



Trinitopics & Church Announcements

6 ~ Friday, March 21st, 2025



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March 23rd: Welcome new Members
 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:

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| May 18: UCW | August 10: |
| 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. Orders, including payment, must be received by 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



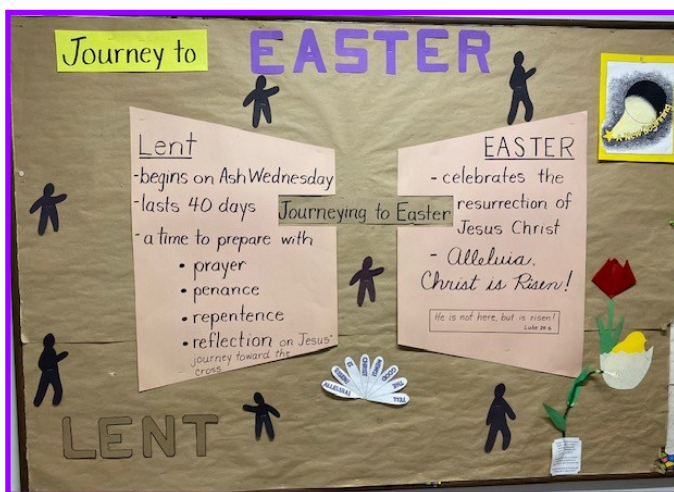
Trinity United Church March 2025

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 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	8 Sun-day March 9th 
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30 Trinity Worship 10am 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.



Carolyn Heard has all the Trinity Annual Reports from 1964—2002. Would anyone like these? Otherwise, they are going to be shredded; no room anymore! The church has all of these in the computer. Please call Carolyn: 204 726-1324



The Sunday School class have made small Lent Jars for themselves at home and one for the congregation. Our Purpose is to fill our home jars with coins to bring back to church for Easter Sunday. The large Congregation Jar will be available each Sunday until Easter.

Like Moses and his people who reached the promised land and who gave the best of their grains to the temple for the priests to share among everyone so that no one would go hungry, our Mission is to share these coins for hungry children in Brandon. Thank you for your support.

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>



Rev. Doug & Trinity Pastoral Care Committee have dates set to visit 5 care/senior homes.

Wed., April 2nd: Valleyview @ 2 pm
 Tues., April 8th: Hillcrest @ 2 pm
 Wed., April 9th: Fairview @ 2 pm
 Fri., April 11th: Victoria Landing @ 2 pm
 Thurs., April 17th: Riverheights Terrace @ 11am
 If you are able to help with any of these please let Darlynn know. darlynnegbsmith@gmail.com
 204 728-7713 Much appreciated!



This very interesting looking upcoming show stars one of Trinity's folk, Mary Wardle.

The poster can also be viewed on the bulletin board. We have a lot of stars in our congregation!!



A big 'thank you' to Alex, Zara & Nicki for helping with decorations for PIE Day!

Welcome new members This Sunday, the latest four new members to Trinity will be welcomed at Sunday Worship:

Warren & Betty Shewfelt & Lloyd & Linda Gilchrist.



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: Darlynn Smith

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!!

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 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.

UCW March Birthday's

27th	Frances McKague	92
28th	Winnie Black	90

Sometimes, not
 saying anything is the
 best answer. You see,
 silence can never be
 misquoted.



Finally my
 winter fat
 is gone,
 now I have
 spring rolls.

Pat's Writers Group

Our next writers group will be at 10:30 a.m. at Trinity on
 Friday, April 25th

The prompt is...

..."As he flicked through the letters a small hand written envelope
 caught his attention, and his heart began to thump"....

Everybody's welcome,
 no writing experience necessary!
 Please contact Edie Mowat for more info
 204 729-9301 emowat39@gmail.com





Lora Hay & our Trinity 55 Plus group.

Lora shared answers to many questions on Mood Disorders. .

For more information:

their office is at 1003-13th St,

Office phone: 204 721-2174

Email: outreachmgr@moodmb.ca

Most interesting!!!

Would you like to try painting with water colours? The next 55 Plus possibly has a lady coming to share something a little different! We will wait for the news on this guest; coming soon!



