



Trinitopics & Church Announcements



4 ~ Friday, February 21st, 2025

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

Message from Trinity Board:

We have a new face around our church.
JOHNNY LEE CO
has been hired as our Building Manager, term position for now.
Johnny will be getting accustomed to our routines
and feeling his way around for the next while.
He brings many skills to the table,
but most of all you will be welcomed with a great smile. 😊
Thank you to Keith Privat for helping with orientation.
Please say hello to Johnny when you see him!
Welcome, Johnny, to our Trinity family!



HELP! Ushers Needed for March:
Ushers/Greeters are needed for the month of March. If you are available to help, please sign up on the sheet posted on the sanctuary doors or contact Alan Silvius at (204) 726-4169.

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.

Respectfully, Alan Silvius

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 at Congregational Meeting!

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
	GIG Global Immersion Gospel COP 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.

February is Black History Month



February is a significant month when we commemorate the diverse achievements and invaluable contributions of the Black community in Canada and worldwide, encompassing fields such as science, arts, literature, politics, and more.

From UM (University of Manitoba) Today News: **Ghislaine Alleyne**, a change and improvement specialist at UM, thinks of Black History Month as “our time to share, celebrate and understand Black histories and our current reality.”

She adds, “It is an opportunity to celebrate our achievements and influence on culture. It is also an opportunity to teach and learn about the impact of the trans-Atlantic slave trade and chattel slavery—the roots of anti-Black racism—on our communities. This year, in particular, as we see a rise in racism and anti-immigrant sentiment in Canada and the U.S. (and in many other countries), we must reflect on what that means and how we can work to oppose it in all forms.”

Submitted by Elaine Madill



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Our new directory

Please report any incorrect info to me, (darlynnegbsmith@gmail.com) and I will share the changes in the newsletter.

Please correct the following:

Marlene Shantz 126-4525 Victoria Ave
Ralph & Carolyn Heard 219-4525 Victoria Ave (March 1st)
Don & Carol McManes should be **Box 66**, Alexander, MB
Picture of 'Davis' Should be **Blerot**, Greg & Erin, Danielle



This is the bulletin board in the Senior Sunday school class room. Very interesting information and Colourful!! Great work teachers and students!!

Welcome New Members

Lloyd & Linda Gilchrist are now Members of Trinity.

They have been worshipping with us for some time, but now it is 'official'!!

Welcome to both the **Gilchrist's** and the **Shewfelt's** since the new year!!

Trinity is happy you chose to join our church family!!

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.

MUSIC
Food
Games
Activities
Bible Stories

Messy Church

THEME:
WHAT DID JESUS SAY?
"I FORGIVE YOU"
All Ages Welcome!
Supper Provided!

When: February 28, 2025 @ 5pm - 7pm
Where: Trinity United Church 1515 6th St



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.

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



Trinity shirts and pens
 There are still lots of shirts
 and pens for sale from our
 60th Anniversary.
 There will be a discounted
 price for them.
 Tentative plan to have
 them for sale in narthex
 on March 2nd.

Trinity United Church Choir
 presents
SHROVE TUESDAY 2025



**Sausage, fruit &
 Pancake
 Supper**

Tuesday, March 4th
 1515 ~ 6th St.
 5:00 ~ 6:30 PM

Gluten free available
 Fair Trade Coffee & Tea

Musical Entertainment
 Free Will Offerings

Profits donated to Helping Hands of Brandon


The Trinity Choir is planning for this years Shrove Tuesday supper.
 The function not be happening until **March 4th** .
 We will be asking for some help from the congregation for some jobs:

- Coffee, tea servers
- Table cleaners
- Dish scraper
- Clean up

If you are able and willing please contact Linda
 Friesen or Darlynn Smith .

Much appreciation & many thanks!!





SAMARITAN HOUSE MINISTRIES INC.

