



# Trinitopics & Church Announcements

## # 3 ~ Friday, February 6th, 2026



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### Upcoming Worship Services:



- Feb. 8: Rev. Laird Russell Yearwood
- Feb. 15: Faye McLoughlin
- Feb. 22: Randolph Smyth
- March 1: Randolph Smyth

### 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:

Trinity has full pulpit supply coverage until the end of June 2026. Please see the charts on bulletin board at entrance to church. Thank you to all of those individuals who have stepped forward to lead a worship service as we search for a new minister. We are blessed and I know the Trinity family will support them in their work for all of us.

### Fundraiser News:

#### January 2026 Gift Card Fundraiser:

Twenty-four households participated in the January gift card fundraiser with a total of \$11,445.00 worth of orders. As a result, Trinity earned \$360.81 from the sale. Thank you to all participants who supported this fundraiser. Our next fundraiser will take place in March.



## **Black History Month**

Black History Month is a monthlong celebration of African American history and achievement, observed annually in February in the United States. It was first celebrated in 1976 and was developed by historian Carter G. Woodson and a group of scholars. The month honors the contributions of African Americans to society and is marked by various events and activities across the country.

In Canada, Black History Month is also observed in February, with events and celebrations that honor the legacy and contributions of Black Canadians. The 2026 theme for Black History Month is "30 Years of Black History Month: Honouring Black Brilliance Across Generations – From Nation Builders to Tomorrow's Visionaries."

The celebration of Black History Month is a way to recognize the achievements of African Americans and to promote understanding and appreciation of their contributions to society. It is a time to reflect on the past while looking forward to the future, fostering intergenerational dialogue and community pride.

Trinity AGM  
 Sunday, March 8th, 2025      Following Worship

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Trinity Worship 10am  COP Worship 5pm	2	3 UCW Meeting 1:15pm  Prairie Group 8 pm	4  FLK Tai Chi 7pm—8:30pm	5  FLK Tai Chi 1:30pm—3pm  Choir Practice 7pm	6  COP Prayers 7pm Prairie Group 8 pm	7
8 Trinity Worship 10am  COP Worship 5pm	9	10 Eunice Lindenberg funeral 1 pm  Board Meeting 7pm Prairie Group 8 pm	11  Trinity Community Adventures 1:30pm FLK Tai Chi 7pm—8:30pm	12  FLK Tai Chi 1:30pm—3pm  Choir Practice 7pm	13 Westman School Clinicians Assoc. Meeting 8am - 4pm  COP Prayers 7pm Prairie Group 8 pm	14 Order of the Eastern Star 1pm - 5pm
15 Trinity Worship 10am  COP Worship 5pm	16 Lois Riel Day Office Closed	17  Shrove Tuesday Supper 5:00pm Prairie Group 8 pm	18  FLK Tai Chi 7pm—8:30pm	19  FLK Tai Chi 1:30pm—3pm  Choir Practice 7pm	20  COP Prayers 7pm Prairie Group 8 pm	21
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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 February 27th 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 ... **"A Valentine to Remember"**

or anything to do with Valentines or February being Heart month

or of course, any topic you wish.

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.



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.

**UCW February Birthdays**  
 5th ..Carolyn Heard 90  
 25th Bea Allen

UCW Ladies  
 With hands that serve and hearts that care,  
 We spread God's love everywhere.  
 Strong in faith, in kindness free,  
 We shine with grace and unity.



Carolyn, two days before her 90th!



The February UCW meeting ended with a celebration for Carolyn Heard on her 90th birthday. An added surprise was the banner that Viv Privat had made and she brought it to share on this special birthday and others to follow.  
 Thanks Viv and Happy 90th Carolyn!  
 Thanks, also, to Nancy for taking the picture!



UCW: Powered by prayer, coffee, and just a pinch of holy mischief.  
 We don't just serve tea — we serve wisdom, laughter, and the occasional slice of cake.  
 UCW ladies: Turning casseroles and kindness into a force of nature since forever.

# Trinity UCW St. PATRICK'S DAY LUNCHEON

SUNDAY, MARCH 15TH

FOLLOWING WORSHIP

Tickets: \$15

## Menu:



**Beef Irish Stew**  
**Home made buns**  
**"Green" desserts**  
**Coffee & tea**  
**Gluten-free options available**

## 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

Fred- George Baker

Director- Lynn Andrews

Deb- Mary Wardle

Gladys- Pat Vera

Producer- Synthia Wright

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

Tickets \$60.00 [www.ticketowl.io/assiniboine-theatre-company](http://www.ticketowl.io/assiniboine-theatre-company)



Assiniboine  
Theatre  
Company

Follow us on



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



### Brandon Bear Clan

Trinity Outreach is collecting donations of warm socks, hats, mitts, clothing, blankets etc. for the Bear Clan Patrol to distribute where needed.

