



Trinitopics & Church Announcements

2 ~ Friday, January 23rd, 2026



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Upcoming Worship Services:

- Jan. 25: Robert Brown
- Feb. 1: Karen Kempe
- Feb. 8: Rev. Laird Russell Yearwood
- Feb. 15: Faye McLoughlin

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 2026:

See Pulpit Supply Coverage Charts January – June, 2026 on bulletin board at entrance to church.

Pulpit Supply still needed for February 22, March 1 and March 29.

Supporters of Trinity United Church,

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

Payment for orders will be to Trinity United Church by cheque, cash or E-transfer (trinityucbdn@wcgwave.ca). Please clearly indicate money is for payment for your gift cards.

Credit cards cannot be used as a method of payment.

Once again, our target goal is a minimum of \$5000 of sales to avoid any shipping charges.

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.

Thank you to **Alan Silvius** and **Davis Placatka** for being so diligent in finding the issue with the streaming problem with our first two services this year. They came in on a Saturday, found the problem, and fixed it! Kudos to them!!

The Prairie to Pine Pastoral Relations Commission has approved the position posting for a full time Minister to serve the Collaborative Ministry at Trinity United Church, Brandon and Forrest United Church.



We can now begin the process of **posting** all of the relevant documents on the **Church Hub** template, where Ministers looking for a call will see the Pastoral Charges looking for a minister.

The training for the search team occurs via Zoom on Saturday, February 7th.

Trinity/Forrest Search Team

Trinity: Miranda Edwards, Gloria McMillan Glenda Penner, Alan Silvius

Forrest: Linda Gradwell, Karen Wilcox-Phillips

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				¹ New Years' Office Closed	²	³
⁴ Trinity Worship 10am COP Worship 5pm	⁵	⁶ Board Meeting 4:30pm Prairie Group 8 pm	⁷ FLK Tai Chi 7pm—8:30pm	⁸ FLK Tai Chi 1:30pm—3pm Choir Practice 7pm	⁹ COP Prayers 7pm Prairie Group 8 pm 	¹⁰ Congregational Meeting 1pm
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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 safety and support in respect of social justice and human rights.



Our next writers group will be on

Friday January 23rd at 10:30 a.m.

Brandon Shoppers Mall Library

We welcome all those interested. Just a reminder, you don't have to be a writer, just someone who might be interested in joining our group.

Our prompt for this session is ...

'I dare you to press that big red button, my brother challenged!'

For more information, call Gloria @ 204 573-9633

The **Assiniboine Affirm Cluster** includes Forrest United, Knox United, Trinity United and most recently Brookdale United Church.

We are excited to announce an amazing event that will be hosted at Knox United Church on **May 23rd, 2026!** So save the date for that! More information will be made available closer to that date.



December 14th, 2025
Sunday school & choir
presentations!
Wonderful memories!!



Trinity Advent Candle Lighters 2025



Thanks to Faye McLoughlin for the many pictures!



The last of the Advent Season 2025 at Trinity. This is Jill Lee, her daughter, and her grandchildren, 3 generations, came to Trinity to donate to the Christmas Cheer Hampers. Our Sunday school was very active in all of the flurry around the season, with Alex & Mykah-Grace reading during Advent 1.



Two little boys were sitting together in a church during a wedding ceremony. As the couple said "I do", one of the little boys leaned over to the other and asked, "I wonder how many wives can a man have?"

The second little boy looked at his friend like he was an idiot and said, "He can have 16 wives."

"How do you know that?" The first little boy asked.

"Weren't you listening?"

The priest just said it. Four better, four worse, four richer, and four poorer."



**LOST
AND
HOPE
TO
FIND**



**SOME OF THESE ITEMS MAY HAVE BEEN LEFT AT THE TRINITY/
FORREST POT LUCK ON DECEMBER 28TH.**

THE ITEMS IN PICTURE 1 ARE IN THE KITCHEN.

