



Trinitopics & Church Announcements

9~ Thursday, May 22nd, 2026



A giggle a day,
keeps the
grumps away!



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Upcoming Worship Services:

- May 24: Karen Kempe - Pentecost
- ...May 31: Robert Brown
- ...June 7: Karen Kempe - Pride Sunday
- ...June 14: Rev. Laird Russell Yearwood



Note: There will be no Worship Service at Trinity on June 28th:

The bathroom toilets and stalls will be removed that weekend in preparation for work on replacing the flooring that will begin June 29th. Possible options for Trinity folks are:

- Knox United Church at 10:30
- Forrest United Church at 12:30 ~ Karen Kempe will be leading the worship

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 Needs 2026:

Worship Leaders are required as we continue to navigate the search process for a new minister. Kindly review the 2026 Trinity/Forrest Pulpit Supply Coverage Needs (July onwards) found on the bulletin board and thoughtfully consider offering your leadership for one or more available dates.

You are not required to lead a service at both churches. Please contact Alan Silvius at (204)726-4169 or silviusa@outlook.com.

If you know of someone who might be interested in providing pulpit supply, let Alan know.

May 2026 Gift Card Fundraiser:

Trinity is 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 28th 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).



Sunday School Dates:

- May 17, 2026 (long weekend) there will be no Sunday School classes
- May 24, 2026 Sunday School Wind-Up



Graduates for 2026

If you have a child or grand child who is graduating this year we would be happy to send a card on Trinity's behalf.

Please submit name, address and what degree they are receiving and we will send a congratulatory note.

Information must be submitted by **May 31, 2026** to Lois Riley at lriley@mts.net or Eden at the church.



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 Trinity Worship 10am	4 Women in Harmony Sanctuary 6:30pm	5 HOW Meeting 1:30 pm	6 FLK Tai Chi 7pm—8:30pm	7 FLK Tai Chi 1:30pm—3pm Choir Practice 7pm	8 Westman School Clinicians Assoc. 8am—4pm 	9 Kathy Cameron Funeral 2pm
10 Trinity Worship 10am	11 Order of the Eastern Star 5pm—11pm Women in Harmony Sanctuary 6:30pm	12 Board Meeting 7pm	13 TCA Event 1:30pm FLK Tai Chi 7pm—8:30pm	14 FLK Tai Chi 1:30pm—3pm Choir Practice 7pm	15	16
17 Trinity Worship 10am	18 Victoria Day Office Closed Women in Harmony Sanctuary 6:30pm	19	20 FLK Tai Chi 7pm—8:30pm	21 FLK Tai Chi 1:30pm—3pm Choir Practice 7pm	22 	23
24 Trinity Worship 10am Last day of Sunday school	25	26	27 FLK Tai Chi 7pm—8:30pm	28 FLK Tai Chi 1:30pm—3pm Last choir Practise 7 pm	29	30
31 Trinity Worship 10am						

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 May 29nd 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 strange person in my home town"

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, June 2nd, 2026
 Pot Luck at 12 noon
 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.

Trinity UCW meetings will now begin at
1:30 rather than 1:15.



- May**
 29th Nancy Syntak
 31st Darlyne Smith
June
 1st Jean Cory
 1st Donalda Warren
 12th Norie Rathwell
 20th Pat Kempthorne

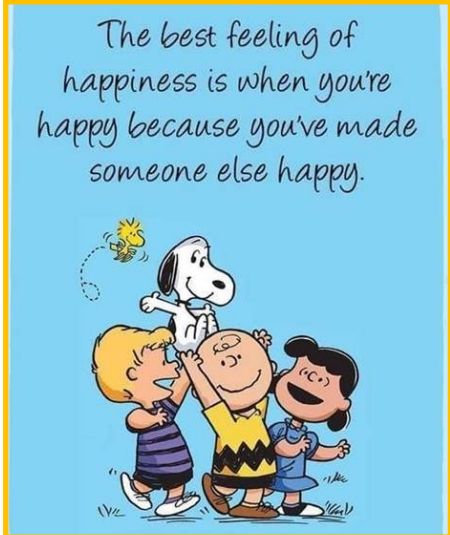
Former Central UCW ladies have invited
 UCW to their annual hot dog roast at
 Dinsdale Park on June 10th
 at lunch time.
 Hot dogs cooked over a pit fire!
 Thank you ladies!!



