



# Trinitopics & Church Announcements

## # 7 ~ Friday, April 4th, 2025



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

### 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](mailto:silviusa@outlook.com).

#### **Dates for consideration are:**

**May 18: UCW**

**August 10:**

**July 20: To be confirmed by Rev. Doug**

**August 17: Outreach Committee**

**July 27:**

**August 24:**

**August 3: Faye McLoughlin**

**August 31:**

### 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.

### March 2025 Gift Card Fundraiser:

Thirty-one households participated in the March gift card fundraiser with a total of \$12,240.00 worth of orders. The orders were sent April 1st to take advantage of a April FundScrip promotion where Sobey's/Safeway cards increased in value from 3% to 5%. As a result, Trinity earned an additional \$94.00 from this promotion with a total of \$499.13 earned from the sale. Thank you to all participants who supported this sale. Our next gift card sale will take place in May.

*Thank you!*

*Alan Silvius*



### *Easter Special Offering*

*The Special Offering for Easter will be dedicated this year to the work of the YWCA Westman*

The YWCA Westman Women's Shelter provides safe emergency shelter to individuals and their children who are at risk due to relationship violence. The Shelter is staffed 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and has space for 24 women and their children.

We invite you to remember the work of the YWCA with your Easter Offering.

Easter Offering envelopes will be placed on the table in the narthex.

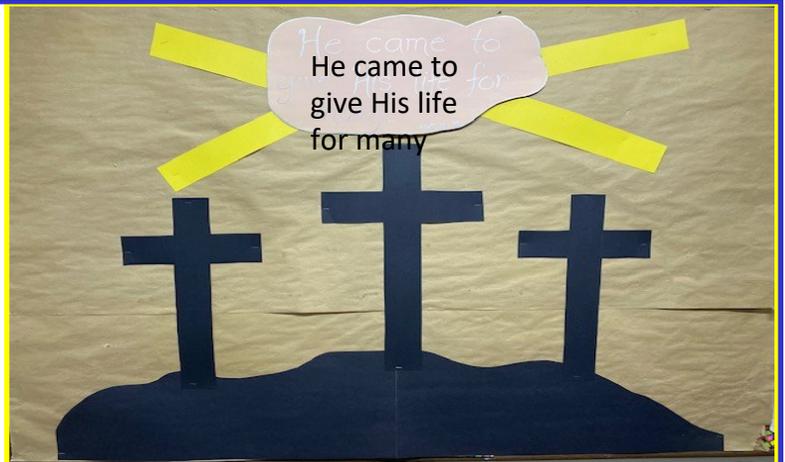
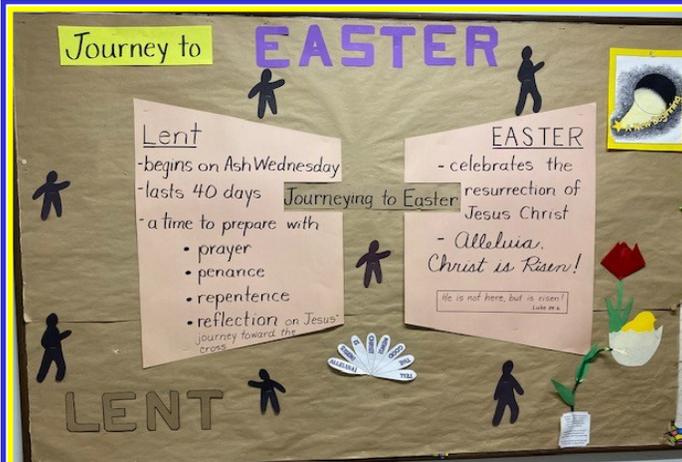
With Thanks – Trinity Outreach Committee

