



Trinitopics & Church Announcements

9 ~ Thursday, May 2nd, 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.



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 & Sound/camera person(s)** for Trinity!

Contact any Board member, church office or Rev. Doug
Thank you!!



Upcoming Services:

May 12 - UCW leading Worship

May 19 -

Pentecost Sunday (**Wear Red, if possible**)

It's Time for the Garden



Kathy Booth has volunteered to be another helper in our garden this year!! She is looking after any help it needs right now.

Thank you Kathy!!

Trinity May Gift Card Fundraising Project:

Orders, including payment, must be received by **Wednesday, May 29th at 4:00 pm**. Orders will be received by Alan Silvius at any time so there is no need to wait until the deadline date. If you prefer, you can send an order via email to silviusa@mymts.net or via phone at (204) 726-4169 (Home) or (204) 570-2338 (Cell).

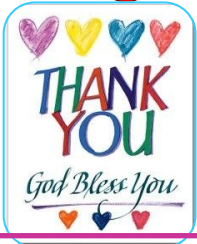
Some of the FundScrip May 2024 Promotions are:

**Boston Pizza – Regular 5% Increased to 8%
Winners – Regular 6% Increased to 8%**

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
GIG Global Immersion Gospel COP Church of Pentecost			1	2  Choir Practice Sanctuary 7pm	3 Newsletter COP Prayers 7pm Prairie Group 8 pm	4 Women in Harmony Sanctuary 9am—4pm
5 Trinity Worship 10am GIG Worship 12:30pm Trinity Congreg. Meeting 3pm COP Worship 5pm	6 Pastoral Care 1:30pm Library Women in Harmony Sanctuary 7pm	7 WW 9am UCW Meeting 1:15pm WW 4:30pm Prairie Group 8 pm	8	9 Choir Practice Sanctuary 7pm	10 COP Prayers 7pm Prairie Group 8 pm	11
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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

Sunday School ... **No classes** on the **May long weekend** (May 19th)

Last day of classes for this term,
Sunday, May 26th



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.

The **Outreach Committee** is looking for people to use their sewing skills to make pillowcase size (and medium size) gift bags for Christmas Cheer. Before you get busy with lawn care and flower and vegetable seeding this may be a project you would like to do.

(Christmas is not that far away)

We are very thankful for **Gloria Hill** who made some small, medium and large bags for us. She has got the project started once again. See the picture
Thank you



Trinity 55 Plus

Tuesday, May 21st, 2024 @ 1:30pm

Guest: Julia Schettler, award winning children's author of "For As Long As Zebras Are Striped and "Fur is only Fur Deep". Julia will share her personal story of her blended family and the experiences of growing her family through international adoption and publishing her 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

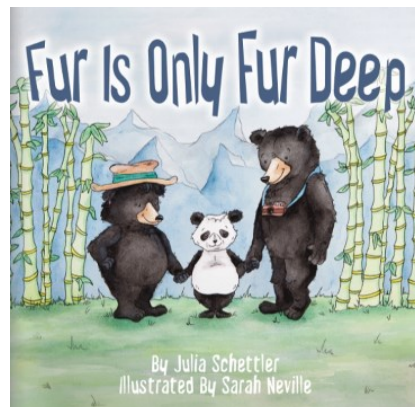
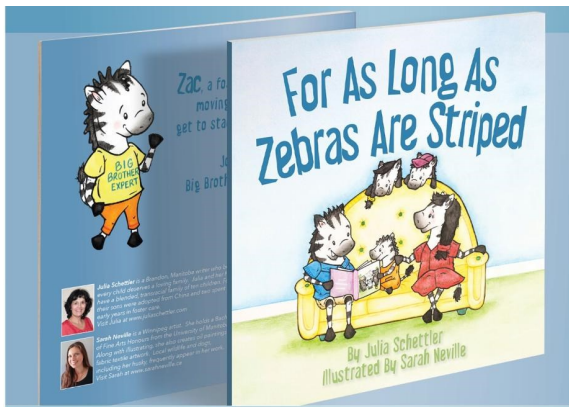
"Striving to make a difference, a little at a time."

Please sign up on sheet in Narthex, or contact:

Ruth & Glenn Sawyer: 204 728 – 4683

Gail Thickett: 725 – 4934

Hazel & Larry Sage: 728 – 6215



If attached by a mob of clowns, go for the juggler
Something about dirt, it just seems beneath me!
A pun is not completely matured until it is full groan
My girlfriend left me because I was always eating pasta. Feeling cannelloni right now!
A pig lost his voice, now he's disgruntled.
Shuffling playing card requires all hands on deck.