December 2018 Green Spot visit.

BRANDON'S
TWO SPIRIT AND
TRANSGENDER DAY OF
VISIBILITY
CELEBRATION AND FUNDRAISING EVENT

Proceeds to benefit the Westman Empowerment Fund
and the Brandon University Hero Bursary

FRIDAY MARCH 28TH 7:30-10PM
KNOX UNITED CHURCH
AUDITORIUM

451 18th St, Brandon, MB
The venue is wheelchair accessible

Tickets \$10.00 (cash only) available at the door and at
Smitten Boutique- Price includes admission and pizza.
All Ages Welcome, Sober Event

Raffle Prizes, Music, Poetry, Visual Art, Dancing, Drag Performance

For more information, or there are any questions
regarding accommodation needs, please contact
anastasiagibson123@gmail.com

Venue Sponsored by:

Knox United Church

The Outreach Committee would like to thank everyone for their generous donations to Samaritan House for the Month of March.

For **April** we will be collecting for **Helping Hands** and anticipate your generosity once again.



Thank you for sharing and caring.

On March 15th, Knox United Church hosted a memorable PIE Day 2025 celebration in collaboration with Trinity United Church and Affirm United. The event featured the talented drag artist, Flora Hex, who took attendees on a captivating journey through the history of drag culture. Flora Hex's dynamic performance and engaging storytelling shed light on the evolution of drag, from ancient civilizations to modern-day manifestations. The audience was enthralled by the artistry and resilience of drag culture, which has long provided a platform for marginalized voices to be heard.

Following the performance, attendees were treated to a delicious array of pies, symbolizing the sweet celebration of self-expression and inclusivity. The day's significance was deeply rooted in the values of being Public, Intentional, and Explicit (PIE). Flora Hex's performance embodied these values, demonstrating the importance of living authentically and unapologetically. The event was a testament to the power of collaboration and the importance of creating inclusive spaces for all individuals.



Submitted by Anastasia Gibson



Changing Course on same-sex marriage – by John Longhurst

Late divinity scholar advocated for welcoming LGBTTTQ+ people in final book



Spectators wave rainbow-coloured flags while cheering parade participants during the San Francisco Pride Parade last year.

(Photo: Carlos Fajardo)

SINCE the mid-1990s, opposition to same-sex relationships in most North American evangelical churches, and many other Protestant denominations, has been informed by the work of theologian and scholar Richard B. Hays.

Hays, the former dean of Duke Divinity School, was author of the widely influential 1996 book *The Moral Vision of the New Testament*. In it, he argued that same-sex relationships were “one among many tragic signs that we are a broken people, alienated from God’s loving purpose.”

His well-respected scholarly work was used by many church leaders as justification for seeing same-sex relationships as sinful and to oppose affirmation of LGBTTTQ+ Christians.

So it was like an earthquake went off in many congregations across the U.S. and Canada when Hays publicly changed his mind on this topic in late 2024.

Hays, who died on Jan. 3 of cancer at the age of 76, made his case for welcoming LGBTTTQ+ people into the family of God in his newest and last book, titled *The Widening of God’s Mercy: Sexuality Within the Biblical Story*.

As it is for many Christians who change their minds about this topic, Hays’s journey began when he actually met LGBTTTQ+ Christians and saw them in leadership positions in churches — experiences that caused him to re-think his position.

That included his own congregation, where he told the *New York Times* he saw LGBTTTQ+ people who “were exercising roles of gracious and meaningful leadership.”

His new book, he said, was an act of repentance for how his earlier work had been used to harm LGBTTTQ+ people, and to “offer contrition and to set the record straight on where I now stand.”

When the book was published, some conservative Christians saw it as a betrayal. Others went so far as to call it heretical. In an interview, Hays said he knew that would happen, but he was at peace with it.

“So there’s a sense in which I’m eating some of my own words, and I’m concerned that it will perhaps burn some bridges and break some relationships that I’ve cherished,” he said. “But as I age, I wanted my final word on the subject to be out there. And so there it is.”

LGBTTTQ+ Christians have welcomed the book, although a queer Christian friend suggested the title should rather have been “the widening of Richard Hays’ understanding of God’s mercy.”