There is always a need for hot chocolate mix and disposable hot beverage cups.

There is a donation box at the north door in the narthex (under the coat rack).  
Thank you for your generosity.

*Submitted by Faye McLoughlin*

The lovely banners on the next page were gifted to Trinity by Victoria United Church in Melita, MB. Unfortunately, this is another church which will be closing this spring. Thanks to Faye McLoughlin for her help in getting these.

The pictures do not do them Justice!

Thanks to Pat Bowslough for holding them while I took these photos!





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**LOST  
AND  
HOPE  
TO  
FIND**



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**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!!!**

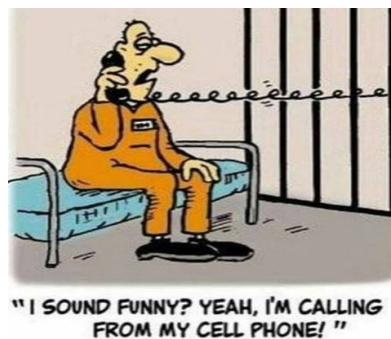
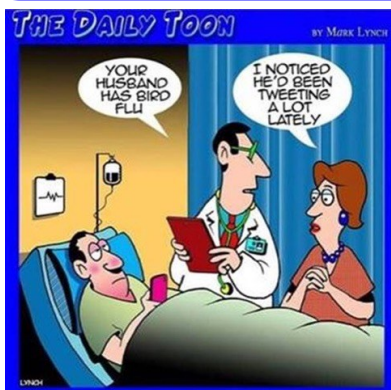
**Darlynne 204-724-2923 darlynnegbsmith@gmail.com**

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



# Trinity Community Adventures



Trinity United Church ~ 1515-6th St  
 Wednesday, February 11th  
 1:30 pm ~ Trinity Lower Level



**Presents: Dr. Mousumi and some of her students**

**Mousumi Majumder, Ph.D.**

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

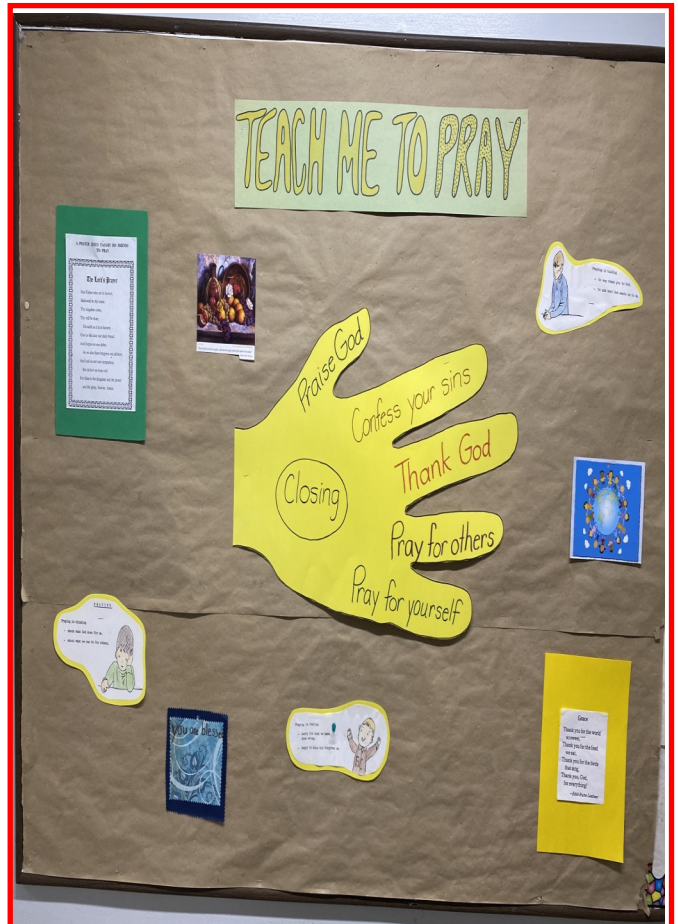


**Dr. Mousumi Majumder, Ph.D.**  
**Canada Research Chair Tier II in Genotoxicology**  
**Professor, Department of Biology**  
**Breast Cancer Cell & Molecular Research Lab**  
**BRANDON UNIVERSITY**  
**Research Area (Google Scholar)**  
 MicroRNA Tumor Biology, Angiogenesis and Lymphangiogenesis  
 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, Darlynnne, Heather, Harvey, Pat



Another Sheila McCausland /Lois Riley effort!!

