



Trinitopics & Church Announcements

10~ Thursday, June 5th, 2026



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Upcoming Worship Services:

- ...June 7: Karen Kempe - Pride Sunday
- ...June 14: Rev. Laird Russell Yearwood
- ...June 21: Trinity M & P Committee



Note: There will be no Worship Service at Trinity on June 28th & July 5th:

Bathroom renovations begin June 27th.

Possible Worship options for Trinity folks on **June 28th** are:

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

Possible Worship Option for **July 5th**:

- Knox United Church at 10:30

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

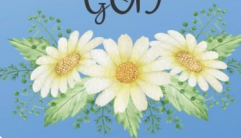
Alan Silvius at (204)726-4169 or silviusa@outlook.com.

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



May 2026 Gift Card Fundraiser:

Twenty-nine households participated in the May gift card fundraiser with a total of \$15,110.00 worth of orders. As a result, Trinity earned \$511.79 from the sale. Thank you to all participants who supported this fundraiser. Our next gift card sale will take place in July. Trinity currently has earnings of \$1,159.74 in our FundScrip account.

Sunday School
Teachers
Are A Gift From
GOD



Our children and youth are our future !
It is challenging to keep young people involved in our Church life. For the past year Michelle and Andy Depner, Faye McLoughlin, Connie Haigh, Wendy Wiebe and Lois Riley have been committed to providing the tools and education our children and youth require to grow in faith. The **CE committee** would like to take this opportunity to thank them for their time, energy and commitment to our young people .Thank you also to Nicole Jones and Alison Murray for assisting when called upon. To all of you, your dedication has not gone unnoticed ! Thank you and God bless !

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Women in Harmony Sanctuary 6:30pm	2 UCW Potluck 12pm Meeting 1:30pm	3 FLK Tai Chi 7pm—8:30pm	4 FLK Tai Chi 1:30pm—3pm	5 	6
7 Trinity Worship 10am	8 Order of the Eastern Star 5pm—11pm Women in Harmony Sanctuary 6:30pm	9 Board Meeting 7pm	10 FLK Tai Chi 7pm—8:30pm	11 FLK Tai Chi 1:30pm—3pm	12	13
14 Trinity Worship 10am	15 Women in Harmony Sanctuary 6:30pm	16	17 FLK Tai Chi 7pm—8:30pm	18 FLK Tai Chi 1:30pm—3pm	19 	20
21 Trinity Worship 10am	22 Women in Harmony Sanctuary 6:30pm	23	24 FLK Tai Chi 7pm—8:30pm	25 FLK Tai Chi 1:30pm—3pm	26	27
28 No Service Church Closed Office Closed Until July 6	29	30				

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 June 26th 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 .

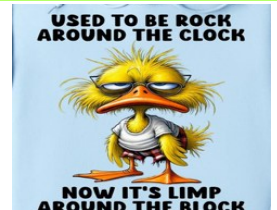
"...animals I have known.... "

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



9 out of 10 husbands agreed that their wives are always right. The 10th husband hasn't been seen since the study was conducted.

I'M OFFICIALLY 'YOU LOOK GOOD FOR YOUR AGE' YEARS OLD





Our next meeting is
Tuesday, September 8th 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 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 supplies the coffee, tea, drink crystals, creamers, sugar & sweetener for all Trinity functions.

HAPPY June BIRTHDAY!

1st	Jean Cory
1st	Donalda Warren
12th	Norie Rathwell
20th	Pat Kempthorne



Marg Cullen
 UCW Life Membership

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

UCW celebrates 'special' birthday's every 5 years starting at age 80. Norie Rathwell is celebrating her 85th 'special' birthday on June 12th. As well, Pat Kempthorne is celebrating her 80th this year on the 20th of June but wasn't able to be present. Congrats to all of the June birthday gals!!