For my friend, God has always been merciful to everyone; it’s only some Christians over the centuries who have decided to put a limit on God’s mercy and welcome by excluding certain groups of people.

As for Hays, who had been dealing with cancer since 2015, writing the book was also about how he would be remembered after his death.

“I don’t want the first paragraph of my obituary to say ‘New Testament scholar Richard Hays who wrote against the acceptance of gay and lesbian people has died,’” he said, adding he hoped it might also mention his willingness “to rethink, to repent, to receive new information, to have the humility to be able to say I was wrong.”

Editor’s note: This article is a series of excerpts from a column in the Winnipeg Free Press Faith page insert in the Brandon Sun, Saturday, February 22, 2025. For full story, visit: <https://www.winnipegfreepress.com/arts-and-life/life/faith/2025/02/22/changing-course-on-same-sex-marriage>



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Donna Neufeld P2P Rep (need another)

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100TH ANNIVERSARY

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From Spirit Hills Pastoral Charge, we wish you a Happy 100th Birthday and blessings to you in the years ahead.

Special hello to Doug - we were so blessed to have you & your family part of our church family. Always think of you when the Bombers play the "Kedus"!!

This is part of a card that was sent to our church by Rev. Doug's former congregation. Please see the whole card on the bulletin board.

100TH ANNIVERSARY
Deep • Bold • Daring

Spirit Hills Pastoral Charge has chosen to celebrate the United Church's 100 birthday by sending out birthday greetings to 100 United Churches in Canada. Members were asked to suggest churches to send greetings to and your church was one chosen. We will tell you briefly about our charge/churches and ask that you share our message with your congregation and perhaps send a message back to us.

We are two, small, rural churches, including the communities of Central Butte, Riverhurst, Tugaska, Brownlee and Eyebrow here in Saskatchewan. Our 2

Can anyone come up with any ideas as to what we can do to celebrate the 100th? Looking for ideas.

Celebration is in June!



Marlane & I were honoured to be invited to Ralph Heard's 93rd birthday at Riverheights Terrace on St. Patrick's day, the actual day of his birthday. A nice visit, then delicious lunch, followed by sipping green beer & cookies laced with lime crystals, while enjoying entertainment. They had only been residents there since the beginning of March & are enjoying the ambiance. A lovely celebration!!

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>



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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



From the United Church of Canada website:

"Springtime of the Spirit"

Because of you, Mission and Service partners are like the first flowers of spring - blooming where they are needed most. Your compassion takes root and becomes warmth and care for those in crisis, hope for those facing hardship, and new possibilities for communities near and far.

In this season of Lent, leading to Easter, may you be like the first flowers of spring - vibrant, alive, and bringing joy to those around you. In this time of renewal, know that your generosity through Mission and Service will help even more seeds of hope take root and grow. Thank you.

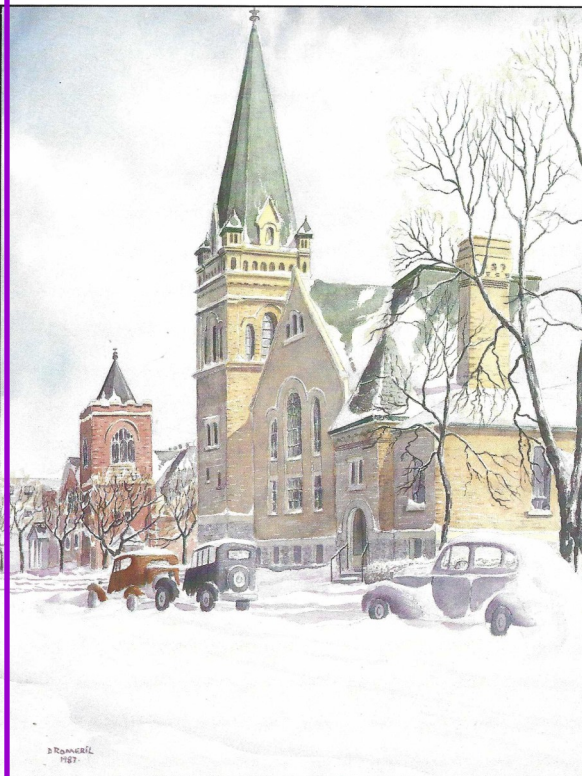
Submitted by Faye McLoughlin

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

Please see Eden in the office if you would like to purchase cards.

