



Trinitopics & Church Announcements

9 ~ Friday, May 9th, 2025



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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

July 20:

July 27:

August 3: Faye McLoughlin

August 10:

August 17: Outreach Committee

August 24:

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. Thank you! *Alan Silvius*



There will be no Sunday School classes May 18th, the long weekend.

Our Sunday School wind up will be May 25th, 2025.

It is that time of year again.

Our CE committee will send a message of congratulations to Trinity affiliated graduates, children, grandchildren or great-grandchildren. If you have a high school, college or university graduate in your family please submit their name, address

and degree or program from which they are graduating and we will send out a notice of congratulations.

Please submit by the end of May to Lois Riley, Nicole Jones or the Church Office.

Email addresses are in the church directory.



May 2025 Gift Card Fundraiser:

We are having a Gift Card Fundraiser which will take place during the month of May. Gift Card order forms are available at the church. Orders, including payment, must be received by Thursday, May 29th at 4:00 pm. 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.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			GIG Bible Study Downstairs	1 Bible Study 1:30pm Choir Practice 7pm	2 COP Prayers 7 pm	3
Trinity Worship 10am 3 Worship 30pm P Worship 5pm	5	6 UCW Meeting 1:15pm WW 4:30pm Prairie Group 8 pm	7 GIG Bible Study Downstairs	8 Bible Study 1:30pm Choir Practice 7pm	9 Prairie Group 8 pm	10
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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.

Do you know a clock repair person? Just recently, I was given the name of a fellow who now looks after the clocks at a business I had inquired at in Brandon. His name is Grant Munro and he can be contacted at 204 571-6261.

He says:

'If it doesn't tick, we should talk'.

He has repaired a number of clocks of friends of mine. Darlynn



Samaritan House
Ministries Inc.

**Trinity wagon
collection
for month of
May.**

Some of the most needed items at the food bank include:

- Soups and stews
- Pasta and sauces
- Whole grain cereal
- Canned items such as meat, vegetables, fish, and beans
- Diapers
- Personal hygiene items
- Laundry and dish soap
- Toilet Paper

Trinity has \$50 & \$100 Gift Cards from Sobeys/Safeway and Superstore. Please see Eden in the office if you would like to purchase cards.

I was asked to consider having a 'Newsletter Devotion' each time. Would some of you like to share a devotion? If so, please send me, or call me if you don't have email. Below is one from Judy Diswinka. Thank you Judy!!

A devotional taken from. Rev 5:7-14 Our daily Bread Our Father's Treasures

It's just an old pocketknife, worn and tarnished with time. The blade is chipped and the handle notched, but it was one of my father's treasures, kept in a box on his dresser until he gave it to me. "It's one of the few things I have from your grandfather", he told me. My grandfather died when my father was young, and Dad treasured the knife because he treasured his father.

The Bible tell us that God also has an unlikely treasure, something we might not expect. In Revelation, we see a throne in heaven encircled by "four living creatures' and twenty-four elders", bowing before Jesus in worship. Each one is holding "golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of God's people". In ancient times, incense was something precious, used by kings (think of the gold, frankincense, and myrrh offered to Jesus in Matthew 2:11). Our prayers may not seem like much to us a times, but God wants them lifted before Him always.

Revelation 5 emphasizes the worthiness of Jesus because of His sinless life and loving death for us. Jesus' worthiness point s us to why God values our prayers. Our prayers are precious to God because we're precious to Him. Because He loves us with such selfless, priceless, and merciful love, He longs for us to stay close to Him in prayer.
James Banks

How will you love God with your prayers today?
Who and what can you bring before Him in loving prayer?

Loving Saviour, You're worthy "to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honour and glory and praise!" (Rev 5:12)

A friend once asked me "What gets you up in the morning". The truth is My devotional to God. First thing in the morning I grab my Bible, devotional booklet and my journals (complete with stickers). And begin my morning. I draw inspiration from the Bible verses, and write in my journals

My journal entry for Friday, April 4, 2025 Revelation 5:7-14 was as follows

When I thought about verse 5-8, I imagined an angel offering the prayers of all the people (yours and mine) to God, and the smell of the burning incense being pleasing to God

I thought about the importance of remaining close to God through prayer.

Knowing that God likes to hear from me was very encouraging

I also thought about the practice of prayer journals -

I have never kept one, but I know a lady who got a lot of comfort out of hers.

