



Trinitopics & Church Announcements

24 ~ Friday, December 13th, 2024



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Advent Season Worship Services:

December 15: Advent 3

**December 20:
Blue Christmas Service @ 7:00 pm**

**December 22: Advent 4 -
Sunday School Concert,
Choir 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.**



christmas
 DECORATION TAKE DOWN
**The takedown of Christmas
 Decorations will (tentatively)
 take place on
 Wednesday, January 8th, 2025
 at 10:00 am.
 Everyone Welcome!**



Greetings from Worship Committee

"Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace, good will toward men."

Luke 2:14

**Hope God's love, joy and peace fill your heart and home
in a very special way.**

May God's Blessings be yours this Christmas

Worship Chair ... Alan Silvius



Holiday Office Hours

Due to staff vacation and statutory holidays there will be a change in office hours during Christmas week and the New Year.

Please note the following:

- Monday, December 23rd - Regular Office
- Tuesday, Dec 24th - Regular Office Hours
- Wednesday, Dec 25th - Office Closed
- Thursday, Dec 26th - Office Closed
- Friday Dec 27th - Office OPEN 10am- Noon * -
Volunteer will greet and assist you
- Monday, Dec 30th- Office OPEN 10am - Noon*
Volunteer will greet and assist you
- Tuesday, Dec 31st - Office OPEN 10 am - Noon*
Volunteer will greet and assist you
- Wednesday, Jan 1st- Office Closed
- Thursday, Jan 2nd Office Closed

Friday, Jan 3rd Regular Office Hours-
 Administrator will be working from Trinity
 We sincerely hope that these times will accommodate any of your last minute year end business and offerings. Please note that there is a locked mail box outside the main door also for your convenience.
Thank you for being an important part of Trinity.



As 2024 comes to a close, Trinity United Church M and P Committee brings a message of joyful gratitude to our dedicated staff this Christmas.

Thank you Rev. Doug, Jim, Eden, Holly and Davis and each family that assists you.
 May the Love and Peace of Christmas be with each of us every day.
 From: Pat, Dallas, Marg, Barb and Miranda

Trinity United Church

December 2024

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; border-radius: 15px; padding: 10px; background-color: #00FFFF; width: fit-content; margin: 0 auto;"> <p style="text-align: center;">GIG Global Immersion Gospel COP Church of Pentecost</p> </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.

*Wishing you Peace, Joy, Hope and Happiness
this Christmas and throughout 2025.*

The Trinity Board 2024

*Gloria McMillan, Joy Bowman,
Glenda Penner, Reg Atkinson
Randolph, Denise, Miranda, Faye Mc, Connie,
Darlynnne, Alan.*



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



What a great display at the home of Noreen & daughter Ellen Paterson in Brandon's south end.

Giving 'thanks' to our Music Director, Davis Placatka, and our pianist, Holly Walker, is just not covering the true thoughts. We have been so blessed, for a few years now, to have Davis leading us in choir. He is a task master, don't let his manner fool you!! We have learned that if he says we can do it, we do!! He knows us best!!

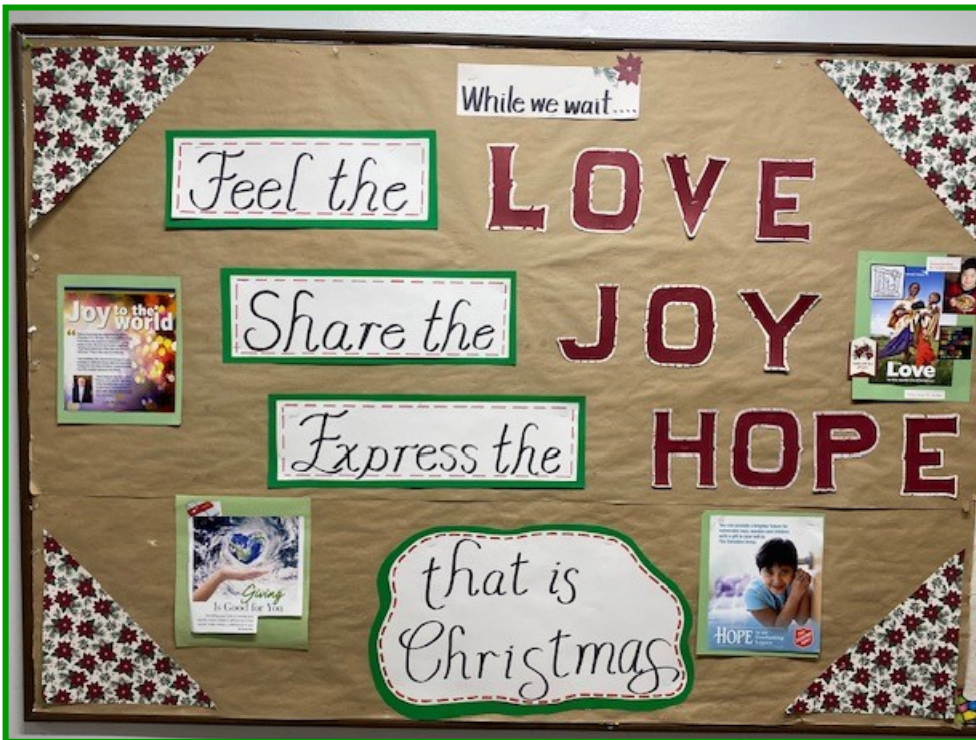
And then there is Holly, an amazing pianist!
She fears no piece of music!

