



## Trinity United Church Annual Report 2023



***Trinity United Church Vision:***

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, gender 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 safety and support in respect of social justice and human rights.

## Official Board and Committees 2024

### *Church Staff*

**Minister:** Rev. Doug Neufeld  
**Administrative Assistant:** Eden Snider  
**Caretaker:** Jim Hurd  
**Pianist:** Holly Walker  
**Music Director:** Davis Placatka

### *Official Board and Committee Members*

**Chair:** Gloria McMillan  
**Vice Chair:** Joy Bowman  
**Past Chair:** Miranda Edwards  
**Secretary:** Glenda Penner  
**Treasurer:** Reg Atkinson

### *Committees*

**Business Administration:** Randolph Smyth - Convenor  
Barry Hill, Marv Pidhorny

**Christian Education:** Convenor - Vacant  
Lois Riley, Rev. Doug Neufeld, Nicole Jones

**Equity and Diversity:** Denise Weir - Convenor  
Rev. Doug Neufeld, Elaine Madill, Cheryl McClelland

**Ministry and Personnel:** Miranda Edwards - Convenor  
Pat Bowslaugh, Barb Janzen, Dallas Green, Marg Cullen

**Outreach:** Connie Haigh/Faye McLoughlin – Convenor(s)  
Linda Friesen, Kathy Knight, Heather Moore, Lois Riley

**Pastoral Care:** Darlynn Smith - Convenor  
Carolyn Heard, Myrna Lane, Irene Smith, Tina Ure, Faye Wilcox **Newsletter** - Darlynn Smith

**Property:** Convenor - Vacant  
Rick Church, Barry Hill, Keith Privat

**Worship:** Alan Silvius - Convenor  
Angela Johnston, Randolph Smyth, Faye McLoughlin, Glenda Penner, Rev. Doug Neufeld,  
Davis Placatka

**Prairie to Pine Regional Representatives:** Alison Murray, Darlynn Smith

**Trustees:** Gloria McMillan - Chair  
Alan Silvius, Marlane Wilson, Doug Neufeld, Miranda Edwards, (Bob Patterson on approval)

**UCW:** Darlynn Smith - President



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## Official Board Chair Report 2023

As I reflect over the past year, the thoughts that come to mind are the care, compassion, support, and resilience demonstrated by our church community in the face of adversity. Whether it was the loss of an acquaintance, friend, or loved one, the loss of income from our long-term minister sharing agreement with Alexander, or the breakdown of our elevator which impacted many, our church community rose above it all stronger and more unified than ever before.

Individuals and committees alike stepped forward to assist in fundraising, leading worship, maintaining and repairing equipment and the list goes on. It takes many hands to do the work of the church and I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you.

We have much to look forward to in 2024, including the installation of our new elevator and the possibility of a shared ministry with Forrest United Church.

One of our challenges will be maintaining spiritual worship services while Reverend Doug is away on sabbatical. Several individuals have already come forward to offer their assistance and I know more will follow.

My hope is that with the guidance of Reverend Doug and the commitment of each and every one of us, we will embrace the New Year and all the blessings and challenges it will bring.

Gloria McMillan



## Minister's Report of 2023

Before I write my annual report, I look at my last year's report to get some reference to where we started our year. I wrote of the change we were experiencing in starting up after the pandemic, the addition of new friends from the closure of Central, and the adjustment of Alexander withdrawing from the ministry sharing agreement and starting the process of disbanding. I told someone today that ministry is always interesting, and Trinity doesn't disappoint. We continue to evolve as the landscape keeps changing.

Still functioning as Alexander's Pastoral Charge Supervisor, I was (still am) hands-on in the process of their disbanding. Although the physical building's sale closed on Oct. 6, Alexander Church still exists as we complete the final administrative tasks. Trinity was blessed to host their final worship service on Dec. 10 and we grieve with our siblings in Christ as they mark the end of a 138 year old institution but we offer our support as they navigate their future faith journey. We welcome with open arms, any who choose to call Trinity their new church home.

As one relationship is ending, it appears we have a new one on the horizon. Forrest United reached out to us when Rev. Barb Jardine announced that she was retiring, and asked whether we would be interested in joining in a collaborative ministry. With almost 4 decades of experience of this kind of relationship and understanding that Trinity's long-term financial sustainability is more feasible in a partnership, we were very open to starting a conversation. At the time of writing this report, there are still details to be negotiated, and governance decisions to be approved, but Trinity's partnership team is very optimistic on the possibility of this collaboration.

Unfortunately, our biggest headline of 2023 would be the failure of our elevator and the efforts to replace it. As a minister, you hope your mission grabs the memorable moments, but this was not that year. We quickly were confronted with the realization of how important ease of accessibility is to our congregational life and as a community, you responded. Trinity fund-raised almost \$40,000\* towards the replacement of the elevator in 2023 and that is an impressive accomplishment. This would have been a greater victory if we didn't have so many other property costs. Repair after repair doubled our property maintenance budget. Somehow, we (almost) broke even on the year. (See financials.)

Still on the subject of change, we experienced a large number of funerals in the first half of the year which had a significant impact on our community/identity. We mourn the loss of every member of our family and what made this unusual was the number of individuals



who were still so active in our mission. We keep in our hearts all the families of those who joined our maker this year.

One thing we've been more consistent on is our great community around worship and fellowship. I want to thank you for being so engaged and participatory in our services. As a worship leader, there is nothing worse than trying to get a response from the audience and receiving nothing but stares and silence. I love that you feel comfortable (and safe) enough as a community, to interact so openly. The same goes for the fellowship time. Your hospitality makes guests feel sincerely welcomed and that comes from you being you. Keep sharing that Jesus love. (For more details on what happened in worship, please see Alan's Worship Committee report.)

Lastly, I want to thank the committees for all the great work they do in our ministry and mission. These people give so much in their talent and time and do amazing work (even having some fun while doing it.) I want to thank the board for being so effective at what they do. Some governance bodies are very dysfunctional, but Trinity's board works so well together (they appear to actually like each other.) I also want to thank the other staff members in how they support what I'm trying to do. I thank God for Eden, Holly, Davis and Jim because this ministry would be so much more difficult (nay, impossible) without them.

We move forward into 2024 with optimism and hope, knowing that God is with us, that God is working through us, and that God loves us.

Thanks be to God.  
Rev. Doug Neufeld



## **Business Administration Committee Report 2023**

*Convenor:* Barry Hill

*Committee Members:* Randolph Smyth, Marv Pidhorny

This past year was very traumatic for the B A Committee, with the passing of Murray McMillan on April 23rd and Dave Thompson on August 20th. In September, Larry Sage announced that he would be leaving B A after 40 faithful years.

Randolph Smyth joined B A and quickly rose through the ranks to become the new Convenor, replacing myself after two years in the position. I will continue on the committee along with Marv Pidhorny. We welcome Reg Atkinson back as treasurer, replacing Todd Kruk after 2 years.

We had a very successful Stewardship campaign.

RCCG left a hole in our rental revenues as they bought Sokol Hall for their new Church.

We have a replacement rental in Global Immersion Gospel Church.

Looking forward, the positives outweigh the negatives.

Respectfully submitted,

Barry Hill, Convenor



## Christian Education Report 2023

*Convenor:* None  
*Committee Members:* Lois Riley, Nicole Jones, Rev. Doug Neufeld

No formal meetings were held in 2023. Sunday School teachers and Rev. Doug Neufeld met as needed to discuss concerns or events planned. As previously noted, this committee would benefit greatly from strong, creative leadership.

### **Sunday School**

Junior Sunday School continues to meet every other Sunday. They are a small but enthusiastic group, leadership provided by Michelle and Andy Depner. Thank you both for another great year! We are looking at ways to provide weekly classes for this age group. Andy and Michelle have been very resourceful in this quest and hopefully we will be able to get the "human" resources in place to follow through in 2024.

Senior Sunday School meets weekly. we have a great group who will be the future leaders of our Church! They are willing and eager to take on many tasks outside of the class. Leadership provided by Connie Haigh and Lois Riley.

We have been using Seasons of the Spirit for curriculum however Wood Lake Publishing will no longer be publishing curriculum. We have been researching alternate ideas for curriculum.

We would like to thank the congregation for your positive feedback over the past year.

### **Bible Study**

Rev. Doug continues to lead Bible Study on Thursday afternoons. We have a loyal following who appreciate the leadership provided by Rev. Doug and new members are always welcome. If you can't join in person, consider joining online. There is always lively discussion!

### **Broadview**

Our group subscription number is 10. The magazine offers a broad range of articles on spirituality, justice and ethical issues. Renewal will happen in April, please consider subscribing, you will not be disappointed and a great price, \$30 per year for 8 issues.





### **Cradle Roll**

Trinity's cradle roll has been maintained by Patricia King-Doctrove for the past 2 years. Thank you, Pat.

Once again in June of 2023, we recognized graduates of families affiliated with Trinity.