Below is a card that was handed out by the Brandon Sun carrier at Christmas back in 1987. What a lovely pic of the old St. Paul's and First church United churches.

Thanks to Ralph & Carolyn Heard for lending it to be scanned.



CENTRAL UNITED CHURCH — 1901 - 1986

This picture was painted by a former member of Trinity, David Romerill.

Marlane sent info from our History Book :

He came in December of 1979 and was hired as a resource person. He organized training sessions for Sunday School teachers, co-ordinated aspects of various mid week groups, counselled, visited families and was responsible for outreach and education. His office was upstairs where now the senior Sunday school meet. I don't know why he left, but he ended up at Central. He started painting and I understand he sold many of his paintings.

From Marg Cullen:

I know he was part of the team Ministry at Central from 1979 to 1988. After the fire in 1986 he painted three beautiful pictures depicting each of our amalgamated churches, St. Paul's, First Church and Kemnay These hung on our memorial wall in the narthex until the church closed.

They were then given to members of our congregation who especially treasured them for the memories.

*Thank you, Marlane & Marg
& to the Heard's.*

Those two churches were so majestic looking!!



Knox United Church
451-18th Street
5 April, Saturday
9 AM to 1 PM

*My friend told me
she would'nt eat
beef tongue cause
it came out of a
cows mouth*

So i gave her an egg

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!*



I have none for February or March on my list!

March Birthday's

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



COMPANIES ARE BRAGGING
ABOUT MAKING PLANTS
TASTE LIKE MEAT



COWS HAVE BEEN
DOING THAT FOREVER

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

We will be seeing a new sign on our lawn, in the near future. Al Friesen and friends, Ken & Carol Winstone, Barry & Gloria Hill & Davis Placatka, have worked diligently and it has been approved by the Board. I contacted Cardinal Signs and they provided me with the final copy.

Thanks to all for the refreshing look!!
It is to be put up prior to the 100th on June 10th.

TRINITY UNITED CHURCH

SUNDAY WORSHIP
10:00 AM

REV. DOUG NEUFELD

Love your neighbour



FELLOWSHIP FOLLOWING WORSHIP EACH WEEK

Thank you to all who volunteer to be the snack provider for the day. What you choose to have is perfect therefore we have a variety from week to week.

March 23rd

Darlene Silvius, Joanne McMillan,
Bea Allen

March 30th

Marilyn Hoffman, Helen Dyer,
Kathy Knight

April 6th

Marg Cullen, Gloria McMillan,
Marlane Wilson

April 13th

Nancy Syntak, Clint Moffat,
Heather Moore

Thank You to folks who sign up to help!



Myrna Lane
204 763-4429
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March 16th ~ Second Sunday of Lent
 Our Junior Sunday school entertained us. Theo, in a wheelchair, had some great spins during the dance, thanks to Rev. Doug!



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

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

- Gail Thickett**
- Sheila McCausland:**
- Trevor McLoughlin:**
- Irene Smith:**
- Rae Mullens:**
- Naomi Mahoney:** surgery on hand on
 March 18th
- Norm Poersch:**
- Deidree Placatka:**
- Cheryl McClelland & Sherie**



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, Ralph & Carolyn
 Heard, Dave McClelland, Marlene Shantz,
- Rotary Villas:** Myrna Barkley, Winnie Black , Florence Wotton
- Victoria Landing:** Elizabeth Cass, Myrna Hall,
 Shirley Kernaghan, Al & Helen Lauder, Betty McFarland,
 Pat Rathwell, Wilma Seafoot
- Wawanesa PCH:** Elsie Franklin, Alice Laminman



BLOOMING SPRING
 The tulips are budding.
 The daffodils bursting.
 The robins are building a nest.
 The sky is bright blue,
 and the apple tree's blooming.
 Oh, I love the springtime the best!



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