## Pastoral Care Ministry



*Unconditional Love in Action*

A responsibility of the **Pastoral Care & Fellowship Committee** is to phone/visit shut-ins in homes/hospitals in cooperation with the Minister and with help from other members of the Congregation.

Our committee appreciates the efforts of those people who have made the effort to stay in touch with others who may have been unable to attend.

Are there any members of the congregation that would be interested in helping our committee to expand our phoning and visiting on behalf of Trinity? If you are interested please contact me in person, or by phone or email by Sunday, February 22, 2026.

Dallas Green,

on behalf of Pastoral Care & Fellowship Committee

Phone: 204 728 0428

Email: dalgreen@mymts.net

## 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, **Darlynnne**

*Thank you!*



## From Equity & Diversity



The unrest we read about and witness in newspapers, news programs, and social media have become unsettling for many of us. We feel exhaustion from the worry, the unfairness of the powerful beating down those who struggle. We see injustice for the poor, minorities, people of differing religions, the 2SLGBTQIA+ community, human and women's rights. So much of the unrest appears to be caused by greed and egocentric behaviour of powerful people in various places throughout our world. These injustices go against everything we stand for as a church community and a nation. Let us not fall into complacency and search for courage to speak up for those whose values, identities, lives and livelihoods are being threatened.

What do we do to relieve the impact of these injustices? Peacefully protest in small ways like simply addressing these injustices in our communities/circles and the impact they have on all of our human rights and values. Check facts on social media posts and do not share untruths or passively believe what you read on those platforms. Be the voice of truth and reason in these unreasonable times. Jesus fed, healed, felt empathy and compassion, and extended care to those who were marginalized. He did not judge based on religion, social position, race, sex, or (dis)ability. Pray for our world, its leaders, and all people. Be a light of kindness to everyone to show that you care for and value each other and follow the example shown by Jesus, our saviour.

*Submitted by Elaine Madill*



Join us at Knox for our annual  
**SHROVE Tuesday**  
**Pancake Supper**  
February 17, 5 to 6:30 PM

Adults \$10.00---12 and under \$5.00---Preschoolers are free

Gluten free options available.

## DECOLONIZING SEXUALITY & GENDER IDENTITY

THE AMAZING  
**RACE**  
CANADA

Season 7 Winner  
**Dr. James Makokis**

Sat., May 23<sup>rd</sup> 1:00pm to 3:30pm  
@ Knox United Church Brandon - 451 18th St.

### Dr. James Makokis

is a Two-Spirit Indigenous physician on a mission to raise awareness and create equal access for Indigenous 2SLGBTQIA+ communities.



All ages event.

Free admission.

Donations welcome.

Stay to mingle and share refreshments with presenters and attendees. Volunteers will be available to support any attendees wanting to explore the topic further.



Scan for more info

For more info contact Knox United Church in Brandon, MB  
@ 204 727 6975 or admin@knoxunitedbrandon.ca



Additionally sponsored by the Manitoba Government, United Church of Canada, and private donations



The United Church of Canada continues to reaffirm its commitments to equity and anti-oppression where all are welcome at the table and are honoured and created in God's image.

We are called to hospitality, justice and hope for all people. The United Church of Canada needs inspired, resilient and diverse communities of disciples who seek to continue the story of Jesus by embodying Christ's presence in the world. The church is present and deeply connected coast to coast to coast in rural and urban settings, and in ecumenical and global relationships. Each person is to ask themselves and prayerfully consider: where do I place myself in this vision of equality for all - where everyone is invited to the table?.

*Submitted by Faye McLoughlin*

## Forrest United Church News

Forrest UC Pancake Supper – Tuesday, February 17th at 5 pm to 7 pm.  
Pancakes, sausages, toppings, coffee/tea/juice. GF available.  
Adults \$10 Kids under 10 \$5. Everyone welcome!!

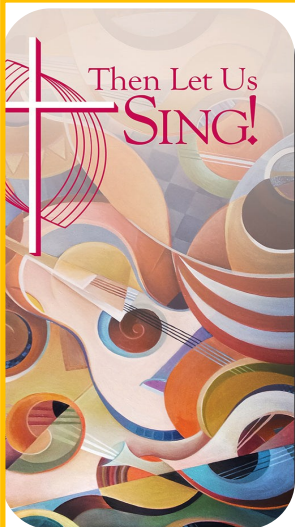
Saturday, February 28, 2026 Forrest United will host an educational session with a Blanket Exercise starting at 9:30AM. There is a minimum number of 15 participants required for this event. We are hopeful, that people who have experienced it before will come out again to allow people attending for the first time to have a great experience with the Blanket Exercise.

