



Trinitopics & Church Announcements

23 ~ Friday, November 29th, 2024



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December 1: Advent 1 - Communion

December 8: Advent 2 - White Gift

December 15: Advent 3

December 20:

Blue Christmas Service @ 7:00 pm

December 22: Advent 4 -

Choir & Sunday school Concert & Communion

December 24: Christmas Eve @ 7:00 pm

December 29: Worship Around the Breakfast Table. Potluck breakfast @ 9:30 followed by Worship service which will all take place downstairs. (Rev. Doug on vacation) Worship Committee leading the service.

Church Decorating for Advent Season:

Our church was decorated for the Christmas Season on November 26th and 27th by the following individuals :

Helen Hicks, Marlane Wilson, Glenda Penner, Gloria McMillan, Naomi Mahoney, Joanne McMillan, Eileen McLarty, Lorraine Grill, Darlene & Alan Silvius.

It was great to have some new decorators this year. Their time, talents and efforts to enhance our Church during this Advent season are greatly appreciated.

Blessings to each of them.

Worship Chair ... Alan Silvius



Fundscrip Report for November 2024:



Forty households participated in the Christmas gift card fundraiser with a total of \$20,905.00 worth of orders.

As a result, these supporters helped Trinity to earn \$713.45.

Thank you for your support of this fundraiser.

The next Gift Card fundraiser will take place during the month of January.

Thank you, Alan Silvius, for your on going admin of this project

Our trusty caretaker, Jim Hurd, is experiencing some health issues and needs to convalesce and be well again.

JCI (Johnson's Commercial Industrial Service) has been contracted to clean Trinity on a 'temporary/on demand' service to tie us over until the end of December.

They will come Monday's in the evening. Our best to Jim for a complete recovery!



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Trinity Worship 10am GIG Worship 12:30pm COP Worship 5pm	2	3 UCW Meeting & Potluck 12pm WW 4:30pm Prairie Group 8 pm	4 E&D Meeting Downstairs 1pm	5 BA Meeting Library 2pm Choir Practice 7pm	6 Communion @ Hillcrest 2 pm COP Prayers 7pm Prairie Group 8 pm	7 Eastern Star Basement 12 - 5pm
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29 Trinity Worship Breakfast 9:30am GIG Worship 12:30pm COP Worship 5pm	30 Office Closed	31 Prairie Group 8 pm	<div style="border: 2px solid yellow; padding: 10px; background-color: #00FFFF; display: inline-block;"> GIG Global Immersion Gospel COP Church of Pentecost </div>			

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, 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 safely and support in respect of social justice and human rights.



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.



Trinity and Christmas Cheer Hampers

The season of Advent is approaching, and the Outreach committee is making plans to help families in our community with Christmas hampers. The Mission statement of the Christmas Cheer Board is

'To provide Christmas dinner and gifts for families in the Westman area who would otherwise go without'.

Trinity will be preparing **20 hampers** for families this year.

So, here is how you can help ...

- ◆ Bring in perishable food items (see list of needed item below)
- ◆ Donate new unwrapped gifts for children ~ **Tree of Giving**
- ◆ Donate monetary gifts to support the purchase of hamper items

White Gift Sunday is December 8th

The Christmas Cheer donation wagon will be receiving your gifts this month. Please consider bringing your donations before Dec. 8th when the gifts will be dedicated. Please make monetary donations to Trinity United Church marked Christmas Cheer and place them on the offering plate. The Outreach committee will be purchasing fresh vegetables, hams or chickens, oranges, milk, buns and baby formula as well as any needed hamper items.

Please know that in this time of need and increased costs of food etc., we appreciate that giving to Outreach appeals is your choice as you are able.

Christmas Cheer hampers will be delivered on Dec. 18 & 19th.

Volunteers are needed to deliver the hampers.

Soup

Canned fruit and vegetables *

Cranberry sauce

Pasta, Pasta sauce

Canned meats (tuna, salmon, ham) *

Coffee & tea

Crackers *

Cookies

Peanut Butter

Jam *

Stuffing mix

Beans

Jelly or Pudding mix

Juices *

Cereal

Gravy mix

Other needs. --new personnel care items, toys and books, colouring books and crayons, knitted items, stocking stuffers for kids and adults.