Respectfully submitted,

Lois Riley, Committee Member



## Equity and Diversity Report 2023

*Convenor:* Denise Weir

*Committee Members:* Rev. Doug Neufeld, Elaine Madill, Cheryl McClelland

The Equity and Diversity Committee partnered with Knox United Church to host PIE Day on March 18, 2023, at Knox United Church. Guest speaker and entertainer was Anastasia Jane Gibson, Registered Clinical Psychologist and proud transgendered woman. Trinity United Church also contributed pie desserts for the event, which was well attended. The intention was given to plan a joint PIE Day with Knox United in 2024.

We contributed articles to the bi-monthly congregational newsletter and participated in planning and walking in the Brandon Pride Parade in June.

School Board by-elections were held in October with candidates' platforms with anti-LGBTQ+ agendas. Articles were written for the newsletter highlighting the political roots of this movement, and mention was made of the issues in worship service advising readers/congregation to educate themselves on the platforms of the candidates. The electorate chose more liberal minded candidates.

In November, we partnered with the Sunday School to encourage gratitude as a spiritual practice.

We held meetings in April, June, September, and December.

Thank you to Alison Murray for her work on the committee over the previous years.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise Weir, Convenor



## Ministry & Personnel Committee Year End Report 2023

*Convenor:* Miranda Edwards

*Committee Members:* Pat Bowslaugh, Dallas Green, Barb Janzen, Marg Cullen

The committee met in person four times and conducted Zoom meetings, phone calls and emails.

The more in-depth document regarding Ministry Description of Rev. Doug Neufeld transitioning to 100% ministry at Trinity as a result of the closure of Alexander UC was submitted to Prairie to Pine Region, January 2023. The document was officially accepted as presented, late Fall 2023.

All staff job descriptions were reviewed over the summer in preparation for the annual two-way Staff Employment Performance Reviews and Employment Agreement. All requests were considered with care. We continue to support staff members by providing a safe, respectful, and enjoyable workspace. We recognise the importance of providing the best we can for staff while also addressing the needs of our congregation. Staff vacation time and sick time are generally covered by volunteers. M and P committee members along with many other volunteers help with this task. Thank you.

Our paid staff are an integral part of the daily function of our church.

Our caretaker, Jim Hurd works diligently to make sure our building is always ready for any of our functions. The loss of an elevator for 75% of the year certainly added an extra challenge to his duties. Thank you, Jim.

Eden Snider, Administrative Assistance brings many talents to the office and is a great asset in this work of our church. Thanks Eden.

Our musicians Davis Placatka and Holly Walker's contribution in excellent leadership and collaboration in our Music Ministry is greatly appreciated. Thank you, Davis and Holly.

We are so blessed to have Rev. Doug Neufeld guiding and leading the congregation on our faith journey. The highlight of his work are his Worship services. We are fortunate that he recognises the importance of in person worship and including those who are not able to attend by live streaming all Sunday services. His talents are numerous from technology to music, story telling with our youth to business strengths in the Board room.

March 2023 Rev. Doug brought forward a request for a three-month sabbatical starting June 2024. This request has been approved and although we will greatly miss him, we



know that this exciting time of reflection and pause will regenerate him with new energy on his return. Our prayers and blessings will be with you Doug on this journey. Thank you, Doug, for your work at Trinity, and for your work with the wider church and community.

Thank you Pat, Marg, Dallas and Barb for being a part of the M and P Committee. What a great team!

Respectfully submitted,  
Miranda Edwards, Convenor

*“Think about things that are  
excellent and worthy of praise.”*  
**Philippians 4:8**



## Outreach Committee Annual Report 2023

*Convenor:* Connie Haigh  
*Committee Members:* Linda Friesen, Kathy Knight, Heather Moore, Lois Riley, Faye McLoughlin

The Trinity Outreach Committee works with the congregation to serve others in our community, and around the world through the Mission and Service Fund.

### **Mission and Service**

The United Church of Canada Mission and Service Fund provides support to the vital work of the United Churches globally and with Canadian partners. Trinity United Church has generously supported these projects throughout 2023. Trinity's Mission and Service goal for 2023 was \$19,000. M&S givings for 2023 were \$22,332.

### **Community Outreach Projects**

The following organizations in our community of Brandon are being supported by our congregation through the Outreach Committee: Samaritan House Ministries, Helping Hands Soup Kitchen, the YWCA Women's shelter, Bear Clan.

#### **Samaritan House Ministries:**

Provides the services of a food bank, resource centre, literacy programming, the Safe and Warm Shelter program and family counselling. This year the open collection givings from July 2/23 of \$405.00 was given to Samaritan House Ministries as collaborated with the Worship Committee.

#### **Helping Hands Soup Kitchen:**

Supplies daily meals on weekdays for those in our area needing support and nutrition.

#### **YWCA:**

Provides safe, emergency shelter for women and children who are escaping family violence. They also provide short-term housing, meals and counselling services for people in our community. We had 2 volunteers from the Women's Shelter provide the congregation with insightful information in the functions of the service. For the Easter Service givings of \$1,225.00 was given to the Women's Shelter.



### **Christmas Cheer Hampers:**

Christmas Cheer hampers are an important part of Trinity's Outreach program. Due to the elevator under repair and the need to utilize the upstairs to accommodate the hamper supplies it was decided for this year that we would collect and then take the hamper supplies down to Westman Christmas Cheer. The campaign was extremely successful, with the congregation being very generous with White gift donations, during Advent to provide hampers to be filled down at Westman Christmas Cheer. We will be filling hampers from the Church again next year.

### **Goals for 2024:**

1. The Outreach committee will keep the Church informed on social justice needs and issues in our community both locally and globally.
2. Mission and Service Fund will be supported by gifts from the congregation of Trinity United Church. The congregation will be kept informed on M&S projects through videos. The 2024 M&S goal is \$20,000.
3. Continued support for community projects YWCA, Samaritan House Ministries, Helping Hands Soup Kitchen, Bear Clan, Christmas Cheer hamper program.

Respectfully submitted,

Connie Haigh, Convenor



## Pastoral Care & Fellowship Report 2023

*Convenor:* Darlyne Smith  
*Committee Members:* Carolyn Heard, Myrna Lane, Mabel Ramsay, Irene Smith, Tina Ure, Faye Wilcox

### Objectives of Committee:

To encourage Members and Adherents of the Congregation into active Christian roles, to provide pastoral care for them, and to assist the Congregation in fulfilling its purpose.

To share fellowship and find fulfillment in belonging to a friendly family Affirming Church

### Summary of accomplishments, actions, and activities:

Due to COVID 19, for the third year there were only Communion services taken to care/senior homes for Thanksgiving, (Fairview, Valleyview & Riverheights Terrace) and at Christmas to those three plus Hillcrest and Victoria Landing.

Tina Ure, Carolyn Heard & I have kept the **Historic Record** book updated. As the Official Historic Roll Book is kept under lock in the office, there is a copy of it in the Meeting/Library room for anyone to look at. This is the book that (the late) Mildred Allan and I (Darlyne) put together several years ago. When updated, it will show exactly what the Official one does. Anyone is welcome to go and look through it.

The office computer has the electronic roll file in it and Eden has spent some time with alphabetizing the 39 pages of this file. This is a work in progress and will be very helpful when complete. Thank you, Eden!!

With the COVID rules relaxing, there were some face to face **visits**. Phone calls continue to be made; many thanks to committee members who continued with phoning.

**Trinitopics & Church Announcements:** Later in 2016, the weekly 'church announcements' was combined with the newsletter. This is sent to everyone with e-mail with copies printed for those who don't have e-mail. Starting in March of 2020, the newsletter has been delivered to all who do not have email. Care/Senior Home Recreation Staff print the newsletter each time to the folks in their home. So appreciated!! A special 'Christmas Edition' was distributed on Christmas Eve. A 'special' thank you to those who continue to send articles to share in the newsletter; they are very appreciated and necessary!!



**Fellowship:** following worship is a time when folks enjoy time together and have the 'Getting to Know You' better. There are many people stepping up to take a turn for being the 'host' for the day. This is also very appreciated!! Thanks to all who donate to fellowship and sign up to host!! A few of the adjectives for Fellowship are 'Companionship, Camaraderie, Friendship'.

### **Current actions in progress**

**a** New members continue to make a change for Trinity. With the closing of Central United a year ago and the closing of Alexander in December, we have received some of those folks to worship with us, as well as members and adherents from other places. Some of these folk are taking Board and Committee positions!! Trinity has been truly blessed with the addition of these folks!!

**b** There were Christmas cards sent out to all Trinity folk in care & senior homes as well as seniors & others in their own home again this year. A generic card was made and copied at the church. Marlane Wilson addressed them and delivered some; Tina Ure & I did the rest with the newsletter delivery. Thanks to Marlane, again this year for her willing help!!

**c** The multi committee 'Messy Church' was enjoyed in January, February, March and November. Always busy, entertaining, learning and great fellowship!!

### **Goals for 2024**

**a** Keeping the church membership list updated is an ongoing, updating exercise. It is so appreciated and important that you contact the church office if there are any changes in your information.

**b** Our committee will have Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas Communion at some of the Personal Care and Senior Homes, health situations allowing.

**c** Plans for a Prayer Chain is being planned with Faye Wilcox at the helm. She is very passionate about this, and I know that it is a perfect addition to our committee.

**d** Our other new member this year is Myrna Lane. She retired from Christmas Cheer Board and is looking at coordinating or co-coordinating the Fellowship part of our committee.

