

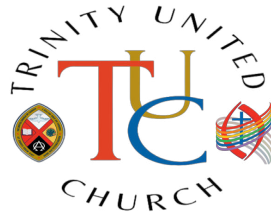


# Trinitopics & Church Announcements


## # 3 ~ Friday, February 7th, 2025




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Trinity's 2024 year end tax receipts can be picked up during office hours; Monday, Tuesday & Thursday 9-12; 1-4, & Sunday Feb. 9th before & after service.  
 Postage is expensive so please make an effort to pick them up if you are at church.

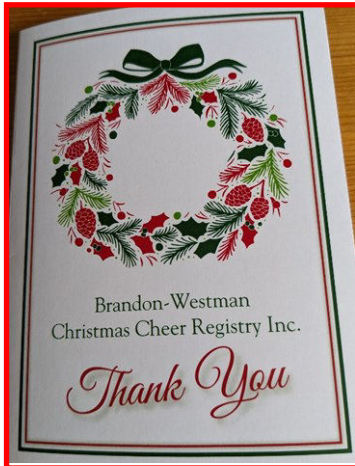


**Scripture Readers Needed for Sunday Services:**  
 If you are interested in helping with this part of our worship service, please check the purple binder at the back of the sanctuary. Sign up for the Sunday(s) that would work for you.  
 Responsibilities are outlined in the binder. *Thank you, Alan Silvius*



**Trinity AGM will be held on Sunday, February 23rd, 2025 ... following service.**  
**Everyone Welcome!**

**January 2025 Gift Card Fundraiser:**  
 Twenty-three households participated in the January gift card fundraiser with a total of \$9,390.00 worth of orders. The orders were sent February 2nd to take advantage of a February FundScrip promotion where Sobey's/Safeway cards increased in value from 3% to 5%. As a result, Trinity earned an additional \$93.00 from this promotion with a total of \$385.88 earned from the sale.  
 Thank you to all participants who supported this sale.  
 Our next gift card sale will take place in March.  
 Respectfully, Alan Silvius





**From: Brandon -Westman Christmas Cheer**  
 "To Kathy, the Committee & Trinity congregation"  
 Thank you for helping Christmas Cheer meet its goal to provide a Christmas dinner for 1,551 families in Brandon. Your congregation is very enthusiastic in their support and wanting to build the best possible hampers possible.  
 May the congregation at Trinity continue to be a welcoming and caring presence in the Brandon community."  
 Myrna Lane  
 Vice-Chair Westman Christmas Cheer

1. Birthdays are like golfing — it's a lot more fun if you don't keep count!

# Trinity United Church

# February 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>GIG</b> Global Immersion Gospel <b>COP</b> Church of Pentecost					1
2 Trinity Worship 10am GIG Worship 12:30pm COP Worship 5pm	3	4 UCW Meeting 1:15pm WW 4:30pm Prairie Group 8 pm	5	6 Bible Study 1:30pm Choir Practice 7pm	7  COP Prayers 7pm Prairie Group 8 pm	8
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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

[prairietopinerc.ca/zeebu-2024-youth-retreat-a-global-warming-of-hearts/](http://prairietopinerc.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 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



**Trinity 55 Plus**  
**Wednesday, February 19th**  
**Starting at 1:30 pm**

Brian & Paulette Fowell  
&  
Wendy Flannigan

Manitoba Search & Rescue  
Brandon Regional Search & Rescue/  
SARS

Sign up sheet in narthex.

Trinity 55 Plus

## 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

Crabby Road

2-15-12

*Every year in the middle of February, something wonderful and heartwarming happens. Tons of candy goes on clearance!*



Trinity's friendly  
Therapy Specialist





Our next meeting is  
**Tuesday, March 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 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.*

Sunday, February 9th:  
 Following Worship  
 Please join us for our  
 Soup & Sandwich luncheon.  
 Still a few tickets available.  
 Adults: \$15.00  
 7—12 years \$8.00

The image shows a collage of promotional cards. The top row features three Domino's cards: 'Buy 1 Large Pizza at Reg Menu Price & Get 3 Lava Cakes FREE', 'Buy 1 Large Pizza at Reg Menu Price & Get One FREE', and 'Buy 1 Large Pizza at Reg Menu Price & Get One FREE'. The middle row features three more Domino's cards: 'FREE Small 2 Topping Pizza', 'Buy 1 Oven Baked Pasta at Reg Menu Price & Get One FREE', and 'Buy 1 Stuffed Cheesy Bread at Reg Menu Price & Get One FREE'. The bottom section features cards for 'THE DOCK ON PRINCESS', including '\$5 OFF any purchase of \$30 or more', '\$10 OFF any purchase of \$60 or more', and 'Buy 1 Appetizer at Reg Menu Price, Get One for 50% OFF'. A green card on the right says 'Locally Owned and Operated SUPPORT LOCAL'.