Grocery bins for carrying hampers. If you wish to lend your bin, please mark with your name.

Trinity Outreach Committee

Kathy K, Connie H, Heather M, Linda F, Lois R.





I (Barb Janzen) was honoured to receive the Jack Mowat Recognition Award from the MB Gymnastics Association this evening (November 2024). It is awarded to an MGA member who has made significant and long-lasting contributions to the MGA shown outstanding achievements in the sport of Gymnastics in Manitoba. I was nominated by my program director Marilee Simpson and the Board of Brandon Eagles for my contributions as a gymnastics coach for over 30 years. My continued involvement with gymnastics is because of my love of the sport and the joy and fulfillment I get from helping my gymnasts learn and grow as gymnasts and individuals

Thank you for this honour and thanks Cassidy Jones for coming with me.

Trinity Giving Tree



The Trinity Giving Tree has been placed in the narthex for families to select Christmas gifts for children and families receiving Christmas Cheer hampers. Thanks to the Senior Sunday School for preparing the tree with gift tags for children up to age 16. Christmas Cheer suggests that the children's gifts or toys should be a new item with a price of \$20 to \$30.

Please take tag or tags from the tree and check off the tag information on the sign-up sheet beside the tree.

Thank you so much for helping children this Christmas season.

Trinity Outreach

Thank you Eden for making the giving tree background so perfect!!



Thanks to Pat Bowslough for picture

Molly, Trinity's Therapy Dog, had visitors at 55 Plus last Wednesday. The ones that were her size, she thought were wonderful, but, when Tai, the German hunting dog came in, she voiced her disapproval!

Thanks to Ngaire Abernethy & Emmy Elliott & partners, for their excellent entertainment.



Our lovely, new cooler came in on Nov. 21st & Shirley & I readied it for plug in for the next morning. The protective coating was a bearcat to get off!!

We had fun doing it!!



Our next meeting is
Tuesday, December 3rd, 2024
 Christmas Pot Luck @ noon
 Meeting to follow at 1:15
 UCW & Partners Welcome



2024 UCW Executive

Pres: Darlyne Smith
 Vice Pres: Faye McLoughlin
 Secretary: Leslie Preston
 Treasurer: Darlene Silvius
 Past Pres: Irene Thompson

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 December Birthdays

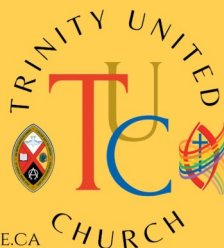
6th Faye McLoughlin
 8th June Pedlow
 27th Eileen McLarty



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The Directory is printed and on its way to the church. Anyone who had their picture taken, will get a copy.

Thanks for your patience!



Pastoral CARE



Rev. Doug & the Pastoral Care Team have dates set for Christmas Communion. We will need some help from outside the committee so anyone interested in assisting please contact one of us. Many thanks!!

Carolyn Heard, Myrna Lane, Irene Smith, Faye Wilcox
 Darlyne Smith

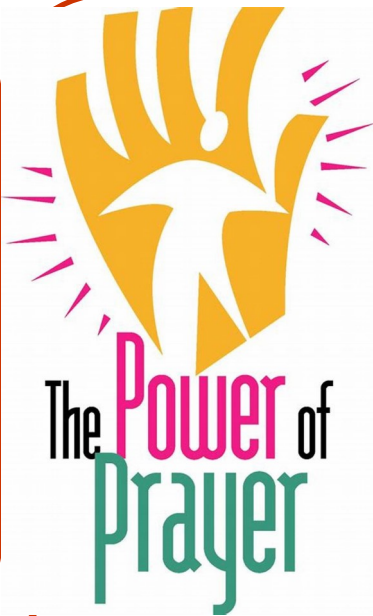
Hillcrest PCH: Friday, December 6th @ 2 pm
 Valleyview PCH: Wednesday, December 11th @ 2 pm
 Victoria Landing: Tuesday, December 17th @ 2 pm
 Fairview PCH: Wednesday, December 18th @ 10:30 am
 Riverheights Terrace: Thursday, December 19th @ 11 am



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



Trinity's Prayer Shawl Group
The group is taking December off and will return in the new year.
Wishing everyone a blessed Christmas season & the best in 2025.