Thank you, Trinity, for your generous donations



A carload of donations from Trinity delivered to Samaritan House by Linda & Al Friesen, with staff person Carla (centre)

Samaritan House Food Hamper Program

The Samaritan House Ministries Food Bank is Manitoba's second largest food bank, distributing between 60—80 food hampers per day! This number is steadily rising, and Samaritan House Ministries is dedicated to providing healthy food for struggling individuals and families in our community.

For more information, please visit:

<https://www.samaritanhouse.net/resource-centre-food-bank>

Helping Hands Soup Kitchen

111 7th Street Brandon

Helping Hand Soup Kitchen in our community prepares hot meals plus soups, sandwiches and desserts for an average of 180 people from Monday to Friday and often they serve as many as 200 on a busy day.

The Soup Kitchen also makes sandwiches and lunches for the shelter and for The Blue Door.

The wagon food collection for February is designated for Helping Hands.

Outreach invites you to contribute to the food collection as you are able. Thanks for your support.

– Trinity Outreach Committee

Helping Hands Spring Wish List

- Juices - any kind
- Margarine
- Mayonnaise
- Mustard
- Salad Dressings
- Cocoa Powder
- Baking Powder
- Cake Mixes
- Marshmallows
- Spices - all kinds
- Rice
- Plastic Wrap
- Zip Style Bags
- Garbage Bags
- Parchment Paper
- Aluminum Foil
- Dish Soap
- Laundry Soap
- Napkins
- Bleach

We Thank You for Your Support!

Please Drop Off at
111-7th Street
204-727-4635
Mon-Fri 9am-3pm

level ground COFFEE ROASTERS

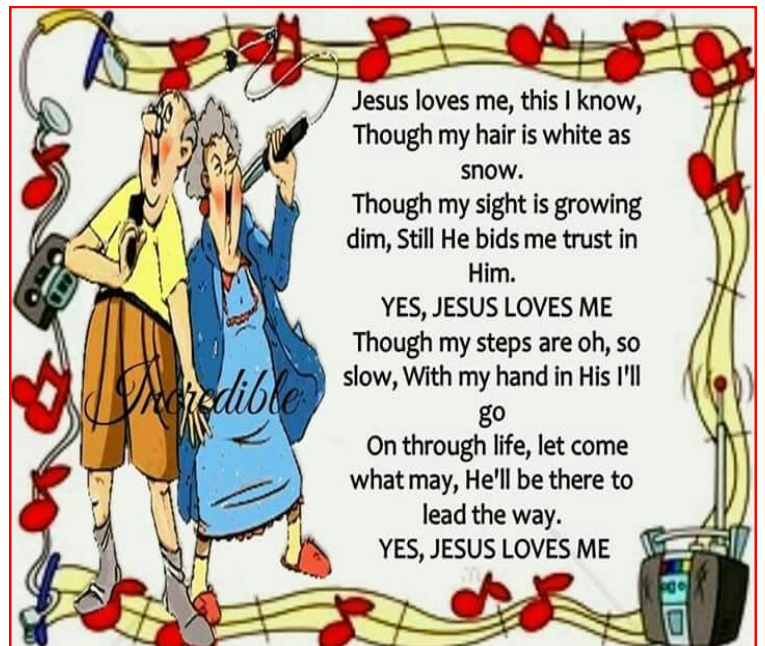
COFFEE SALE



20% OFF 300G BAGS

February – 10th to 22nd

The end of the sale is this Saturday, the 22nd, at 820 Rosser Ave.

Jesus loves me, this I know,
 Though my hair is white as snow.
 Though my sight is growing dim,
 Still He bids me trust in Him.
 YES, JESUS LOVES ME
 Though my steps are oh, so slow,
 With my hand in His I'll go
 On through life, let come what may,
 He'll be there to lead the way.
 YES, JESUS LOVES ME



PRAIRIE TO PINE
REGIONAL COUNCIL
The United Church of Canada

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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>

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

UNITED CHURCH YOUTH EVENT

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](#)

Feb. 3rd –7th
Senior Games at Victoria Landing & associated homes across Canada.