### **iii) Closing remarks**

- Thanks to folks: Board/Committee, group leaders and anyone who send articles for the newsletter. Communication is so important!!





- Thanks to those who still help with sharing the church news to those who have trouble with reading due to 'senior eyes', etc., those who give a hand and give a ride.
- Thanks to Tina for helping with newsletters, stapling and delivering the west side, every second week.
- Thanks to Carolyn for her accurate stat records; and to all committee members for your ongoing phoning and other miscellaneous duties!!
- Thanks to Mabel Ramsay who has helped with some duties for a few years but is moving off the committee. If available, she will be a welcome helper. Thanks Mabel!
- Many thanks to all who step up and help Pastoral Care when we need extra support with greeting and Communions!
- And last, but not least, thanks to Rev. Doug for his leadership, support & endless energy!

Blessings to everyone who helped or contributed in any way in encouraging others into active Christian roles, providing pastoral care and assisting our congregation in fulfilling its purpose to share fellowship and find fulfillment in belonging to Trinity.

### Church Membership

|   |                   |  |   |            |
|---|-------------------|--|---|------------|
| <u>December 31st, 2022</u>                                | <u>310</u>        |  | Resident Members                            | 254        |
| Received by Confirmation                                  | -                 |  | Non-Resident Members                        | 55         |
| Received by Profession of Faith                           | -                 |  | <b><u>Subtotal:</u></b>                     | <b>309</b> |
| Received by Transfer                                      | 13                |  | Adherents (Adults) at Trinity               | 192        |
| Removed by Transfer                                       | 1                 |  | <b><u>Total Members &amp; Adherents</u></b> | <b>501</b> |
| Removed by Death  | 13                |  | <b>Transfer Out:</b>                        | <b>1</b>   |
| Removed by Pastoral Care                                  | -                 |  | <b>Transfer In:</b>                         | <b>13</b>  |
| Removed at own request                                    | -                 |  | <b>Baptisms in 2023:</b>                    | <b>1</b>   |
| <b><u>Total Membership Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023</u></b> | <b><u>309</u></b> |  | <b>Marriages:</b>                           | <b>-</b>   |

**Baptisms:** Malia Anastasia Murkin

**Marriages:** None



**Received by Transfer of Membership:**

Barrie Cochrane, Helen Cochrane, Lorraine Grill, Carol Mackay, Rollie Mackay, David Madill, Elaine Madill, Frances McKague, Eileen McLarty, Faye McLoughlin, Trevor McLoughlin, Donalda Warren, Margaret Woods.

**Removed by Transfer of Membership:**

Leslie Martel

**In Memory of:**

**Members:**

Bernice Erskine, Dennis Hume, Murray McMillan, Grant Olynik, Jackie Reidle, Glenna Cobbe, David Thompson, Shirley O'Driscoll, Shirley Macdonald, Elwood Myers, Evelyn Gillander, Laura Cliffe, Emma Garden

**Adherents:**

Theresa Kirkpatrick, Lois Wolfe, Murray Hicks, Malcolm Macdonald, Roy Mitchell

Respectfully Submitted,

Darlynne Smith, Convenor



## Property Committee Report 2023

*Convenor:* Ken Winstone

*Committee Members:* Keith Privat, Barry Hill, Rick Church

### Activities and Projects:

1. Having the kitchen fridge serviced and replaced the compressor on it.
2. Lawn Care: Finding quotes for lawn care and eventually repairing and servicing the lawn mower and Barry Hill mowed the lawn for us all summer! Thankyou Barry!
3. Maintaining and repairing the dishwasher and hot water heaters.
4. The garden was maintained and well taken care of by Louanne Reid, Sheila McCausland, Marv and Georgia Pidhorny. Thank you for a Great Job!
5. Getting duct cleaning quotes, but then decided to postpone until after the elevator was replaced.
6. The elevator didn't meet safety code and had to be replaced or fixed. They recommended replacement and it is supposed to be arriving shortly.
7. Getting the Cross from Alexander and putting it up. It is going to be rewired with new lights shortly.
8. Maintaining and Servicing the Front Doors.
9. Helping with a successful Pickerel Fry.
10. Finding quotes and having the graffiti removed from the church.
11. Looking into and getting quotes for snow clearing.
12. Getting it arranged to have the freezer in the maintenance room moved and have it wired in.
13. Having the furnaces serviced and repaired. We had to replace a heat exchanger in one of the furnaces. We also had to replace a motor in the electric furnace that heats the offices.
14. Getting quotes to replace or repair the eavestroughs on the south-east side of the church.
15. Had the pump in the lift station replaced under warranty, but we had to pay for the labour.
16. Have a dead Maple tree that fell against the East side of the church removed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ken Winstone, Outgoing Convenor



## Worship Committee Report 2023

*Convenor:* Alan Silvius  
*Committee Members:* Rev. Doug Neufeld, Glenda Penner, Angela Johnston, Faye McLoughlin, Randolph Smyth, Davis Placatka (music director)

The Worship Committee help carry out the vision and mission of the church by assisting Rev. Doug Neufeld in designing worship services that nurture and enhance the Congregation's life. The committee met in February, May, September and October. As well, discussions and planning occurred as required through email correspondence and conversations to ensure our work continued as needed. Our budget was discussed at every meeting to ensure all members were fully aware of how we were using our resources. We welcomed Glenda Penner and Faye McLoughlin to our worship team in January and very much appreciated the perspectives they brought to help enhance the worship experience at Trinity.

We are so blessed and thankful at Trinity to have Rev. Doug as our minister, not only for his spiritual guidance and inspiring worship services, but also for his technical skills that allows for the weekly production of our live-streamed services. As well, each worship service is also available on our You Tube channel. Additionally, we are grateful for the work of our audio-visual team members who produce the services every Sunday. From September to May we are blessed to have the choir share their music ministry at worship under the capable leadership of Davis Placatka and pianist Holly Walker. We have been blessed.

Each worship service at Trinity is meaningful to the congregation in differing ways but there are some experiences I wish to highlight that occurred during the year such as the following:

- The regular use of The Skit Guys videos at each service provides an added dimension to our worship experience. These two best friends have been teaching God's word using comedy, drama and whatever category talking action figures fit into for over twenty years. The live skits performed this year were "Smokin' Hot Thanksgiving" and "Joyful Christmas Sing-Along" which allow us to experience the message in a creative format.
- We were introduced to the Queer Theology website which is a place to find resources to better understand how sexual and gender diversity fit with Christian worldview. This service specifically addressed some of the "clobber passages" in the bible and show how they've been twisted and misrepresented.



- In February we held a Mission and Service worship offered by Faye McLoughlin entitled Two by Two. The congregation were asked to bring toonies for M&S, It was a fun and educational service and as congregants left the sanctuary they dropped their toonies into a fishing net as Fishers of Men.
- Worship for the five Sundays of Lent involved the resource “Called to Be the Church.” Each Sunday congregants were invited to engage in Lenten practices that would guide them in sharing their gifts with the wider community.
- Trinity was responsible for the Good Friday service this year. It was titled “Five Nails”, as this was the number of nails used to crucify Jesus. The image of the uniformed centurion soldier standing by the cross and the sounds emitted as he pounded each nail into the cross provided a powerful effect. As well, a combined Trinity and Knox United choirs performed during the service.
- The Pride Sunday Worship Service in June.
- Six communion services were held during the year.
- The July 2nd outdoor service/picnic lunch was a success with approximately 90 people in attendance. Alexander, Knox and Forrest United Churches were invited to attend. The open offering received at the service, including some designated gifts, was donated to Samaritan House.
- Pulpit Supply for seven Sundays over the spring and summer were covered by ten congregants, the UCW and Worship committee. In addition, the worship committee lead the December 31st service. May God bless them with greater things for their generous contribution to our worship experience when Rev. Doug is away. We are truly blessed at Trinity.
- In September we acknowledged individuals through their Transfer of Memberships. As well, we recognized the gifts received following the disbandment of Alexander United Church such as the beautiful oak cross now hanging in the narthex. The legacy of Alexander United will continue at Trinity through these gifts.
- We honored Orange Shirt Day by encouraging congregants to wear orange at the September 24th worship service.
- Three Worship Around the Breakfast Table services took place this year with great messages and wonderful food.
- The Advent season was a busy one for Rev. Doug and the committee which involved five worship services (two involving communion). The theme this year was “Songs of the Savior” that included beautiful videos for each Sunday. Some notable services during Advent involved:
  - The Prairie Blend Men’s Choir joined our service on the first Sunday of Advent to share three pieces.



- Choir Christmas Repertoire (Advent 3). Davis, Holly and the choir provided a beautiful music filled service that was enjoyed and appreciated by everyone. Thank you!
- Blue Christmas – a Service of Hope and Remembrance (December 22nd). We haven't had this service for the past three years due to the pandemic. For many people, the Christmas season does not bring with it the joy and happiness that is often associated with this time of year. This is why the committee thought it was important to bring it back this year and to reach out to these individuals during this difficult time.
- Christmas Eve Service. Close to 150 people enjoyed the carols, skit, choir anthem, solo by Carol McManes and the message.

