



Trinitopics & Church Announcements

5~ Friday, March 6th, 2026



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Upcoming Worship Services:



- March 8: Rev. Laird Russell-Yearwood
- March 15: Karen Kempe
- March 22: Robert Brown
- March 29: Palm Sunday - Trinity Choir Cantata
- April 3: Good Friday Service at Knox UC (Details to be confirmed)
- April 5: Easter Sunday - Faye McLoughlin

Scripture Readers Needed for Sunday Services:

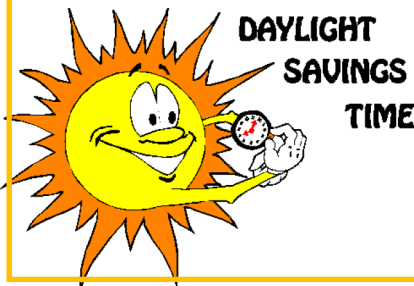
If you are interested in helping with this part of our worship service, please check the purple binder at the back of the sanctuary. Sign up for the Sunday(s) that would work for you. Responsibilities are outlined in the binder. *Thank you, Alan Silvius*

March 2026 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 26th 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).



Welcome to **Forrest United** as they will be gathering with Trinity on Sunday, March 29th for worship. Their choir members will also be joining the Trinity Choir as the Cantata will be presented.






The longer evenings will begin this Sunday!! Remember to reset your clocks on Saturday before bedtime, **one hour ahead.** Don't we just love the ones that advance themselves?? Yes, me, too!!

Trinity AGM

Sunday, March 8th, 2025

Following Worship

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Trinity Worship 10am COP Worship 5pm	2 Women in Harmony Sanctuary 7 pm	3 UCW Meeting 1:15pm	4 FLK Tai Chi 7pm—8:30pm	5 FLK Tai Chi 1:30pm—3pm Choir Practice 7pm	6  COP Prayers 7pm	7
8 Trinity Worship 10am & Annual General Meeting COP Worship 5pm	9 Women in Harmony Sanctuary 7 pm Order of the Eastern Star 5pm—11 pm	10 Board Meeting 7pm	11 TCA 'Field Trip' 1:30pm FLK Tai Chi 7pm—8:30pm	12 FLK Tai Chi 1:30pm—3pm Choir Practice 7pm	13 COP Prayers 7pm	14 UCW Food Prep
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29 Trinity Worship 10am	30 Women in Harmony Sanctuary 7 pm	31 Doreen Stapleton Choir 2pm—4pm				

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 March 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 to be determined or any topic you wish.

For more information, call Edie at (204) 729 9301



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, April 7th, 2026
 Meeting at 1:15
 All are welcome!!



Calling All Women

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.

Happy  **March UCW Birthdays**

27th
Frances McKague

28th
Winnie Black

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.

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

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



UCW on March 3rd, 2026.
 Following the meeting, we
 watched the World Day of
 Prayer 2026 service which was
 written from the country of
 Nigeria.
 If anyone would like to watch
 it on you tube, this is the link.
<https://youtu.be/rJ4seNnOH-A>





What gives you confidence ?



For Tammy Lumax , a visually impaired person, it is Varsity, a seeing eye dog. Varsity has given Tammy confidence to be out and about.

Tammy said trusting Varsity to guide her across busy intersections and in the Shoppers Mall, took patience on her part. Varsity has to take in all the elements before leading Tammy forward safely. Tammy wanted to go quickly but Varsity waited until the conditions were acceptable. Now, with trust, Tammy allows Varsity to take in all the factors before going ahead. Varsity also leads Tammy around snow banks, and goes very slowly or even stops on icy sidewalks to allow Tammy to reach her destination. When Tammy’s mother wants to go one way around an obstacle and Varsity the other, Tammy - if holding her mother, Bev’s, hand- lets go of her mother’s hand and follows Varsity. Tammy and Varsity, a story of confidence, patience and trust.

With confidence, we can all move forward !

Thank you for your continued support of Equity and Diversity!

- Trinity United Church Equity & Diversity Committee

Submitted by Donald Livesley



Trinity has been asked for donations of 10 homemade pies for P.I.E. Day, March 14, 2026.

We have 4 pies donated and are looking for another 6 pies.

The pies will be used for dessert and some kept for a pie auction that day.

Please have the pies at Knox UC by 11 am on March 14.

We also are looking for one volunteer to help with set up on March 14th at 9:30 am and two volunteers to help clean up.

Equity and Diversity is a small committee of 3 people. Your ongoing support is much appreciated.

**Please contact Denise Weir, Convenor, Equity & Diversity Commit
d46@mymts.net to sign up with your donation. Thank you!**

Please see poster on next page.