Trinity's Waste Warriors

While the rest of us were worshipping last Sunday, the Senior Sunday school were outside in the yard taking care of the winter waste.

Thank you to Grady and the girls for the super job!!

Thank you, also, to their great teachers Connie & Lois!!

How come there is enough asphalt for speed bumps,
but not enough to fill pot holes?

I don't get nearly enough credit in life for the things I
manage not to say!!

Here's a tip, ring your doorbell on your way to bed at
night. This will clear the dogs off your bed long
enough for you to get in and get comfortable!

When you're a child, you make funny faces at the mir-
ror. When we become adults, the mirror gets even.

Feeling cold? Go stand in the corner. It's 90 degrees.

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!!!

Walk for

Cease Fire in Gaza

Saturday, May 11, 2024

10:00 am - 12:30 pm

Location: Knox United Church

Planned by the Trinity and Knox

E&D Committees

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.

UCW greet in May.

UCW Service May 12th

Collection for Pregnancy Support

UCW May Birthday

- 7th Heather Moore
- 7th Marlene Campbell
- 8th Irene Thompson
- 16th Elaine Nairne
- 17th Georgie Pidhorny
- 19th Gloria McMillan
- 29th Nancy Syntak
- 31st Darlynnne Smith

**Prairie to Pine UCW
 Retreat**

June 21st ~ 23rd

Turtle Mountain Bible Camp

Directions:

About half way between Boissevain and Deloraine on # 3 Highway
 South on Provincial Road #450 for about 16 KM

Theme: "Hope is ..."



Cost: \$175.00 (Staying in camp)
 \$135.00 (If not staying in camp)

For more information:

Karen Corbett: (204)232-7369 karen.corbett5@gmail.com
 Shirley May: (204)797-3426 viessa@mymts.net
 Joan Zaretsky: (204)885-3253

**Trinity's May Collection
 is for**



There is a list of their needs posted in the narthex at the church. I will have it in the newsletter next time.

Trinity Equity & Diversity Committee

..... Elaine Madill

Racism Anti Racism (Nice until it isn't) Presentation, MVSD Trustee Paul Coffey, Monday, April 23 , 2024
(Excepts in quotations from The Canadian Press, April 26, 2024)

Most of us will have read or heard of the above noted presentation given by a School Board Trustee from Dauphin. "The school trustee's comments on Indigenous people and residential schools have led to condemnation from many quarters and a review by the Manitoba government. Paul Coffey, a trustee in the Mountain View School Division in western Manitoba, told a school board meeting Monday that residential schools started as a good thing. They were essential for reading, writing, arithmetic, also enforcement of school attendance. It was all nice until its well-documented and openly expressed intention to use schools to assimilate, eradicated Indians' languages, cultures and spiritual beliefs." During the presentation Mr. Coffey continued to call Indigenous people Indians and commented that the term white privilege is racist. He also questions some conclusions from the 2015 Truth and Reconciliation Commission, notably, the authenticity of the claims of abuse because there are no good stories in Canada about residential schools. The Commission "spent years investigation and documenting the history and lasting harms of church-operated, government-funded residential schools that more than 150,000 Indigenous children were forced to attend, often far away from their families and communities. Prime Minister John A. Macdonald said in 1883 that children should be withdrawn as much as possible from parental influence in order to acquire the habits and thought of white people. Thousands suffered emotional, physical and sexual abuse." It is estimated that more than 4,000 children lost their lives.

The Southern Chiefs Organization, Manitoba Teacher's Society, and Superintendent of MVSD all renounced Mr. Coffey's presentation as ill informed, harmful, and damaging to strides made in reconciliation. Southern Chiefs have called for his removal and Manitoba Education Minister Nello Altomare is launching a governance review and will be in contact with the board chair and superintendent.

As citizens of Manitoba we must ask ourselves: Is there room for perceived racism on school boards in Manitoba? Do we see racist remarks in Mr. Coffey's presentation (some will not)? Do we believe that "white privilege" is real? Did PM John A. Macdonald know that he was committing Cultural Genocide by the creation of the Residential School system? If we are to truly believe in the process of reconciliation, we must do our best to look honestly at the harms done to Indigenous Communities (parents who were not allowed to parent/grandparent) by taking away their children, not just the harms done to the children themselves. Residential schools were created to try to make Indigenous persons assimilate into white society with no thought to what that process would create. Governments trusted churches to administer education and provide a proper Anglo-Saxon atmosphere for children (not allowing Indigenous language/spiritualization/traditions) and too many churches failed in this trust. The process was not only flawed, but criminal in too many cases and we must now pray for forgiveness of our forefathers and be patient, helpful, and thoughtful with the reconciliation process. The damage was not created overnight and reconciliation will not be complete for most likely generations into the future.