The # 2 ITEMS ARE IN THE NARTHEX.

**WE ARE STILL LOOKING FOR THE LID FOR A SMALL CROCK POT.
PLEASE, JUST CONTACT ME, IF YOU KNOW WHO BELONGS TO
THESE ITEMS AND IF YOU FIND YOU HAVE THE LID.**

Many, many THANKS!!!

Darlynne 204-724-2923 darlynnegbsmith@gmail.com

All of his life Len, from Cape Breton, had heard stories of an amazing family tradition. It seems that his father, grandfather and great-grandfather had all been able to walk on water on their 21st birthday. On that day, they'd walk across the lake to the boat club for their first legal drink.

So when Len's 21st birthday came around, he and his pal Corky took a boat out to the middle of the lake.

Len stepped out of the boat and nearly drowned! Corky just managed to pull him to safety. Furious and confused, Len went to see his grandmother.

"Grandma, it's my 21st birthday, so why can't I walk across the lake, like my father, his father, and his father before him?"

Granny looked Len straight in the eyes, and said, "Because your father, grandfather and great grandfather were born in January, you were born in July."





Our next meeting is
Tuesday, February 3rd, 2026
Meeting at 1:15
All are welcome!!
Pregnancy Support Collection



2026 UCW Executive
 Pres: Marlane Wilson
 Vice Pres: Gloria McMillan
 Secretary: Viv Privat
 Treasurer: Darlene Silvius
 Past Pres: Faye McLoughlin

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.



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

The donation wagon will be set out each Sunday once again. The donations for the month of January will go toward **Samaritan House**. They are in need of food items, plus toiletries such as Kleenex, toilet paper, toothbrushes, toothpaste, bar soap, hand soap, shampoo, etc.
Thank you for your generosity.
 Outreach Committee

Be honest, if people heard what you are thinking half of the time, you would either be in jail or a mental hospital.



Trinity Community Adventures

Trinity United Church ~ 1515-6th St.
Wednesday, February 11th
1:30pm ~ Trinity lower level
 Presents: Dr. Mousumi and some of her students

Mousumi Majumder, Ph.D.

Learn about a
 'well kept secret'
 in Brandon, MB



Breast Cancer Cell & Molecular Research Lab

Dr. Mousumi Majumder, Ph.D.
Canada Research Chair Tier II in Genotoxicology
 Professor, Department of Biology
Breast Cancer Cell & Molecular Research Lab
 BRANDON UNIVERSITY
 Research Area ([Google Scholar](#))
 MicroRNA Tumor Biology, Angiogenesis and Lymphangiogenesis
 Tumor Microenvironment, Cancer Stem cells,
 Biomarker Studies, Genotoxicology,

Snack & beverage to follow.
 Please sign up, or let office know, (204 728-4796)
 so our supply of treats is adequate.

A free will donation is appreciated, but optional,
 to support our costs & Charitable donations.

Your "Adventure" team,
 Leslie, Brent, Darlyne, Heather, Harvey, Pat

TCA Alzheimer Speaker



Fifty Four people showed up to hear Christine Jeffries from the Brandon Alzheimer's office, share lots of information on a subject that has many questions. What a great speaker! If anyone has questions they would like answered please call 204 729-8320.

A cheque of \$50.00 will be sent to the Brandon Office.
Thanks to those who brought cookies!!

Our February speaker is looking forward to sharing her information with us. She is bringing some of her students, which should prove to make another interesting afternoon.

There will be a sign up sheet in the narthex soon.
Team TCA

JANUARY 26 7PM

Knox UC

Photo Source: R.T. Chapin c. 1920s

Carrying the Empire on Our Backs: Island Lake Stories of the Fur Trade

Dr. Patricia Harms

Dr. Harms is a historian collaborating with the Island Lake Anishinew Okimawin Tribal Council on a historical recovery project of the Anishinew peoples in North Eastern Manitoba.