Lunch will be provided, and there is no charge.

Please contact Karen Wilcox-Phillips to let her know you will be attending (bring a friend): [kwp.4est@gmail.com](mailto:kwp.4est@gmail.com)



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. Welcome to new member **Myrna Lane!** She sang in the Shilo choir a few years ago.



The books are in. The 25 that the choir has ordered are going to be taken to Ventures to have the binding on them, as we did with the last order. If anyone, who ordered a personal copy, would like theirs done please let Eden or Darlyne know. I will be taking them next week, likely Monday, Feb. 9th. The cost is \$2.50 plus tax.

We flatter those we scarcely know  
And please our fleeting guest  
But render many a heartless blow  
to those we love the best!

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](mailto: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

As we commemorate **Black History month** we are grateful for **all Ministry Personnel and lay leaders of black heritage**, past and present, who share their gifts and skills within our Regional Council. We remember in prayers those currently serving in pastoral relationships:

Luckson Mariba (Grand Plains Pastoral Charge);

Emmanuel Menyereye (Killarney and Ninette);

Simba Mazhara, United in Spirit Collaborative Ministry in Steinbach and Niverville;

Elijah Mwandila, Collaborative Ministry in MacGregor United Church and Trinity United Church (Portage La Prairie); and

Oluwajimi Dairo, Kindred Spirits Collaborative Ministry, Winnipeg (John Black Memorial and Immanuel United Church).



### *Hymn History ~ His Eye is On the Sparrow*

This hymn of praise and comfort was written by Civilla D Martin (1866-1948), born in Nova Scotia. The hymn was written in 1905, inspired by a lady, Mrs. Doolittle. She was bedridden for nearly 20 years however her unwavering faith in God explained her up-beat attitude by the phrase "His Eye is on the sparrow and I know He watches me."

Civilla thought about the Bible verses Matthew 10:29-31, where Jesus speaks about God's awareness of when a single sparrow falls, saying "for only a penny you can buy two sparrows, yet not one sparrow falls without your Father's consent. And in verse 31 " so do not be afraid, you are worth much more than many sparrows". These are the verses that comforted Mrs. Doolittle, and because Civilla's hymn, they can comfort us, too.

Credit also goes to the music composer Charles H Gabriel (1856-1932) for his beautiful music. I particularly like the up-beat tempo when he speaks of singing while happy and free and then returning to the reason why he rejoices - because he knows God's eye is on the sparrow, and he knows God watches and protects him, too.

Civilla Martin also wrote one of my favourite hymns : "God Will Take Care of You".

*Submitted by Judy Diswinka*

Irish Craic and Humour

**I don't like to think  
before I speak...**

**I like to be just as  
surprised as everyone else  
about what I say.**

[irishcraicandhumour.com](http://irishcraicandhumour.com)

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.

# TEACH ME TO

# PRAY

## 2 THANK GOD

Expressing your gratitude to God for all the blessings.

## 1 PRAISE GOD

To glorify, adore and honor the one who is worthy of all praises!

## 3 CONFESS YOUR SINS

Saying sorry and asking for forgiveness for our sins.



## 4 PRAY FOR OTHERS

Pray for your family, friends, people you know, poor and sick.

## 5 PRAY FOR ME

Pray for your daily needs.

*\*Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. 1 Thessalonians 5:16*

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



January 29th Marion Speers

February 2026 Birthdays

18th Lois Riley

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 is perfect therefore we have a variety from week to week.

Thank You to folks who sign up to help!

February 8th  
Marlane Wilson, Kay Gussie,  
Norie Rathwell

February 15th  
Sr. Sunday School

February 22nd  
Faye Wilcox, Myrna Lennon,  
Frances McKague.

March 1st  
Faye McLoughlin, Marion Speers



A new look to celebrate the February birthdays.  
Nice change up, Myrna!



Myrna Lane  
204 763-4429  
myrnal@mynetset.ca



**Karen & the Kids**

**Fill Your Bucket**

**Sending our thoughts & Prayers:**

**Irene Smith** on 200 Assiniboine  
**Shirley Kernaghan** in Assiniboine  
**Donalda Warren** in Boissevain Hospital  
 Thinking of all of you!

Our thoughts and prayers to the family of Eunice Lindenberg who passed on January 29th. Her celebration of life will be at Trinity United Church on Tuesday, February 10th at 1 pm. There will be a choir and anyone available please meet in the narthex by 12:30ish. Luncheon to follow the service.



**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**

- Boissevain** Donelda Warren
- Fairview PCH:** Judy Diswinka, Louise Hume,
- 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, Marge Wilson

**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'