



Trinitopics & Church Announcements

6 ~ Friday, March 20th, 2026



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Upcoming Worship Services:



- 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 with Communion - Faye McLoughlin
- ...April 12: Rev. Laird Russell-Yearwood

Congregational Covenant with Trinity's New Sacraments Elder:

Faye McLoughlin recently completed Sacraments Elder training. A sacraments elder is a full member of a community of faith who is licensed by the Regional Council to administer the sacraments at his or her own community of faith. If the community of faith's minister is then absent, or the community of faith lacks a minister, this person is able to offer Communion and Baptism. During a portion of the worship service on March 22nd we will recognize this accomplishment with Trinity's Congregational Covenant with our new Sacraments Elder.

The United Church of Canada has launched a short survey inviting anyone connected to the life of the church to share their awareness and experiences with **Toward 2035**, the framework introduced in 2025 to guide our shared direction for the next decade. You can read more about the Call and Vision behind this work on [The Call and Vision webpage](#).

Whether you participate in worship, serve in a ministry role, volunteer, or simply feel connected to this community, your perspective is valued. The survey asks about your familiarity with **Toward 2035** and what support you or our Community of Faith may need as this work unfolds.

There are no right or wrong answers. Your input will help shape future communication and resource development across the church. **Take the survey**

Estimated time: 5–10 minutes **Survey Deadline:** March 31, 2026

Thank you for taking a few minutes to add your voice.

Warmly, Trinity United Church Brandon,

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.

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.

Trinity United Church

March 2026

22	Trinity Worship 10am COP Worship 5pm	23		24	Easter Communion Hillcrest 2 pm	25	FLK Tai Chi 7pm—8:30pm	26	FLK Tai Chi 1:30pm—3pm Choir Practice 7pm	27		28	
29	Trinity Worship 10am Choir Cantata	30	Easter Communion Rotary V. 3 pm Women in Harmony Sanctuary 7 pm	31	Easter Communion Riverheights 11 am Doreen Stapleton Choir 2pm—4pm								

Trinity United Church

April 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Easter Communion Valleyview 2 pm FLK Tai Chi 7pm—8:30pm	Easter Communion 2 Fairview 2 pm FLK Tai Chi 1:30pm—3pm Choir Practice 7pm	3 Good Friday Service @ Knox	4
5 Trinity Easter Worship 10am	6 Women in Harmony Sanctuary 7pm	7 UCW Meeting 1:15pm	8 FLK Tai Chi 7pm—8:30pm	9 FLK Tai Chi 1:30pm—3pm Choir Practice 7pm	10 	11 FLK Tai Chi 7:30am—11am
12 Trinity Worship 10am	13 Order of the Eastern Star 5pm—11pm Women in Harmony Sanctuary 7pm	14 Board Meeting 7pm	15 FLK Tai Chi 7pm—8:30pm	16 FLK Tai Chi 1:30pm—3pm Choir Practice 7pm	17	18

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.

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 1:30
 All are welcome!!



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.*



**The UCW St. Patrick's Irish Stew
 Brunch**



This was a busy fundraising venture for the UCW. It was also fun with the preparing, decorating and serving.

The committee is so thankful for the many volunteers who helped prepare vegetables, decorated the hall, and set the tables on Saturday morning.

On Sunday we had many more volunteers for the food tables and for clean up.

The stew was amazing and so tasty. There was an endless supply of tempting green desserts.

Of course, once again Connie's buns were a favourite.

For a bit of fun, there were 3 "lucky" door prizes:

- ◆ Kay Gussie won Lucky Charms cereal,
- ◆ Faye Wilcox won a bar of Irish Spring soap and the
- ◆ Depner family won the chocolate gold coins.

Thank you Trinity (and some friends) for supporting this event. It was heart warming to see people quickly line up to purchase left over stew and buns to take home a tasty meal for later.