For more info contact: craigatknox@wgcwv.ca
 Knox United 451 - 18th Street Brandon
<https://knoxunitedbrandon.ca/>

Indigenous communities in Northern Manitoba played a vital and complex role in the development of the fur trade and of the British empire. While the negative impacts of this colonial story are often emphasized, this presentation will explore the contributions of the Island Lake people to the global story of the Hudson's Bay Company.

Trinity United Church Choir presents SHROVE TUESDAY 2026



Sausage, fruit & Pancake Supper

Tuesday, February 17th
 1515 ~ 6th St.
 5:00 ~ 6:30 PM



Gluten free available
 Fair Trade Coffee & Tea

Musical Entertainment

Free Will Offerings

Profits donated to Samaritan House of Brandon

Thanks to **Keith Privat**, once again, for coming to help us. Anyone willing to help with the evening, please contact **Linda Friesen** or myself, **Darlyne**
Thank you!



Open Door Project



Long Term Care (LTC) facilities are the last residence for many of us, as we near end of life. It is a choice of last resort for most of us, but we are grateful this option is available for us and our families.

For many individuals in the 2S and LGBTQIA+ community, LTC presents barriers to their well-being beyond the experiences of most individuals. 2S and LGBTQIA+ individuals may face discrimination, neglect, and hostility for being themselves. Transgendered individuals may feel pressured to de-transition in facilities that were not designed to care for them. Isolation and advocacy barriers may be more pronounced for the 2S and LGBTQIA+ community, as many do not have family and support networks available to cisgendered adults.

Supported by the Canadian Abilities Foundation, The Open Door Project's work includes:

- Training LTC Staff on Culturally Competent Care
- Facilitating Inclusive Advance Care Planning (ACP) and Legacy Workshops
- Fostering Peer Connection & Community Engagement
- Embedding End-of-Life Doula Support in LTC
- Advocating for Systemic Change

For more information, please visit The Open Door Project (<https://ddnint.com/guest-blog/f/no-place-like-home-ensuring-affirming-care-for-lgbtqia-elders>).

Submitted by Denise Weir



A RED PLAID SHIRT
BY MICHAEL G. WILMOT



There is something funny about retirement!

A Dinner Theatre Comedy
Ukrainian Reading Assoc. Hall
5:30 pm **Feb. 11-14, 2026**

Marty- Eric Gaudet Deb- Mary Wardle
Fred- George Baker Gladys- Pat Vera
Director- Lynn Andrews Producer- Synthia Wright

Join us for a delicious roast beef dinner and loads of laughs !

Tickets \$60.00 www.ticketowl.io/assiniboinetheatrecompany



Assiniboine Theatre Company

Follow us on  

Trinity's own, Mary Wardle, is starring in this production!



Both the small book, and the accompanist books of 'Then Let Us Sing!' are now available from the United Church Bookstore.

Eden has a list of those who had shown interest previously, however if anyone else has a desire to order this book, please contact her. She can also confirm if you had your name down to get one, and if you had paid. The small book is \$30.00 .

Please have your order to Eden by January 31st. Eden can prepare the order to UCBookstore and send the order the week of February 2nd. As the choir is ordering more books for the congregation, there will not be any delivery charge. Thank you!

How do you make Holy Water?

Get regular water and boil the devil out of it.



2025 was a year of ups and downs - for many people - for many reasons. It was also a year of Gratitude - for our many blessings and for the many ways we shared those blessings. For 2026 news, I thought we could share a prayer (from the UCC website)

"Loving and generous God, you are the font of every blessing, the source of all we have. Your breath gives us life, your love gives us courage and strength, healing and compassion. You care for us like a loving parent and feed our spirits, our minds and our bodies.

We thank you for your abundance given to all.

But God, forgive us for wanting more, even when we have more than we need. Create in us new hearts to love our neighbours as much as we love ourselves. Help us to know that our Abundance is for others' needs. Great Teacher, write your law on our hearts.