We are planning a 'field trip' for March.

We will journey to 353 - 16 Street NORTH and will be introduced to the brand new **Transitional Housing site.**



Ross Robinson of the John Howard Society will be our host.



Wednesday, March 11 at 1:30pm

at **John Howard**

Transitional Housing site

353-16th St. North.

18th & McGregor Ave. (by KIA)

~ east to 16th St North.

Please sign up so we know amounts of beverage & treats.

There is seating for up to forty, so please sign up asap.



Hymn History ~ I Need Thee Every Hour

This hymn was written by a New York native, prolific poet, Annie S. Hawks (1835-1918). following a time when she particularly felt God's presence as she was doing her chores and caring for her three children. Annie did not realize how profound her lyrics were until after her husband died and she herself was comforted by them.

To me this hymn speaks of our dependency and longing for God.

This is a gentle and majestic hymn with a repetitive refrain that speaks of our desire for God's closeness.

I Need Thee Every Hour stands out amongst 19th century hymns for its focus on personal devotion rather than theological abstraction. Its repeated refrain and first person perspective create a sense of ongoing reliance of God's presence making it a staple in Christian Worship and devotional life. The hymn continues to inspire believers, reminding them of the constancy of God's presence in both ordinary and challenging moments.

Though Annie composed over 400 hymn texts, "I Need Thee Every Hour" is the only hymn of hers that is still sung today.

The composer of the music was her pastor Robert Lowry, who added the refrain to the lyrics. Robert Lowry also composed the hymn, Shall We Gather at the River, and the beautiful hymn How Can I Keep From Singing?

Submitted by Judy Diswinka

Jointly hosted by Assiniboine Affirm Cluster

NATIONAL AFFIRMING PIE DAY 2026 CRAFTING COMMUNITY

March 14th @ 1 pm

Knox United
451 - 18th St, use
17th Street entrance

more pie please!
Public International Exhibit

**Special Guest Artist
Rev. David Cathcart**
"Embracing the Wonky Line
and Following Happy Accidents:
What Art Taught Me About
Creating Community"



Rev. David served as the first openly gay minister of Knox United Brandon from 2007 to 2012 and was active in Brandon Pride and the arts community

- Information tables
- Real pies to eat after art talk + pie auction
- No registration required for afternoon - open to all!

Line + Wash Watercolour Workshop
Combine ink and watercolour to create unique works of art
All materials provided
Cost: \$25
(some scholarships available)

10:45am - 12pm
Limited to 20 participants
Register by March 4
register using QR code
or call Knox office
@ 204 727 6975

pieday.ca



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



Taken from Randolph's service on February 22:

Being a part of this congregation gives you many opportunities to be a blessing to others in our home community.. We have the opportunity to be a blessing to people we may never meet through the Mission and Service of the United Church. a blessing that in some cases actually saves lives.

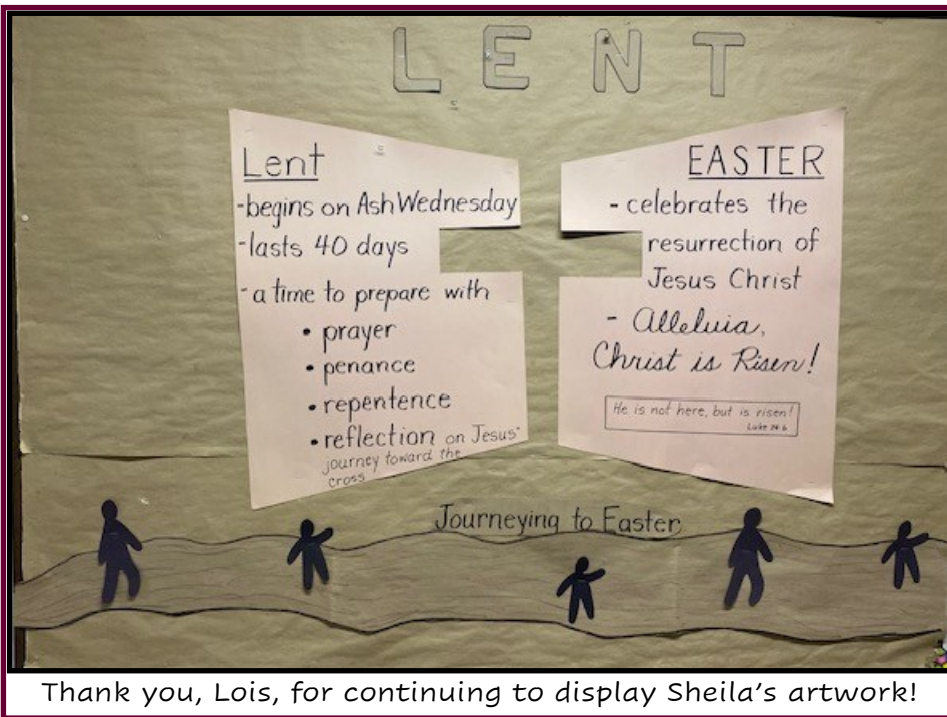
Canada Facts: There are:

- 63 community ministries serving God's people in areas such as housing, food security, employment training, mental health treatments, advocacy and pastoral care.
- 33 chaplaincies in universities, hospitals and communities.
- Grants for Embracing the Spirit, The Healing Fund, Justice and Reconciliation and Vision Fund projects.
- 20 ecumenical and social movement organizations
- 7 theological schools and 3 education centres serving God's people by providing theological education, continuing education, and training for vocation of ministry and for lay leaders
- 83 pastoral charges serving God's people through worship, pastoral care and mission

When you give to Mission and Service you are also a blessing to thousands (likely millions of people around the world directly and through 92 global partners in 21 countries which does change lives and saves lives.

Randolph gave us the task for a Lenten practice: to use what we have been given, to be a blessing for someone else. Do this without reward or notice - be an unaware blessing to another person.

Submitted by Faye McLoughlin



Thank you, Lois, for continuing to display Sheila's artwork!



The Trinity wagon collection for March is for Samaritan House. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

Just bought a log cabin from Ikea



Forrest UC

would like to thank Trinity UC for ordering the new 'Then Let Us Sing' hymn books on our behalf. We are especially grateful to Darlynn for taking them to Ventures to have coil binding placed on them. Thanks so very much!!



What kind of bow is a leprechaun unable to tie?

A Rain-Bow!

What does it mean if you stumble upon a horse-shoe on St. Patrick's Day?

It means that somewhere there's a poor horse hobbling along with only 3 shoes!



Bear Clan Blessing Bank

During the 40 days of Lent we invite you to count your blessings and ask that you would help to fill up the Blessing Bank with your generous contributions for the Bear Clan
Thank you

Submitted by Faye McLoughlin



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Trinity Easter Services at Care & Senior Homes

- March 24th Hillcrest PCH 2 pm
- March 30th not confirmed as yet
- March 31st Riverheights Terrace 11 am
- April 1st Valleyview PCH 2 pm
- April 2nd Fairview PCH 2 pm

New

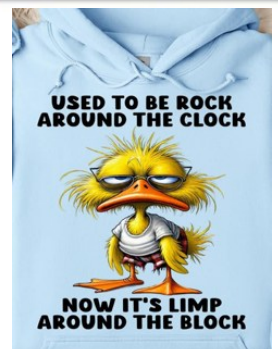
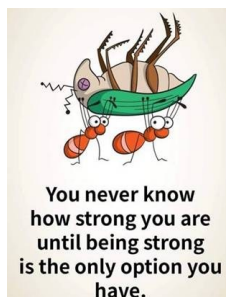
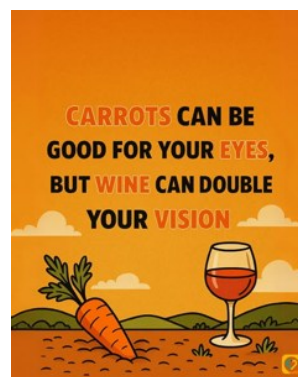
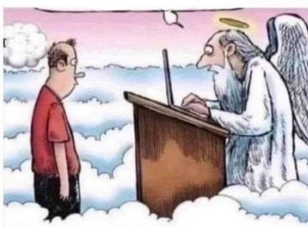


Choir Members
Welcome!

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.



**You Almost Made It
Except For The Language
When Working On Your Truck.**





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

- **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.
- Our thoughts and prayers are with **Reverend Chewe Mulenga** and those in the communities of faith in this time as he transitions from his pastoral relationship with **Rock Lake Pastoral Charge** after his final service this Sunday, February 22, 2026, at 2:00 p.m. He begins a new pastoral relationship with **Minnedosa United Church** on March 01, 2026.
- We welcome **Sarah Giles** as the new **Stewardship Support staff person** within Prairie to Pine, Living Skies and Northern Spirit Regional Councils while Vicky Nelson is on leave. For more information on Sarah and the ways she can provide assistance and support to Communities of Faith, please contact her at sgiles@united-church.ca.