Al & Helen Lauder
Leaders of events.



Surprised
Norma Lowe
Canada's top
points.

Trinity's 55 Plus



A very informative presentation by Brian & Paulette Fowler and Wendy Flannigan who are with the Search & Rescue Team. They shared some experiences as well as many 'tips' for survival!!
Thank you 55 Plus!!

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/meet/9393061017371?p=Hyqst5QWoVjwlWubw!>

rightnow MEDIA



THE BOOK OF
1ST 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



Canadian citizens are watching carefully the efforts by the United States as they upset most of the values and employments for so many of their citizens. We uphold our national pride - but we must not forget that many countries do not enjoy the freedom to live in peace. That is why we continue to support Mission and Service in their efforts to bring support to affected communities.

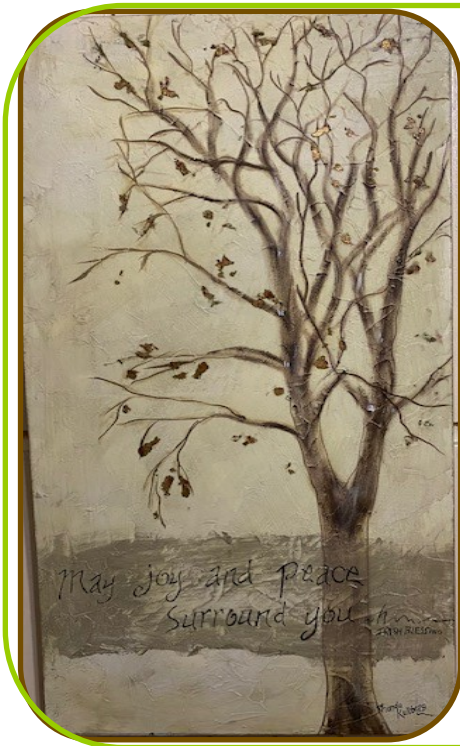
One such country in crisis is in the eastern Democratic Republic of the Congo which is forcing hundreds of thousands to flee to take refuge in North and South Kivu and Uganda. So far, at least 900 people have lost their lives and the figures are expected to rise.

During this crisis, the Global Partnership team at The United Church of Canada is working with the ACT Alliance to provide food, shelter, clean water and mental health support to displaced people, particularly women and children.

The Global Partnership Team asks for us to pray for the people and the humanitarian workers who are in the midst of this crisis. Also, please pray for the many family and friends across Canada who are so terrified for their loved ones. They also ask that you continue to donate to Mission and Service so that funds can be allocated to where they are most needed.

Thank you for your support.

Submitted by Faye McLoughlin



This is a hanging on the wall on the way to the 'Upper Room' at Trinity.

It will not be seen by many, so thought I would share.

The message says, 'May Joy and Peace Surround You'.

It is signed by Rhonda Kullberg.



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

I have a friend who writes music about sewing machines. He's a singer/songwriter; or sew it seams!

Trinity has \$50 & \$100 Gift Cards from Sobeyes/Safeway and Superstore.



Why did Noah discipline the chickens on the ark? They were using fowl language!



February is Black History Month

Stories of Black Experiences in Canadian Churches
A Historical Beginning in Nova Scotia: Africville, Nova Scotia
by Amelia Brohman

An important Black experience and history has had a strong impact on our Black members located on the east coast of Canada in Halifax. Africville was and is a community just north of Halifax. The village was founded in the mid-19th century by roughly 400 people of African descent, many of whom may have been formerly enslaved Americans and Jamaicans.

From the beginning of its identity as a Black neighbourhood, the structures around Africville were markedly racist. For instance, although the City of Halifax taxed the inhabitants of Africville, the people in the neighbourhood did not receive basic services such as paved roads, running water, or sewers. Furthermore, in what can certainly be considered environmental racism, a railway was built through the centre of the village, a dump was created at the edge of the neighbourhood, and a prison was also located on the boundaries of Africville. By the first half of the 20th century, Africville had toxic water supplies and no community policing, recreation facilities, or garbage collection.