The UCW ladies group picture following the UCW service on May 17th.

From President Marlane Wilson:
 ‘Thanks to all who prepared and participated in the UCW service on May
 17th. We are a community of service using faith and fellowship to
 accomplish our mission and would welcome new members at any time.’

Thanks to Maia Placatka for taking the picture



BRANDON PRIDE MONTH CELEBRATIONS



WE ARE SO EXCITED FOR THE PRIDE EVENTS SCHEDULED FOR THIS YEAR

This is our biggest year yet with the most performers, most booths, and bigger grounds to use!! We are also moving Pride in the Park [PiP] to later in the evening... more on this later



JUNE EVENT SCHEDULE

Sunday, June 7 - Pooch Pride

Pooch Pride with Funds for Furry Friends, One and a Time Rescue, and Brandon Pound will bring their adorable and adoptable pooches to hangout with us at the Riverbank Discovery Centre from 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm.

Monday, June 8 - Pride Cafe

Join us for our monthly get together at Chez Angela from 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm. Feel free to bring a game or craft, or just yourself! We'll chat and hangout in a relaxed space.

Tuesday, June 9 - Pride in Solidarity Panel

Join us and the Brandon & District Labour Council at the Lorne Watson Recital Hall at Brandon University from 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm.

Can you spot them all?

For this newsletter I've hidden several kitty face doodles in these pages; good luck finding them all!  [there are 23]



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BRANDON PRIDE MONTH CELEBRATIONS



Wednesday, June 10 - Queeraoke

Sing your heart out at Black Wheat Brewing and enjoy a brewsky or two! Event starts at 7:00pm.

Thursday, June 11 - Making our Mark III

In partnership with the Art Gallery of Southwestern Manitoba we are opening an exhibition of local queer artists. The reception begins at 7:00 pm, with sign making at 6:00 pm.

Friday, June 12 - Flag Raise & Proclamation

Join us at Brandon City Hall for the flag raising and Pride Month Proclamation at 10:00am.

Friday, June 12 - Free Music Friday

Grab a bite to eat and enjoy some music at Chez Angela for their Free Music Friday with a queer musician, show starts after 6:30.

Friday, June 12 - Pride Social

Join us at the Eastside Eatery for our Pride Social with performances by Kaos and members of the House of Hex. The night starts at 9:00pm with performances starting after 10:00 pm!


Saturday, June 13 - Bus to Winkler

Registration is below to sign up to join Pembina Valley Pride in Winkler, MB for their pride march.

Saturday, June 13 - Pride in the Park

Join us at the Riverbank Discovery Centre for our biggest celebration yet!! Party starts at 4:30pm!

Sunday, June 14 - Pride March

Join us at Brandon City hall for our pride rally and march. We'll start to gather at 11:00am and begin the walk around 11:30. 

Friday, June 21 - Bingo Bananza

Celebrate Indigenous Peoples Day, play some bingo, and enjoy the talented Indigenous performers at the Little Teaching Lodge.



Trinity Community Adventures

**TCA has planned another Field Trip!
Peter Sawatzky will be the speaker at the
June TCA which will be at
The Discovery Centre on
Wednesday, June 10th.**

**Peter will begin his presentation at 12:40
followed by questions and a short walk
around to three of his sculptures.**

Treats to complete the day.

**There will be a sign up sheet
in the narthex on Sunday.**

Pat, Harvey, Frances, Heather, Brent, Darlyne



Peter Sawatzky and Sylvia Barr. Sylvia paid \$160,000.00 for this lovely sculpture.

