



Trinitopics & Church Announcements

1 ~ Friday, January 24th, 2025



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JOB OPPORTUNITY - BUILDING MANAGER

Trinity United Church, Brandon is currently accepting applications for a part-time Building Manager, average working hours 16.5hrs/ week. (min13hrs/week max20hrs/week).

This is a Term Position possibly leading to Permanent.

Apply online to miranda.ed@hotmail.com

Deadline for receipt of application is 4pm, 27th January 2025.

Purpose of Position

- ◆ The Building Manager is responsible for overseeing and providing cleaning and maintenance services of Trinity United Church, Brandon.

Duties and Responsibilities

- ◆ Responsible for maintenance, basic repairs, and security of property.
- ◆ Cleaning the building.
- ◆ Inspecting the building ensuring everything is in working order.
- ◆ Maintain clearing of walkways, entrances of building and ground maintenance.
- ◆ Sourcing, booking of contractors for major repairs.

Required Qualifications

- ◆ Specific knowledge and ability to maintain a clean, healthy, and safe facility using a variety of cleaning, maintenance and administrative skills.
- ◆ WHMIS training certificate.
- ◆ Effective basic computer skills, reading and writing skills.
- ◆ Effective interpersonal and communication skills.
- ◆ Physically capable of bending, lifting, climbing stairs and ladders.
- ◆ Ability to effectively complete task unsupervised.

Preferred Qualifications

- ◆ Experience in commercial cleaning.
- ◆ Knowledge of Workplace Safety and Health Regulations.
- ◆ Demonstrated abilities to complete minor repairs.
- ◆ Demonstrated abilities of working with professional staff and volunteers.

Your cover letter must clearly indicate how you meet the required qualifications.

Please include names and contact information of three work references.

Employment will be subject to a Criminal Record Check and a Child Abuse Registry Check.

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





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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
GIG Global Immersion Gospel COP Church of Pentecost			1 Office Closed	2 Office Closed	3 COP Prayers 7pm Prairie Group 8 pm	4
5 Trinity Worship 10am GIG Worship 12:30pm COP Worship 5pm	6	7 WW 4:30pm Prairie Group 8 pm	8 Trinity Decoration Takedown 10am	9 Choir Practise 7-9 pm	10  COP Prayers 7pm Prairie Group 8 pm	11 GIG Prayers 10am-12pm
12 Covenanting Service Forrest UC @ 2pm GIG Worship 12:30pm COP Worship 5pm	13	14 UCW Meeting 1:15pm WW 4:30pm Board Meeting 7pm Prairie Group 8 pm	15	16 Choir Practise 7-9 pm	17 COP Prayers 7pm Prairie Group 8 pm	18
19 Trinity Worship 10am GIG Worship 12:30pm COP Worship 5pm	20	21 WW 4:30pm Prairie Group 8 pm	22 55 + Event 1:30pm	23 Choir Practise 7-9 pm	24  COP Prayers 7pm Prairie Group 8 pm	25
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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.



Zeebu 2025 Youth Retreat

Theme: "Biblical Allyship - a work in progress"

Saturday Feb 15th to Holiday Monday Feb 17th, 2025

Selkirk United Church
202 McLean Avenue, Selkirk, MB
for Grades 7 to 12

praietopinerc.ca/zeebu-2024-youth-retreat-a-global-warming-of-hearts/
for more information

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>

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.



A big Trinity welcome to **Warren & Betty Shewfelt.**

They have been attending Trinity for a couple of years however are now members.

They are in the new Directory.

If you have a membership in any church, and would like it transferred to Trinity, or you are interested in becoming a member, please contact Rev. Doug or the church office.

204 728-4796

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Our next meeting is
Tuesday, February 4th, 2025
 Starting at 1:15
 All are welcome!!



2025 UCW Executive
 Pres: Faye McLoughlin
 Vice Pres: Marlane Wilson
 Secretary: Leslie Preston
 Treasurer: Darlene Silvius
 Past Pres: Darlynn Smith

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.