In the 1960s, the City of Halifax began a more overt campaign to destroy Africville. Without consent or consideration, Africville residents were threatened, evicted, and removed as their homes and stores were razed to the ground. Seaview African United Baptist Church was built in 1894 and was a community hub. It held weddings, funerals, events, and baptisms and was considered the beating heart of Africville. Seaview United Baptist Church was destroyed in the middle of the night in the spring of 1967. The Black Haligonians found themselves displaced and disconnected. Although they were promised \$500 and a new home if they left Africville, no one received a dime.

Now, looking back on the oppression and systemic racism visited on this community, we can recognize anti-Black racism at its worst. The church, however, has been rebuilt and is a museum, a chance to learn what we can do when we marginalize those who are different from us. All the events are part of a larger history of Eurocentric colonialism and its racist agenda.

The **United Church of Canada** recognizes **Black History Month** in February as a time to celebrate and honor the contributions and struggles of peoples of African descent. The month serves as a reminder of shared humanity and a call for inclusivity within the church community. The church highlights its rich Black history, including the vibrant Black congregation at Union United in Montreal, which has been active for over a century.

Pat's Writers Group

Our next writers group will be at
10:30 a.m. at Trinity on Friday, March 14th
The prompt is...

"It sounds like you will be taken good care of this summer".
Everybody's welcome, no writing experience necessary!

Please contact Edie Mowat for more info
204 729-9301 emowat39@gmail.com



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!*



Al Friesen making pizza buns at Helping Hands recently.



Trinity's new copier

What did the grape do when it got stepped on?
Nothing, it just let out a little wine.



What do you call a sleepwalking nun?
A roamin' Catholic.



I have none for February or March on my list!

February Birthdays

1st Marion Speers
18th Lois Riley

Early March

9th Reg Atkinson

Love is always bestowed as a gift ...
freely, willingly and without expectation.
We don't love to be loved; we love to love.

Leo Buscaglia

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.

I'm always in the kitchen to lend a hand or answer questions.

Why did Adam and Eve do math every day?

They were told to be fruitful and multiply. 🤔

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

FELLOWSHIP FOLLOWING WORSHIP EACH WEEK

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

Feb. 23rd
Marlane Wilson, Norie Rathwell,
Kay Gussie
March 2nd
The sisters & Janice Seddon

March 9th
Marion Speers, Dallas Green,
Naomi Mahoney

March 23rd
Darlene Silvius, Joanne McMillan,
Bea Allen

Thank You to folks who sign up to help!



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some contact and to send a card from Trinity.
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Sunday, February 16th
What has God Made?
Rev. Doug asks the kids this question
and got some excellent answers!
Way to go kids!!

✠ *Our love, thoughts & prayers are with:*

Gail Thickett Gail came back from
Winnipeg on Sunday, Feb 16th, to her
own home. She is happy to be home!!

Sheila McCausland: I understand that
she is home. Thinking of you, Sheila!

Trevor McLoughlin: Blessings with your
convalescence, Trevor!

Irene Smith: Convalescence is slow but
happening. Would love some visits!

Thoughts & prayers to the family of **Lois Aube**, who passed on February 15th..
The celebration of her life will be at Trinity on
Monday, February 24th



Our Friends in Personal Care and Senior Homes

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

A Cosy Sort of Friend

The nicest thing in all the world
Is just a cosy sort of friend
With whom I am so much at home
I talk & chatter without end;
And when , at last I've finished all
The things I have to say
I know my chum will never give
My secret thoughts away;
And that is why I share with you
When I've an hour to spend,
Because I always find you such
A cosy sort of friend!

Goodbye February
Welcome MARCH
May my Family and Friends enjoy
**Happiness, Health,
Love, Wealth, and
Happy Moments Together.**



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