From Trinity's Equity & Diversity Committee

DECOLONIZING SEXUALITY & GENDER IDENTITY



Season 7 Winner
Dr. James Makokis

Sat., May 23rd 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.



Scan for more info

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

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

Peter Sawatzky Sculpture Garden Project

Peter Sawatzky is a world-renowned bronze sculptor and has chosen the Assiniboine River Corridor and Brandon Riverbank to be the home of his legacy garden! It will feature a series of walkways which will weave between gardens and sculptures, creating a trail of discovery. We are fundraising currently for a sculpture similar to the one at Portage and Main in Winnipeg called The Seal River Crossing.

This will be the centerpiece and one of the largest sculptures in the garden!

For more information about the project, click [here](#).





Trinity Outreach Committee

Does the weather recently make you wonder if winter will never end? Does the air feel more like fall than spring? Finding the energy to go outside seems daunting at times. This time of year can feel long.

Spring will come and summer will follow. But right now, we are enduring a spell of cold weather. We are thankful to be safe and secure in our heated homes with plenty of food on the table.

Have we given a thought to the marginalized, the unhoused, and the under nourished and how they might be enduring this continued cold spell?

This unsettled weather is very hard on people who might have to choose between food for their family or paying the heat bill or even rent. There are people who find themselves in a situation where they live in tents and find food, warmth and safety wherever they can.

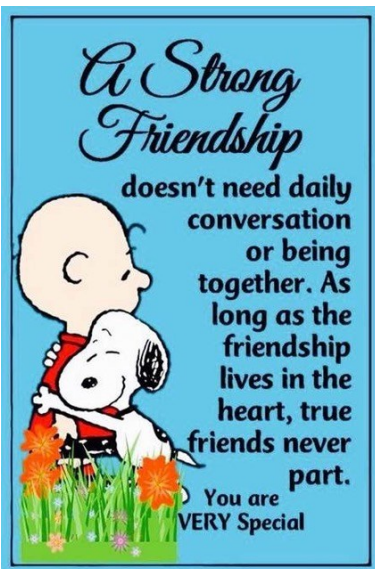
There are organizations here in Brandon, who support people facing food insecurity, displacement, isolation and uncertainty of life. We think of Helping Hands, Samaritan House, the Bear Clan, Huddle, Immigration services, etc. and are thankful for their care and support.

At Trinity, we support these organizations with gifts of food, toiletry items and money. Recently we have started helping with the serving of food at Helping Hands. Our Sunday School children and the Outreach Committee have shown us how to share our hearts and our hands in real time.

Our gifts to Mission and Service go toward these valuable services here in Brandon and also for organizations around the world who are helping to provide dignity and justice for so many communities enduring hardships.

Thank you for your generosity of money and products,
but especially thank you for your gifts of time.

Submitted by Faye McLoughlin



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



Hymn History ~ Come Touch Our Hearts

The hymn I chose for a history is a hymn I first heard at Trinity United. A beautiful hymn that attracted me for two reasons: first because of its beautiful music - the arrangement by Andrew Donaldson, and second was the first line "Come Touch Our Hearts (More Voices #12) that we may know COMPASSION"

Compassion was the key word for me. My mind went immediately to the scriptures which tell of Jesus showing compassion to people - it usually says He was moved by compassion. I think this should be our goal as well, for me this means to step back, think about the situation and put myself in someone else's shoes instead of "snapping back" at someone or else simply ignoring them.

In Matthew 15, it is recorded that Jesus had compassion on the multitudes and fed over 4000 people who were following Him. It would have been easier to walk away. but No, Jesus had compassion for them- assessed their needs, and fed them with the miracle of the loaves and fishes.

According to this hymn we must ask God to touch our hearts and supply us with this compassion. We cannot do it without God's help. I must admit that if I was a disciple that day, I would have probably said something like "Well, what were these people thinking? Why didn't they pack some lunch"

resulting in some more demerits!