Do You Pray?

What is a prayer?

Prayer doesn't only happen when we kneel or put our hands together and focus and expect things from God.

Thinking positive and wishing good for others is a prayer.

When you hug a friend. That's a prayer.

When you cook something to nourish family and friends. That's a prayer.

When we send off our near and dear ones and say, "drive safely" or "be safe".

That's a prayer.

When you are helping someone in need by giving your time and energy... you are praying.

When you forgive someone, that is a prayer.

Prayer is a vibration. A feeling. A thought.

Author unknown



Bible Study is finished for this session.
It will resume in the new year.
Merry Christmas & Love, Hope & Joy in 2025



MISSION FOR MITTENS..TRINITY 55 PLUS GROUP..2024-25..
THE COLD WINTER WEATHER IS BACK AND OUR MISSION FOR MITTENS FOR OUR SCHOOL CHILDREN CONTINUES. ALWAYS SOO GRATEFULLY RECEIVED AND APPRECIATED. BASKET IN THE NARTHEX....THANK YOU AGAIN ON BEHALF OF ALL THE TEACHERS, PARENTS AND CHILDREN FOR YOUR MANY YEARS OF SUPPORT... .."Trinity 55 Plus Striving to Make a Difference "A Little at a time!
Ruth, Glenn, Gail, Hazel & Larry

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**



As we look forward to the New Year and all the hope and possibility 2025 will bring, it's also a time to reflect on the growth we have experienced in Trinity in 2024. Through moments of peace and challenge, joy and sorrow, and overwhelming and unexpected expenses, it has been a true blessing to witness God at work through our congregation. We have stepped up to meet our challenges.

Amid our world's many disasters (floods, earthquakes, fires, etc) we always ask, over and above our Trinity needs, "How can we help?" Thank you for continuing to hold our neighbours, near and far, with compassionate care. Together we have helped to put food on tables, clothed the needy, provided life-saving medication, given education opportunities and helped to rebuild communities.

Your gifts continue to support our world partners as they respond to the needs in Canada and around the world. Our challenge is to bring hope and break down barriers when needed. As we reflect on this past year and welcome the new one, Mission and Service is deeply grateful for your continuing support. Thank you for bringing hope to so many.

Submitted by Faye McLoughlin

Brockie Donovan

Tree of Memories

*Caring, Sharing
and Remembering*

Tree of Memories
Community Candlelight
Memorial Service

Thursday, December 5, 2024

at 7:00 p.m.

**McDiarmid Drive Alliance Church
635 McDiarmid Dr**

This service is free of charge
and open to anyone who
has ever lost a loved one.

We will prepare an ornament,
bearing the name of your loved
one for the Tree of Memories.



**PLEASE CALL
(204) 727-0694**

**TO CONFIRM YOUR ATTENDANCE
& TO ORDER A 2024 ORNAMENT**

Queering Advent



The Misunderstood Mystical Meaning of Advent
(November 24, 2024, Queer Theology Bible
podcast [https://www.queertheology.com/
podcast/566/](https://www.queertheology.com/podcast/566/)) invites us to think of advent as a time
to take stock of where we are personally and
collectively in bringing the kingdom of Love and
Justice into being. It is a time to begin dreaming
about how the world might be while
being fully awake and aware of the
shortcomings. The podcast challenges us to act and
live as if the new way of being is already here.
Advent challenges us to live in ways that are
Public, Intentional, and Explicit.

The first Sunday in Advent is the first day of the
Christian churches' calendar. December 1, 2024, is
our opportunity to set our New Year's
intention to be P.I.E. people and
live in Hope. Happy New Year!