It has been a busy year at Trinity United and it takes many, many hands to provide a worship service each Sunday, either virtually or in-person. Rev. Doug and the committee wouldn't be able to fulfill their responsibilities without the support of everyone who has participated in one way or another in a worship service this year. May God continue to bless each of you.

Thanks be to God!

Respectfully submitted,

Alan Silvius, Convenor

*“For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”*

**Matthew 18:20**



## Region #5 – Prairie to Pine Regional Council Report 2023

*Convenor:* N/A  
*Committee Members:* Darlynn Smith, Alison Murray

### PRAIRIE TO PINE – REGION 5 – ANNUAL MEETING – 2023 SUMMARY

**Day 1:** The Prairie to Pine Regional Council (P2PRC) Annual Meeting began on June 1. Our hybrid meeting had 200 people in attendance at The United Church in Meadowood and many folks joining us via zoom. Members of P2PRC were pleased to have special guests from the General Council Office of UCC: The Right Reverend Dr. Carmen Lansdowne, Moderator, Reverend Dr. Jennifer Janzen-Ball, Executive Minister, Theological Leadership, Reverend Laura Fohse, Office of Vocation Minister to our tri-region, Vicki Nelson, Community of Faith Stewardship Support. Co-chairs Pat Bird and Erica Wittevrongel served as co-conveyors for the gathering. The M&S Fundraiser, led by Lesley Harrison and the wonderful members of the Young Adults and Youth (YAAY) committee started off with music from the 40's and 50's. Once we identified the songs we were treated to a karaoke version sung by one of our staff leadership. We heard from the Nominations committee, encouraging us to Believe in this United Church of ours and the power of stepping forward to serve. The Memorial Worship, led by planning committee chair Emma Seamone, was very moving. It was also enhanced by the St. Mary's Road United Journey Band who provided music to the gathering over Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

**Day 2:** We began the morning with singing and worship. Worship was led by Alcris Limongi and Scott Douglas of the Centre of Christian Studies with Connie Budd, Sandy Saulteux Alumni giving the message. We heard presentations from the Theological Colleges: Sandy Saulteux Spiritual Center, Centre for Christian Studies and St. Andrew's College. We heard the Nominations committee tell us that there are many positions open on several committees and encouraged folks to put their names forward. At this time, we are without a chair-elect. Who You Gonna Call had a chat with Erin Acland, our Archivist. We moved into Listening and Discussion time for the Category 3 Remit. During the business portions of the day the online participants engaged in the meeting by asking questions related to the business at hand. The M&S group got us to identify some wonderful hymns from Voices United.... naming the Title and Number. Our theme speaker for Together Through the Wilderness was Moderator Carmen Lansdowne. During the Moderator's presentation, the online participants shared inventive answers to the table group questions, one of which was about shoes that grow with children. After the Moderator's theme, Who You Gonna Call had a chat with Judy Hare about Pastoral



Relations work. We heard from the Candidates who will be celebrated at the Sunday worship service. Evening worship was led by Don Chau and others from Rural Connect. We had a Listening and Discussion time for a Proposal asking for Regional Council action to be taken in addressing Climate Change supported by large bank investment in fossil fuels.

**Day 3:** The morning began with singing and worship. Worship was led by Hyerim Park of Korean Rainbow United. We had a chance to hear from Laura Fouhse, Office of Vocation Minister, at the last Who You Gonna Call. We were encouraged to pick up the phone and call and get answers to any and all questions you may have. We had a Decision Session time for the Remit and Proposal. Both were passed by the majority of those present in person and via Zoom. We took in more workshops for an afternoon session. Online participants took part in three different workshops. The first, Rural Connect, allowed participants to learn more about this new way of worshipping. Being that this workshop involved participants who were attending remotely it was interesting to explore the differences between Zoom and a system like Rural Connect. The second workshop, Pathways for Property, explored how Kindred Works is supporting communities of faith in repurposing their buildings to address the housing crisis. The final workshop was a viewing party of a book launch for Bob Haverluck's latest work, 'Take Heart' which was originally recorded in 2022. We gathered to have closing worship led by our Young Adult and Youth (YAAY) committee. The meeting was adjourned by Pat Bird.

**Sunday Service:** The church was filled with folks, both in person and on live stream, to attend the Celebrations of Ministry Service. The church and many folks were decorated in the colors of the rainbow to support Pride Week. We celebrated the Commissioning of Patricia Chabluk, the Ordination of Damber Khadka, and the Admission to the UCC of Noël Suministrado. Communion was presided over by Moderator Carmen Lansdowne and Co-Chair Pat Bird and served by the Celebrants and Retirees. The liturgist for the service was Emmanuel Menyereye. Music was provided by Meadowood United's music team, enhanced by our joint regional choir.

The funds raised for Mission and Service were: \*at last count, M&S fundraiser \$7760.00  
\*Service of praise donations \$2829.30.

Respectfully submitted,

Alison Murray and Darlynn Smith





## UCW Report 2023

In 2023 UCW held one executive meeting and 10 regular meetings with a membership of 32.

We held 2 funerals: Shirley O'Driscoll and Glenna Cobbe. Memorial Donations were made in their memory. There was also a memorial donation made in memory of Laura Cliffe, but no funeral.

Any money raised this year went to our General Fund and Elevator Fund.

A potluck luncheon was held in June before our meeting. At this meeting we held the election of officers:

|                 |                 |
|-----------------|-----------------|
| President:      | Darlynne Smith  |
| Past President: | Irene Thompson  |
| Treasurer:      | Darlene Silvius |
| Secretary:      | Joanne McMillan |
| Vice President: | Vacant          |

There were 3 milestone birthdays and 2 life membership pins presented.

Due to Central United Church and Alexander United Church closing, we have a few new members.

In September, UCW served lunch at 3 more funerals.

Another potluck luncheon was held in December. At our December meeting the UCW donated \$3400 to Trinity General Fund and \$3500 to the Elevator Fund.

Hopefully it will be up and running by the end of January.

Thanks to members who carried out all necessary duties during 2023. New members are always welcome.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne McMillan



## 2023 UCW Financial Statement

### Receipts:

|                                |                    |
|--------------------------------|--------------------|
| Bank Balance December 31, 2022 | \$ 2,265.58        |
| Unit Givings                   | 3,491.00           |
| Project Receipts               | 8,544.25           |
|                                | <b>\$14,300.83</b> |

### Disbursement:

|  |                    |
|--|--------------------|
| Trinity United Church- General Fund                        | \$4,900.00         |
| Trinity United Church- Elevator Fund                       | 3,500.00           |
| Trinity United Church- Laptop                              | 415.11             |
| Thank Offering – Special Olympic Relief                    | 130.00             |
| - Helping Hands  | 82.00              |
| Trinity U.C. Memorial Fund                                 | 30.00              |
| - in memory of Glenna Cobbe                                | 30.00              |
| - in memory of Shirley O’Driscoll                          | 30.00              |
| - in memory of Laura Cliffe                                | 30.00              |
| UCW Membership   | 160.00             |
| UCW Membership Pin   | 120.00             |
| Prairie to Pine Bursary                                    | 300.00             |
| Special Events   | 138.95             |
| Women’s Gathering sponsored by UCW                         | 175.52             |
| Trinity Gift Cards – purchasing food for funerals & events | 1000.00            |
| Kitchen Supplies   | 883.48             |
| Expenses for 8 funeral luncheons                           | 734.20             |
| Fellowship of the Least Coin                               | 117.50             |
| Food for Thought – Birthday Box                            | 55.95              |
| Carpet Cleaned   | 236.25             |
| Legion #3 – Remembrance Day Wreath                         | 30.00              |
| Christmas Decorations for the church                       | 94.97              |
|  | <b>\$13,163.93</b> |

|                             |                   |
|-----------------------------|-------------------|
| Balance of December 31,2023 | <b>\$1,254.40</b> |
|-----------------------------|-------------------|

|                     |                      |
|---------------------|----------------------|
| Outstanding cheques | #586 - <u>117.50</u> |
|                     | <b>\$117.50</b>      |

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|--|--------------------------------|
|  | <b>Bank Balance \$1,136.90</b> |
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Respectfully submitted:

Darlene Silvius, UCW Treasurer



## Board of Trustees Report 2023

*Members:* Marlane Wilson, Miranda Edwards, Alan Silvius, Gloria McMillan,  
Rev. Doug Neufeld

The Trustees had several conversations regarding insurance coverage via email and then met June 13th, 2023 at Trinity.

With assistance from our broker Western Financial Group, it was decided to switch from Ecclesiastical Insurance to Wynward Insurance Group in order to save \$1,200.00 on our insurance premium. The premium in the amount of \$8,987.00 was paid in June.

Property taxes in the amount of \$225.26 were paid in May.

The Board accepted the resignation of Dave Thompson with much regret. Additions to the Board will be announced at the February 2024 Congregational meeting.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Board of Trustees,

Gloria McMillan



## Treasurer's Report 2023

Hello from the Treasurer. Trinity's 61st year went in unexpected directions for the finances of the church. The malign influences of inflation and 'The Law of Murphy' wreaked havoc on the books and the building. Overall revenue was up but thanks to jumping costs and repairs, the church ran a small deficit overall. As has been the case for some years Heaven has claimed more donors and nothing is getting younger with the building or congregation.