This hymn is to me also a beautiful prayer, asking God to touch our souls so we can know and love Him, asking for His quiet presence to dispel our fears - a prayer asking God to help us be more loving, steadying us by changing us with God's grace.

The author of this hymn was Gordon Light, who was born in Alberta, attended university at Trinity University and was ordained a deacon and priest in 1969. Served in parishes in Caribou, Edmonton, and Rupert's Land diocese in the Anglican Church. He is married to Barbara Liocese an Anglican priest. They are both semi retired and living around Kamloops, BC. Gordon Light, still active in the Anglican Church is a founding member of the Common Cup Company which is a musical group featuring Gordon Light and Ian MacDonald, composers of popular hymns such as She Comes Sailing on the Wind, Draw the circle Wide, and Joy Comes with the Dawn

Submitted by Judy Diswinka



Good Soil in God

Luke 8:4-8, 11-15

In late Spring each year, you can plant cucumber seeds in your garden. (providing the weather is warm enough) The seeds produce leaves quickly, but it takes time to see the fruit. In fact, once in awhile after you've watered the seeds and waited, you've probably questioned whether you would get any cucumbers at all. You might be thinking: Did I put too many seeds too close together or was the ground not warm enough when I'd planted the seeds? But after patiently waiting you spotted a green bulb. Then another. Then another. Within a few weeks, your cucumbers were producing enough for you to pick and eat.

Spiritual growth looks like that sometimes. We don't always see the things we've been praying for: patience, self-control, being gentle and loving (see the Gifts of the Spirit in Galatians 5: 22-26) But if we ask God to help us create the conditions needed for growth – prayer, studying the Scriptures, worship, serving others – the Holy Spirit will produce the growth.

This is the crux of the parable Jesus shares in Luke 8: "A farmer went out to sow his seed". "The birds ate" some of the seeds that fell on the path. Others landed on rocky ground, where they received no moisture and withered. Some more fell among thorns and were choked before they could grow. But the seed that was planted on good soil yielded a crop that was "a hundred times more that was sown."

As God helps us, let's cultivate "good soil" and grow in Him.

taken from Our Daily Bread Devotionals

Submitted by Kathy Booth

Thanks to Pat Bowslaugh & Edie Mowat for the 'funny' add ins this newsletter.

I never know how much I need at completion of 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

Regional Council Meeting: The 2026 Prairie to Pine Regional Council Meeting will take place from May 28 to 31, 2026, at Selkirk United Church. Trinity's P2P rep, Faye Wilcox, will be travelling up to Selkirk for this event. Safe travels & lots of learning and sharing, Faye!

Community News

Knox United Church in Brandon will have about twenty 14-foot oak pews available for any use to anyone who can use them.

Please call 204- 727-6975 or admin@knoxunitedbrandon.ca.

To be picked up by June 1.

May is Asian Heritage month. Our prayers of gratitude are offered for the diversity within our denomination and our communities and for the ministry offered by and through Ministry Personnel and lay leaders with roots in or association with Asia. We remember those in our Regional Council with Korean Heritage, the Community of Faith at Broadway Disciples United Church, Winnipeg, many of whom have Filipino heritage and others who bring their cultural gifts, traditions and perspectives to broaden the diversity of other Communities of Faith throughout Prairie to Pine Regional Council.

Canadian Foodgrains Bank appeal for Sudan

The United Church is a founding member of the CFGB, and many in our Region are involved in its ministry. Executive Director Andy Harrington writes, "Last month, I travelled to Sudan and South Sudan and met people living through the world's largest humanitarian crisis. I saw firsthand what it means to survive without reliable access to food, shelter, healthcare, or safety. The suffering is overwhelming. After 3 years of conflict, millions of families are unable to access food or basic necessities needed to survive. The United Nations (UN) is reporting 33.7 million people in Sudan – around three-quarters of Canada's population – need humanitarian assistance right now. The situation is grim. And yet, even in the midst of such devastation, I continued to see signs of hope and humanity. Communities sharing what little they have. Neighbours looking out for one another. Humanitarian workers are doing everything they can to bring relief, often at great risk to their own safety. From now until Sunday, May 31, your donation will be matched dollar for dollar up to \$250,000 to help fund emergency food assistance, thanks to a generous private donor who cares deeply about the people living through this crisis." To give, [please visit the CFGB website](#).