There are only 8 of these cards left and can be purchased from the office. Thanks everyone!!



I threw a ball for my dog... It's a bit extravagant I know, but it was his birthday and he looks great in a dinner jacket.



- Q: Why did the pastor bring a ladder to church?
- A: Because he heard the sermon was going to be uplifting!
- Q: Why did the choir members go to jail?
- A: They got caught harmonizing without a license!
- Q: Why don't scientists trust atoms?
- A: Because they make up everything, just like some church committees!
- Why do we never play hide and seek in the church?  
 Because good pastors always find a way to seek and save the lost!

Grandma's been staring through the window ever since it started to snow. If it gets any worse I'll have to let her in.

## Our Good Neighbours' Loss of Human Rights

Mark 12:30-31 "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbour as yourself.

There is no commandment greater than these."

 President Trump, just hours into his mandate, passed an executive order that recognizes only two genders, male and female, as the only two sexes in the USA. In part this order states that "female means a person belonging, at conception, to the sex that produces the large reproductive cell, and male means a person belonging, at conception, to the sex that produces the small reproductive cell." At conception  may be reaching somewhat as distinguishing changes begin between 9 and 13 weeks of gestation for formation of internal reproduction organs.

This order will in fact reverse and/or threaten protections for transgender and gender non-conforming people (ex.intersex and nonbinary). Their ability to complete federal forms and access government funded facilities will have to align with their gender identity, which can only be male or female. Examples include but are not limited to domestic violence shelters, health care facilities, schools, public accommodations, workplaces and prisons.

This order from President Trump is unsurprisingly patriarchal and transphobic and brought into being to begin the rollback of hard-fought changes in recent years for protections and better healthcare of transgendered citizens. It will also enable hate to flourish toward those with non-conforming genders, putting them more at risk for violence, discrimination and harassment. As an Affirming Church, what can we do? I'm of the opinion that though we cannot change President Trump's order or "thoughts", we can continue in our families and our own little spheres to be supportive, kind, and inclusive.

Submitted by Elaine Madill



- "I'm reading a book on the history of glue. I just can't seem to put it down."
- "I asked the Lord for a bike, but I know God doesn't work that way. So, I stole a bike and asked for forgiveness."
- "I told my wife she should embrace her mistakes. She gave me a hug."
- "Why couldn't the bicycle stand up by itself? It was two-tired."
- "Pastors must have a special connection with angels – after all, they always manage to 'wing it' during a service!"
- "Pastors are like candles – they may sometimes burn out, but they always manage to light up the room with their presence."

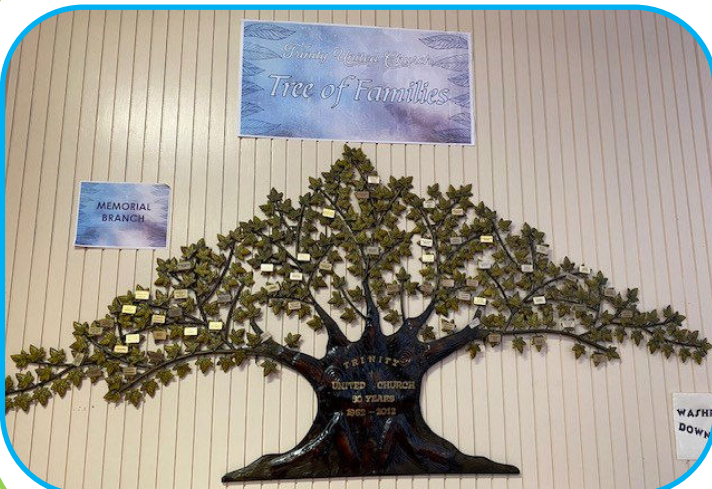


## Trinity's Tree of Memories

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.







[prietopine@united-church.ca](mailto:prietopine@united-church.ca)

Donna Neufeld P2P Rep (need another)

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

**UNITED CHURCH YOUTH EVENT**

Join us just outside of Brandon at Prairie Breeze Stables for a fun-filled afternoon

The Prairie to Pine (YAAY) Committee welcomes youth from grades 5 - 12 to join us for a fun-filled afternoon learning about Jesus and horses

- Sunday, March 23
- 1-4 pm
- Cost \$10

To register and for more information see the link below.