Trinity UCW LUNCHEON

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9TH
Following Service
 Tickets: \$15.00
 7-12 years \$8.00
 6 & Under Free

Hamburger Soup
Egg or Ham Sandwich
Brownie, Tea & Coffee

On Sunday, Feb. 9th UCW will be selling a Soup & Sandwich Luncheon instead of Fellowship. Tickets will be sold in the narthex on the next two Sundays.

	Buy 1 Large Pizza at Reg Menu Price & Get 3 Lava Cakes FREE Expires 12/31/2025 Order Code BOGO	Buy 1 Large Pizza at Reg Menu Price & Get One (of equal or lesser value) FREE Expires 12/31/2025 Order Code BOGO	Buy 1 Large Pizza at Reg Menu Price & Get One (of equal or lesser value) FREE Expires 12/31/2025 Order Code BOGO
Pick up ONLY at Brandon, Manitoba location. Not valid with any other offer or coupon.			
FREE Small 2 Topping Pizza Use Code FUND No purchase necessary. Valid ONLY at 824 18th St. Brandon, MB Expires 12/31/2025	Buy 1 Oven Baked Pasta at Reg Menu Price & Get One FREE Expires 12/31/2025 Order Code BOGO	Buy 1 Stuffed Cheesy Bread at Reg Menu Price & Get One FREE Expires 12/31/2025 Order Code BOGO	Buy 1 Stuffed Cheesy Bread at Reg Menu Price & Get One FREE Expires 12/31/2025 Order Code BOGO
THE DOCK ON PRINCESS 1133 Princess Ave. Brandon, MB 204-726-1234 www.thedockonprincess.com	THE DOCK ON PRINCESS \$5 OFF any purchase of \$30 or more Expires 12/31/2025 Dine In ONLY.	THE DOCK ON PRINCESS \$10 OFF any purchase of \$60 or more Expires 12/31/2025 Dine In ONLY.	
Not valid with any other offer or coupon. One coupon redeemable per day.			
THE DOCK ON PRINCESS Buy 1 Appetizer at Reg Menu Price, Get One for 50% OFF Expires 12/31/2025. Dine In ONLY.	THE DOCK ON PRINCESS Buy 1 Appetizer at Reg Menu Price, Get One for 50% OFF Expires 12/31/2025. Dine In ONLY.	THE DOCK ON PRINCESS FREE Kids Meal with the Purchase of Any Menu Item Expires 12/31/2025. Dine In ONLY.	Locally Owned and Operated SUPPORT LOCAL

Trinity UCW also have the Domino's/The Dock fundraiser
 They are also being sold on Sundays in the narthex. This card is \$10.00, with \$8.00 from each card going into the UCW funds. You can purchase as many as you please but the cards will only be available to purchase for a couple more weeks; however can be used for all of 2025.
 They are great value!!

My child will not eat fish. What can I replace it with?
 A cat. Cats love fish!



“Prisoners of Hope”- Equity and Diversity

Zechariah 9:12 says “Return to your fortress, you prisoners of hope; even now I announce that I will restore twice as much to you.” Being a “prisoner of hope” sounds more appealing than a “prisoner of despair”, sign me up for that “prison”. Living out Equity and Diversity means living in hope for a better life for all Beings – human and the more-than-human.

“*For the New Year, Try Cultivating Hope*”, an article from the *Greater Good Magazine*, discussed the science of hope and interviewed psychologist Jamil Zaki, author of *Hope for Cynics*. Based on his research, Zaki argues that hope is an emotional muscle that everyone can exercise and build by fighting our biases and getting a more realistic, evidence-based picture of others and/or situations to build shared solutions. While optimism can make us complacent by simply believing things will work out without doing anything, hope is a belief that things can improve *through* our actions. Hope does not ignore problems. Rather, hope faces things head on and is a great frame of mind to face adversity by retaining a vision that things *could* improve.

Science proves that hopeful people have better mental health, stronger relationships, participate in civic life and social movements, and are goal oriented. Hopeful people are more likely to go out and strive for improvements in their lives and the world around them.