Submitted by Judy Diswinka

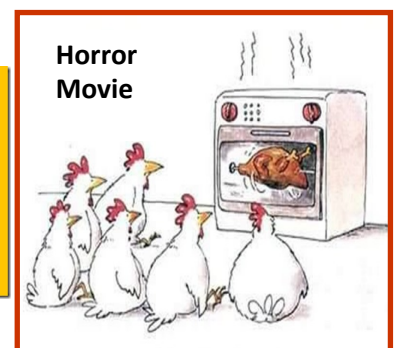


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**I'M SO OLD
I REMEMBER
MULTIPLICATION
WAS CALLED
"TIMES TABLES".**





Thank you for the very generous donations to the hygiene collection for the 100th Anniversary of the United Church. As always, the Trinity generosity has again shown it's colour with the many thoughtful donations.

If you are wondering what might be the most needed to complete the collection, after counting the 'loot', these are a few items that are still needed to make the 100.

toothbrushes & toothpaste 20 needed

Shampoo about 70 needed

Soap about 70 needed

Combs about 50 needed

Deodorants about 95 needed

We have had one donation of cash, as well.

These are ideas, only,
and appreciate anything that is donated.



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*Thank you for the generous donation of
toothbrushes, toothpaste and floss.*

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>



Love the expression on Angie's face when she heard the amount!
Very capably presented by
Mykah-Grace Kleynhans

Brandon's Breakfast Program for Kids

May 4th, 2025



Presentation of cheque of \$552.09 to Angie Strachan who works for "Food for Thought". Angie gave a great synopsis of her work and how they provide nutritious snacks for most of the schools in Brandon and one in Shilo. She stressed that they are not affiliated with any government program and must secure funds by grants and donations.

Thank you to the congregation for your support for this Sunday School project.



Thank you Rene van der Poel & Pat Bowslough for the pics

Submitted by Faye McLoughlin

Welcome to our "ool" ... notice there is no "P" in it, let's keep it that way.



Our next meeting is
Tuesday, June 3rd, 2025
Pot Luck Luncheon at noon
Meeting 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 May Birthdays

7th Marlene Campbell
7th Heather Moore
8th Irene Thompson
16th Elaine Nairne
17th Georgie Pidhorny
19th Gloria McMillan
29th Nancy Syntak
31st Darlynn Smith



Mothers with teenagers know why animals
eat their young.

Happy Mother's Day! Yes, it's today. How fast
can you glue macaroni into a bracelet?

Kay Gussie had her
85th, and we all
celebrated!! That is
except Rev. Doug, as
he was following his
Lent wish. Happy
birthday to all for the
month of April!
Thanks to Nancy for
the selfie, again!



To All Women of Trinity and western Manitoba
Save the date
Sept 27th, 2025



P2P UCW one day rally being planned
Trinity UCW hosting
Open to all women.
More info to follow.

Pat's Writers Group

Our next writers group will be at 10:30 a.m. at Trinity on
Thursday, May 15th

The prompt is..... "So I've heard"....

Everybody's welcome,
no writing experience necessary!

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



Equity and diversity include not only our 2SLGBTQIA+ communities, but all people, particularly racialized community members and females who continue to be under represented in our society.

An uplifting story occurred recently when on April 10, 2025, 25-year-old Trechelle Bunn was voted in as Chief of Birdtail Sioux Dakota Nation. She is one of the youngest sitting chiefs in the country and this election marks the first time the community located near the Saskatchewan boundary has elected a female leader. Bunn was born in Minnesota but grew up in the small southeastern Manitoba community of Wampum. She made her mark as a young woman as a hockey player, which afforded her opportunities to play in Minnesota and Boston, then on to the University of Calgary Dinos on scholarship. She transferred back to the University of Manitoba during the Covid-19 pandemic, holds a bachelor's degree majoring in criminology, and has completed her second year of law school. Bunn is a leader at the university helping other Indigenous students and athletes. She has established a half-marathon Reconciliation Run on Sept. 30th, Reconciliation Day, in honour of her great-grandparents Donald and Mildred Bunn, who were students at Birtle Indian Residential School.

Bunn said in an interview, "Something that always kind of motivates me and inspires me is that I may be the first, but I won't be the last. I hope that other young people and other women are inspired by my story and to step into positions of leadership within our communities and across the country."

Congratulations to Chief Bunn as she continues in her roles inspiring other female Indigenous leaders!

Submitted by Elaine Madill



PRAIRIE TO PINE
REGIONAL COUNCIL



YAAAY (Young Adults and Youth)

ALF Youth Retreat Oct 24 to 26, 2025 in Virden, MB. If you are at a distance, please start talking about carpools &/or driver plans to take the weekend to explore that part of Manitoba after you drop off a carload of youth at the retreat!