Good news first:

- On the income side our parishioners dug deeper and gave generously in 2023, donations were up 15%. We are thankful to all who have joined us and contributed from other churches around Westman and are also sorry for their loss.
- We actually had Easter and Thanksgiving services and were able to have special collections for the first time in years.
- The B.A. committee did a great job going to all renters and negotiating rent increases as well as signing up new renters. Rental income increased 31%.
- The Board also took advantage of generationally good GIC rates and the church made \$6,645 on interest.
- While we enjoyed delicious pickerel and other meals, they contributed over \$15,000 to church projects and income.
- Alan sold 5% more gift cards than the year before and we can't wait to see what he can do in 2024.
- In sum church revenues jumped 26% from 2022 to 2023. The Fall Appeal was also more successful in 2023, thank you to all who donated.

For the bad news:

- Murphy and inflation conspired to keep expenses hot all year long, the following jumps were recorded:
  - BA 17% higher than 2022.
  - E&D 17%
  - CE 26%
  - M&P 16%.
  - Property expenses, not counting the elevator, 37% higher than 2022.
  - A few committees like Worship benefited post pandemic and reduced expenses 21%.

In total the church eked out a \$6,698 operations profit on revenue of \$205,170 and expenses of \$198,472 but the elevator down payment is in Other Expenses and



fundraising didn't quite cover it. The Other Income/Expense Section brought our meagre profit down to a loss of \$838 in 2023. In the following year we hope that an aging building, aging systems and aging parishioners combined with vigorous spirits hold together a little longer. For 2024 I will pass the Treasurer baton back to the seasoned hands of Reg Atkinson, I wish him and the rest of the Board good luck and God Bless in 2024.

Sincerely,

Todd Kruk, Past Treasurer



## Trinity United Church Balance Sheet

|                                   | 31 Dec 23      | 31 Dec 22      | \$ Change       | % Change      |
|-----------------------------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------|---------------|
| <b>ASSETS</b>                     |                |                |                 |               |
| <b>Current Assets</b>             |                |                |                 |               |
| <b>Chequing/Savings</b>           |                |                |                 |               |
| 1000 · Royal Bank                 |                |                |                 |               |
| 1010 · General                    | 127,026        | 101,325        | 25,702          | 25%           |
| 1020 · Memorial                   | 23,193         | 15,528         | 7,665           | 49%           |
| 1030 · Benevolent                 | 933            | 949            | (16)            | (2)%          |
| 1034 · Choir Fund                 | 3,500          | 3,500          | 0               | 0%            |
| 1037 · Christian Education Fund   | 11,841         | 11,841         | 0               | 0%            |
| 1040 · Property Projects          | 12,598         | 6,493          | 6,105           | 94%           |
| 1071 · White Gift                 | 1,495          | 1,504          | (8)             | (1)%          |
| 1075 · 55 Plus Club               | 1,900          | 1,250          | 649             | 52%           |
| 1079 · Bequest Fund               | 15,273         | 15,273         | 0               | 0%            |
| <b>Total 1000 · Royal Bank</b>    | <b>197,760</b> | <b>157,663</b> | <b>40,096</b>   | <b>25%</b>    |
| <b>Total Chequing/Savings</b>     | <b>197,760</b> | <b>157,663</b> | <b>40,096</b>   | <b>25%</b>    |
| <b>Accounts Receivable</b>        |                |                |                 |               |
| 1201 · Accounts Receivable        | 0              | 50             | (50)            | (100)%        |
| <b>Total Accounts Receivable</b>  | <b>0</b>       | <b>50</b>      | <b>(50)</b>     | <b>(100)%</b> |
| <b>Other Current Assets</b>       |                |                |                 |               |
| 1092 · Petty Cash                 | 0              | 100            | (100)           | (100)%        |
| 1099 · Term Deposit               | 140,000        | 180,000        | (40,000)        | (22)%         |
| 1121 · Inventory Asset            | 1,335          | 1,000          | 335             | 34%           |
| 1400 · GST Rebate                 | 1,144          | 274            | 870             | 317%          |
| 1405 · Equity - Westman Cable     | 1,202          | 1,202          | 0               | 0%            |
| <b>Total Other Current Assets</b> | <b>143,682</b> | <b>182,577</b> | <b>(38,895)</b> | <b>(21)%</b>  |
| <b>Total Current Assets</b>       | <b>341,442</b> | <b>340,290</b> | <b>1,152</b>    | <b>0%</b>     |
| <b>Fixed Assets</b>               |                |                |                 |               |
| 1500 · Land                       | 5,600          | 5,600          | 0               | 0%            |
| 1550 · Parking Lot                | 16,510         | 16,510         | 0               | 0%            |
| 1600 · Building                   | 469,163        | 469,163        | 0               | 0%            |
| 1700 · Furniture & Equipment      | 74,871         | 74,871         | 0               | 0%            |
| <b>Total Fixed Assets</b>         | <b>566,144</b> | <b>566,144</b> | <b>0</b>        | <b>0%</b>     |
| <b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>               | <b>907,586</b> | <b>906,435</b> | <b>1,152</b>    | <b>0%</b>     |
| <b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>   |                |                |                 |               |
| <b>Liabilities</b>                |                |                |                 |               |
| <b>Current Liabilities</b>        |                |                |                 |               |
| <b>Accounts Payable</b>           |                |                |                 |               |
| 2000 · Accounts Payable           | 3,849          | 1,587          | 2,262           | 143%          |
| <b>Total Accounts Payable</b>     | <b>3,849</b>   | <b>1,587</b>   | <b>2,262</b>    | <b>143%</b>   |
| <b>Credit Cards</b>               |                |                |                 |               |
| 2295 · Doug's visa                | 0              | 23             | (23)            | (100)%        |
| <b>Total Credit Cards</b>         | <b>0</b>       | <b>23</b>      | <b>(23)</b>     | <b>(100)%</b> |



### Trinity United Church Balance Sheet

|  | 31 Dec 23      | 31 Dec 22      | \$ Change    | % Change  |
|--|----------------|----------------|--------------|-----------|
| <b>Other Current Liabilities</b>       |                |                |              |           |
| 2400 · Damage Deposit                  | 350            | 600            | (250)        | (42)%     |
| <b>Total Other Current Liabilities</b> | 350            | 600            | (250)        | (42)%     |
| <b>Total Current Liabilities</b>       | 4,199          | 2,210          | 1,989        | 90%       |
| <b>Total Liabilities</b>               | 4,199          | 2,210          | 1,989        | 90%       |
| <b>Equity</b>                          |                |                |              |           |
| 3900 · Trinity United Church Equity    | 904,225        | 773,331        | 130,894      | 17%       |
| Net Income                             | (838)          | 130,894        | (131,732)    | (101)%    |
| <b>Total Equity</b>                    | 903,387        | 904,225        | (838)        | (0)%      |
| <b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>  | <b>907,586</b> | <b>906,435</b> | <b>1,152</b> | <b>0%</b> |



**Trinity United Church  
Profit & Loss**

|  | Jan - Dec 23 | Jan - Dec 22 | \$ Change | % Change |
|--|--------------|--------------|-----------|----------|
| <b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>                     |              |              |           |          |
| <b>Income</b>                                      |              |              |           |          |
| <b>4000 · Ordinary Donations</b>                   |              |              |           |          |
| 4005 · Post Dated Cheques                          | 3,230        | 2,700        | 530       | 20%      |
| 4010 · Envelopes                                   | 0            | 15           | (15)      | (100)%   |
| 4015 · ETransfers                                  | 3,490        | 3,820        | (330)     | (9)%     |
| 4020 · Pre-Authorized Donations                    | 86,712       | 75,782       | 10,930    | 14%      |
| 4030 · Donations                                   | 28,432       | 31,254       | (2,822)   | (9)%     |
| 4075 · U.C.W.                                      | 4,900        | 3,160        | 1,740     | 55%      |
| 4090 · Stewardship Campaign                        | 12,350       | 4,622        | 7,728     | 167%     |
| <b>Total 4000 · Ordinary Donations</b>             | 139,114      | 121,353      | 17,761    | 15%      |
| <b>4040 · Open Collection</b>                      | 4,504        | 2,690        | 1,815     | 68%      |
| <b>4100 · Seasonal Appeals</b>                     |              |              |           |          |
| 4110 · Easter Gift                                 | 1,225        | 0            | 1,225     | 100%     |
| 4120 · Thanksgiving Gift                           | 75           | 0            | 75        | 100%     |
| <b>Total 4100 · Seasonal Appeals</b>               | 1,300        | 0            | 1,300     | 100%     |
| <b>4500 · B. A. Committee Income</b>               |              |              |           |          |
| 4505 · Interest Income                             | 6,645        | 187          | 6,458     | 3,446%   |
| 4510BA · Building Rental                           | 27,342       | 20,930       | 6,412     | 31%      |
| 4520BA · Funeral Income                            | 3,460        | 3,660        | (200)     | (6)%     |
| 4549BA · Miscellaneous Income                      | 0            | 168          | (168)     | (100)%   |
| <b>Total 4500 · B. A. Committee Income</b>         | 37,447       | 24,945       | 12,502    | 50%      |
| <b>4550 · C. E. Committee Income</b>               |              |              |           |          |
| 4540CE · Sunday School Collections                 | 118          | 67           | 52        | 78%      |
| 4560CE · Broadview Magazine Income                 | 200          | 175          | 25        | 14%      |
| <b>Total 4550 · C. E. Committee Income</b>         | 318          | 242          | 77        | 32%      |
| <b>4650 · Outreach Committee Income</b>            |              |              |           |          |
| 4655OR · Helping Hands Donations                   | 0            | 20           | (20)      | (100)%   |
| 4656OR · Samaritan House Donations                 | 455          | 725          | (270)     | (37)%    |
| 4657OR · Brandon Bear Clan Donations               | 1,010        | 0            | 1,010     | 100%     |
| 4675OR · Relief Income                             | 0            | 1,610        | (1,610)   | (100)%   |
| 4690OR · White Gift                                | 1,595        | 1,665        | (70)      | (4)%     |
| <b>Total 4650 · Outreach Committee Income</b>      | 3,060        | 4,020        | (960)     | (24)%    |
| <b>4700 · Pastoral Care Committee Income</b>       |              |              |           |          |
| 4749PC · Miscellaneous Income                      | 0            | 100          | (100)     | (100)%   |
| <b>Total 4700 · Pastoral Care Committee Income</b> | 0            | 100          | (100)     | (100)%   |
| <b>4750 · Property Committee Income</b>            |              |              |           |          |
| 4799PR · Miscellaneous Income                      | 450          | 0            | 450       | 100%     |
| <b>Total 4750 · Property Committee Income</b>      | 450          | 0            | 450       | 100%     |
| <b>4800 · Worship Committee Income</b>             |              |              |           |          |
| 4840WO · Special/Focused Donations                 | 362          | 0            | 362       | 100%     |
| 4848WO · Special Events                            | 0            | 1,075        | (1,075)   | (100)%   |