Zaki’s three suggestions for cultivating hope are:

Check your bias and cynical feelings. Challenge your thoughts by asking “What data do I have for that claim? Is that really something I can defend?” If not, go to point number two.

Collect more “social data” by talking and interacting with real people who are immersed/knowledgeable in a situation/life experience. Our interactions can build trust and hope by showing each other who we are in openness and curiosity.

“Positive gossip” – share stories about human goodness. By “sowing stories/seeds of positivity”, we combat cynicism and fears in others and ourselves to build trust and hope. We lift each other up rather than tear each other down.

Another pillar for the “fortress of hope”

Spiritual practices of getting quiet and listening. Listen for the pull calling you to focus yourself in areas where you have agency, receive life-giving energy, and can see the power of your actions making a difference in the world.

May we go forth as “prisoners of hope” and love.

Submitted by Denise Weir



Trinity’s Tree of Memories

The Bowslaugh family gifted Trinity with this lovely tree on our 50th Anniversary in 2012. Through the following years folks have had the opportunity to purchase a magnetic plate to have their name put on the tree.

Pat has been in touch with an engraver and is able to keep the price to purchase at \$10.00. She is also working on expanding the far left branch for memorial.

Forms will be available in the narthex on Sunday with more information.

If you have any questions, please contact Pat (204 724-4794).



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

Donna Neufeld P2P Rep (need another)

RAINBOWS & REMEDIES

How to create an inclusive 2SLGBTQ+ environment in your home, place of worship, work, and community

Everyone is welcome to a presentation by Roger Tam, clinical pharmacist from Our Own Health Centre, Winnipeg

Sunday, Feb. 16 at 1:30pm

Boissevain Community Centre
468 South Railway Street

Donations appreciated:
bvncomgsa@gmail.com or at the door

If anyone is interested in car pooling to go to this event, please contact Denise Weir: 204 851-6561

Everyone blames Eve for giving the forbidden fruit to Adam to eat. That is not fair, because God had told Adam not to eat the fruit. But Adam wasn't really paying attention and forget to tell Eve.

My grandmother believed, that if Eve had known, she would have cooked that snake for supper and saved us all from a lot of trouble!



Trinity's Prayer Shawl Group
The decision has been made to not meet until further notice. However, the gals are still making shawls.

If you are interested in making shawls, the size that is asked for is about 60 inches long by 20 inches wide. Thanks for all the beautiful shawls!

Bible Study



Bible study happens each Thursday at 1:30 in Trinity's board room. (The Upper 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>

rightnow MEDIA



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**



The following is edited from the United Church website:

The United Church of Canada joins in the prayers and hopes of partners in Palestine and Israel and around the world at the news of the ceasefire agreement between Israel and Hamas. This ceasefire must be sustained and permanent. We call for the immediate and safe release of all captives so they can return to their families and communities. We pray for the efforts of all those who have worked tirelessly to bring about an end to the violence so that all people might reclaim their right to a life with dignity. The United Church is working with the Canadian Foodgrains Bank partners to offer lifesaving support to Palestinians in the West Bank and East Jerusalem and Gaza.

There are three Actions that we all can participate in from our homes.

We need to pray for peace with justice for the people of Palestine and Israel. As people of faith, we bring the grief, compassion and concerns of a hurting world to God.

We can write to the Government of Canada to urge them to do everything in its power to ensure a permanent ceasefire and to demand that humanitarian relief is to flow freely to the people who so desperately need it.

We can give to Mission and Service, over and above what we give to our local church. You could send a cheque or money order to the United Church of Canada, Philanthropy Unit - Emergency Response, 3250 Bloor Street West, Suite 200, Toronto, Ontario M8 2Y4. (Please be sure to note "Emergency Response-Middle East" on the face of your cheque.)

Submitted by Faye McLoughlin



Trinity 55 Plus Wednesday, January 22nd
What an interesting afternoon as Al Friesen, Barry & Gloria Hill shared their events from their trips to Iceland. Please note the Icelandic made sweaters on Linda, Gloria and Barry! So beautiful! Great Presentation, well done!!