God's abundance is enough for all if we share." (based on John 21:15-18)

Submitted by Faye McLoughlin



**Please Note!!
The Blanket Exercise,
to be held at Forrest United Church,
has been rescheduled until Saturday, February 28th.**

We will be asking participants to register with Karen Wilcox-Phillips • kwp.4est@gmail.com and to bring something to share for lunch following this experience. Watch for updated info.



Our choir welcomes anyone who likes to sing!! Davis Placatka as our leader, and Holly Walker as our pianist make the two hours of learning and practising so much fun on Thursday night! Come on out!! Thursday eve from 7 -9, and Sunday morning at 9:15.



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.



To receive weekly information to your email, or to read what is happening in the United Church:

<https://united-church.ca/e-newsletters>

Trinity's P2P Rep ~ Faye Wilcox

From P2P Weekly News

NEW: Temporary Stewardship Support Contact

While Vicki Nelson, Community of Faith Stewardship Support staff for Western Canada, is away on medical leave, Brenna Baker, a stewardship colleague, will be available for questions or inquiries. Brenna can be reached at bbaker@united-church.ca.

Regional Council Meeting: The 2026 Prairie to Pine Regional Council Meeting will take place from May 28 to 31, 2026, at Selkirk United Church. The planning team has started preparing for this in-person meeting. The registration fee has been set at \$200. Stay tuned for more details

NEW: "Then Let Us Sing" music resource: Those seeking information about the newest music resource for the United Church of Canada, "Then Let Us Sing!" or to order it, please check the website: <https://thenletussing.ca/>

Search Committee Training: A reminder that training is required for those who have been appointed or are interested in being appointed to the Committee searching for new Ministry Personnel on the Pastoral Charge, experiencing a change in leadership. This training is for the second phase of the Pastoral Relations process, the first being for the team that develops the Community of Faith Profile next offering of training for Search Committees will be Saturday, February 07, 2026, from 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. To express interest in this training, please email Cherry Abad (cabad@united-church.ca) no later than February 3rd, 2026, to receive the preparatory reading list for this training. The next such training would likely not be scheduled until late March or early April, depending on the number of places needing the training at that time. A training for phase one of the pastoral relations process: Community of Faith Profile development, will be held in late February or early March. Watch the Weekly News for these dates.



Hymn History ~ What a Friend We Have in Jesus

This hymn was written by Joseph Scriven (1819-1886) to comfort his ailing mother in Ireland. Joseph had two major catastrophes in his life. The first was when his fiancée died by drowning the night before their wedding.

This led to Joseph emigrating from Ireland to Woodstock, Canada West (now Ontario) in 1844. In Canada he met his second fiancée who unfortunately died from Pneumonia a few weeks before their wedding.

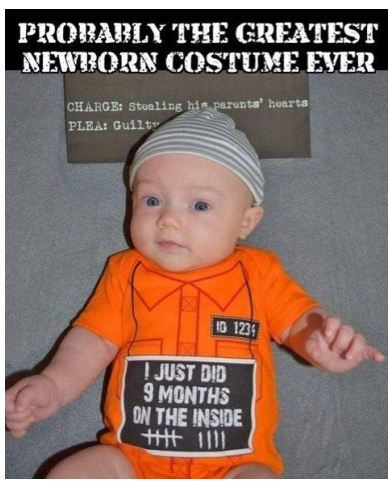
Scriven had a strong faith in God and felt that Jesus was a comforting friend. He never did marry, but spent his life in Canada serving and helping the poor.

In time his mother in Ireland became ill, and Mr Scriven thought to comfort his mother with the same comfort he had received from Jesus - so he wrote

'What a Friend We Have in Jesus' as a private and personal letter.

After Scriven's death, this letter was discovered by composer Charles Crozat Converse, and ended up in Ira Stanley's gospel hymn collection. It was at this time that Joseph Scriven was credited for this beloved hymn that has comforted many people.