Davis and Holly work so well together and with their expertise and patience with us, it is such an honour and fun to be in the choir!!

And with Davis, we also are blessed to have the backups of his mom, Deidree & sister, Maia. They both are welcome altos in the choir, as well as Deidree pinch hits as directing and Maia with her flute!

Choir life is so good at Trinity!!

Thanks Davis & Holly for your gifts that you share so freely



Thank you Sheila McCausland for your on going making and displaying these beautiful messages on our lower bulletin board.



Which of Santa's reindeer has bad manners? Rude-alph!

Why did the shepherds wash their socks?
Because they heard the angel say,
"Tide us glad tidings!"

The Outreach Committee are packing the 20 hampers on Monday readying them for the delivery which is taking place following. They still need a couple of

drivers so if anyone is interested in finding out more about what driving/delivering entails they can call Kathy at 204 726-4111.

Wishing everyone a warm and relaxing Christmas season and the Best in the New Year



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

CHILDREN
are a gift
from the
LORD
PSALM 127:3

Trinity Sunday School

The last Sunday for classes is December 22.
They will resume January 12, 2025.

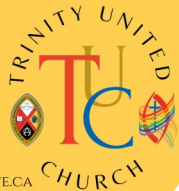
It is a "gift" to spend time with our children and youth at Trinity!
Wishing you a season that is merry and bright with the light of God's love.
Andy, Michelle, Connie & Lois.



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The Directory is here. Anyone who had their picture taken, will get a copy.

It will be available during office hours at the church and on Sunday's.

Please report any incorrect info to me, and I will share the changes in the newsletter.

Please correct the following:

Edna Stewart: ednastewart35@gmail.com

Todd Kruk: 204 730-6151



Paige Donald, pictured at a recent Assiniboine College Cougars game, was named the Manitoba Volleyball Officials Association rural referee of the year. (Matt Packwood/The Brandon Sun)

Pictured here is a former Trinity Sunday School gal. She is the granddaughter of Norie Rathwell.

Congratulations, Paige, on your accomplishment!!

Donald nets ref award

Brandon Sun
December 11th



Our next meeting is
Tuesday, January 14th, 2025
 Starting at 1:15
 All are 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
 There are no January UCW birthdays!

UCW had a great year in 2024.. One of the highlights was the invite of the former Central gals to have us join them at the 'wiener roast' in Dinsdale park in June. How lovely that was & we got experience how very persistent the bugs and bees were!! We have thirty eight ladies on our phone list as well as two who are home members. There were two members who received their Life Membership pins in 2024; Sheila McCausland and Viv Privat. New members always welcomed!! The January meeting will be the end of my time as President and duties will turn over to a very capable Faye McLoughlin. We have three fundraisers planned for the winter/spring 2025 months.



A little history on the 'pulpit' that we use at meetings:
 The furniture was initially part of a donation from the Burgess family when the church began. When upgrades were made to the Chancel, this became ours to use. Marlane and friends made this beautiful banner in about 2010 or 2011.

From the Trinity UCW 2024 Executive
 Wishing you the gift of faith, the blessing of hope and the peace of His love at Christmas and always!