| Sun  | Mon                                 | Tue   | Wed | Thu   | Fri  | Sat                      |
|--|-------------------------------------|---|-----|---|--|--------------------------|
| <b>GIG</b><br>Global Immersion Gospel<br><b>COP</b><br>Church of Pentecost   |                                     | 1<br>UCW Meeting 1:15pm<br>WW 4:30pm<br>Prairie Group 8 pm          | 2   | 3   | 4<br><br>COP Prayers 7pm<br>Prairie Group 8 pm  | 5                        |
|  |                                     | 6<br>Trinity Worship 10am<br>GIG Worship 12:30pm<br>COP Worship 5pm | 7   | 8<br>WW 4:30pm<br>Board Meeting 7pm<br>Prairie Group 8 pm | 9  | 10<br>Choir Practice 7pm |
| 13<br>Trinity Worship 10am<br>GIG Worship 12:30pm<br>COP Worship 5pm   | 14<br>Order of the Eastern Star 5pm | 15<br>WW 4:30pm<br>Prairie Group 8 pm                               | 16  | 17<br>Choir Practice 7pm                                  | 18 <b>Good Friday Service 11 am</b><br>COP Prayers 7pm<br>Prairie Group 8 pm<br>GIG Prayers 9pm                                    | 19                       |
| 20<br><br>Trinity 10am<br>GIG 12:30pm<br>COP 5pm | 21                                  | 22<br>WW 4:30pm<br>Prairie Group 8 pm                               | 23  | 24<br>Bible Study 1:30pm<br>Choir Practice 7pm            | 25<br><br>COP Prayers 7pm<br>Prairie Group 8 pm | 26                       |
| 27<br>Trinity Worship 10am<br>GIG Worship 12:30pm<br>COP Worship 5pm   | 28<br>WIH AGM Upstairs 7pm          | 29<br>WW 4:30pm<br>Prairie Group 8 pm                               | 30  |   |  |                          |

### 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.



These are Sheila McCausland's Creations, assembled by Trinity's Senior Sunday school!! Thanks for making these available!!



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.

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



Here we are at our first communion of the 5 to do. Kathy Booth was playing the music and I am taking the picture! Rev. Doug on his way. Thanks to those who offered to help. We have enough to comfortably finish up the next 4! Thinking of our committee members Faye Wilcox, Naomi Mahoney, Irene Smith & Carolyn Heard who could not help this round.

Service is so enjoyed by residents!

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!!

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: 204 726-1314 Sorry for the wrong number last newsletter!



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.

**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 April Birthday's

14th Leslie Preston  
 18th Cheryl McClelland  
 21st Kay Gussie  
 28th Marlane Wilson



UCW celebrates special birthdays every five years, starting at 80 years. Kay Gussie's 85th was celebrated at the April meeting. Thanks to Nancy Syntak for the selfie of the group!

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 .

**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

THIRTY YEARS AGO (March 27th Brandon Sun)

Western Manitobans were digging out today after another spring storm sweeping across the Prairies brought snow and high winds to the area. On average, 20 to 30 centimetres of snow fell in the past 24 hours in eastern Saskatchewan and western Manitoba.

FORTY YEARS AGO (March 27th Brandon Sun)

Daniel Romeril, a United States lay minister and local artist, stood on a platform outside Brandon University to preach against nuclear war. The event was organized by the university's student union and the Brandon Chapter of Project Ploughshares, a national peace organization.

*(Interesting that yet another 'Romeril' at the same time as was noted in last newsletter re: David Romeril).*



On March 30th, Trinity Choir performs the anthem 'All My Trials' by acappella.

We were happy to have Holly singing alto!

The choir is so appreciative for our wonderful leader, Davis, and pianist, Holly!!

*There is always a spot for you in the choir, even if it is just for a season!! It still isn't too late for Easter this year!!!*

## History

**Helping Hands Soup Kitchen** came into existence as a result of a group of individuals taking a life skills course through the John Howard Society. As a part of their reentry into society from the correctional system, they were required to plan an organization that would answer an identified need within the city. They chose a "soup kitchen" as the theme for their exercise. The plan they created came to the attention of a group of Brandon business people, who then raised money and put the plan into operation.

**The Helping Hands Centre of Brandon, Inc.** opened its doors on January 2, 1990, and on that day served just six meals. Since 1990, there has been a steady growth in the number of guests coming to the Centre. Helping Hands now strives to serve a nutritious, hot, three-course meal five days per week — often to over 175 patrons per day. All of this work is done with the help of two staff persons and a contingent of volunteers.

In June 2024, we updated our logo, tagline, and colours. The logo now incorporates the name "Helping Hands Soup Kitchen" to clearly reflect the service we provide to the community.



Let's 'fill the wagon' for **Helping Hands in April!!**  
Many thanks to everyone who helps with this venture  
whether it be by product or money!!  
Trinity Outreach Committee

## How To Be An Active Ally -



Monday, March 24, 2025

I attended this workshop presented by Han from SERC Brandon along with Rev. Doug and Alan Silvius from Trinity and several Knox members. Sexuality Education Resource Centre (SERC) has on-line Ongoing Resources in addition to an extensive library of books that are for all people and age appropriate. Education is something that is necessary to allies of the 2STLGBQIA+ community and very helpful to our community in Brandon. To be an effective ally, we have to be more than a bystander. We have to be willing to put ourselves out there to stand up for what is right. Caveat to that statement is to be certain you can stand up as long as it is safe for you and for those you are standing up for in any situation. Being an ally also means educating yourself in the proper

language, pronouns, and always being kind. Looking back on the history of PRIDE and recognizing the struggles the “Rainbow” community has and continues to endure will help us to understand those within the community. Never assume that you know someone’s pronoun. It is okay to ask in a genuine and kind manner so that you do not insult or hurt another person’s feelings. Mental health has played a large role in the lives of those within the 2STLGBQIA+ community as dealing with their gender and sexuality which is often different from what society deems “normal” has made their lives more difficult as they are often challenged, harmed, ridiculed, etc. Being an ally means not just paying lip service but educating yourself, standing up, and getting to know members of the 2STLGBTQIA+ community along with being a friend.