Special thanks go to Donald and Myrna who stayed late to make sure the dishwasher was in fine working form and that everything was put away sparkling clean!

UCW committee: Faye McLoughlin, Eileen McLarty,
 Lorraine Grill and Bea Allen

(PS. We will share the amount of profit from the lunch as soon as we can - gotta pay the bills first!)

Submitted by Faye McLoughlin



More pictures
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Refreshments following work.

Thank you, UCW, for a very special St. Paddy themed luncheon!



We have some **very talented** young people in our congregation.
Maia Placatka was a big winner with her vocal, which she shares with us many times. This year she won the
 FORMAN HONDA VOCAL SCHOLARSHIP (\$100.00)
 R.O. WILKIE MEMORIAL VOCAL TROPHY

ALSO, WHEN LOOKING AT THE AWARDS LIST ON THE FESTIVAL WEB SITE, I NOTED TWO OTHERS IN TRINITY SUNDAY SCHOOL!
Carter & Delaney Wong. . THEY WON:
 PIANO - ANGELE MULLER MEMORIAL PIANO TROPHY (JUNIOR)
 PIANO - PATTISON MEDIA, Q COUNTRY 91.5FM & 94-7 STAR GRADE 2 SCHOLARSHIP (\$100.00)



Congratulations to all of you!!



Heather Moore awaiting guests.

Orange raisin cookies,
made by Kay Gussie



Much like our dishwasher,
only new!



Lovely meeting room; lots of large windows!



TCA committee member, Harvey Douglas, presents Ross Robinson of JH Society with a donation. Ross mentioned that he is retiring . Will need big boots to fill!

The beautiful structure will soon be receiving recipients who will have the opportunity to get life skills from the 24/7/365 facility.

The Vision statement of the Joh Howard Society is: 'The John Howard Society of Brandon exists to repair harm done by crime through restorative justice and providing supports and resources for individuals and their families.' A very impressive tour and information! Thanks to Ross Robinson, Carla McDonald and Terrice Bradshaw for their part with our visit.

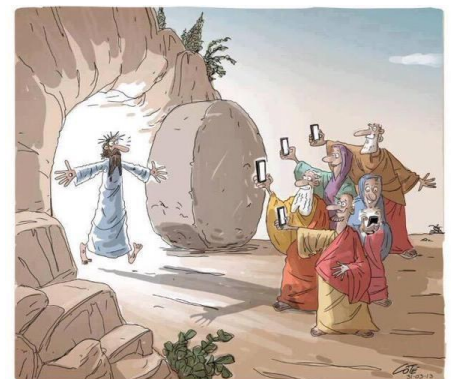
April 8th TCA: Dwayne Dyck will present information that supports our lost youth which includes accommodations at the Youth for Christ building to the new supports at the "Huddle" on Rosser Avenue.

More information and sign up sheet available soon.



Thank you, Man
I owe you one!

**How does the
Easter Bunny
keep his fur
in place?**
With hare spray.





Hymn History ~ Thine is the Glory

This triumphant Easter hymn was written by Swiss Pastor Edmond Burdry (1854-1932) translated into English by Richard Hoyle in 1923.

The tune, Handel's Judas Maccabaeus, was chosen for its strong triumphant celebratory nature which matches the theme of resurrection. A beautiful expression of Luke 24.

I can almost feel the surprise and excitement that the women would have felt when they first saw the empty tomb and the gradual realization that Jesus had risen.

This excitement is expressed in the music too.

Edmond wrote this hymn following the death of his first wife, to create a hymn that would celebrate the victory of Christ over death.

Submitted by Judy Diswinka



Chocolate Snowflakes

Moses said to them, "It is the bread the Lord has given you to eat." Exodus 16:15

Residents of Olten, Switzerland were surprised by a shower of chocolate shavings covering the entire town. The ventilation system at a nearby chocolate factory had malfunctioned, sending cocoa into the air and dusting the area with confectionery goodness. As a result, a dusting of edible chocolate flakes covered cars and streets, making the whole town smell like a candy store.

