



# Trinitopics & Church Announcements

## # 8 ~ Thursday, April 18th, 2024



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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.



### Trinity Congregational Meeting

Sunday May 5 ~ 3:00 pm.

We will be voting on the necessary motions to enter into a collaborative ministry agreement with Forrest.

**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**



### Audio Visual Team Needs Help:

We are in need of a camera operator(s) to join the team. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Alan Silvius or Rev. Doug.



The First Aide kits in Trinity have been 'refurbished'. At the April UCW meeting it was decided that UCW would look after keeping these updated. Cheryl McClelland, a retired nurse, offered to look after this. She has a new kit in the kitchen (above), sign at the bottom of the stairs beside the fire extinguisher (above) and a sign advertising the kit in the narthex, in one of the drawers, marked! Thank you, Cheryl for the great job!!  
Trinity is blessed!!

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
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**A *great big* thank you to those who have volunteered for the Junior Sunday School craft support:**  
In alphabetical order

**Nicki Jones,  
Adam McClelland,  
Leslie Preston &  
Mary Wardle**





**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](http://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?*)

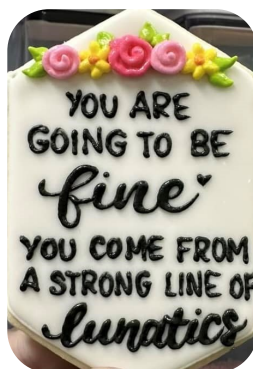
Maybe climate change is Spirit trying to get our attention. Maybe there is a call to be more contemplative and humbler and less doing, consuming, taking without consideration for the well-being/Spirit that is in all things. Maybe there is a call to get still, quiet the mind, and sit with nature to open 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*

**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!!!



The final Bible Study for this season was held on April 18th.

Thanks for the great participation, in person & Zoom.

Have a great summer and see you in the fall!!

**Never retreat. Never explain. Get it done and let them howl.**

**Benjamin Jowett**



**BRANDON EARTH DAY APRIL 20TH**  
11:00 AM

**COMMUNITY CLEAN-UP & E-WASTE COLLECTION**

E-WASTE MANAGED BY era.ca

RIVERBANK DISCOVERY CENTRE

\*1-545 CONSERVATION DRIVE, BRANDON, MB R7A 7L8

As the world becomes increasingly aware of the environmental impact of electronic waste, communities are rallying together to find sustainable solutions. One such initiative is the **Brandon Earth Day Committee's Community Clean-up and E-Waste Collection Event**, and the **Electronic Recycling Association (ERA)** is thrilled to be a part of it. On **April 20th, 2024**, from **11am to 3pm**, join us at the **Riverbank Discovery Centre, #1 - 545 Conservation Drive, Brandon, MB R7A 7L8**, for a day of environmental action and community spirit. The ERA will be on-site to collect unwanted electronics, ensuring they are safely and securely diverted from landfills. This event provides a convenient opportunity for residents of Brandon and surrounding areas to **dispose of their electronic waste responsibly.**

Come as a group to compete for prizes:  
**First: \$500.00**  
**Second: \$250.00**  
**Most garbage collected by weight**

All items collected during the event will undergo a refurbishment process. Rather than languishing in a landfill, these electronics will be given a new lease on life. The refurbished devices will then be donated back into the Manitoba community, benefiting individuals and organizations in need.

Participating in this event is not only an opportunity to declutter your space and dispose of electronic waste responsibly but also a chance to contribute to the greater good. By choosing to recycle your electronics with the ERA, you're not only protecting the environment but also supporting local communities.

So mark your calendars for April 20th, 2024, and join us at the **Riverbank Discovery Centre for Brandon's Earth Day Cleanup and E-Waste Collection Event**. Let's work together to make a positive impact on our environment and our community. See you there!

**Accepted items include:**

- Laptops/Computers
- Computer parts (motherboards, hard drives, etc.)
- Keyboards, mice, wires/cables
- Mobile phones
- Gaming consoles
- Stereo equipment
- Software (operating, editing, design)
- CD/DVDs and cards
- Lab equipment

**Please note: We do not accept household items.**

**Kiwanis Club of Brandon**  
 Around 120 bikes to be auctioned April 27  
 Kiwanis Kar Derby - June 1st.  
 Darren Wright  
 darrenwright72@hotmail.com

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.



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  
 A great success!!

UCW greet in May.

UCW Service May 12th

UCW keeping First Aide Kits

**UCW April Birthday**

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



UCW Games Day  
 Wonderful lunch and  
 afternoon!!  
 For Men & Women



*Women's  
 Retreat*

**Save the Date**

Prairie to Pine UCW  
 are planning their first  
 retreat since 2019.

Turtle Mountain Bible Camp  
 June 21st-23rd

Brochure out by April 30th

Contact: Darlynn Smith  
 darlynnegbsmith@gmail.com

How did Noah sail his ark at night?  
 Using 'flood'lights.

From the United Church

'THANK YOU to United Church Volunteers'



Volunteering matters. We say a big thank you to the hundreds of volunteers who guide the United Church nationally, and to the countless volunteers in communities across the country. By sharing your time, skills, empathy, and creativity you strength our communities and our United Church.

During National Volunteer Week, April 14–20, 2024, we recognize every volunteer and celebrate their contribution to the United Church. Thank you for all that you do!

### 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

## THANK YOU TRINITY VOLUNTEERS!

Other than our Minister, Office Admin, Custodian, Pianist and Music Director, every other person in our church is a volunteer.

From our Board, Committee's, Sunday school teachers, camera /computer/ soundboard persons, UCW, everyone is a volunteer! Without you dedicated folk things would not 'hmmm' along as they do! Thank you!!