**Trinity United Church  
Profit & Loss**

|  | Jan - Dec 23 | Jan - Dec 22 | \$ Change | % Change |
|--|--------------|--------------|-----------|----------|
| <b>Total 4800 · Worship Committee Income</b>         | 362          | 1,075        | (713)     | (66)%    |
| <b>4850BA · Fund Raisers</b>                         |              |              |           |          |
| 4850 · Concerts                                      | 4,375        | 0            | 4,375     | 100%     |
| 4851 · Dinners                                       | 11,325       | 0            | 11,325    | 100%     |
| 4852 · Pancake Brunch                                | 0            | 1,011        | (1,011)   | (100)%   |
| 4854 · Misc. Events                                  | 0            | 1,560        | (1,560)   | (100)%   |
| 4860BA · Gift Card Commissions                       | 2,708        | 4,476        | (1,768)   | (40)%    |
| 4862 · Merchandise Sales                             | 57           | 1,165        | (1,108)   | (95)%    |
| 4864BA · FundScrip Fund Raiser                       |              |              |           |          |
| 4865BA · Gift Card Collections                       | 84,825       | 80,980       | 3,845     | 5%       |
| 4867BA · Gift Card Remittances                       | (84,825)     | (80,980)     | (3,845)   | (5)%     |
| <b>Total 4864BA · FundScrip Fund Raiser</b>          | 0            | 0            | 0         | 0%       |
| <b>Total 4850BA · Fund Raisers</b>                   | 18,464       | 8,212        | 10,253    | 125%     |
| <b>4870 · Messy Church Income</b>                    | 150          | 0            | 150       | 100%     |
| <b>Total Income</b>                                  | 205,170      | 162,637      | 42,534    | 26%      |
| <b>ross Profit</b>                                   | 205,170      | 162,637      | 42,534    | 26%      |
| <b>Expense</b>                                       |              |              |           |          |
| Reconciliation Discrepancies                         | 100          | 0            | 100       | 100%     |
| <b>5000 · B. A. Committee Expenses</b>               |              |              |           |          |
| 5010BA · Bank Charges                                | 614          | 462          | 152       | 33%      |
| 5120BA · Conference Registration                     | 150          | 0            | 150       | 100%     |
| 5175BA · Funeral Expense                             | 280          | 247          | 33        | 13%      |
| 5200BA · Insurance                                   | 8,987        | 8,956        | 31        | 0%       |
| 5225BA · Internet & Web Site                         | 1,397        | 1,223        | 174       | 14%      |
| 5350BA · Miscellaneous Expense                       | 74           | 0            | 74        | 100%     |
| 5360BA · Fund Raiser Expense                         | 3,984        | 1,784        | 2,201     | 123%     |
| 5400BA · Office                                      | 531          | 660          | (129)     | (20)%    |
| 5405BA · Payroll Costs                               | 442          | 398          | 44        | 11%      |
| 5415BA · Photocopier Maintenance                     | 1,475        | 1,082        | 393       | 36%      |
| 5416BA · Photocopier Lease Pmnts                     | 1,564        | 1,564        | 0         | 0%       |
| 5450BA · Denominational Dues                         | 5,937        | 5,354        | 583       | 11%      |
| <b>Total 5000 · B. A. Committee Expenses</b>         | 25,435       | 21,730       | 3,705     | 17%      |
| <b>5495-ED · Equity and Diversity Expenses</b>       |              |              |           |          |
| 5496ED · E + D Misc Expenses                         | 352          | 317          | 35        | 11%      |
| <b>Total 5495-ED · Equity and Diversity Expen...</b> | 352          | 317          | 35        | 11%      |
| <b>5500 · C. E. Committee Expenses</b>               |              |              |           |          |
| 5515CE · Curriculum                                  | 179          | 174          | 4         | 2%       |
| 5540CE · Sunday School Expenses                      | 28           | 145          | (118)     | (81)%    |
| 5550CE · Miscellaneous Expense                       | 40           | 0            | 40        | 100%     |
| 5560CE · Broadview (Observer) Expense                | 250          | 225          | 25        | 11%      |
| 5580CE · Supplies                                    | 203          | 9            | 194       | 2,139%   |
| <b>Total 5500 · C. E. Committee Expenses</b>         | 699          | 554          | 145       | 26%      |
| <b>6000 · M &amp; P Committee Expenses</b>           |              |              |           |          |



## Trinity United Church Profit & Loss

|   | Jan - Dec 23 | Jan - Dec 22 | \$ Change | % Change |
|---|--------------|--------------|-----------|----------|
| <b>6100MP · Minister Salary</b>                     | 69,697       | 65,124       | 4,573     | 7%       |
| <b>6106MP · Minister Phone</b>                      | 480          | 480          | 0         | 0%       |
| <b>6115MP · Minister Variable Travel</b>            | (202)        | (169)        | (34)      | (20)%    |
| <b>6116MP · Travel reimbursement</b>                | 759          | 287          | 472       | 165%     |
| <b>6120MP · Minister Continuing Ed</b>              | 1,474        | 168          | 1,306     | 779%     |
| <b>6165MP · Employer U C Pension</b>                | 8,368        | 7,542        | 827       | 11%      |
| <b>6170MP · Employer Group Insurance</b>            | 8,620        | 7,771        | 848       | 11%      |
| <b>6177MP · Alexander</b>                           | (690)        | (7,589)      | 6,899     | 91%      |
| <b>6200MP · Secretary</b>                           | 23,286       | 21,900       | 1,386     | 6%       |
| <b>6250MP · Employer CPP</b>                        | 5,340        | 5,059        | 282       | 6%       |
| <b>6255MP · Employer EI</b>                         | 2,114        | 1,938        | 176       | 9%       |
| <b>6310MP · Pianist-Staff</b>                       | 5,399        | 4,150        | 1,249     | 30%      |
| <b>6320MP · Choir Director</b>                      | 3,580        | 2,712        | 868       | 32%      |
| <b>6330MP · Caretaker</b>                           | 9,880        | 9,506        | 374       | 4%       |
| <b>6335MP · Vacation Pay</b>                        | 997          | 879          | 117       | 13%      |
| <b>6340MP · Holiday Pay</b>                         | 890          | 670          | 219       | 33%      |
| <b>6395MP · Staff Recruitment &amp; Temp Worker</b> | 250          | 50           | 200       | 400%     |
| <b>6475MP · Staff Appreciation</b>                  | 150          | 145          | 5         | 4%       |
| <b>Total 6000 · M &amp; P Committee Expenses</b>    | 140,391      | 120,623      | 19,768    | 16%      |
| <b>6500 · Outreach Committee Expenses</b>           |              |              |           |          |
| <b>6640OR · YWCA Expenses</b>                       | 1,225        | 0            | 1,225     | 100%     |
| <b>6651OR · Samaritain House Expenses</b>           | 405          | 1,315        | (910)     | (69)%    |
| <b>6653OR · Bear Clan Expense</b>                   | 1,010        | 0            | 1,010     | 100%     |
| <b>6900OR · Relief Expense</b>                      | 0            | 2,031        | (2,031)   | (100)%   |
| <b>6950OR · White Gift Expense</b>                  | 1,603        | 1,858        | (254)     | (14)%    |
| <b>Total 6500 · Outreach Committee Expenses</b>     | 4,243        | 5,203        | (960)     | (19)%    |
| <b>7000 · Pastoral Care Committee Expense</b>       |              |              |           |          |
| <b>7350PC · Miscellaneous Expense</b>               | 40           | 153          | (113)     | (74)%    |
| <b>7370PC · Baptism</b>                             | 0            | 107          | (107)     | (100)%   |
| <b>7450PC · cards, etc</b>                          | 118          | 180          | (62)      | (34)%    |
| <b>Total 7000 · Pastoral Care Committee Expe...</b> | 158          | 440          | (282)     | (64)%    |
| <b>7500 · Property Committee Expenses</b>           |              |              |           |          |
| <b>7550PR · Natural Gas</b>                         | 4,185        | 4,858        | (673)     | (14)%    |
| <b>7600PR · Hydro</b>                               | 4,440        | 4,332        | 108       | 3%       |
| <b>7750PR · Property Taxes</b>                      | 225          | 225          | 1         | 0%       |
| <b>7800PR · Repairs &amp; Maintenance</b>           | 13,421       | 6,349        | 7,072     | 111%     |
| <b>7850PR · Telephone</b>                           | 1,947        | 1,786        | 161       | 9%       |
| <b>7900PR · Water</b>                               | 581          | 502          | 79        | 16%      |
| <b>Total 7500 · Property Committee Expenses</b>     | 24,799       | 18,051       | 6,748     | 37%      |
| <b>8000 · Worship Committee Expenses</b>            |              |              |           |          |
| <b>8010WO · Advertising</b>                         | 354          | 0            | 354       | 100%     |
| <b>8210WO · Choir Supplies</b>                      | 0            | 100          | (100)     | (100)%   |
| <b>8225WO · Communion</b>                           | 84           | 83           | 1         | 1%       |
| <b>8250WO · Copyright License</b>                   | 359          | 344          | 15        | 4%       |
| <b>8450WO · Miscellaneous Expense</b>               | 0            | 22           | (22)      | (100)%   |
| <b>8455WO · Guest Musicians/Performer</b>           | 50           | 50           | 0         | 0%       |
| <b>8530WO · Special Events</b>                      | 89           | 817          | (728)     | (89)%    |