Summer jobs & camps for youth

Some are posted already and more will be added [on our regional website](#) and on the [national church website](#)

If interested please check bulletin board for more information.

From United Church E Essential News: May is PAR Month

It's PAR-t of our history and PAR-t of our future! May is PAR Month!

What were you doing in May of 1993? Many United Church people started to give regularly through a new program called Pre-Authorized Remittance (PAR)!

Mission and Service plays a crucial role in supporting partner initiatives that are close to our hearts. By becoming part of the PAR program, you can help sustain and expand efforts to make a positive difference in the lives of those in need. From local food banks, community and youth programs, and hospice care, to global access to clean water, skills training, and sustainable agriculture efforts, Mission and Service amplifies the voices and reach of partners doing incredible, life-changing work.

That kind of generosity is key to the next 100 years.

Find out how you can be part of it on [The United Church of Canada website](#).

Or talk to Trinity BA Committee



prairietopine@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>

Please see page 8 for some 100th anniversary stories.

Many thanks to **Gayle Simonson**, a lay member of the United Church at Southminster Steinhauer in Edmonton, an experienced history researcher, and a writer who has written for historical journals and UCC publications. She is a key volunteer in the United Church archives for both *Northern Spirit* and *Chinook Winds*. Here is one of her latest ones: 'Before Union, each denomination had its own printing business to produce news and resources. Ryerson Press, the Methodist church publishing business, boasted "the most completely equipped printing and binding plant in Canada." Its *Christian Guardian* dated to 1829, *The Presbyterian Witness* to 1848, and *The Congregationalist* to 1854. At union they combined to form *The New Outlook*. In 1938, merged with two other United Church publications, it was renamed the *United Church Observer*. That name was recently changed to *Broadview*. It remains the oldest continuously published magazine in North America and the second oldest in the English-speaking world.'

For more stories, please visit:

[https://prairietopinercc.ca/short-stories-of-our-history-for-this-centennial-year/?](https://prairietopinercc.ca/short-stories-of-our-history-for-this-centennial-year/?mc_cid=08dead9bf5&mc_eid=fb65b73b18)

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Adapted from the United Church Mission and Service Stories

"As the United Church of Canada approaches its 100th anniversary, we give thanks for a century of faithful witness, compassion and commitment to justice. While the formal "Mission and Service" has not been with us from the very beginning, the heart of it - the compassion to care for others, to build peace, to support communities - has always been a part of who we are.

Through changing times and shifting needs, Mission and Service has connected us to one another across the miles and has strengthened our call to live out God's love in tangible meaningful ways.

Today, gifts to Mission and Service support a wide range of programs: from food security and emergency response, to education and global partnerships, to right relations and anti-racism work. Every gift matters. Every act of generosity plants seeds of love and hope.

As we look to the future, we know that the work is far from over. We also know that, together, we can do more than we ever could alone.

With your support, Mission and Service will continue to grow, nurturing life, justice and compassion for generations to come. Many thanks to Trinity for the many ways you continue to compassionately step forward to bring Mission and Service to our local community and our world.

Submitted by Faye McLoughlin



Bible study continues each Thursday at 1:30 in Trinity's Upper Room!

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](https://teams.live.com/join/9393061017371?p=Hyqst5QWoVjwlWubwl)



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**



Here is a picture shared by Barry & Gloria Hill.

Weren't we fortunate to have this many young ones!! In this picture are a few that you have seen in recent times. One is Trinity's Music Director, Davis Placatka. Can you find him?? Barb Janzen has two or three of her kids, Barry & Gloria have their three grandchildren & my grandson in it. A fun loving bunch!! Thank you to the Hill's for the memories!!



Garden Report

I was very excited arriving at church on May 4th, when I saw the first tulip in bloom! When I was leaving church that bloom had almost been blown away but a 2nd one was well on its way to opening. These tulips are behind the white bench. With the warm weather and wind the blooms will probably not last long. The other 11 tulips in the south part of the garden have been slower to bud. Otherwise the perennials continue to grow and change. I find this time of year exciting when going to the garden as there is always something new to look at with new growth.

Louanne and I met at the garden on Friday the 2nd of May. We do not usually see each other at the garden as we choose our own days to go and work at it so it was nice having a chat with her there. Monday, May 5th, we went to Alternative Garden Centre and chose the annuals we want to plant in the garden but won't be picking them up until June 2nd. Alternative looks after our plants for us which we were very pleased about. Alan continues his battle with bugs and I believe he is on the "winning" side so far!