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

This morning, I accidentally changed the GPS Voice to "Male." Now it just says, "It's around here somewhere. Keep driving."

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





*Covenanting Sunday
January 12th
Rev. Doug,
Forrest and Trinity
United Churches
In the beautiful
Forrest United Church.*



Rev. Craig Miller & Cyndi Price:
He claims that she is his
Bear Clan Wife!



Cyndi Price
opens the
service



Prairie to Pine
Pastoral Relations
Patrick Woodbeck



Forrest/Trinity Choir



Patrick was very entertaining and jovial rep



Forrest's new piano which was designed by
Steinway and Sons.
Holly said it was lovely to play!



This lovely plaque was presented between Forrest and Trinity to commemorate the Covenanting Ministry. This is the one that was given to Forrest, Trinity's is displayed in front end of church.

Thanks to Alan Silvius
for finding this very appropriate gift to exchange.



The table is set

The pictures that I have used are just a sampling of the beautiful afternoon we had at Forrest. There was a video taken and put on You Tube for your viewing. That was also a great idea and well done!! It was taken by a cell phone and Doug & Davis.

Again, well done!!

Of course the lunch should be mentioned, perhaps highlighted!! More dainties than Dodd's have liver pills!!! Amazing!!

For viewing, please go to:

<https://youtu.be/ZwUqlkEfGae>

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!

Thank you to Lois Thomas from Hartney, for another large load of warm clothes, blankets & quilts for the Brandon Bear Clan. The back of my vehicle was full plus an overload of a bag in the back seat! It is hard to imagine people having to live outdoors during this very cold weather!!

Lois is a 93 year old lady who has worked hard on many outreach situations for many years.



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

The Boots (shared by Lois Thomas, Hartney)

Did you hear about the teacher who was helping one of her kindergarten students put on his boots? He asked her for help and she could see why. With her pulling and him pushing, the boots still didn't want to go on.

When the second boot was on, she was worked up a sweat. She almost whimpered when the little boy said, Teacher, they're on the wrong feet! She looked, and sure enough, they were! It wasn't any easier pulling the boots off than it was putting them on! She managed to keep her cool as together they worked to get the boots back on, this time on the right feet!

He then announced 'These aren't my boots.' She bit her tongue and helped him pull the ill fitting boots off again. He then said, 'They're my brothers' boots. My mom made me wear them.'

She didn't know if she should laugh or cry! She mustered up the grace and courage she had left to wrestle the boots on his feet again. Then she said, 'Where are your mittens?'

He replied "I stuffed them in the toes of my boots."
She is on permanent leave!

FELLOWSHIP FOLLOWING WORSHIP EACH WEEK

January 26th

Naomi Mahoney, Marg Cullen, Bea Allen

Feb. 2nd

Mary Wardle, June Pedlow

Feb. 9th

UCW Soup & sandwich

Feb. 16th

Faye McLoughlin, Myrna Lennon

Please note the information lists for Fellowship on the cooler.

A single twig breaks, but the bundle of twigs is strong.

Tecumseh



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myrnal@mynets.net.ca

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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On a very cold Sunday, January 19th our junior Sunday school learned about shining their light! Bumble Bee Benny moves easily in and out of the action.



Our love, thought & prayers are with Gail Thickett as she goes to 'Winnipeg for heart surgery on Wednesday next week. Thank you, Donald, for keeping us up to date on her progress. It is very impressive that the medical team have moved so quickly! Blessings!!



Thinking of Irene Smith in Assiniboine and to Sheila McCausland who is home. Also, anyone who is experiencing any health or other issues! . Please call Marlane with any card requests.

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

If you can lend
 a needed hand
 Or someone's
 sorrow share
 If you can show by
 word or deed
 You sympathise and
 care
 Please do it now—
 for if you wait
 Another day
 could be too late.

*From the Friendship Book
 of Francis Gay*



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