*Submitted by Elaine Madill*



**FAIR TRADE RUG EVENT**  
**APRIL 10–MAY 10**

*Classic to Contemporary*  
Hand-knotted, exquisite quality Bunyaad rugs  
Natural dyes, bold designs, lasting artistry  
From 2'x3' to 9'x12' plus square, round & runners

TEN THOUSAND VILLAGES BRANDON  
829 Rosser Ave  
Brandon, MB  
204-726-8755

Learn more at [bunyaad.com](http://bunyaad.com)

The Ten Thousand Villages Brandon—Board and Volunteers would like to invite their Trinity friends to attend the Opening Reception for the

**Fair Trade Rug Event @ Ten Thousand Villages**  
**April 14<sup>th</sup> 829 Rosser Avenue**  
**4:30-6:30pm**

Musical entertainment by **Holly Walker & Nouraiz Chaman**  
Bunyaad Rug Directors Yousef and Jenni share stories of the rug artisans in Pakistan

**Come and experience the beauty of Hand-knotted wool rugs from Pakistan**  
**See the Rug Event Poster or talk to Linda Friesen for details.**

### May 08, 2025, Wider Assiniboine Cluster Gathering.

You are invited to a Wider Assiniboine Cluster Gathering on **May 8, 2025, from 10 am to 3 pm** at the **Wawanesa United Church**. Please join us for a day of music with new outlooks and new songs (and some old favorites). .

**Wife:** You'll be so proud of me.  
I saved \$9 at Costco.

**Me:** How much did you spend?

**Wife:** \$600

What do you call a rabbit that  
tells good jokes?

A funny bunny

Did you hear about the bunny  
who sat on a bumblebee?

It's a tender tail!



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>  
 Please see page 8 for some 100th anniversary stories.



<https://united-church.us3.list-manage.com/subscribe?u=ff2087d5fde243a770ed893a8&id=016a20449c>



There are some new markings, like the above, that you will see at Trinity. These indicate that there is a fire extinguisher available in this spot. Johnny has changed the positions of some of our fire/first aid as well and added a fire blanket in the kitchen. You can never be too safe!!

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

Huge Indoor  
**GARAGE SALE**  
 Knox United Church  
 451-18<sup>th</sup> Street  
 5 April, Saturday  
 9 AM to 1 PM



In March we welcomed four new members to Trinity.  
 From left to right, standing:  
 Lloyd & Linda Gilchrist, Warren & Betty Shewfelt.  
 Glad to have you aboard!!

Bible Study is on a Hiatus until April 24th.

**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>



**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)

For 100 years, the faithful generosity of compassionate people like you has helped The United Church of Canada answer Jesus' call to love and serve.

Easter is a time of renewal and reflection—a reminder of the boundless grace and love that flow through the world. It is also a time to celebrate the ways that you put love into action through Mission and Service.

For 100 years, the faithful generosity of compassionate people like you has helped The United Church of Canada answer Jesus' call to love and serve. Across Canada and around the world, this support has empowered, and continues to empower, life-changing work. In El Salvador, rural farmers are getting the resources to grow enough food for their families. In Zimbabwe, women are learning skills to build sustainable livelihoods. And these are just two of the countless stories of transformation made possible by Mission and Service partners. As the church looks toward the next century, this legacy of compassion and justice continues. The impact of every gift, every prayer, and every act of service will echo far into the future, ensuring the church remains a source of love and hope for generations to come.

Thank you for the love you show through [Mission and Service](#). With your help, we will move together with compassion into the next 100 years.



Throughout 2025, we'll be featuring very short stories about United Church history.

Thanks to historian **Gayle Simonson** in Edmonton, we can also offer 100-word history vignettes for use in your own community! [Here are vignettes 1-8.](#) (These can be viewed on weekly Prairie to Pine newsletter).