Trinity has \$50 & \$100 Gift Cards from Sobeys/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).



Trinity Newsletter May 3

You might wonder why a space has been designated for Mission and Service information in the Trinity Newsletter?

After all, during each Sunday service there is a time for a Mission and Service story. Also, for your convenience, there is a wagon just outside the sanctuary for non-perishable food donations and health related products that Trinity gives to Helping Hands and Samaritan House. The Outreach Committee will soon be asking for donations of food for Christmas hampers and gifts for children.

There always seems to be a request. How much should we give and why do we need to be reminded so many times? As compassionate Christians we must do our part to offer dignity and bring hope to those who are marginalized.

Our monetary gifts to Mission and Service go toward the wider church who together work with other organizations to support people locally, nationally and around the world. Together, we can make a difference.



With our donations we are answering God's call to love our neighbours. The need is always there, and so the stories will continue. Thank you for your generosity.

Submitted by Faye McLoughlin

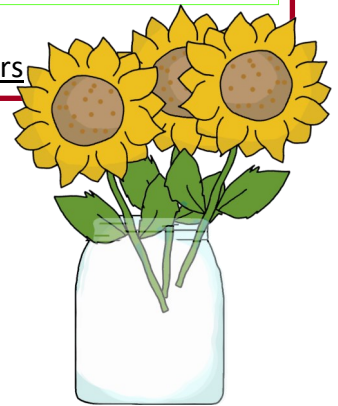


Trinity Reps: Alison Murray & Darlyne Smith

From the P2P weekly news: Good News Story: Sustainable Brandon

'We all need some good news so ohave a look at this story via out ecumenical friends at For the Love of Creation (who are a great resource for your ecology work, by the way). Congrats to our Brandon members for their community connections, and their belief that we can make a difference.'

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



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



I wish to thank the Trinity Church Family for the meaningful, hand written card received following my recent operation. I also wish to thank the Prayer Shawl Ministry for the wonderful shawl. The card with it says it is "Made with Love and Prayer" and I am sure it is. It is being used. The card mentions how lucky I am to have Sheila by my side. Truer words were never spoken. I think this is the longest period that I have needed, and received, her care to this extent in almost 56 years.

Our daughter, Kerri, came from Toronto the day of the operation to help Sheila. They are a great team. Our son, Craig, has done maintenance duties and installed handicap assists throughout the house.

Sheila's brother, David Maguire, blew out the yard on the coldest day of the winter. Sheila and our neighbours shovelled or used a quad to clean it the rest of the time. My Kiwanis buddies have also helped in various ways. Sometimes it takes a hardship to make us realize just how good we have it.

Thanks again Reg Atkinson

Editors note: Credit to our card lady, Marlane Wilson, for the personal notes to folks when sending cards!!

Thank you for the cards, visits, well wishes, and your prayers. Thank you for the lovely soft prayer shawl, it is very comforting. We feel blessed knowing so many care and that has helped tremendously in my healing process.

Gloria Hill



Happy April Birthday

27th
Pat King-Doctrovè

You don't drown by falling in the water;
you drown by staying there.

Happy May Birthdays

- 15th Mickey Dux
- 26th Sam Lennon
- 28th Veronica Miller
- 28th Leona Pringle
- 29th Lorrie Snelgrove



**FELLOWSHIP FOLLOWING WORSHIP
EACH WEEK**

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

May 5th
The Faye's & Nancy Syntak

May 12th
Mary Wardle & Barrie & Helen Cochrane

May 19th
Frances McKague, June Pedlow & Sheila McCausland

Thank you for the texts, emails, cards, phone calls and prayers following the loss of my brother in law, Wayne Keeler.

It was kind and appreciated!
Darlyne Smith

Myrna Lane

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

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



Our *thoughts and prayers* to anyone who
has/is experiencing health issues. If you
know of someone, please let Marlane & or
the church office know. Thank you!
Thinking of
Myrna Barkley & Larry Sage who are
spending time in hospital.
Wishing you all a speedy recovery!!

Sunday, April 28th
Pat Bowslaugh with the Junior
& Senior Sunday School. A skit
was demonstrated how a Good
Samaritan helped. Well done!!
The 'song & dance video' that
followed was 'Jesus Loves Me'.

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

Live with no regrets,

Treat people the way
you want to be
treated,

Work like you don't
need the money,

Love like you have
never been hurt,

& Dance like you do
when nobody is



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Delivery is being made to all non email
The next issue will be May 16th, 2024

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