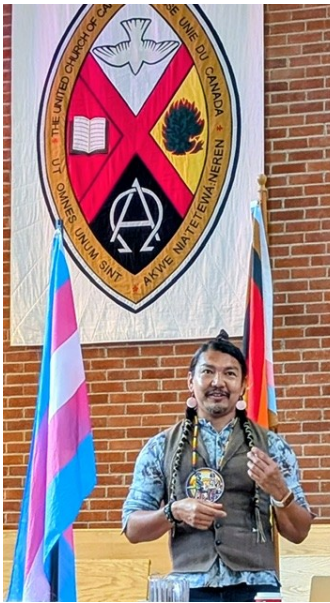
On June 2nd, Trinity UCW ladies celebrated with 'the best ever meal' a pot luck which followed with the last meeting until September. We celebrated a Life Membership & an 85th birthday. Here we are gathered to celebrate the June birthday folk. We welcome the husbands to join us for the pot luck, and welcomed Ralph Heard, Marv Pidhorny & Keith Privat. Thanks to Keith for taking the group picture!

May 24th ~ Sunday School last day and windup until September



Thanks to Faye McLoughlin for these wonderful pictures!!

Have a great holiday!!



Decolonizing Sexuality & Gender Identity presented by Dr. James Makokis who is a Two-Spirit Indigenous physician on a mission to raise awareness and create equal access for Indigenous 2SLGBTQIA+ communities.

The Indigenous Way
Niya-ama-Niya
I am who I am

Trans and homosexual people were accepted as part of the indigenous community. Homophobia and Transphobia are new ideas that have been introduced to Turtle Island (North America) by European settlers .

Dr. Makokis said being indigenous, he is followed in stores by security even when “he is an extinguished, ground breaking doctor”. This shows racist attitudes that exist .There have been 6 to 7 generations of Indigenous people since the treaties were signed. The residential schools, reserves, the 60’s scoop and other injustices have been perpetrated for a long time. Many have been traumatized and feel threatened . Mistrust and a legacy of ill treatment have to be turned around on many fronts .

There are 3 kinds of people

1. Those who are agents of racism, transphobia and homophobia .
2. Bystanders who not actively take part in maltreatment of others but do not step in to change attitudes .
3. Allies who actively interrupt, educate and initiate an organized response to negative behaviour.

Dr. Makokis is a leader. He not only has a medical practice but also does presentations, workshops and retreats . Many are traumatized who come and are silent. Dr. Makokis by talking about Tornado / Happy Woman who has both female and male gender roles along with gender fluidity and diversity is able to allow emotions to come out . He wants people to feel they are in a place to feel helped and happy . Everyone at the retreats work, “men , women and trans “ , all are equal . He stresses Community not Prozac and other modern drugs . He also uses traditional Indigenous medicines.

Fasting is used as a Two-Spirit / Trans Rights of Passage .

He wants people to know the Traditional way of life and Teachings . Recognize the Space they are in as Unique : Indigenous and Trans Spirit! Everyone is to be an active participant not a ceremonial tourist who attends. He recognizes there is a lot of work to do , but he has taken a first step. A truly remarkable person!

Submitted by Donald Livesley





Trinity Community Adventures

TCA has planned another Field Trip!
Peter Sawatsky 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 committee member present to
guide you to the place of presentation.**

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

Pat, Harvey, Frances, Heather, Brent, Darlynn



May 2nd, 2025

A massive and impressive bronze sculpture depicting 11 caribou crossing a river was installed at the [Brandon Riverbank Discovery Centre](#), fulfilling a vision that took nine years of planning, designing and creating.

Message from TCA Chair

We (Trinity's Community Adventures Committee) are sharing our potential excitement about the upcoming fabulous June 10 event.

We are importing Peter Sawatsky from afar to explain how he creates these magnificent items when we are meeting with him at the Discovery Centre.

We will then be able to learn how we, in Brandon, are honoured and benefiting by having the amazing bronze items at the Discovery Centre.

Please do not miss this opportunity to know all about these creations so you can be filled with background information. Then when you serve as Brandon's ambassadors upon bringing your summer guests to this hidden treasure you can share your knowledge with pride.

Footnote:

This is the last event of the TCA 2015-2016 term please respond to attached opinionnaire.

Survey on TCA:

1. Do you wish for TCA to continue for another year? . _____
2. How many of the nine events did you attend ? _____
3. Which one(s) were:
(a) most appealing or benefit to you? _____
(b) least appealing or beneficial? _____
4. Further comments/ suggestions: _____

Please send to Pat at 'bowslaughp@gmail.com'
or drop off at Trinity office.