## Trinity United Church Profit & Loss

|  | Jan - Dec 23   | Jan - Dec 22   | \$ Change        | % Change      |
|--|----------------|----------------|------------------|---------------|
| 8540WO · Worship Supplies                      | 581            | 492            | 89               | 18%           |
| <b>Total 8000 · Worship Committee Expenses</b> | <b>1,517</b>   | <b>1,908</b>   | <b>(391)</b>     | <b>(21)%</b>  |
| 8500 · Multi-Committee Programs                |                |                |                  |               |
| 8510 · Messy Church Expense                    | 276            | 97             | 180              | 186%          |
| 8560 · Right Now Media                         | 501            | 482            | 19               | 4%            |
| <b>Total 8500 · Multi-Committee Programs</b>   | <b>777</b>     | <b>578</b>     | <b>199</b>       | <b>34%</b>    |
| <b>Total Expense</b>                           | <b>198,472</b> | <b>169,405</b> | <b>29,067</b>    | <b>17%</b>    |
| <b>Net Ordinary Income</b>                     | <b>6,698</b>   | <b>(6,769)</b> | <b>13,467</b>    | <b>199%</b>   |
| <b>Other Income/Expense</b>                    |                |                |                  |               |
| <b>Other Income</b>                            |                |                |                  |               |
| 9200 · M & S Donations                         | 22,332         | 18,859         | 3,473            | 18%           |
| 9300 · Memorial Donations                      | 7,665          | 2,690          | 4,975            | 185%          |
| 9310 · Church Property Projects                | 17,632         | 468            | 17,164           | 3,668%        |
| 9320 · Benevolent Income                       | 24             | 24             | 0                | 0%            |
| 9345 · Central United Gift                     | 0              | 135,023        | (135,023)        | (100)%        |
| 9370 · 55 Plus Club Income                     | 709            | 277            | 432              | 156%          |
| <b>Total Other Income</b>                      | <b>48,363</b>  | <b>157,342</b> | <b>(108,979)</b> | <b>(69)%</b>  |
| <b>Other Expense</b>                           |                |                |                  |               |
| 9800 · M & S Expense                           | 22,332         | 18,859         | 3,473            | 18%           |
| 9900 · U.C.W. Expense                          | 0              | 160            | (160)            | (100)%        |
| 9910 · Church Property Projects Exp            | 33,466         | 0              | 33,466           | 100%          |
| 9950 · Benevolent Expense                      | 40             | 0              | 40               | 100%          |
| 9970 · Memorial Fund Grants                    | 0              | 660            | (660)            | (100)%        |
| 9980 · 55 Plus Club Expense                    | 60             | 0              | 60               | 100%          |
| <b>Total Other Expense</b>                     | <b>55,898</b>  | <b>19,679</b>  | <b>36,220</b>    | <b>184%</b>   |
| <b>Net Other Income</b>                        | <b>(7,536)</b> | <b>137,663</b> | <b>(145,199)</b> | <b>(106)%</b> |
| <b>Net Income</b>                              | <b>(838)</b>   | <b>130,894</b> | <b>(131,732)</b> | <b>(101)%</b> |



## Financial Audit Report

### Memorandum

To: Trinity United Church Board

From: Gloria McMillan and Gloria Hill

Subject: 2023 Church Year End Audit

Gloria and I have completed an audit for the year ending December 31, 2023. It is noted that proper accounting procedures have been followed.

The financial statement included in the annual report is an accurate reflection of the financial status of the church for the year 2023.

Attached is a report of the process which we followed.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us.

Gloria Hill

### Audit Process Year 2023

1. Weekly deposit sheets were verified to General Ledger for 12 months.
2. Verified invoices to cheque amounts.
3. GST Rebate is being claimed.
4. Reviewed postings to repairs and equipment and property expenses to determine if any amounts should be capitalized as fixed assets.
5. Confirm if any invoices paid in January 2024 are expenses for 2023.
6. Reviewed bank reconciliation.
7. 12 months of utility expenses claimed.



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### **Congregational Meeting**

Sunday, December 17, 2023 @ 11:00AM

#### **AGENDA**

- 1) Welcome
- 2) Opening Prayer - Doug
- 3) Motion #1: That all those present have voting privileges.
- 4) Motion #2: That the Agenda be adopted as presented (amended).
- 5) Motion #3: That the minutes of the Annual General Meeting on Sunday February 26, 2023 be adopted as presented (amended).
- 6) Motions #4-15: Governance member approvals
- 8) Motion #16: To accept the signing officers as presented.
- 9) Motion #17: To approve the draft budget as presented (amended.)
- 10) Any additional business
  - a)
  - b)
  - c)
- 11) Closing Prayer - Doug



# Trinity United Church Congregational Meeting Minutes

## December 17, 2023

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Present: Linda Friesen, Al Friesen, Kathy Booth, Carol Winstone, Todd Kruk, Ken Winstone, Randolph Smyth, Debbie Smyth, Barry Hill, Gloria Hill, Donald Livesley, Gail Thickett, Ken Knight, Kathy Knight, Jen Atkison, Abby Atkison, Joanne McMillan, Pat Kempthorne, Ernie Kempthorne, Georgina Pidhorny, Marv Pidhorny, Irene Smith, Emma Atkison, Andy Depner, Michelle Depner, Lorraine Grill, Donald Warren, Janice Seddon, Frances McKague, Sam Lennon, Myrna Lennon, Beryl Everingham, Donna Neufeld, Patricia King-Doctrove, Davis Placatka, Sheila McCausland, Lois Riley, Connie Haigh, Faye McLoughlin, Alan Silvius, Pat Bowslaugh, Barb Janzen, Gloria Dillabough, Helen Dyer, Faye Wilcox, Bea Allen, Helen Cochrane, Barrie Cochrane, Larry Sage, Hazel Sage, Shirley Kernaghan, Barb Roberds, Carol McManes, Alison Murray, Darlyne Smith, Winnie Black, June Pedlow, Murray Hagyard, Cheryl McClelland, Norie Rathwell, Kelly Reimer, Kay Gussie, Helen Mitchell, Ken Mitchell, Marlane Wilson, Reg Atkinson, Miranda Edwards, Rev. Doug Neufeld, Glenda Penner (Recording Secretary), Gloria McMillan (Chair)

- 1) Welcome - Gloria extended a Welcome to all in attendance at 11:50
- 2) Opening Prayer - Rev. Doug
- 3) **Motion 1:** Moved by Darlyne Smith, seconded by Marlane Wilson that all those present have voting privileges. Carried.
- 4) **Motion 2:** Moved by Ken Winstone, seconded by Donna Neufeld that the Agenda be adopted as presented.
- 5) Minutes of February 26, 2023 - Faye Wilcox noted under Present - Murray Hayward should be Murray Hagyard and on page 2 item 10 - Round Table - should read Faye "McLoughlin" not Wilcox.  
**Motion 3:** Moved by Gloria Hill, seconded by Alan Silvius that the Minutes of February 26, 2023 be adopted as amended. Carried.



