



Trinitopics & Church Announcements

7 ~ Thursday, April 4th, 2024



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Confirmation Class

Starting **THIS FALL**

After consulting with the potential candidates and discussing their schedules, it was determined that the fall would be a better time to hold the classes. We will determine specific dates at that time. Anyone still considering being included in the Confirmation Class, please feel free to contact Rev. Doug.

FundScrip Report for March 2024:

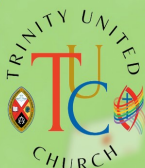
Twenty-eight households participated in the March gift card fundraiser with a total of \$15,715.00 worth of orders. As a result, Trinity earned \$626.18. Thank you for your support of this fundraiser.

The January and March gift card sales combined have earned Trinity \$971.11.
The next Gift Card fundraiser will take place during the month of May.

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

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

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.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Women in Harmony Sanctuary 7pm	2 WW 9am UCW Meeting 1:15pm WW 4:30pm Prairie Group 8 pm	3	4  Bible Study 1:30pm Choir Practice Sanctuary 7pm	5 Newsletter COP Prayers 7pm Prairie Group 8 pm	6
7 Trinity Worship 10am GIG Worship 12:30pm COP Worship 5pm	8 Eastern Star Basement 5:30pm	9 WW 9am WW 4:30pm Board Meeting 7pm Prairie Group 8 pm	10 UCW Games Day Lunch @ 12pm	11 Bible Study 1:30pm Choir Practice Sanctuary 7pm	12 COP Prayers 7pm Prairie Group 8 pm	13
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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.

Recognizing the Spirit in Earth Month

“Climate Change is an urgent spiritual matter, because it is inseparably linked to our love of our Creator. Now, more than ever, we believe that it is important to amplify our shared laments and shared commitments, as people of faith, to work towards climate justice.” Citizens for Public Justice, Willard Metzger. Source: For the Love of Creation, <https://forthe loveofcreation.ca>. Accessed April 2, 2024.

April is Earth month. After the warmest winter on record (5.2C, www.nationalobserver.com), following one of the worst fire seasons (2023 Canadian wildfire – Wikipedia), and drought causing Manitoba and B.C. to import hydro (“Historic drought forcing hydro-rich B.C., Manitoba to import electricity”, *Vancouver Sun*. Jan 29, 2024), it is starting to feel like climate change is personal. Three out of four Canadians are experiencing anxiety over climate change. (*Your Heart May Be Breaking, But Please Take Care of Yourself*. Janna Wale, Maria Shallard. Canadian Climate Institute. <https://climateinstitute.ca/climate-anxiety>). It is affecting how we live, move, and have our being. (*Wait! Isn't that supposed to be God?*)

Maybe climate change is Spirit trying to get our attention. Maybe there is a call to be more contemplative and humbler and less doing, consuming, taking without consideration for the well-being/Spirit that is in all things. Maybe there is a call to get still, quiet the mind, and sit with nature to open ourselves to the messages that the more-than-human world/God is giving us. Psalm 46:10 tells us to “Be still and know I am God.”

Appreciating and honouring all beings, including Planet Earth, and our interconnectedness/interdependency through the Spirit and DNA level (humans share 50% of our DNA with trees) can open our minds and hearts in awe and gratitude. We might realize that we are not the masters of creation, but fellow creatures on the journey of life. Our lives and the life/spirit of all beings is a gift that we can recognize if we get still and be with God, nature and really see the world and the blessings around us.

In recent times, I, (Denise Weir), am becoming more aware of the gift of this good earth. I see us sharing a house with many creatures and feel the need to honour and take care of it. For example, when I see litter, I equate it to someone being disrespectful/careless with their built environment, the house itself, and the people/beings sharing space. Our world is not disposable. Something to be thrown away for the next consumable item. Our world is finite if we treat it with indifference, as if we own it and are owed an existence. It is infinite is we treat it with reverence.