**Western P2P Youth Event:**  
**an afternoon of fun with friends and horses --**  
**Sunday, March 23 from 1 to 4 pm** just outside of Brandon; (Prairie Breeze Stables). Grades 5 to 12 welcome. Exploring the topics of patience and compassion with the help of some friend "neigh"bourhood horses! Hopping churches in Westman will support the efforts of YAAY's western reps by carpooling your youth to this event.

[Click here for more info and registration.](#)

[Prairie Breeze Stables](#)



The Trinity Choir has started to plan for this years Shrove Tuesday supper. This will not be happening until March 4th . Due to low numbers in the choir, we will be asking for help from the congregation. If you are able and willing please contact Linda Friesen or Darlyne Smith . Many thanks!!



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=Hyqst5QWoVjwlWubwl>

**rightnow** MEDIA

THE BOOK OF  
**1<sup>ST</sup> CORINTHIANS**  
 JENNIE ALLEN  
 A VIDEO BIBLE STUDY

**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](mailto:marlane.w@yahoo.com)



### A Network of Hope

Becoming a parent or guardian is a life-changing, complex experience that doesn't have a one-size-fits-all answer. As kids, we looked to adults for guidance as we navigated the world with fresh eyes. Now, as adults, we recognize that we're still figuring things out as we go, and there's always an opportunity to grow our skills and minds.

In London, Ontario, Mission and Service partners with the London Community Chaplaincy as they respond to parents and guardians who want to build a network of support, share the parenting journey, and develop new skills as they navigate raising children in a low-income setting.

Together, these parents are working hard to build a positive future for their children and families.

Each week, London Community Chaplaincy provides a welcoming and safe social setting for adults to connect and grow as parents. Not only do they learn how to guide a child through critical stages of development, but also how to navigate being a parent or guardian while also managing financial stress, food insecurity, housing complications, and more. Gathering with other adults in a similar situation allows participants to share their struggles and triumphs, further building a sense of community. Your gifts to Mission and Service support partnerships like the London Community Chaplaincy as they help empower parents along the parenting journey.

Thank you!



**level ground**  
COFFEE ROASTERS

**COFFEE SALE**

**20% OFF 300G BAGS**

**February – 10th to 22nd**

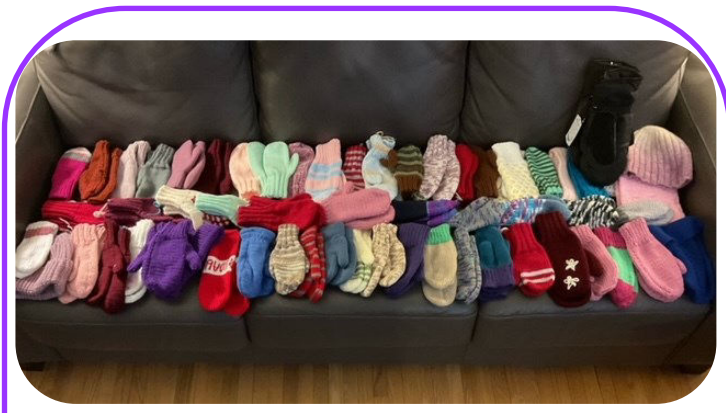
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**TEN THOUSAND VILLAGES BRANDON**

**Why Purchase Fair Trade?**

- ◆ Buy Canadian—Level Ground Coffee
- ◆ Roaster located in Victoria, BC; supporting farmer cooperatives in 7 countries
- ◆ Buying Fair Trade products helps improve the lives of farmer and workers

Fair Trade products available at Ten Thousand Villages, Brandon store: Coffee, Tea, chocolate (bars & baking), Sugar, Spices, Olive Oil, Dried Fruit, Curry Mixes.



*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.**

Did you hear there is a coin shortage in America? They're running out of common cents.

## February is Black History Month

During Black History Month, we honour and amplify the voices of Black Canadians while celebrating their many achievements and contributions. The efforts of Black Canadians and their communities throughout history have greatly enriched Canada's cultural diversity, compassion and prosperity.

### Black History Month in Canada

Black Canadians and their communities have been a part of shaping Canada's heritage and identity since the arrival of Mathieu Da Costa, a navigator and interpreter whose presence in Canada dates back to the early 1600s.