While chocolate doesn't adequately provide for one's nutritional needs, God supplied the Israelites with heavenly showers that did. As they travelled through the desert, they began to grumble about the variety of food they'd left behind in Egypt. In response, God said He would "rain down bread from heaven" to sustain them (Exodus 16:4). When the morning dew dried up each day, a thin flake of food remained. Approximately two million Israelites were instructed to gather as much as they needed that day. For forty years of their desert wanderings, they were nourished by God's supernatural provision in manna.

We know little about the manna except that it was "white like coriander seed and tasted like wafers made with honey" (v.31). Though the manna may not sound as appealing as a steady diet of chocolate, the sweetness of God's provision for His people is clear. Manna points us to Jesus who described Himself as the "bread of life (John 6:48) that sustains us daily and assures us of life eternal (v.51).

For those of us hungry for spiritual nourishment, Jesus extends the offer of unending life with God. In response, let's believe and trust that He came to satisfy these deepest longings. (taken from Our Daily Bread Devotionals)

submitted by - Kathy Booth

Spring is that beautiful season when the snow melts, the birds sing, and every church parking lot suddenly looks like a nature documentary about puddles.

I opened my closet for spring and discovered half my clothes don't fit the same anymore. Apparently, sweaters shrink in storage... or snacks expand people. Science is still investigating.

Spring represents new beginnings, fresh starts, and hope... which is nice, but I'd settle for a week where the weather, my allergies, and my motivation are all on the same page. Baby steps toward enlightenment.



From the United Church website:
At the Asian Rural Institute of Japan in 2024, 20 participants (pastors, farmers, teachers and organizers) from 13 countries arrived to learn about food security, climate change and community resilience.

They planted crops; reduced plastic use in the fields and practiced non-violent communication. They travelled across Japan to meet farmers and activists. They reflected deeply on what their communities needed most and left with practical skills to use at their homes.

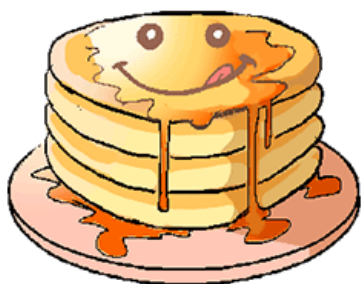
This impact will ripple outward toward stronger local food systems, healthier land and more confident leadership.

Through Mission and Service we are helping to make this kind of training possible. We are helping to sustain the farm, the classrooms and the shared learning that transforms into change.

When we give to Mission and Service we know we are investing in leaders who will continue to nourish communities long into the future. Let's continue cultivating that future.

Thank you for your gifts toward Mission and Service.

Submitted by Faye McLoughlin

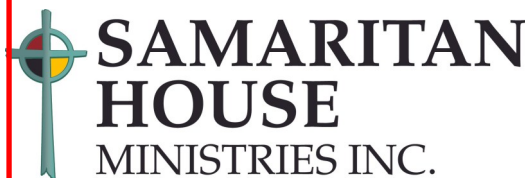


Shrove Tuesday

The lovely total profit from the Shrove Tuesday pancake supper was \$917.00.

Linda Friesen & Darlyne Smith presented this to Heather Symbalisy at Samaritan House Ministries recently.

The Trinity Choir & Friends hosted this fundraiser and thank everyone who supported our yearly fundraiser, for your generosity!