6) Governance Member approvals -

Miranda extended a thank you to the Board of 2023 for their work during a challenging year.

Board Nominations for 2024

**Motion 4:** Moved by Pat Bowslaugh, seconded by Helen Dyer to accept Gloria McMillan as Board Chair. Carried.

**Motion 5:** Moved by Barb Roberds, seconded by Barb Janzen to accept Joy Bowman as Vice Chair. Carried.

**Motion 6:** Moved by Donna Neufeld, seconded by Darlynnne Smith to accept Reg Atkinson as Treasurer. Carried.

**Motion 7:** Moved by Faye McLoughlin, seconded by Norie Rathwell to accept Glenda Penner as Secretary. Carried.

**Motion 8:** Moved by Barry Hill, seconded by Davis Placatka to accept Randolph Smyth as Business Administration Convenor. Carried.

**Motion 9:** Moved by Barb Roberds, seconded by Donna Neufeld to accept Denise Weir as Equity and Diversity Convenor. Carried.

**Motion 10:** Moved by Kathy Knight, seconded by Sheila McCausland to accept Faye McLoughlin and Connie Haigh as Co Chairs of Outreach. Carried.

**Motion 11:** Moved by Pat Bowslaugh, seconded by Gail Thickett to accept Darlynnne Smith as Pastoral Care Convenor. Carried.

**Motion 12:** Motion Barry Hill, seconded by Todd Kruk to accept Ken Winstone as Property Convenor. Carried.

**Motion 13:** Moved by Barb Janzen, seconded by Marlane Wilson to accept Miranda Edwards as Ministry and Personnel Convenor. Carried.

**Motion 14:** Motion Norie Rathwell, seconded by Davis Placatka to accept Alan Silvius as Worship Convenor. Carried.

**Motion 15:** Motion Irene Smith, seconded by Carol Winstone to accept Alison Murray and Darlynnne Smith as Prairie to Pine Regional Representatives.

Miranda asked for a volunteer to let their name stand for the CE Committee Convenor. None presented. The floor was open for nominations. None received. Position remains open.

Lois Riley will continue as a member of the Christian Education committee.

Miranda noted additional members are needed on the BA Committee.



**Motion 16:** Moved by Marlane Wilson, seconded by Al Friesen to accept the Committee member roster. (See attached) Carried.

Gloria extended a Thank you to Barry Hill for his years as Chair with the BA committee as well as Todd Kruk for his work as Treasurer for the last 2 years.

7) Signing Officers -

Gloria presented that Darlynn Smith, Miranda Edwards and Reg Atkinson have signing authority for 2024.

Discussion was held that the Chairperson should have signing authority. Gloria clarified that she had removed herself as signing authority as she and Gloria Hill were Auditors.

**Motion 17:** Moved by Reg Atkinson, seconded by Pat Bowslaugh that the President, Past President, Secretary, and Treasurer have signing authority.

Rev. Doug noted a point of order that “Chair” and “Past Chair” should replace “President” and “Past President”.

**Re-worded Motion 17** - that the Chair and Past Chair and Secretary and Treasurer have signing authority. (Reg Atkinson/Pat Bowslaugh)  
Favor/Opposed too close so a recount was held asking people to stand.  
Favor 24, Opposed 31. Motion Defeated.

**Motion 18:** Moved by Barb Roberds, seconded by June Pedlow that we have 4 signing officers. Carried.

Gloria noted that Darlynn Smith as Pastoral Care Convenor, Miranda Edwards as Past Chair, and Reg Atkinson as Treasurer have the signing authority.

**Motion 19:** Moved by Barb Roberds, seconded by Pat Bowslaugh that Glenda Penner as Secretary have the fourth signing authority. Carried.





8) Draft Budget - Todd Kruk presented the Draft Budget for 2024. Discussion and review were held.

**Motion 20:** Moved by Todd Kruk, seconded by Al Friesen to approve the Budget of 2024. Carried.

9) Additional Business -

Faye McLoughlin asked whether she and Pat Bowslaugh should continue their personal monthly advertising of worship in the Brandon Sun. It was felt that Facebook and Social Media was a better use of funds.

Gloria noted that the Congregation needs everyones support to function and be successful. There is room for more helpers and everyone is welcome. We appreciate your support and look forward to good things in the coming year.

10) Rev. Doug closed the meeting with a Prayer. Meeting adjourned at 12:54

  
Chair, Gloria McMillan

  
Secretary, Glenda Penner



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### Annual General Meeting Sunday, February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2023 @ 11:30am

#### AGENDA

- 1) Welcome
- 2) Opening Prayer
- 3) **Motion #1:** That all those present have voting privileges. (Only members of TUC can vote on this motion)
- 4) **Motion #2:** That the Agenda be adopted as presented (amended).
- 5) **Motion #3:** That the minutes of the Congregational Meeting Dec 4, 2022, be adopted as presented (amended).
- 6) Presentation of the Annual Report 2022
  - I. Financial Report
  - II. Ministers Report
  - III. Committee Reports**Motion #4:** That all reports from pages 06 to 30 in Trinity United Church Annual Report Booklet be accepted as presented.
- 7) Auditors Report 2022
- 8) Appointment of Auditor(s) 2023  
**Motion #5:** That Gloria McMillan and Gloria Hill will be Auditors for Trinity United Brandon for 2023.
- 9) Round Table
  - I.
  - II.
- 10) Closing Prayer
- 11) Meeting Adjournment



## Trinity United Church Annual General Meeting Minutes

– February 26, 2023

**Mission: To Grow in Faith, Fellowship and Service with Christ Jesus**

**Present:** Reverend Doug Neufeld, Dave McClelland, Marlene Campbell, Joy Bowman, Randolph Smyth, Edna Stewart, Barb Roberds, Donald Livesley, Gail Thickett, Patricia King-Doctrove, Alan Silvius, Darlene Silvius, Carol McManes, Irene Smith, PHEME Andrew, Sheila McCausland, Ken Winstone, Carol Winstone, Miranda Edwards, Murray McMillan, Connie Haigh, Lois Riley, Marlane Wilson, Edie Mowat, Myrna Lennon, Faye McLoughlin, Winnifred Black, Norie Rathwell, Kay Gussie, Myrna Lane, Hazel Sage, Larry Sage, Murray Hayward, Harvey & Ethel Hurren, Pat Bowslaugh, Faye Wilcox, Frances McKague, Margaret Cullen, June Pedlow, Janice Seddon, Joanne McMillan, Helen Hicks, Marilyn Hoffman, Helen Dyer, Darlynnne Smith, Gloria McMillan, Donna Neufeld

**1.0** Gloria McMillan (Chair) welcomed everyone to the meeting and called the meeting to order @ 11:30 a.m.

**2.0** Rev. Doug gave the opening prayer.

**3.0 Motion #1: Darlynnne Smith moved that all those present have voting privileges.** (Only full members of TUC can vote on this motion.) **Alan Silvius seconded the motion.**

**CARRIED**

**4.0 Motion #2: Pat Bowslaugh moved that the Agenda be adopted as amended. Seconded by Ken Winstone.**

**CARRIED**

**5.0 Motion #3: Marlane Wilson moved that the minutes of the Congregational Meeting Sunday, December 4, 2022, be adopted as presented. Seconded by Barb Roberds.**

**CARRIED**

**6.0 Motion #4: Pat Bowslaugh moved that the Treasurer's Financial Report be approved as presented. Seconded by Marg Cullen.**

**CARRIED**



**7.0 Motion #5: Joy Bowman moved that all reports from pages 06 to 30 in the Trinity United Church Annual Report Booklet be accepted as presented. Seconded by Faye Wilcox.**

**CARRIED**

**8.0 Motion #6: Lois Riley moved that the Auditors' Report 2022 be accepted as presented. Seconded by Winnie Black.**

**CARRIED**

**9.0 Motion #7: Darlyne Smith moved that Gloria McMillan and Gloria Hill be the Auditors for Trinity United Brandon for 2023. Seconded by Marlane Wilson.**

**CARRIED**

**10.0 Round Table** – There was a discussion on whether Trinity United Brandon should advertise their worship services in the Brandon Sun. There was an offer that Trinity United Brandon have its ad in the Brandon Sun on the first Saturday of each month and the cost of the ad would be shared between Pat Bowslaugh and Faye Wilcox.

A question was raised that since Alexander no longer has services, would Trinity consider starting their services at 11:00 instead of 10:00 a.m. It was agreed that since we currently have renters using the sanctuary at noon, it would be difficult for Trinity to have fellowship following their services.

Miranda noted that since the budget was made last December, there has been a new development effective July 1, 2023. The United Church of Canada has increased their Cost of Living for some of the churches in Canada including the United churches in Brandon which means the Minister's salary has been increased. Trinity Brandon was previously in C category but has now been raised to D category. In summary, the M&P Committee will be over budget for 2023.

Lois Riley reminded the congregation that the Christian Education Committee is still in need of a Convenor.

**11.0** Rev. Doug closed the meeting at 12:06 p.m. with a prayer.

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**Gloria McMillan**

**Chair of Trinity United Church Board**

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**Glenda Penner**

**Secretary**



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