Submitted by Denise Weir

Knox/Trinity Good Friday Service at Knox



A very memorable, thoughtful service was planned by Rev. Craig Miller this year! Starting with the Agathe supper, to the renewing your Baptism vows to the Communion, which ended the very meaningful service. Anyone wanting to view it: Search: **‘The Knox Connection’**

Trinity 55 Plus

Tuesday, Apr. 23rd, 2024 @ 1:30pm

Guests: Randolph & Debbie Smyth
Into the Northern Wilds:

Randolph and Debbie Smyth will share their experiences of Highway 16, Fort St. John, and other absolutely true stories

Cookies and beverages to follow

Come join us, everyone welcome!

Voluntary donations towards: **Manitoba Possible**
(previously Manitoba Society of Children with Disabilities)

Trinity 55 Plus Group

"Striving to make a difference, a little at a time."

Please sign up on sheet in Narthex, or contact:

Ruth & Glenn Sawyer: 204 728 – 4683

Gail Thickett: 725 – 4934

Hazel & Larry Sage: 728 – 6215



FAIR TRADE RUG EVENT

APRIL 4-22

CLASSIC TO CONTEMPORARY

Hand-knotted, heirloom-quality Bunyaad rugs
Tribals, Bokharas, Persians & Kilims
From 2'x3' to 9'x12' plus square, round & runners



TEN THOUSAND
VILLAGES
BRANDON

829 Rosser Ave
Brandon, MB
204-726-8755
www.bunyaad.com

RUG KICK- OFF EVENT

**APRIL 4TH 4-6 P.M.
FREE ADMISSION**

TEN THOUSAND VILLAGES BRANDON

FEATURING BUNYAAD DIRECTORS YOUSEF CHAMAN AND
JENNI LEISTER, LOCAL ARTISTS BECKY CHINN AND WEIMING
ZHAO, AND LOCAL MUSICIANS



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Our next meeting is
 Tuesday, May 7th, 2024
 Starting @ 1:15 pm

Collection for
 Pregnancy Support Centre of Westman



Calling All Women

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.

27 UCW women attended the meeting on April 2nd.

April 10th Games Day
 Lunch at noon ~ games to follow.
 Everyone Welcome!

UCW greet in May.

UCW Service May 12th

UCW keeping First Aide Kits up-
 dated

UCW April Birthday

- 14th Leslie Preston
- 18th Cheryl McClelland
- 21st Kay Gussie
- 28th Marlane Wilson

Kiwanis Club of Brandon

Around 120 bikes to be auctioned
 April 27

Kiwanis Kar Derby - June 1st.
karderby@kiwanisclubofbrandon.ca



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.

BEWARE OF SCAMMERS!!

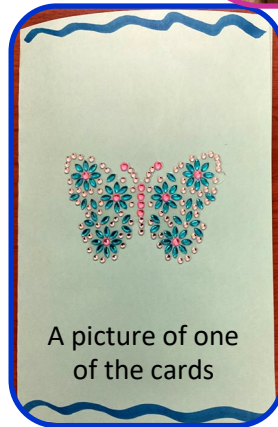
They are out there in full force!!
 Be Smart Be Careful!!

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!!!

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.



The picture of this empty bag was sent to me to prove that the girls had left a treat, as well as the card & visit! However, the contents had already been enjoyed!!

