



Trinitopics & Church Announcements

1 ~ Friday, January 10th, 2025



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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Happy New Year comes the greeting
 In the same old friendly way,
 May the New Year bring good fortune,
 Is my wish for you today.

There'll be many happy moments
 To be treasured from the past,
 But let's make a brighter future
 As the new year dawns at last.

So my new year's resolution
 Will be to live each single day
 By itself, and live it fully
 In a special sort of way

Not to worry over trifles
 But to do the best I can.
 To fill my time with deeds
 constructive
 And to love my fellow man.

To keep my sense of humour
 Especially when things go wrong
 For I know a happy chuckle
 Helps each daily chore along

Author unknown.

In this old world of sorrow.
 There is really no harm done'
 If we look upon the bright side
 And enjoy a little fun.

For the trials that upset us
 Half the time don't come at all
 And we've worried all for nothing
 Lest some tragedy befall.

So for a New Year's resolution
 Think of joys, instead of sorrow
 For today will be a yesterday
 As soon as it's tomorrow.

January 2025 Gift Card Fundraiser: See page 3 All orders in by Thursday, January 30th at 4:00

**Forrest & Trinity
 United Churches
 Covenancing
 Service**

Date: January 12, 2025 @ 2pm
Place: Forrest United Church

There will be NO 10am worship service this Sunday, January 12th at Trinity United Church.
 Instead, we will be joining at **Forrest United Church at 2pm** for our Covenancing Service celebrating the new relationship between our churches.
 Please join us in Forrest for worship with snacks and fellowship following the service.
 Everyone is welcome and we encourage all to come

Worship News:

Scripture Readers Needed for Sunday Services:

If you are interested in helping with this part of our worship service, please check the purple binder at the back of the sanctuary. Sign up for the Sunday(s) that would work for you. Responsibilities are outlined in the binder.

Thank you, Alan Silvius

History of Trinity's

FundScrip Gift Card Fundraiser Campaigns:

Trinity had it's first fundraising campaign in September, 2021. As of December, 2024, we have had twenty gift card campaigns with a total of \$297,740.00 worth of orders. As a result, Trinity's earnings to date are \$10,060.00. Thank you to everyone who has supported this fundraiser over the years. We were successful because of your commitment to this project. Blessings to each of you and hope your support continues in 2025.



Respectfully, Alan Silvius

Take down of Christmas Decorations:

All Christmas decorations were removed on Wednesday by the following individuals: Marlane Wilson, Glenda Penner, Gloria McMillan, Lois Riley, Joanne McMillan, Naomi Mahoney, Darlene and Alan Silvius. As well, thank you Doug for taking the Christmas trees out to the garage. Their time and efforts to complete this job are greatly appreciated.

Blessings to each of them.

Worship Chair ... Alan Silvius

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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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.



Classes will resume **January 19th, 2025** and not January 12th as previously indicated.

A huge thank you to Faye McLoughlin for the planning and work she did to provide the Advent decorations for our children and youth to prepare for the tree. The kids had so much fun preparing these and they looked great on the tree!
Faye joined our teaching team in the fall of 2024

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.



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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, (darlynnegbsmith@gmail.com) and I will share the changes in the newsletter.

Please correct the following:

Edna Stewart: ednastewart35@gmail.com

Todd Kruk: 204 730-6151

Too late for Directory:

Eric & Lucile Neufeld: 204 734-8236

lucileneufeld2@gmail.com

January 2025 Gift Card Fundraiser:

We are having a Gift Card Fundraiser which will take place during the month of January. Gift Card order forms are available at the church. Orders, including payment, must be received by Thursday, January 30th at 4:00 pm. Please note if payment has not been received by our deadline, your order will not be sent. 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 order via email to silviusa@outlook.com or via phone at (204) 726-4169 (Home) or (204) 570-2338 (Cell).

If you have any questions, please contact Alan Silvius.

Please note change in email address.



Brandon Bear Clan

What a very, overgenerous group of givers there has been for the BBC. Rev. Doug took 4 loads to them in his truck, and on December 19th, this vehicle was in Trinity yard picking up what had collected in his office since the last delivery.



Above, Lois Thomas, of Hartney, has supported Trinity's projects a few times. This one was coordinated by Donna Myers who took the choir gowns, from Belmont UC, to Lois to make warm quilts for the Bear Clan. Donna also supplied flannelette sheets for the lining of these, and Lois put them together. There were also a couple more that were made with donated material from Donna, plus material supplied by Lois, and donated to the BBC. Thank you ladies!! The quilts were gorgeous as well as warm!!

In May of 2023, the Manitoba government provided \$80,000. from its criminal forfeiture fund — crime-related property and cash the province has confiscated — to pay for a new van for the Brandon Bear Clan



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.

There are no January UCW birthdays!