Darlyne Smith, Faye McLoughlin,
 Leslie Preston , Darlene Silvius
 & Irene Thompson



There are three communions left
 Victoria Landing: Tuesday, December 17th @ 2 pm
 Fairview PCH: Wednesday, December 18th @ 10:30 am
 Riverheights Terrace: Thursday, December 19th @ 11 am
 Thanks to Naomi Mahoney, Winnie Black Georgie Pidhorny, Pat Bowslaugh and Kathy Booth for helping us out. Thanks to Kathy for playing the music at one!

From Pastoral Care and Fellowship Committee

May Joy be your gift at Christmas and may Faith, Hope and Love be your treasures in 2025. Blessings from
 Carolyn Heard, Myrna Lane, Irene Smith, Tina Ure,
 Faye Wilcox & Darlyne Smith



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.

White Gift Sunday is always fun and amazing as our children 'haul' in the gifts for Christmas Cheer. Here are a few photos from last Sunday.



Advent 1
 Callum is feeling 'shy'



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**



2024 was a challenging year for Trinity. There were many extra expenses for our church, which included the elevator and sewer plus a few more. Our church family stepped up and helped to cover these extra costs. What is so impressive is that we did not stop there. We did not forget about our local community as we also gave to the Bear Clan, Helping Hands, Samaritan House and Christmas Cheer financially and with needed items. We remembered the United Church of Canada Mission and Service with funds for distribution around the world where there was need.

Our Trinity groups include UCW, 55 Plus, Prayer Shawl Group and Prayer chain who also gave of their time and talents and prayers to help where they could.

We at Trinity are a busy people but never too busy to take on another challenge when the need arises. We look forward to an exciting 2025!

Submitted by Faye McLoughlin



Trinity 55+ presents:
Land of fire and ice

... and home of the hidden little people



Adventures in Iceland with Al Friesen and Barry & Gloria Hill

Wednesday, January 22, 2025 @ 1:30 p.m.

WISHING EVERYONE A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR AS WE CELEBRATE ALL THE LOVE AND BLESSINGS GIVEN TO US WITH THE BIRTH OF JESUS SO MANY YEARS AGO.

... FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT OVER THE YEARS FOR OUR MISSION FOR MITTENS FOR CHILDREN AND YOUR DONATIONS FOR THOSE IN NEED, (CURRENTLY, CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES - MANITOBA POSSIBLE),

GOD BLESS AND THANK YOU.

LOOKING FORWARD TO 2025

Trinity 55 Plus Group..
Glenn, Ruth, Gail, Larry & Hazel



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

Surrey, B.C., church switches affiliation to be more inclusive

Members of the Baptist Church at Southpoint come to terms with two of its members being gay

CBC News · Posted: Aug 20, 2024, 7:00 AM CDT

A Surrey, B.C., Baptist church has switched its affiliation to a more inclusive religious group, more than a decade after a gay couple who were members forced a reckoning over how they were being treated.

Colin Evans was on the board of the Church at Southpoint around 2008 when it became a member of the Canadian Baptists of Western Canada (CBWC). Around that time, he said, he came out as gay and married David Carlson, with whom he now has an adopted child.



David Carlson (left) and Colin Evans with their daughter Becca, who was dedicated at Southpoint after they adopted her.

For years, he says the two sat at the back of the church and felt excluded from the congregation at large. When the pastor at the time left, Evans and Carlson say there was pressure on the church to take a firmer stand and exclude the couple entirely.

Evans says the church's next pastor, Anne Baxter Smith, however, accepted them as members of the congregation, but they still didn't feel comfortable with the church's affiliation, given the CBWC's views against gay marriage.

The pastor says that some churches in the CBWC took objection to Southpoint's inclusion of 2SLGBTQ+ people and asked the CBWC to issue disciplinary letters. In 2023 it laid out a disciplinary process against churches that weren't in compliance with the identity statement — which is when Southpoint decided to leave.

Now, after a decade of coming to terms with how the church treats 2SLGBTQ+ people, Southpoint's members have decided to move the church to the Canadian Association for Baptist Freedoms.

"The people have changed. So many people have come up and said, 'Thank you so much for sticking with us, because not only have you changed the church, but you've changed me, or you've changed my heart, or you've changed how I view, you know, LGBT people.'"

"It was a strange and beautiful thing to see a church stepping into its role as a protector of queer people instead of a persecutor of queer people," he said.

Evans acknowledged that, for many years, it was a very uncomfortable existence for him and his husband when they went to church, and he heard many whispers while they sat in the pews. "Our choice was to [either] leave and just wash your hands of it, or a choice was to just be in silence in the back row every Sunday and force the conversations to happen, and that's what we did."