And for a little fun, anyone who is Interested could do a search of 'how many words can you find in the word **Volunteer**

**There is a person in our midst who has a list of 90 words!!**

**Let's see how many you can find!**



### BEWARE OF SCAMMERS!!

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

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/montreal/how-to-protect-your-loved-ones-from-grandparent-scams-1.6906798>

#### Asian Beetles in your home?

These 'pretty looking ladybugs' are pesky little things right now. In conversation with an employee at Poulin's, it is quite the pandemic! According to her, these little critters are wanting to go outside, but like to keep warm until the weather cooperates. Apparently, they don't do any damage in the walls, but leave a secretion where they travel which 'invites' others. They love the sunny side windows so washing with water & soap in these areas is recommended. (from website).

I am sure there are many other ways to deal with them, however Poulin's recommend spraying outside in the fall to prevent them from wintering inside again. Right now I am using my vacuum to slurp them up, minimizing the numbers!



Do twins ever realize that one of them is unplanned?

The word "swims" upside-down is still "swims".

I'm responsible for what I say, not for what you understand.

It's not my age that bothers me - it's the side effects.

Hard to believe I once had a phone attached to a wall, and when it rang, I picked it up without knowing who was calling.

There is no such thing as a grouchy old person. The truth is that once you get old, you stop being polite and start being honest.

My mind is like an internet browser. At least 18 open tabs, 3 of them are frozen, and I have no clue where the music is coming from.

I want to be 18 again and ruin my life differently. I have new ideas!

As I've gotten older, people think I've become lazy. The truth is I'm just being more energy-efficient.



Thank you Shirley Mabon!

**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	- Juice
- Mayonnaise	- Bottled water
- Mustard	- Garbage bags
- Sugar	- Gloves (food safe)
- Soya Sauce	- 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).



Education is so important as it transforms lives. Students here in Brandon know this very well. Those that are soon graduating from Grade 12 or from University are fortunate to have their future on the horizon. They may be going on to further education or will embark on a career in the wider world.

We wish this was so for students around the world. Unfortunately there are children and adults who want and need a place to call their school so they can receive an education to help improve their lives.

We, as disciples of Jesus are called to be learners, people who are constantly educating ourselves and in turn are helping others. When you support Mission and Service you are helping others to learn. Your funds help to provide school supplies and assistance to build schools and make them accessible to many people.

Together, we need to support education to help transform lives in Canada and around the world.

Thank you for your wise 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



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Trinity Reps:                      Alison Murray & Darlyne Smith

Gathering in MacGregor on Sunday afternoon, April 14 for **the service celebrating the Pastoral Relations Covenant between the new collaborative ministry involving MacGregor and Trinity (Portage La Prairie) United Churches, Reverend Elijah Mwandila, and the Prairie to Pine Regional Council.**

**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

**24th Ken Mitchell (97 years)**

Hugs, thoughts and prayers to **Marlane Wilson** and families due to the passing of her husband, **Garry Van Renselaar**. Garry passed with family at his side on April 9th. The service to celebrate his life will be at Christian Reformed Church (15th & Victoria) On Wednesday, April 24th at 1 pm.



**A note of thanks to the Trinity United Church Youth and their leaders.**



I would like to thank you very much for the beautiful Easter card, bag of candies, and visit I received from you at Easter this year. I know some other residents here enjoyed a visit, too, and I am thanking you for them also.

It was very kind and caring of you to think of us, and I want you to know how much it meant to us to be remembered and thought about in this way.

Your kindness and thoughtfulness was very much appreciated.

Thank you again.  
 Love and prayers, Judy Diswinka

**FINALLY!**  
**Rev Doug**



**SOMEONE MADE A COFFEE CUP FOR LEFT-HANDED PEOPLE**



So if a  
 redhead goes  
 crazy,  
 Is it called  
 Ginger snaps?



The new carpet has been installed on the stairs.

Very lovely!!

Tip of the day: Before starting a project, check if you have the resources available



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

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

**April 21st**

**Depner's bringing snack  
 Myrna Lane & Darlyne Smith**

**April 28th**

**Mary Wardle,  
 Helen & Barrie Cochrane**

**May 5th**

**The Faye's & Nancy Syntak**

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darlynnegbsmith@gmail.com



Please be sure to call or e-mail  
Marlane Wilson,  
with any reports of folks in hospital or  
needing some contact.  
204 729-8574 or marlane.w@yahoo.com



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



Sunday, April 14th  
Junior & Senior Sunday School  
And friends  
Listening to their story.  
Who made you??  
Out of the mouths of kids;  
always entertaining!

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, Gloria Hill, Pat  
Kempthorne & Larry Sage** who are  
spending time in hospital.

Also to **Reg Atkinson** who had back  
surgery on April 11th & is convalescing  
at home with nurse Sheila's help.

Hugs thoughts & prayers  
Wishing you all a speedy recovery!!

Would you like prayers for someone?  
Please contact Faye Wilcox;  
728-3654.

She has organized prayer chains  
in our church.

### *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

**Valleyview:** Cliff Bowslaugh, Del Pringle

**Riverheights Terrace:** PHEME Andrew, 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:** Elsie Franklin, Alice Laminman

## April Moods

by Lenore Hetrick

April changes her sweet mind  
Every other second.  
With her many moods and minds,  
Nothing can be reckoned.  
I always carry an umbrella,  
It serves for rain and sun!  
I take my boots and out I go  
To share in April's fun.



April  
SHOWERS  
BRING  
May  
FLOWERS

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**The next issue will be May 2nd, 2024**

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