Hi friends:
I no longer have a colour printer.
I do have 8x10 and 4x6 photo papers that I cannot use
I will bring them to church on Sunday and will give them away to whomever can make use of them.
Faye McLoughlin



Trinity's 50th Anniversary shirts are on the move! They are being donated for Outreach to the Equity & Diversity Committee to give away on Pride Day this year. I am not sure how many were left, however they have had their day in a tote at the church.



94th Birthday



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY MICKEY!
"LOVE YOU MORE!"**

Danny, Wendy, Sean, Marcy, Cayden, Josh,
Cassidy, Evan, Eric, Chris, Sandi, Trevor,
Evelyn, Meghan, David, Madeline, Ariel, Levi,
Mickey, Logan, Carly and Parker.

May 15th!

What do you call a bee that
can't make up his mind.
A maybe.

Hospitals are Sued by 7 Foot Doctors
Boy, are they tall!

Seen during a conference:
**FOR ANYONE WHO HAS CHILDREN AND DOESN'T KNOW IT,
THERE IS A DAY CARE ON THE 1ST FLOOR.**

Notice in a farmer's field:
**THE FARMER ALLOWS WALKERS
TO CROSS THE FIELD FOR FREE,
BUT THE BULL CHARGES.**

Red Tape Holds Up New Bridges
*You mean there's something
stronger than duct tape?*

What is the term used for birds that stick together?
Vel-crows

What number can't stay in place?
A roamin numeral

I have an unlimited number of keys but not a single
lock. I have spaces but no room. I can easily be
touched, but can't be held. What am I?
A computer keyboard.



Molly
Great Granddaughter
of Ken & Tina Ure



No matter
how stressed
you are,
remember
how blessed
you are

*Happy
69th Anniversary
on June 1st
Allan & Helen
Lauder!
Congratulations!*

**Happy Birthday
June**

12th	Helen Mitchell
26th	Norm Poersch
27th	Alison Murray
28th	Judy Diswinka

**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!

May 17th (long weekend)
Faye Wilcox, Myrna Lennon,
Edie Mowat

May 24th
Viv Privat, Dallas Green
Darlyne Smith

May 31st
Marlane Wilson, Kay Gussie, Norie
Rathwell

Would you like your birthday celebrated at Fellowship
on the first Sunday of the month, please contact me.
Numerous times when the names are read out, there
are people who call out names that sometimes never
get recorded. Please contact me with your birthday
and/or anniversary celebration dates or give the info
to me at church! Thank you. Darlyne

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



Myrna Lane
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myrnal@mynetset.ca



This is an excerpt from the UCW service on Sunday, May 17, 2026:

All United Church Women (whether in an organized group or not) are dynamic, hardworking, faithful, dedicated, humble, fabulous cooks and great organizers.

They are caregivers, teachers, leaders, friends and prayer warriors. They love Jesus and give their lives in service to God. They try their hardest to be the best they can be at whatever task is presented to them. Their rewards are tired hands, feet and backs after a fund raising event. Their rewards are the smiles and congratulations from their church family for another job well done.

Their rewards are the smiles of gratitude when someone is ill or from those who just needed a friendly visit and prayers said together.

Their reward is knowing that they are living the wise words of Jesus, "Truly, I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me."

Also, we live our best lives when we obey the greatest commandment Jesus gave us:

"to love the Lord your God, with all your heart, and with all your soul and with all your mind."

This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is "You shall love your neighbour as yourself."

Edna Stewart



Thinking 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, 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, Wilma Seafoot, Marge Wilson

Pastoral Care Ministry



Unconditional Love in Action

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!



Wishing everyone a blessed month of **May** All the best.



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