Many thanks!

Submitted by Pat Bowslaugh

The sheep will spend its entire life fearing the wolf, only to be eaten by the shepherd.
If you don't want the truth, don't ask me. If you want something sugar coated, go eat a donut.





Trinity Outreach Committee

Helping Hands needs your **HANDS** to help serve lunch on Wednesday, June 7 from 11 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Please let **Linda Friesen** know if you are available that day.

Let's put our hands where our hearts are and we will truly make a difference.



Submitted by Faye McLoughlin

In the picturesque mountain village of Danba in Tibet, a young Buddhist monk had spread a rumour about a local storekeeper. Then, he later found out the story was untrue, he felt a deep pang of regret.

He went to the Lama, in charge of the Tibetan monastery, and asked, "How can I undo the damage I have caused?"

The Lama looked at him thoughtfully. "I want you to go and take a feather pillow, and bring it to the top of the hill at the edge of the village.

The young monk was confused but complied. When he met the Lama at the summit, the wind was howling.

"Now," the Lama commanded, "cut the pillow open and shake the feathers into the wind."

The young man sliced the pillow, and in an instant, thousands of white feathers were swept away. They tumbled over the valley, caught in the trees, and vanished into the distant fields.

"Now," the old Lama said softly, "go and collect every single feather. Bring them back to the pillowcase so we can make it whole again."

The young man stared at him in disbelief. "That's impossible! The wind has taken them everywhere. I could search for a lifetime and never find even half of them."

The Lama nodded slowly. "And so it is with gossip. Your words were the feathers, and the wind was the breath of the people who repeated them.

You can say you are sorry, and you can try to mend the tear, but you can never fully retrieve the words once they have been released.

Before you speak, remember that once your story catches the wind, you lose the power to bring it back."

Unknown

The longest day of the year occurs on the summer solstice, which in 2026 falls on Sunday, June 21, in the Northern Hemisphere.

What is the Longest Day?

The longest day of the year, also known as the **summer solstice**, is the day when the Sun reaches its highest point in the sky at noon and the Northern Hemisphere experiences the maximum amount of daylight. In 2026, this occurs on **June 21** at 4:24 A.M. EDT, when the Sun is directly overhead at the Tropic of Cancer, approximately 23.5° north of the equator

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**

Why do birds fly south for the winter?

It's too far to walk!



Hymn History ~ Count Your Blessings

This encouraging hymn was written by Johnson Oatman (1851-1921) a Methodist minister who wrote over 5,000 hymns. Johnson Oatman said his favourite hymns were No, not One and Higher Ground, neither of which were familiar to me. The composer for this hymn was Edwin O Excell (1851-1921.)

The hymn focuses on having a positive attitude and being grateful or satisfied with what we have. The composer did a good job of keeping the music upbeat and positive. It was written to combat the doldrums that can take the joy out of life sometimes.

It doesn't say that everything will always be lovely. -

I think of Matthew 10:28 where Jesus says "come to Me all of you who are tired from carrying heaven loads and I will give you rest". He knew that life wouldn't necessarily be easy, He did say "come and follow Me".

The hymn also encourages us by saying that God is over all.

How do I count my blessings? by stopping and thinking about things I frequently take for granted, and then thinking more deeply about the fragile beauty of a delicate flower, the love of family and friends, and simply concentrating on the positive things, and knowing that God loves me.

Submitted by Judy Diswinka



God's Molded Instruments

Isaiah 64: 5-



Ocarina

Considered one of the greatest video games ever made, Nintendo's The Legend of Zelda: Ocarina of Time has sold more than 7 million copies worldwide. It's also popularized the ocarina, a tiny, ancient, potato-shaped musical instrument made of clay.

The ocarina doesn't look like much of a musical instrument. However, when it's played - by blowing into its misshapen body - it produces a strikingly serene and hauntingly hopeful sound. The ocarina's maker took a lump of clay, applied both pressure and heat, and transformed it into an amazing musical instrument.