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

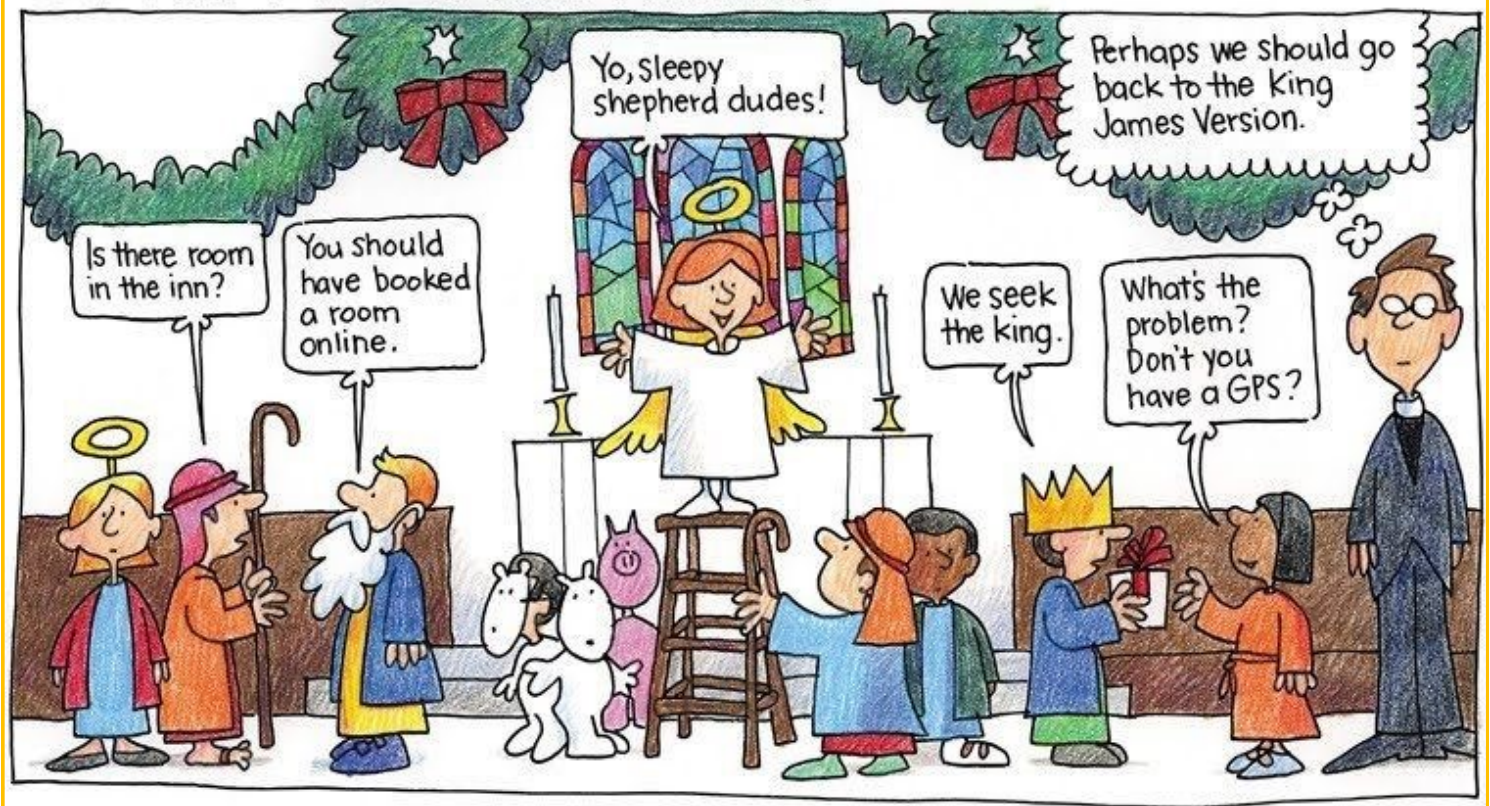


November Messy Church was another busy, fun two hours. We had our Trinity Sunday school as well as Lois Riley's two grand children, Shawn & Ava, and of course Molly, our Therapy dog! We also had another fellow stop in for a visit and supper.

Thanks to everyone for their projects, and the fruit smoothies, and to Shawn for his help with the dishwasher!!



