd: 1 pm (Outreach/Prayer/Health)
- Sunday, March 24th: 10 am (Thanksgiving Service)

These folks know how to celebrate in a big way!!
Just know that you all are welcome!!

- What do you call a mischievous egg?
A practical yolker!
- Where do Easter Bunnies go for new tails?
To the retail store.
- What do you call a rabbit who tells jokes?
A funny bunny!
- What does the bunny say about the 'soup-of-the-day' he serves at his restaurant?
It's egg-stra special.
- What's an Easter egg's least favorite day?
Fry-day.
- Why did the rabbit go to the hair salon?
She found a few too many gray hares!
- What kind of beans did the Easter Bunny put in his stew?
Jelly beans!



Westman Empowerment Fund has a collection box for a few weeks in the Narthex. This is the fund that the profits from P.I.E. Day went to. If you are interested in supporting this fund, please see the collection box on table by name tags.

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(adapted from united-church.ca - Stewardship)

Sharing and generosity are key spiritual practices for followers of Jesus as we strive to love God and love our neighbours. The practice of giving focuses our attention on the needs of others and on our gratitude for the abundance that we have. Like all spiritual practices, regularly sharing the resources we have at our disposal will change us over time. Our ideas of abundance will grow, our understanding of value will be transformed, and we will become more thankful and in turn more generous with what we have

Your commitment to Mission and Service means that programs can continue for families, children and support services locally and further abroad to our global neighbours.

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

Submitted by Faye McLoughlin



Pat's Writers Group

Friday, March 22nd at 10:30 in the library.

Our prompt for this session is
"It's not what you think," he said.

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



Sheila McCausland posting Easter Joy!



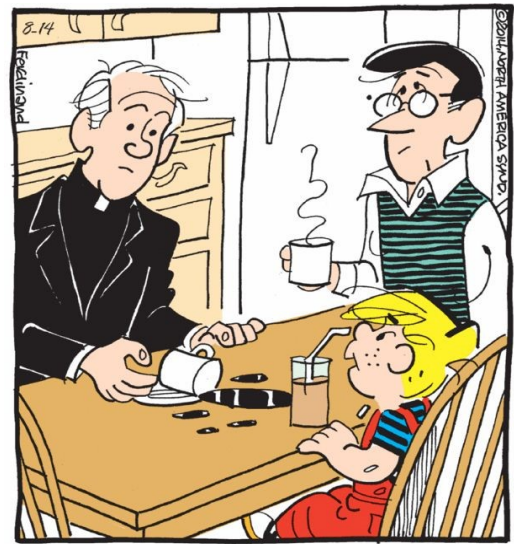
Marlane Wilson will send a card to someone who is in the hospital, or needing some cheering up. Please call/contact her with anyone's name that you are aware of. **204 729.8574** or **marlane.w@yahoo.com**



Happy Anniversary
Randolph & Debbie Smyth
 March 12th

Anniversary Blessings

Why did Jesus appear to women first after the resurrection?
He wanted to be sure the news spread quickly



"DID YOUR CUP RUNNETH OR SPILLETH OVER, REVEREND DOUG?"

By age 35, two-thirds of men in North America will have some degree of appreciable hair loss and by age 50 approximately 85% of men have significantly thinning hair.
 Shouldn't shampoo ads be banned so as not to offend bald people???

Trinity March Birthdays

| | |
|------|--------------------------------|
| 9th | Reg Atkinson |
| 17th | Ralph Heard |
| 19th | Betty Russell 101 years |
| 22nd | Carol McManes |
| 27th | Laura Fardoe Bournes |
| 30th | Pat Bowslaugh |

My jelly beans tell a wonderful story, All for God's own glory.

- Red is for the blood of God's only son,
- Black is for the sins we've done.

An Easter Promise

- Yellow is for the morning so bright, The day He arose to make all things right.
- Green reminds us that He is risen, White is for the forgiveness we find in Him.
- Purple is for Jesus' throne,
- Pink reminds me that I am never alone.

What did Jesus do as He sat by the fire after His resurrection?

I am a warm again Christian.

A bag full of jelly beans, colorful and sweet. It's a prayer, a promise, and an Easter treat.

by Rachael Strickland



The moment was bittersweet when the bunny realized that Easter was not about him!

FELLOWSHIP FOLLOWING WORSHIP EACH WEEK

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

March 24th
 Linda Friesen, Carol McManes

March 31st
 Easter Sunday
 Worship Committee **Hot Cross Buns**

April 7th
 Marg Cullen, Kay Gussie & Norie Rathwell

April 14th
 Pat Bowslaugh **(need another here)**

April 21st
 Depner's providing snack
 Need a couple of helpers

Myrna Lane
 204 763-4429 myrnal@mynetset.ca

204 728-7713 204 724-2923
 darlynnegbsmith@gmail.com

Fellowship hour

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

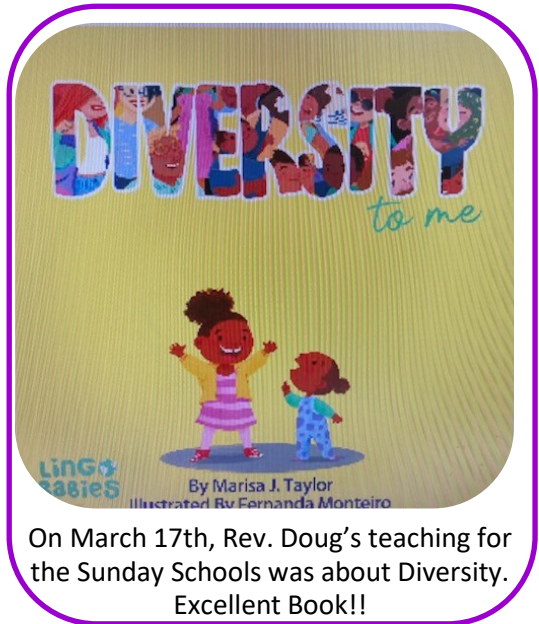
If you know someone, or yourself,
who would like a care call from
Rev. Neufeld; please call the office.
204 728-4796

*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 **Elsie Franklin &
Myrna Barkley**

who are spending some time in hospital.
You both are in our thoughts & prayers



On March 17th, Rev. Doug's teaching for
the Sunday Schools was about Diversity.
Excellent Book!!



Jesus Loves Me; Easter Tells Me So

Jesus loves me, this I know;
The Easter story tells me so.
He died for me to bear my sin;
He opened heaven to let me in.

*Yes, Jesus loves me; Yes Jesus loves me;
Yes Jesus loves me; Easter tells me so.*

Jesus loved me when He died,
Loved me enough to be crucified.
But His death didn't last very long,
Because His power is so strong.
Chorus

Jesus' came back from the dead
I know because the Bible said.
Jesus is my Lord and King;
Love and praise to Him I bring.
Chorus

When I die, I'll rise up, too.
We'll all be in heaven, me and you.
We'll see Jesus face to face.
Up in heaven, that happy place.
Chorus

The Easter story brings much joy
To us all, each girl and boy.
Jesus is my Savior now;
Heaven and earth to Him must bow.
Chorus
By Joanna Fuchs

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

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