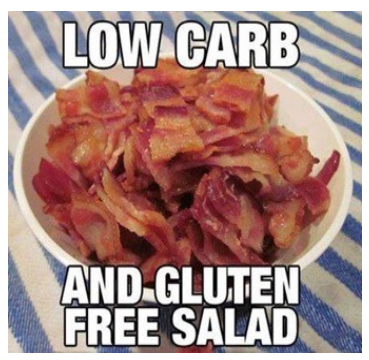
Submitted by Judy Diswinka



I was visiting my DAUGHTER last night when I asked if I could borrow a newspaper.

"This is the 21st century" she said. "We don't waste money on newspapers. Here, use my iPad."

I can tell you this... that fly never knew what hit him...



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

Live with no regrets,
 Treat people the way
 you want to be treated,
 Work like you
 don't need the money,
 Love like you have
 never been hurt,
 Dance like you do when
 nobody is watching

January 2026 Birthdays

2nd Marv Pidhorny
 18th Doug Neufeld

February 2026 Birthdays

1st Marion Speers
 18th Lois Riley

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.

Thank You to folks who sign up to help!

January 18th
 Dallas Green, Helen Hicks, Pat Bowslaugh, Joanne McMillan

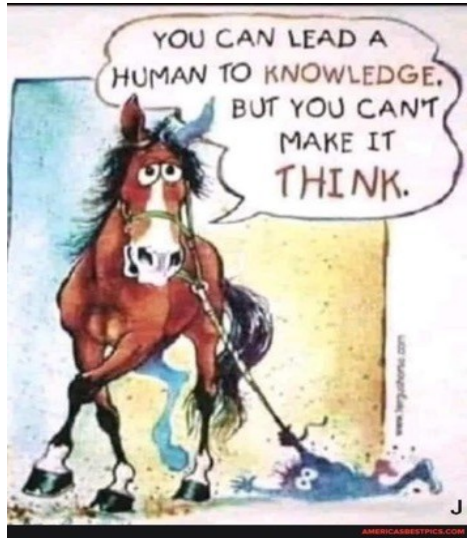
January 25th
 Gloria Hill, Gail Thickett

February 1st
 Frances McKague, Myrna Lane, Darlynne Smith

February 8th
 Marlane Wilson, Kay Gussie, Norie Rathwell

February 15th
 Sr. Sunday School

Myrna Lane
 204 763-4429
 myrnal@mynetset.ca



To have a card sent to cheer someone ..
 Please contact Marlane Wilson, .
 204 729-8574 malane.w@yahoo.com

Sending our thoughts & Prayers:
 Irene Smith on 200 general
 Sheila McCausland in hospital
 Thinking of all of you!

Karen Kempe and 12 of
 Trinity's Sunday school.
 Karen shared a meaningful
 service. We will see her
 again on Feb. 1st!



Trinity UC/Forrest UC

We pray for a new minister to come to lead our churches.
 May the team who are doing the work be led and directed by the Holy Spirit in their work.
 Team Trinity & Forrest:

Our Friends in Personal Care and Senior Homes

- Fairview PCH:** Judy Diswinka, Louise Hume, Eunice Lindenberg
- Dinsdale PCH:** Sheila McCausland
- Hillcrest PCH:** Don Jessiman
- Rideau PCH:** Eric Neufeld
- Valleyview PCH:** Frank Skuce
- Wawanesa PCH:** Elsie Franklin
- Riverheights Terrace:** PHEME Andrew, Jean Cory, Ralph & Carolyn Heard, Shirley Mabon, Dave McClelland, Harvey & Irene Smith
- Rotary Villas:** Myrna Barkley, Winnie Black, Betty McFarland, Florence Wotton
- Victoria Landing:** Elizabeth Cass, Myrna Hall, Al & Helen Lauder, Pat Rathwell, Wilma Seafoot

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!



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