Submitted by Kathy Booth



A special Thank You to the Trinity United Church Board in giving us as volunteers approval to purchase a new 100' foot hose to be used for watering the garden and of course other purposes around the church when needed. My husband, Alan and our janitor, Johnny had a tough time taking the old hose off but once it was removed the new one was attached and works perfectly with the new spray attachment.

Submitted by Alan & Kathy Booth



Thanks to Trinity's senior Sunday school for once again being Trinity's Waste Warriors! Thank you Alex, Maia and Zara for the great job!!

Thanks, also, to Connie & Lois!!



PRAYER CHAIN



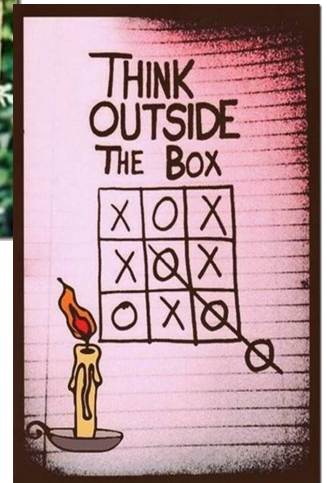
Would you like some prayers or do you know someone who needs prayers?

Please contact

Faye Wilcox 204 728-3654

All information is confidential.

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



May Birthday's



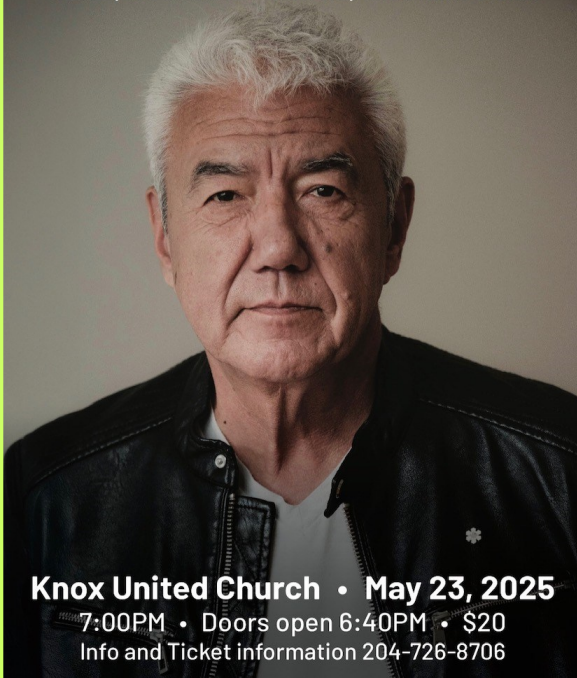
7th	Heather Moore
15th	Mickey Dux
17th	Lucille Neufeld
26th	Sam Lennon
28th	Veronica Miller
28th	Leona Pringle
29th	Lorrie Snelgrove

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

TOM JACKSON

The Counselling Centre for hope, healing & encouragement celebrates 40 years of service with Tom Jackson in concert, Brandon's own Akicita Cante Waste (Good Hearted Warriors) and Prairie Blend.



Knox United Church • May 23, 2025

7:00PM • Doors open 6:40PM • \$20
Info and Ticket information 204-726-8706

Whoever put the "S" in fastfood is marketing genius.

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.

May 4th

**Mary Wardle, Myrna Lennon
June Pedlow**

May 11th

**Dallas Green, Marion Speers,
Pat Bowslaugh**

May 18th

We need 3 non UCW people here as it is UCW Sunday and all are needed for service, including Myrna. Are there any volunteers?

Thank You to folks who sign up to help!



Myrna Lane
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Sunday, May 4th, 2025

Honouring the memories of missing and murdered
Indigenous women and girls across Canada

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:
Irene Smith:
Naomi Mahoney:
Deidree Placatka:
Cheryl McClelland & Sherie
Lloyd McCabe
Jean Cory
PHEME Andrew two broken wrists
In hospital

*In Our Thoughts
& Prayers*



Our Friends in Personal Care and Senior Homes

Fairview: Audrey Campbell, Judy Diswinka, Louise Hume,
Eunice Lindenberg

Hillcrest PCH: Don Jessiman, Eric Neufeld

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

**"SPRING: WHERE THE
GRASS IS GREENER,
AND THE ALLERGIES
ARE MEANER."**



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