Trinity Outreach Committee

Our outreach committee would like to thank each one of you from the bottom of our hearts for helping us successfully fill and deliver 20 beautiful hampers for Christmas Cheer.

To those of you who filled the wagon, week after week with wonderful food items, for those who knit warm mitts and toques, those who chose a name off the tree and purchased a gift for them, those who helped us make up the stockings, pack the hampers, buy the milk and fruit, take heavy loads downstairs and finally successfully deliver all the hampers, a big thank you.

The families we helped were so appreciative.

We are truly blessed at Trinity with all your generosity.

Thank you.

Outreach committee, Connie, Linda, Heather, Faye, Lois and Kathy



Trinity wagon collection
 for January is
Samaritan House



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

The following info was taken from the P2P weekly news.

Donna Neufeld P2P Rep (need another)

Our thoughts and prayers are with the Communities of Faith at Forrest United Church and Trinity United Church Brandon as they gather on **Sunday, January 12, 2025, at 2:00 p.m. to celebrate their new Collaborative Ministry arrangement and their pastoral relationship with Reverend Doug Neufeld and Prairie to Pine Regional Council.** Covenanting services are Regional Council events and everyone is welcome and encouraged to support this ministry.

Centennial Commemoration

NEW: Short reminders of our history for this Centennial year

Throughout 2025, we'll be featuring very short stories about United Church history. Many thanks to Gayle Simonson, a lay member of the United Church at Southminster Steinhauer in Edmonton, an experienced history researcher, and a writer who has written for historical journals and UCC publications. She is a key volunteer in the United Church archives for both Northern Spirit and Chinook Winds. Gayle's generosity means that we'll have frequent reminders of our history with a focus on ordinary people. To lead us off, she writes,

"As western Canada was settled, communities sprang up but populations remained sparse. It was difficult to sustain a church congregation, so many churches of different denominations came together to form union churches. As the idea spread, denominations were encouraged to look at amalgamation. By 1925, Methodists, Presbyterians and Congregationalists had agreed and the United Church of Canada was formed by an act of parliament; in the end, not all Presbyterian congregations agreed to join, so they remain an ecumenical partner today.

Over the next year, we hope to present some highlights of our church history here in our Regional newsletters. We must not be bound by the past, but we do well to remember our history and to celebrate those who have brought us to this place."

To read more about this and other P2P information prairietopine@united-church.ca



Trinity's Prayer Shawl Group

Next gathering
Thursday, January 23rd starting at 10 am,
at the home of Jean Cory ~ 228-333 Durum Drive.
You can call Jean at 204 725.4007

Bible Study



Bible study will resume next Thursday (Jan 16) at 1:30 in Trinity's board room. All are welcome.

If you can't join in-person, you can connect with Microsoft Teams at the following link:

<https://teams.live.com/join/9393061017371?p=Hygst5QWoVjwlWubwl>



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 welcome 2025, we are given an opportunity to reflect on the past year—the challenges faced, the resilience shown, and the moments of joy and connection that carry us forward. The new year is a time to embrace hope, dream of new possibilities, and recommit ourselves to building a world rooted in Christ’s love.

In a time when uncertainty continues to shape our world, acts of kindness and solidarity make all the difference. Together through Mission and Service, we can create change that ripples through families, communities, and beyond.

Let this new year be a reminder that hope grows when we work together.

This year, let us continue to strive to care for one another and the world around us. As we begin this next chapter, may we walk with Mission and Service partners, finding strength in our shared commitment to a better tomorrow. With gratitude for the journey so far, and anticipation for all that lies ahead, let us move into 2025 with courage, generosity, and a renewed sense of purpose.

Thank you for the impact you made in 2024.



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.



TRINITY 55 PLUS GROUP... MISSION FOR MITTENS...

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT FOR OUR SCHOOL CHILDREN WITH MITTENS, AND MORE, FOR ANOTHER COLD WINTER. DELIVERED TO SCHOOLS AND ALWAYS SO GRATEFULLY RECEIVED AND APPRECIATED.

There are many ‘thank you’s’, and one ‘Bless You’!!

Trinity 55 Plus ..

Making a difference a little at a time!

Glenn & Ruth Sawyer, Gail Thickett,
Larry & Hazel Sage

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

I never ever waste food. I seal leftovers in plastic containers , arrange them in the fridge. After a few days, or when it goes bad, then I throw it away.



From Trinity Equity and Diversity

As we enter 2025, a sense of insecurity faces our nation in many ways. Factions internally and internationally put many Canadians in an existential crisis. How will this impact rights, freedoms, prosperity, and, perhaps, even our national identity?