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

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**



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



Pastoral Care Ministry



Unconditional Love in Action

Trinity Easter Communion Services at Care & Senior Homes

- March 24th Hillcrest PCH 2 pm
- March 30th Rotary Villas
- March 31st Riverheights Terrace 11 am
- April 1st Valleyview PCH 2 pm
- April 2nd Fairview PCH 2 pm

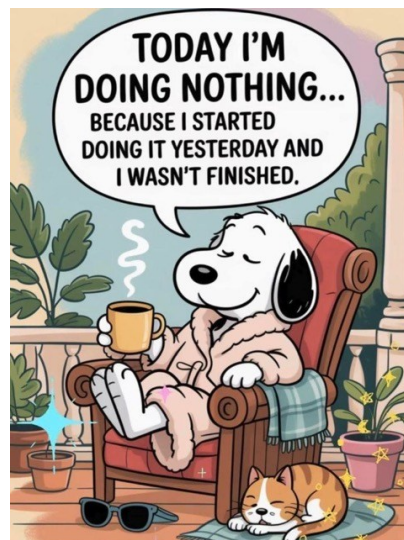
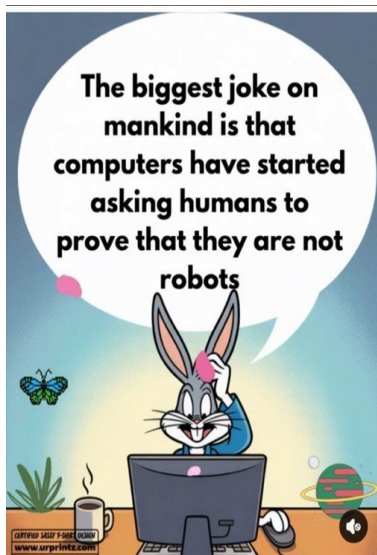
Thank you to Faye McLoughlin for offering to have Communion at these services!!

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.





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.



Did you know that there are two active United Church summer camps in our region? [Rock Lake United Church Camp](#) is located in southern Manitoba and [Wellman Lake United Church Camp](#) is further north in Duck Mountain Provincial Park.

Both are beautiful wooded lake properties where children can explore their faith and spirituality while living in community in the great outdoors, doing all kinds of fun activities, guided and cared for by staff who LOVE camp!

These camps have a very long history of providing camping opportunities for our young people.

Both camps also rent out their facilities when not in use for summer camp.

Look at their websites rocklake.com and wellmanlakeuccamp.ca or their Facebook pages

[RockLake.UCCamp](#) and [WellmanLakeUnitedChurchCamp](#) for the most up to date information on applying for jobs, registering children for camp, and renting the facilities.

One of these camps is celebrating a big anniversary this year! Explore their websites and social media to discover which one ...and while doing so, enjoy getting lost in the photos of warm summer days and smiles and laughter!



Trinity Junior Sunday school on March 15th. They are very busy looking young folk. So many thanks to Andy and Michelle for their patience and work with this lively group!



Thanks to Faye McLoughlin for the pictures!



P.I.E. Day

What a glorious event ! There were 82 people in attendance.
David Cathcart was the presenter.

He started the day by conducting a very informative workshop on water colour painting . He shared his creativity and passion for painting with those attending and assisted them in creating incredible bookmarks!

After lunch , David gave a presentation on watercolour and a very inspiring message. David used humour about how he thought he was painting a beautiful forest in the distance that had distinct patterns but on closer examination, it turned out to be hedges. The point being our first impression may not be correct.

His message was your intention skews your attention. You tend to see what your beliefs are. Thus he concludes that by letting love be your intention, the world will be a better place. David also gave away amazing watercolour pictures of his view of flowers to expansive beautiful sunrises and sunsets.

The audience throughout were able to view tables set up by Pflag, SERC, Western Empowerment Fund, Brandon Pride, BU Library, WMRL and Smitten.

A hot and furious bidding frenzy for pies then occurred, conducted by Don Lennon and Cec.

To conclude everyone was able to partake in consuming pie . What an amazing day!!!