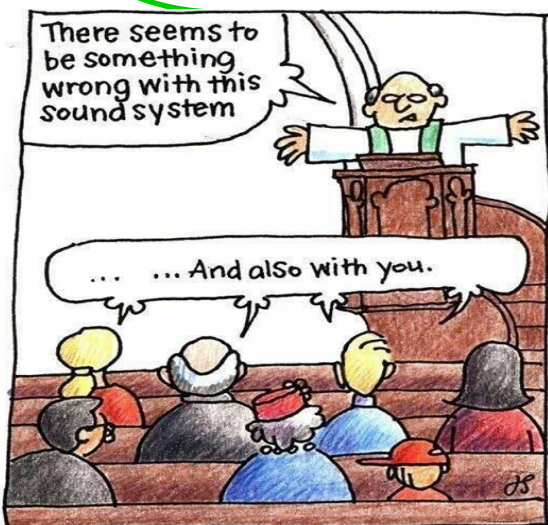


A picture of one of the cards



Trinity's Senior Sunday school did a lovely 'outreach' for Easter. They made cards during Sunday school and delivered them to the Personal Care Homes in Brandon during spring break. They also had a bag of treats for each of them. Pictured here are three pictures that they were able to take of the residents receiving theirs. There was one who they forgot to take at the home, but we caught her following Easter service on Sunday! Thank you, Senior Sunday school, for a thoughtful and caring project!!

Much appreciation, also, to teachers Lois Riley & Connie Haigh for their guidance. Cheers & Blessings!!



Music
Food
Games
Activities
Bible Stories

Messy Church

THEME:
GOD SPEAKS MY LANGUAGE

All Ages Welcome!
Supper Provided!

When: April 19th, 2024 @ 5pm - 7pm
Where: Trinity United Church 1515 6th St

Our great Knox Stewardship Committee Presents

Just Desserts

And Trivia Night!

April 13, 2024
Doors open at 5:30
Trivia begins at 6:45
Adults \$20, under 15 \$5
Casual Dress

Teams of 8 are suggested
Expect 3 rounds of trivia with Dessert between rounds

• Contact Kathyne at 204-573-6558 or email at buyknoxtickets@gmail.com
• Registration in advance is required!

What is the difference between in laws and outlaws?
Outlaws are wanted!!

HELPING HANDS CENTRE OF BRANDON, INC.



Trinity's April Collection is for Helping Hands!

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

Needed Essentials:

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

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

There is also a way to 'drop a greeting' for our 'at home' folks! If you would like a 'thinking of you' card sent, call our trusty card lady, Marlane Wilson (729.8574).



Acts of compassion, both big and small, give rise to peace. We can't wave a magic wand and bring about world peace, but with every act of compassion we harness the power of love - the same love Jesus lived and died for.

It feels like there is a new crisis confronting us each and every day. It is reassuring to know that Mission and Service partners provide real-time relief around the world on a daily basis.

The food security, refugee support work, educational programs, and emergency and advocacy efforts through Mission and Service support, are not just about food, safety, education and human rights. They are ultimately about compassion, peace and hope. In a world where division tears the fabric that binds us together, that's everything.

Jesus put compassion into action every day he lived. He brought hope to all he encountered. He was literally the calm in the storm. He stretched out his arms in the ultimate sacrifice of love, and the world was never the same. The lesson for us is that every act of compassion contributes to a more peaceful world.

Through Mission and Service we can help to bring love and peace to humanity. Thank you for your generosity.

Submitted by Faye McLoughlin



Pat's Writers Group

Friday, April 26th at 10:30 in the library.

Our prompt for this session is
 "My hair stood on end, a shiver raced down my spine
 and a lump came to my throat. It was him. . ."

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



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.

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**

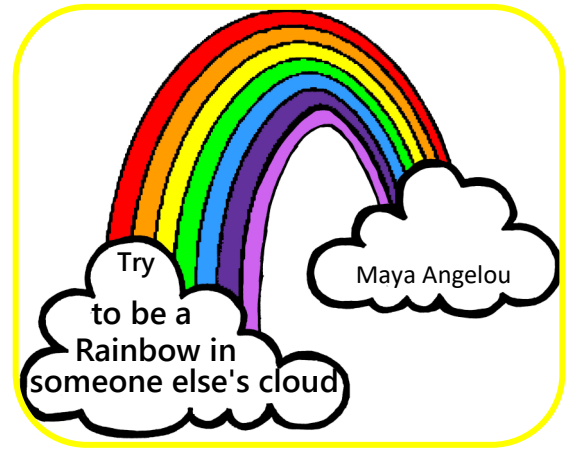
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Happy April Birthday