LGBTQ2S+ communities are not strangers to living with such uncertainties at a personal level. **CTV news** is hosting an eight-part series investigating a backsliding of LGBTQ2S+ rights in Africa and the consequences for Canada as a country with a feminist foreign policy, which prioritizes gender equality and human dignity. In Africa, external forces such as American Evangelical organizations and the Russian government are sowing anti-LGBTQ2S+ sentiments. Laws are targeting the Community, supporters, health-care providers, and even, landlords of LGBTQ2S+.

While things are grim for the LGBTQ2s+ community and their allies in Africa, the United Church of Canada is a beacon of hope. *"However, some LGBTQ2S+ communities are tapping into religion as a source of empowerment instead of oppression, working with the United Church of Canada to create their own church services and to push for more affirming congregations."*

Your Mission and Service support helps the United Church bring hope and strength to LGBTQ2S+ communities and their allies at home and abroad.

To read the CTV article, please see *LGBTQ2S+ Africans look to Canada for help as anti-gay laws expand* <https://www.ctvnews.ca/canada/lgbtq2s-africans-look-to-canada-for-help-as-anti-gay-laws-expand-1.7127814>

Submitted by Denise Weir



Carberry

Sunday, November 17, 2024
Carberry Community Hall
Tickets: \$20 Library | East End Service
Gloria 204-834-2668 | Marion 204-834-3728

Strathclair

Saturday, November 30, 2024
Bend Theatre
Tickets: \$20 Jody 204-365-2709

Hamiota

Saturday, January 11, 2025
Hamiota Elementary School
Tickets: \$20 Rosalie 204-764-2108

Brandon

Saturday, January 18, 2025
Knox United Church
Tickets \$20 available at
Ted Good Music on 10th
Forbidden Flavours on 18th
Coffee Culture on Victoria Ave

Minnedosa

Saturday, January 25, 2025
Minnedosa United Church
Tickets: \$15 Doors open at 1:00 pm,
seating limited to 160

**All concerts
start at 2:00 p.m.**



Penner, Evo stage CancerCare fundraiser Monday, December 30th, 2024 page B2 (Brandon Sun)

Dale Penner, a former Trinity Sunday school student and the son of Glenda Penner, spent his Christmas holidays helping to raise \$4,357 for CancerCare.

His friend, Austin Dobrescu, owner of EVO Golf, staged the fundraiser at his business location at 545 Pacific Ave, which opened on November 15th, 2023.

Congratulations to them for their great effort!

**Accustom yourself continually to make many acts of love, for they enkindle and melt the soul.
Saint Teresa of Avila**

PRAYER CHAIN



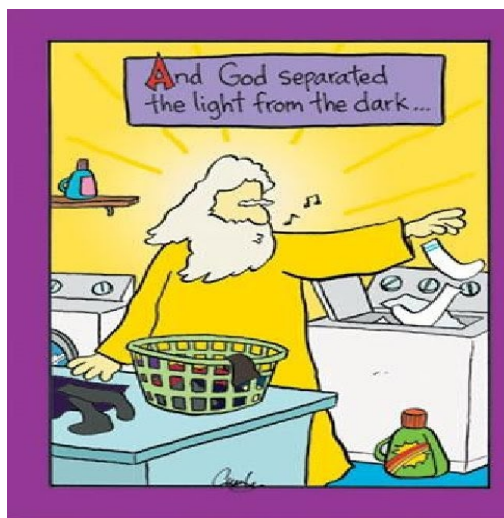
Would you like some prayers or do you know someone who needs prayers?

Please contact

Faye Wilcox 204 728-3654

All information is confidential.

Thank you Faye, for your great work!



Why did the cowboy get a wiener dog?
He wanted to get a 'long little doggie'.



I have none for January on my list!

January Birthday

25th Robert Garson

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



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

Missed your last name last newsletter & had inquiries.



FELLOWSHIP FOLLOWING WORSHIP EACH WEEK

January 5th
Norie Rathwell, Kay Gussie,
Marlane Wilson

January 12th at Forrest

January 19th
Marilyn Hoffman, Helen Dyer, Kathy Knight

January 26th
Naomi Mahoney, Marg Cullen, Bea Allen

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



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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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Epiphany Sunday, January 5th

Rev. Doug sharing that perhaps, there were 4
Wisemen, not 3.
We note, above, how some of
our Sunday school kids
reacted!

Our thoughts, prayers and love are with
Sheila McCausland as she undergoes tests .
May your strong faith help you through this
time of health concerns.



Our thoughts and prayers to **Norie Rathwell & Kay Gussie**.
Norie's sister and Kay's sister in law has passed away in Ont-
tario. Norie's sister was married to Kay's brother.

Charlotte Brown lost a sister in law.
Jacqueline & Vaughn Sangster, (Joanne McMillan's
daughter), lost her father in law/father.

Deepest love and sympathy to all!



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

Noses are red
fingers are
blue.



I'm tired of
winter how
about you?



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The next issue will be January 24th, 2025

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

