Trinitopics & Church Announcements # 5 ~ Friday, March 7th, 2025

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March 9: First Sunday of Lent - Communion April 13: Palm Sunday April 18: Good Friday - Trinity hosting the service at 11:00 am April 20: Easter Sunday - Communion

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

Pulpit Supply Needs 2025:

Worship Leaders are needed during Rev. Doug's absences this spring and summer due to Prairie Region meetings, continuing education and vacation. Please reflect on your worship talents and consider taking a service during one or more of these dates.

Please contact Alan Silvius at (204) 726-4169 or silviusa@outlook.com .

Dates for consideration are:

| May 18: UCW | August 10: |
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| July 20: To be confirmed by Rev. Doug | August 17: |
| July 27: | August 24: |
| August 3: Faye McLoughlin | August 31: |

March 2025 Gift Card Fundraiser:

We are having a Gift Card Fundraiser which will take place during the month of March. Gift Card order forms are available at the church. <u>Orders, including payment, must be received by</u> **Thursday, March 27th 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.

Time for annual subscription renewal for Broadview.

- If you are currently a subscriber please let me know if you would like to continue.
- If you would like to cancel your subscription I also need to know.
- If you would like to become a new subscriber please fill out the NEW subscribers list in the narthex.

Cost of subscription is \$30.00 for the year. Please make cheque payable to Trinity United Church. If paying cash please place in a separate envelope with your name clearly marked.

Thank you Lois Riley



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

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Trinity United Church

March 2025

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | 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 Shrove Tues Supper 5pm Prairie Group 8 pm | 5 WW 4:30pm | 6 Bible Study 1:30pm Choir Practice 7pm | 7 COP Prayers 7pm Prairie Group 8 pm | Sun- day March 9th |
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| 30 Trinity Worship GIG Worship 12:30pm COP Worship 5pm | 31 WIH Sanctuary 7pm | | | | | |

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.



Another fun & learning time at **Messy Church** on February 28th.

Thanks to Norm Poersch for the donation for the food and to Lois Riley for providing the dessert . The picture is missing Lois Riley; camera shy!!



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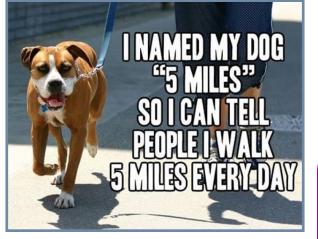
Please correct the following: Marlene Shantz 126-4525 Victoria Ave Ralph & Carolyn Heard 219-4525 Victoria Ave (March 1st) Don & Carol McManes should be Box 66, Alexander, MB Picture of 'Davis' Should be Blerot, Greg & Erin, Danielle Donna Myers: email donnamyers1940@gmail.com

Report from Linda Gradwell the Forrest Newsletter editor.

Forrest UC Annual General Meeting – Took place on Sunday, March 2nd after worship in person and also via Zoom. Thank you to all who attended, and to those submitting reports and to Colleen Bootsman for compiling the AGM package.

Forrest UC voted unanimously to become an Affirming Congregation at the annual meeting. We have a new marriage policy and a new vision statement as well. Our thanks to Karen Wilcox-Phillips for her hard work and to those on her Affirming Team, organizing our process and getting us down this road to this place. A celebration service will fulfil the final piece of work we need to do. We will let you know when a date has been set.

Forrest UC Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper – was held on Tuesday, March 4th at 5 pm to 7 pm for the first time in a few years. Thanks to Cyndi Price for organizing this event and also to Reverend Doug for attending and welcoming everyone. Price was \$10 Adults, \$5 for 5 years and under.



Sometimes I shock myself with the smart stuff I say & do. Then, there are times when I try to get out of the car with my seatbelt on 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.



Pat's Writers Group

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

"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



Our next meeting is Tuesday, April 1st, 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: Darlynne Smith

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 supplies the coffee, tea, drink crystals, creamers, sugar & sweetener for all Trinity functions.