Worship Resources

See United Church [Worship Resources](#) for upcoming Sundays and special celebrations. The World Council of Churches Ecumenical Prayer Cycle is also available through this [link](#)

* [Click here to access Prairie to Pine's 2026 Prayer Cycle](#)

- ♦ **April 19. Final worship service at Victoria United Church at 3:00 p.m.**, 103 Souris St. in Melita, MB. The Rev. Chris Fickling will be preaching. Catered meal to follow the service (no cost). Please RSVP to dmtoffice@wcgwave.ca if you plan to attend the meal. The Community of Faith will be disbanded once they complete the necessary work.
- ♦ Our thoughts and prayers are with some of our **Tri-Region staff: Shannon McCarthy**, Executive Minister, as she returns from three months of sabbatical; **Julie Graham**, the Regional Minister for Justice and Communication and **Chantal Winslow**, Executive Assistant to the Executive Minister, as they begin their graduated returns from medical absences. WELCOME BACK!

Staff Updates: **Julie Graham**, Justice and Communications Minister, has ended her medical leave and started back to work on March 2, beginning at quarter time. Julie thanks everyone deeply for their support and understanding over the five months she had to be off, and has missed you all. Please be patient during this time of transition back to her busy portfolio.

Trinity's Community Adventures note:

Our team had planned to have a Manitoba Public Insurance presentation on driving and road safety. Unfortunately they were not available for our meeting date on April 8th but will be in Brandon at Seniors for Seniors on April 15.

If this is a topic of interest to you please call Seniors for Seniors 204- 571-2050 to register.

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.

What would you call a big Irish spider?

Paddy-Long-Legs!

How did the Leprechaun get big muscles?

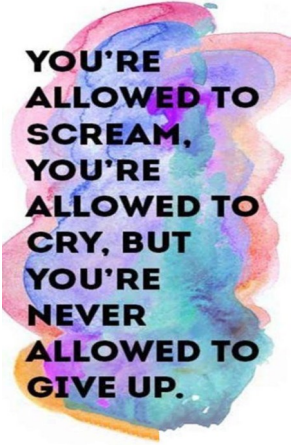
He kept pushing his luck!

At what point is an Irish Potato no longer an Irish Potato? ***When it's a French-Fry...***

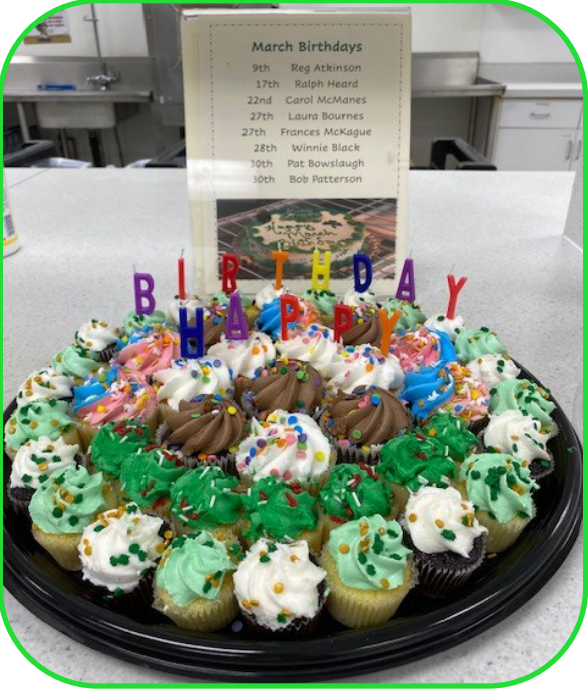


9th	Reg Atkinson
17th	Ralph Heard
22nd	Carol McManes
27th	Laura Bournes
27th	Frances McKague
28th	Winnie Black
30th	Pat Bowslaugh
30th	Bob Patterson

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



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.
 Darlymne



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!

March 8th
 Faye McLoughlin, Marion Speers

March 15th
 UCW Luncheon

March 22nd
 Helen & Barrie Cochrane, Mary Wardle

March 29th
 June Pedlow, Marg Cullen



Myrna Lane
 204 763-4429
 myrnal@myrnetset.ca



Randolph Smyth ended Children's Time on March 1st with a prayer
 Thanks to Randolph for two weeks of services, much enjoyed!
 Certainly shared different thoughts on Lent.

Sending our thoughts & Prayers:

Trevor McLoughlin ~ Has been in hospital for almost two weeks. Now out of Intensive Care.

Donna Smalley ~ in Brandon Hospital

Edna Stewart ~ had a stroke this week.

Thinking of all of you with our love & best wishes!



Thinking of the family of **Claire Cox** on his passing this week..
 Sending our prayers.



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
- Dinsdale PCH:** Sheila McCausland, Donalda Warren
- Hillcrest PCH:** Don Jessiman
- Rideau PCH:** Eric Neufeld
- Valleyview PCH:** Frank Skuce
- Deloraine PCH:** Shirley Kernaghan
- 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

Pastoral Care Ministry



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!

Don't forget to....



Spring Forward!



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