When Baxter Smith became pastor, she said she decided to have a frank conversation with the couple about how they fit into the church — a conversation that eventually left them all in tears.

"I really am grateful for Colin and David. I feel like they changed my ministry. They changed my life. They changed my understanding of God."



Editor's Note: This article is a selection of excerpts from the full CBC story posted online on Aug. 20, 2024, and can be found at: <https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/british-columbia/surrey-church-southpoint-inclusive-gay-couple-1.7299115>

Submitted by Al Friesen

Why did the Christmas turkey attend the church service? It wanted to be stuffed with the holiday spirit!

What carol do sheep sing at church? "Fleece Navidad!"

Why was the Christmas tree at church so bad at knitting? It kept dropping its needles!

Why did the Christmas cookie go to church? It wanted to be a smart cookie and get holy!

Why did the Christmas stocking go to church? It wanted to be filled with the spirit of giving!

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!



December Birthday's

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



December

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

I have none for January on my list!



Happy 101st birthday on December 24th, Betty!!

Wishing you lots of love & good wishes!



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

Thank you to everyone who stepped up and took a turn at hosting the fellowship times each Sunday. Whatever you brought to share was perfect and your help with setting up and clean up were so appreciated!!



Thanks to our dedicated dishwasher, Donald Livesley and sidekick Gail Thickett. Thanks also to anyone who stopped to help any time!!

Merry Christmas and may the peace & joy of this season last throughout 2025!

Myrna Lane & Pastoral Care Committee

FELLOWSHIP FOLLOWING WORSHIP EACH WEEK

Dec. 15th

Randolph & Debbie Smyth, Eric & Lucile Neufeld, Myrna & Darlynne

Dec. 22nd

Myrna & Darlynne

Dec. 29th

Worship round the breakfast table

January 5th

Needing three folk here

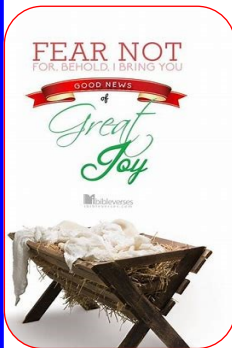
Please note the information lists for Fellowship on the cooler.

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). marlane.w@yahoo.com



Myrna Lane
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Then an angel of the Lord stood before them,
and the glory of the Lord shone around
them, and they were terrified.



But the angel said to them,
"Do not be afraid, for see, I
am bringing you good news
of great joy for all the people:
to you is born this day in the
city of David a Savior,
who is the Messiah, the Lord.
(Luke 2:9-11)

From our family to yours, we
wish you a most blessed Christmas.

Rev. Doug, Donna and Pat

Please be sure to call or e-mail
Marlane Wilson, letting her know of anyone needing
some contact and to send a card from Trinity.
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Our thoughts and prayers are with Donna
Myers and her family due to the passing
of her son, Shannon.
Wishing you love & peace.

The good news is that I know of none of our folk in
hospital at this time! That is a gift!!



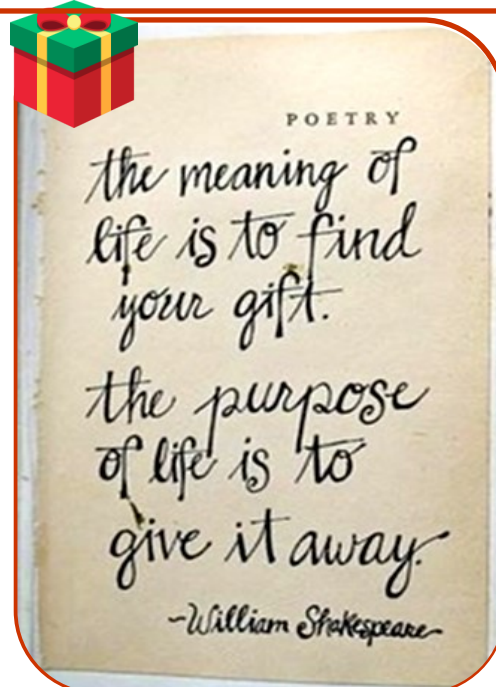
On that note, this is winding up, or down,
the 2024 Trinitopics Newsletters
My heartfelt thanks to all who have helped
by submitting your info this year and help-
ing in other ways. Many thanks to our
'Office Guru', Eden Snider, who has assist-
ed me with lots of my crazy ideas this
year!

Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas
and a Happy, Healthy 2025.



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



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