The role of Black people and their communities in Canada has largely been ignored as a key part of Canada's history. There is little mention that some of the Loyalists who came here after the American Revolution and settled in the Maritimes were people of African descent, nor the fact that many soldiers of African descent made many sacrifices in wartime as far back as the War of 1812.

Few people in Canada are aware of the fact that African people were once enslaved in the territory that is now known as Canada, or of how those who fought enslavement helped to lay the foundation of Canada's diverse and inclusive society.

Black History Month is a time to learn more about these Canadian stories and the many other important contributions that Black Canadians and their communities have made to the history and continued growth of this country.

### Recognizing Black History Month in Canada

In 1978, the Ontario Black History Society (OBHS) was established. Its founders, including Dr. Daniel G. Hill and Wilson O. Brooks, presented a petition to the City of Toronto to have February formally proclaimed as Black History Month. In 1979, the first-ever Canadian proclamation was issued by Toronto.

The first Black History Month in Nova Scotia was observed in 1988 and later renamed African Heritage Month in 1996.

In 1993, the OBHS successfully filed a petition in Ontario to proclaim February as Black History Month. Following that success, Rosemary Sadlier, president of the OBHS, introduced the idea of having Black History Month recognized across Canada to the Honourable Jean Augustine, the first Black Canadian woman elected to Parliament.

In December 1995, the House of Commons officially recognized February as Black History Month in Canada following a motion introduced by Dr. Augustine. The House of Commons carried the motion unanimously.

In February 2008, Senator Donald Oliver, the first Black man appointed to the Senate, introduced the [Motion to Recognize Contributions of Black Canadians and February as Black History Month](#). It received unanimous approval and was adopted on March 4, 2008. The adoption of this motion completed Canada's parliamentary position on Black History Month.

#### ***New to Trinity***

If you come to the church and the door is locked, please ring the new doorbell on the wall behind door. Rings all over the church!

More info to follow!



# PRAYER CHAIN



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

Please contact

Faye Wilcox 204 728-3654

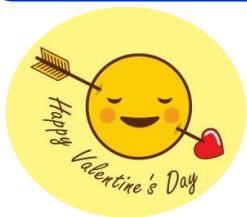
All information is confidential.

*Thank you Faye, & team,  
for your great work!*

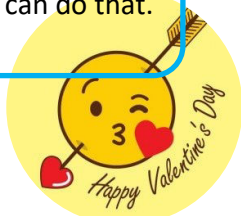
What vegetable might you find in your basement?  
Cellar-y

## February Birthday

1st Marion Speers



Darkness cannot drive out darkness;  
only light can do that.  
Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that.  
Martin Luther King, Jr.



## A note from Myrna Fellowship Coordinator

Prep time instructions are posted on the cooler.

With 3 people on, it helps to share the quantity of snacks needed.

Prep time- 30 minutes and we get to have our own Fellowship time.

There are people who will run the dishwasher.

Someone told me it takes 5 sheep  
to make 1 sweater.  
I didn't even know they could crochet!



I have none for February on my list!

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

## FELLOWSHIP FOLLOWING WORSHIP EACH WEEK

**Feb. 9th**  
UCW Soup & sandwich

**Feb. 16th**  
Faye McLoughlin, Myrna Lennon,  
Faye Wilcox

**Feb. 23rd**  
Naomi Mahoney (need two more here)

**March 2nd**  
The sisters & Janice Seddon

**March 9th**



Myrna Lane  
204 763-4429

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.  
204 729-8574  
marlane.w@yahoo.com

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Sunday, February 2nd

**Faye McLoughlin** checking with our Sunday school asking if they have had a call from God. We enjoyed another great service from Faye as she filled in for Rev. Doug on his study week. Forrest contact **Linda Gradwell**, conversing from sunny California, also shared that they appreciated Faye coming to their church.

*Our love, thoughts & prayers are with.*

**Gail Thickett** She was transported to Winnipeg and had heart surgery on February 6th. Surgery went well & they had her up already on the 7th. Blessings as you convalesce, Gail & thanks Donald for keeping us updated.

**Sheila McCausland:** continued blessings

**Irene Smith** is home from the hospital and happy to be there! She loves calls and visits!! An amazing lady, she is!

**Lois Aube** is in Palliative Care in the Assiniboine.

*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 that wait for me.

Thank you for all the homely things-  
My small dog greeting me bright-eyed  
My cat whose 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.

Rosemary Glubb

Happy February



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