Submitted by Donald Livesley


Thank you

to the pie makers from Trinity:

- ◆ Michelle Depner, Katherine Bawtinhimer, Linda Friesen, Elaine Madill.
- ◆ to Alex for volunteering with the youth to decorate for the pie day,
- ◆ And to committee, Elaine Madill & Donald Livesley for volunteering

Submitted by Denise Weir ~ Convenor

ROTARY BOOK SALE



**VICTORIA INN BRANDON
IMPERIAL BALLROOM**

Thursday, April 2, 2026
9:00am - 8:00pm

Friday, April 3, 2026
9:00am - 8:00pm

Saturday, April 4, 2026
9:00am - 2:00pm

**FUTURE BOOK SALE
SEPTEMBER 10, 11, 12, 2026**




**FREE BOOK FOR EVERY CHILD
OVER 75,000 BOOKS...
FREE ADMISSION**

BRANDON BOOK BIN LOCATIONS


VELVET DIP - 8TH & VICTORIA
HERITAGE CO-OP GROCERY STORE - RICHMOND AVE.
HOME HARDWARE - 18TH STREET
DOLLARAMA/SOBEY'S WEST END - VICTORIA & 34TH
LEE'S RESTAURANT - 18TH STREET N
I WANT THAT STUFF - 138-10TH STREET
LEECH GROUP - 601 BRAECREST DRIVE

RURAL DROP OFF CONTACT WEBSITE FOR MORE INFO

www.rotaryclubofbrandon.org
brotary1344@gmail.com


Funds raised support Brandon, Westman & International Rotary projects...
Thank you for your support.

Rotary 
Club of Brandon 1344

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OKAY,
RANDOM THOUGHT,

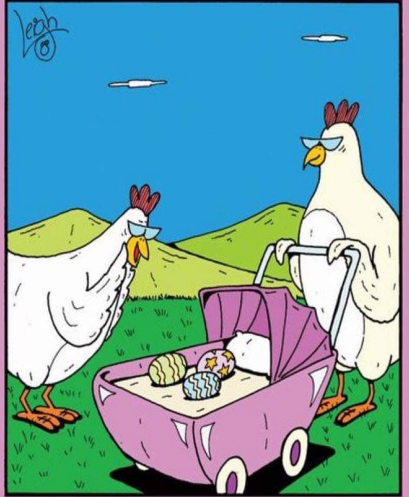


WHY DOES
TOILET PAPER
NEED A COMMERCIAL?
WHO'S NOT BUYING IT?

**What do you call
an Easter Bunny
with fleas?**

Bugs Bunny.

"My goodness, Roberta, they're just adorable ... And what precious Easter outfits!"



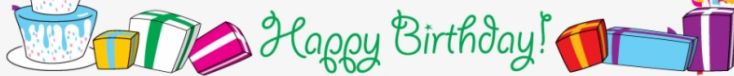


9th	Reg Atkinson
17th	Ralph Heard
22nd	Carol McManes
27th	Laura Bournes
27th	Frances McKague
28th	Winnie Black
30th	Pat Bowslaugh
30th	Bob Patterson



Trinity April Birthdays

12th	Andy Depner
15th	Val Poersch
20th	Jason Splett
21st	Barb Roberds
24th	Ken Mitchell 99 years young
26th	Wilma Seafoot



Happy Birthday!

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.

Darlyne

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 22nd

Helen & Barrie Cochrane, Mary Wardle

March 29th

June Pedlow, Marg Cullen

April 5th Easter Sunday
Hot cross buns

April 12th
Gloria McMillan

Myrna Lane
204 763-4429
myrnal@mynetset.ca



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



94 year young Ralph Heard on St. Paddy's Day!
No bologna, mashed potatoes, cream corn
& chocolate cake today!



Karen Kempe at Children's Time on March 15th. The kids heard an explanation of 'The Lord's Prayer'. How nice to see our Sunday schools rising in numbers. Thanks to all of the teachers who inspire these young ones!!
Trinity is blessed!!

Sending our thoughts & Prayers:

- Trevor McLoughlin ~
- Donna Smalley ~
- Edna Stewart ~
- Sam Lennon~

All in hospital.

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



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, Donald 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



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'