THE RECTOR DROPS IN ON THE PAGEANT REHEARSAL



PRAYER CHAIN



Would you like some prayers or do you know someone who needs prayers?

Please contact

Faye Wilcox 204 728-3654

All information is confidential.

Thank you Faye, for your great work!

"Talent is God given. Be humble.
Fame is man-given. Be grateful.
Conceit is self-given. Be careful."

- John Wooden



December

23rd Eddy & Hillary Baker
27th Don & Marion Kitz

December Birthday's

1st Mabel Ramsay
2nd Penny Snelgrove(Riffel)
6th Donna Neufeld
20th Holly Walker
22nd Ruth Sawyer
23rd Leonard Wray
24th Betty McFarland
27th Keith Privat

Would you like your birthday/
anniversary/special events shared with
others in the newsletter? If so, please
contact me. I love celebrating and would
like to share yours, if you are willing.

Darlynne

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Thanks to John Michael Sullivan (See Luke 2:1-16) 12-23-2005

AT LEAST WE CAN SAY THAT HE WAS BROUGHT
UP IN A STABLE HOME

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).

FELLOWSHIP FOLLOWING WORSHIP EACH WEEK

November 17th
Faye Wilcox, Nancy Syntak & Clint
Moffat

November 24th
Mary Wardle, Helen & Barrie Cochrane

December 1st
The Sisters & Janice

December 8th
Faye McLoughlin, Dallas Green, Marion
Speers

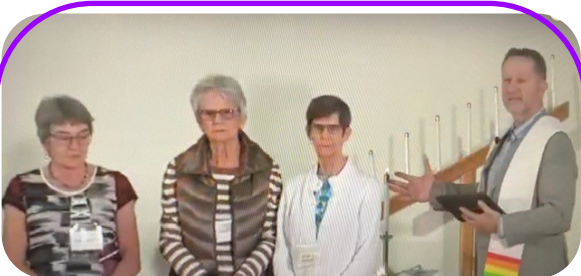
Please note the information lists for
Fellow-

Darlynne Smith
Pinch hitting for Myrna
204 724-2923

Myrna Lane
204 763-4429
myrnal@mynetset.ca



Please be sure to call or e-mail
Marlane Wilson, letting her know of any-
one needing some contact and to send a
card. 204 729-8574



November 24th, 2024
Rev. Doug received three new members by
Profession of Faith.
Welcome Mary Wardle, Naomi Mahoney
& Kathy Booth.
Three new blessings!!

Thinking of Hillary Baker as she spends
some time in the hospital. Hope you are
out soon and feeling well, Hillary!

Dorothy Helgeson spent some time in hos-
pital but hopefully she is home again!

Jim Hurd, our caretaker, spent some time
in hospital but is home convalescing until
the end of the year.

Thinking of all of you!!



Our thoughts and prayers are with Jean Cory
and her family due to the passing of her
brother.



Our Friends in Personal Care and Senior Homes

Dinsdale: Lois Aube

Fairview: Audrey Campbell, Judy Diswinka, Louise Hume,
Eunice Lindenberg

Hillcrest PCH: Don Jessiman

Rideau: Don Chambers

Valleyview: Del Pringle

Riverheights Terrace: Pheme Andrew, Dave McClelland,
Marlene Shantz,

Rotary Villas: Myrna Barkley, Winnie Black

Victoria Landing: Elizabeth Cass, Myrna Hall,
Shirley Kernaghan, Al & Helen Lauder, Betty McFarland,
Pat Rathwell, Wilma Seafoot

Wawanesa PCH: Elsie Franklin, Alice Laminman

Thank You

Thank You, God, for a quiet night
Thank You for my morning tea,
For the dawn breaking, grey or light,
And for the tasks which wait for me.

Thank You for all the homely things-
My small dog greeting me bright-eyed
My cat purr a welcome sings
Warm food Your bounty does
provide.

Help me this day just to be good
To pray, and praise You all the while
Whatever be my changing mood
Lord, let me not forget to smile!

'The Friendship Book' of Francis Gay.

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The next issue will be December 10th, 2024

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