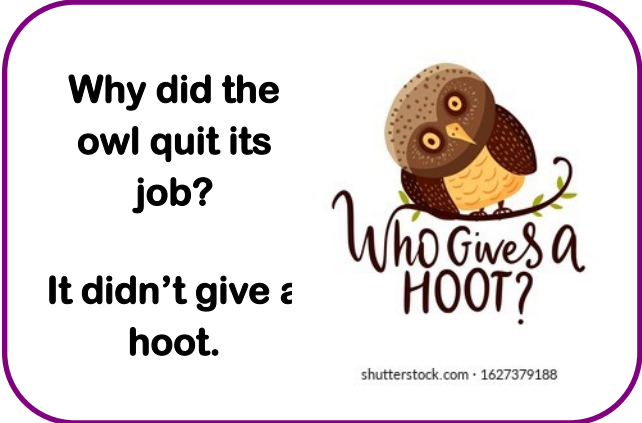
15th Val Poersch
 17th Marg Woods
 20th Jason Splett
 21st Barb Roberds
 26th Wilma Seafoot



*Congratulations
 Anastasia & Wendy
 Engaged!*

Why did the art thief's van run out of gas as he drove away from the museum?

Because he had no Monet to buy Degás to make the Van Gogh.



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Here is Reg on his birthday in March with his grandson, Becks, his youngest hockey player! Reg has surgery on April 11th for his back. Our thoughts and prayers are with you, Reg!!

FELLOWSHIP FOLLOWING WORSHIP EACH WEEK

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

April 7th
 Marg Cullen, Kay Gussie & Norie Rathwell

April 14th
 Pat Bowslaugh, Frances McKague & Myrna Lennon

April 21st
 Depner's bringing snack
 Myrna Lane & Darlynn Smith

April 28th
 Mary Wardle,
 Helen & Barrie Cochran

Myrna Lane
 204 763-4429 myrnal@mynetset.ca
 204 728-7713 204 724-2923
 darlynnegbsmith@gmail.com



Did you hear about the Italian chef that died?

He pasta way. We cannoli do so much. He just ran out of thyme. Sending olive my prayers to the family. His wife is really upset, cheese still not over it. You never sausage a tragic thing...

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



Rev. Doug, Junior & Senior Sunday
schools and the congregation all dance
joyously on Easter Sunday.
A wonderful gathering!
Then we went for Fellowship and had
Hot Cross Buns compliments of the
Worship Committee!!

Our *thoughts and prayers* to anyone who
has/is experiencing health issues. If you
know of someone, please let Marlane &/or
the church office know. Thank you!

Thinking of
Myrna Barkley & Elsie Franklin
who are spending some time in hospital.
You both are in our thoughts & prayers

Would you like
prayers for
someone?
Please contact
Faye Wilcox;
728-3654.
She has
organized
prayer chains
in our church.

Planting a Spring Garden
First, plant three rows of peas:
Perseverance
Politeness
Prayer

Next to that plant three rows of
squash:

Squash gossip
Squash selfishness
Squash indifference

Then plant three rows of lettuce:

Let us be loyal
Let us be truthful
Let us love one another

And, no garden is complete
without turnips:

Turn up for church
Turn up for work
Turn up with a smile.

*Wouldn't it be more like the
Garden of Eden
if we planted seeds like these?
Lord, lend me your trowel.*

Galatians 6:7

"A man's harvest in life will depend
entirely on what he sows"

... Rev. E.H. Shelvey

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,
Shirley Kernaghan, Al & Helen Lauder, Betty McFarland,

Fred Miller, Pat Rathwell, Wilma Seafoot

Wawanesa PCH: Alice Laminman

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

The next issue will be April 18th, 2024

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