**Here is # 6.** Women have always played active, if undervalued roles in church activities. Methodist women were sometimes allowed to preach prior to union but were never ordained. In 1923, Saskatchewan resident Lydia Gruchy graduated with top honours from Saskatoon's Presbyterian Theological College (now St. Andrew's). She was initially refused ordination but finally, in 1936, became the first woman in the United Church to be ordained. Acceptance of women in ministry was slow but in the 1980s, my congregation had two women ministers. After attending a different congregation on holiday, our two young daughters looked up, wide-eyed, and commented, "We didn't know men could be ministers!" 😊

For our next vignette, she writes:

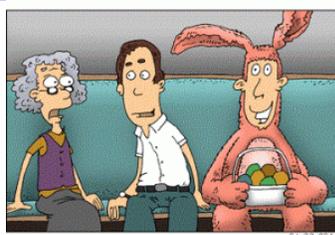
The United Church has been known for its stance on many political issues and a number of ministers have turned to politics. Peter Dawson was serving in ministry in southern Alberta when he won the provincial Little Bow constituency. In 1937, he was named Speaker of the Alberta Legislative Assembly and held that post until his death in 1963. He was the longest-serving Speaker in Alberta history. Ministers elected federally include Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg), Bill Blaikie (Winnipeg), Robert Oliphant (Toronto) and Walter Mclean (Waterloo). Former moderator Lois Wilson was named to the senate by Prime Minister Jean Chretien in 1998.

Thanks to Gayle for putting these facts/history together for the 100th year!

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

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

The official sports drink when I was a kid



YOU'LL HAVE TO FORGIVE HIM ... HE'S NEW TO THE FAITH AND THIS IS HIS FIRST EASTER



"I promise if I see the Easter Bunny, I'll tell him you're looking for him."

# 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!*

**IT AMAZES ME  
HOW MUCH EXERCISE  
AND EXTRA FRIES  
SOUND ALIKE**

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*

## April Birthday's

|      |                               |
|------|-------------------------------|
| 15th | Val Poersch                   |
| 17th | Marg Woods                    |
| 20th | Jason Splett                  |
| 21st | Barb Roberds                  |
| 24th | Ken Mitchell (98 years young) |
| 26th | Wilma Seafoot                 |
| 27th | Pat King-Doctrovè             |



### WARNING:

DO NOT give Rice Krispies to young children.  
I ate them as a youngster.  
Now when I stand up I snap, crackle, and pop!



## 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.

**April 6th**  
Marg Cullen, Gloria McMillan,  
Marlane Wilson

**April 13th**  
Nancy Syntak, Clint Moffat,  
Heather Moore

**April 20th**  
Worship Committee

**April 27th**  
Edie Mowat, Helen Hicks,  
Frances McKague

Thank You to folks who sign up to help!



Myrna Lane  
204 763-4429  
myrnal@mynetsat.ca

May love and laughter light your days  
 And warm your heart and home.  
 May good and faithful friends be yours  
 Wherever you may roam.  
 May peace and plenty bless your world  
 With joy that long endures.  
 May all life's passing seasons  
 Bring the best to you and yours!  
 Happy Easter!!



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:  
 Norm Poersch:  
 Deidree Placatka:  
 Cheryl McClelland & Sherie  
 Lloyd McCabe



Rev. Doug chats with the Sunday school about the first four, out of six, weekly challenges. Generosity, Gratitude, Pray for an enemy!, and Share your Faith. The young folk have some great suggestions! And then, 'The Dance'!!

A devotion from book: Celebrating Hope in Jesus  
 Written by Dr. David Jeremiah



Something remarkable happened to the crucified body of Jesus Christ early on Easter Sunday. In a flash of glory, His body was totally transformed. It wasn't simply resuscitated. Some kind of electrical glory super charged it, and when Jesus opened His eyes, He has an incorruptible body. It was the same body, but now it was glorified and eternalized. No more pain. No more aging. No more decay or corruption. It was equipped for life on both earth and in heaven.

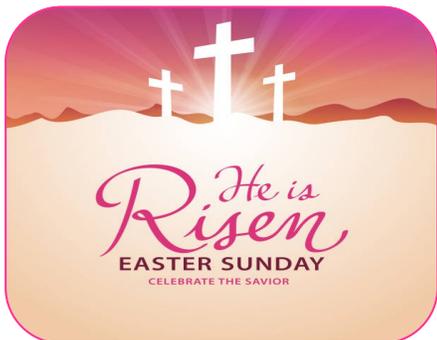
The resurrection of Jesus Christ provides the proof, the provision, and the pattern for our own resurrection.

We will share the glory of Easter with Him!

Rejoice! Our best days are ahead of us!!  
 (1 Corinthians 15:51-52)

**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, Frank Skuce
- 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



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