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.



"Ministers are like candles – they may sometimes burn out, but they always manage to light up the room with their presence."



Trinity 55 Plus Group .. Wednesday, March 19, 1:30 pm

Guest...LORA HAY..

Prairie Mountain Regional Manager......

MOOD DISORDERS ASSOCIATION OF MANITOBA.

... MOOD DISORDERS INCLUDE ... DEPRESSION, BIPOLAR DISORDER, POSTPARTUM DEPRESSION, SEASONAL EFFECTIVE DISORDERS. Please join us... Everyone welcome Beverage and cookies to follow..

Voluntary donations ...Manitoba Possible...(Children with DisAbilites)

"Trinity 55 Plus Group Striving to Make a Difference a Little at a Time "

Hazel and Larry Sage 204 728 6215 Gail Thickett. 204 725 4934. Ruth and Glenn Sawyer 204 728 4683

World Day of Prayer 2025 Theme: "I Made You Wonderful" Psalm 139: Verses 1-18 Writing Committee: Cook Islands To read a service, please visit https://worlddayofprayer.net/index.html Cook Islands 2025 - World Day of Prayer International

The relationship between transgender folks and the church is complex and often painful. While some denominations and congregations are welcoming and affirming, many others hold views that do not accept transgender identities. This can lead to feelings of rejection, isolation, and spiritual harm for transgender individuals who are seeking faith and community. Some churches may deny transgender people access to sacraments, leadership positions, or even membership. This rejection is often based on interpretations of scripture that are seen as condemning gender diversity.

However, Jesus teaches us to show love and compassion to all people, regardless of their gender identity and, ultimately, focusing on judgment and exclusion goes against the core teachings of Jesus. As Christians, we can actively work to create more inclusive and welcoming spaces for transgender folks. This starts with education and understanding. Learn about transgender experiences, listen to their stories, and challenge your own pre-conceived notions. Support organizations that advocate for 2SLGBTQIA+ rights and inclusion within the church. Speak out against discrimination and prejudice. Most importantly, offer genuine friendship, acceptance, and love to gender diverse folks, allowing them to feel valued and respected within the Christian community. By choosing empathy and understanding, we can help bridge the gap and create a more inclusive church for everyone.

Submitted by Anastasia Gibson









Carol measuring out the fair trade coffee that was donated for the supper by Al & Linda Friesen.







Many kudo's to Keith Privat, Ken Winstone & Rick Church for helping with our supper. And the choir could not have done this without the many volunteers !! Our Sunday school youth were AWESOME!!







There will be a report of how much we netted for our evening in the next newsletter. Thanks to all for your generous donations!! The tulips used on the tables were shared with folk in our congregation who needed a 'lift'. A cheque with the profits will be taken to Brandon Helping Hands, likely next week.



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

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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! Hoping 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

Fun with Horses and Friends - Don't miss out!

We need 10 more registrants by March 16th in order to go ahead with the event, so get your registrations in now and encourage your friends. Open to gr 5 to 12 - March 23 at a stable just outside Brandon -



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

https://teams.live.com/meet/9393061017371? p=Hyqst5QWoVjwlWubwl

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



Our thoughts and prayers are with those whose lives and livelihoods will be most directly impacted by the changes in the economic relationship between Canada and the United States.

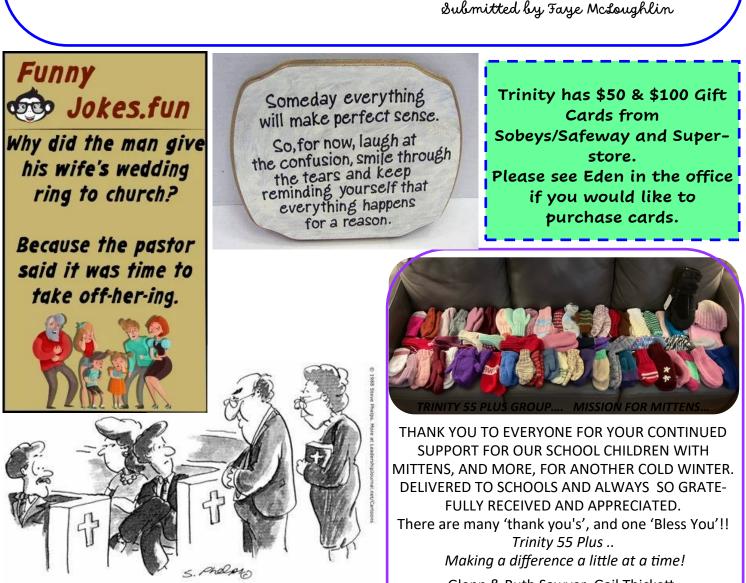
The uncertainty about the degree of impact on the economy is resulting in anxiety for many. This impact will filter down in our city and the surrounding rural communities. We are already

seeing an increase of the price of groceries and look with dismay at the empty shelves. People who already live on the margins will feel this impact first. The call will go out more often for help with providing necessary food items for those who cannot afford them. The need for monetary donations will also increase.

The call is to be more aware of the struggles of our neighbours and our own families. Please help however you can to provide actual necessities and to be available to listen to and care about the plight of those who are struggling. We are in this together. Elbows Up Canada!

Your gifts to Mission and Service transform and save lives, inspire people to live with meaning and purpose, and to help build a better world.

Thank you - Your gifts DO make a difference!



The whole church watched with nervous anticipation as the visitors sat where the Martins have sat for 42 years. Glenn & Ruth Sawyer, Gail Thickett, Larry & Hazel Sage



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!*



I have none for February or March on my list!

March Birthday's

9th 17th 22nd 27th 30th 30th Reg Atkinson Ralph Heard Carol McManes Laura Bournes Pat Bowslaugh Bob Patterson





As I was reported in the choir pictures from Shrove Tuesday, our volunteers were many! They included Tyler & Cassidy Jones, Barb Janzen's son & daughter. They were so appreciated!! Many thanks all of you!

A note from Myrna Fellowship Coordinator

Prep time instructions are posted on the cooler.

There are people who will run the dishwasher.

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



Happy 18th birthday Zara on Monday, March 3rd. We celebrated at church on Sunday and thank you for sharing your cake!!

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

Thank you to all who volunteer to be the snack provider for the day. What you choose to have <u>is perfect</u> therefore we have a variety from week to week. March 9th Marion Speers, Dallas Green, Naomi Mahoney

March 23rd Darlene Silvius, Joanne McMillan, Bea Allen

March 30th Marilyn Hoffman, Helen Dyer, Kathy Knight

Thank You to folks who sign up to help!



Myrna Lane 204 763-4429 myrnal@mynetset.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. 204 729-8574 marlane.w@yahoo.com



Sunday, March 2nd: Benny has a wee chat!



'The Dance' takes on quite a flair!! Qur Sunday school kids are a blessings!

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 Rev. Doug Neufeld Phone: 204 729-1946 E Mail: rev.doug@wcgwave.ca Urgent needs: Cell 204 441-8140

Our love, thoughts & prayers are with:

Gail Thickett At home convalescing following heart surgery Sheila McCausland: Missing her church family. In the Assiniboine. Trevor McLoughlin: Convalescing following surgery Irene Smith: Convalescing Rae Mullens: spent 3 weeks in hospital Home now. Naomi Mahoney: surgery on hand on March 18th **Norm Poersch:** had eye surgery



This Sunday morning, an hour of our time was lost.

However, benefits heavily outweigh the cost.

An hour later comes the darkness of the night.

That way, we use less electricity for light.

We have another hour of sunlight in our day.

It's more convenient for us if we work or play.

We will get that hour back in the fall. An extra hour of sleep will be great for us all

Robert Pettit



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The next issue will be March 21st, 2025

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