Isaiah 64: 6, 8-9 tells us: "All of us have become like one who is unclean...Yet you, Lord, are our Father. We are the clay, and you are the potter...Do not be angry beyond measure." In effect, the prophet was saying, "God, you're in charge. We're all sinful. Shape us into beautiful instruments for you."

This is exactly what God does! In His mercy, He sent His son, Jesus, to die for our sin, and now He's shaping and transforming us as we walk in step with His Spirit every day. Just as the ocarina maker's breath flows through the instrument to produce beautiful music, God's Spirit works through us - His molded instruments- to accomplish His beautiful will: to be more and more like Jesus (Romans 8:29).

taken from Our Daily Bread Devotionals

Submitted by Kathy Booth

The best thing about being over 50? We did all our stupid stuff before the internet was invented, so there's no proof!





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

Our prayers of gratitude are extended to the many, many, many people who made the in-person gathering of the Prairie to Pine Regional Council last weekend memorable.

Welcome to new Affirming Ministries!

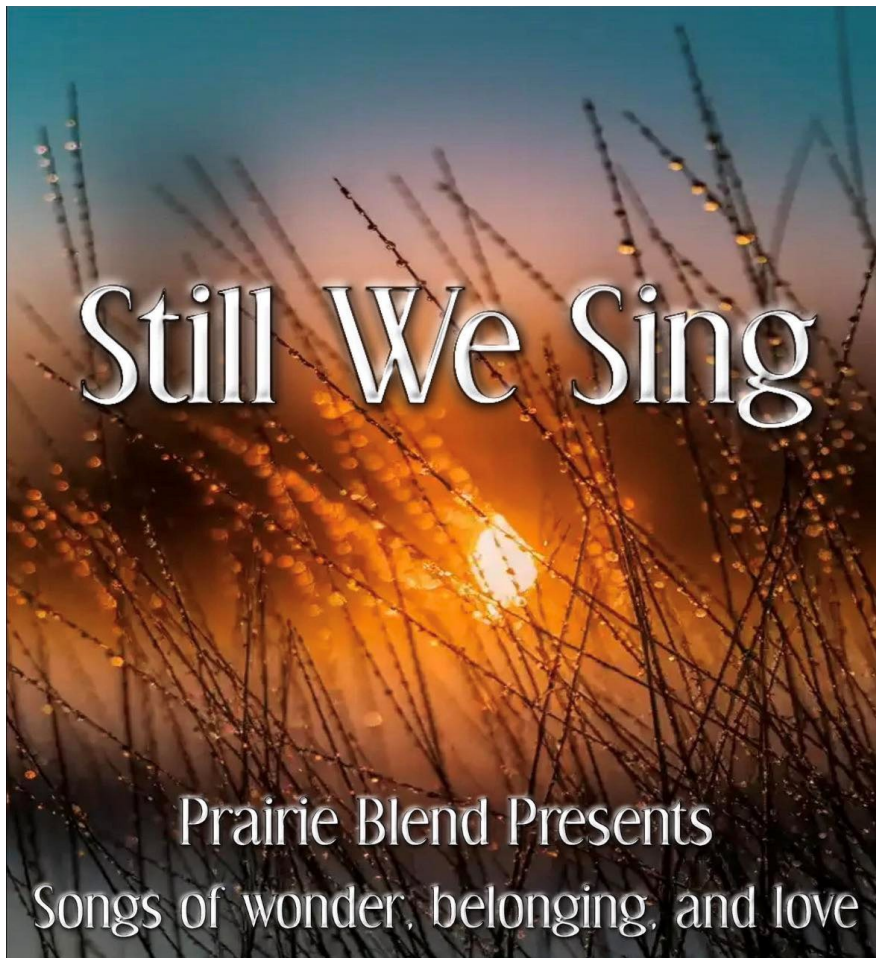
Pride Month is a busy season for welcoming new ministries to the family officially- in practice, these fine communities have been Affirming for a long time. Let's celebrate these ministries in our Prairies and North regions:

[Grace-Westminster United Church](#) in Saskatoon celebrates on **Sunday, June 7, at 10:30 am.**

Celebratory coffee and treats will be provided by the Affirm Team after the service!

[Charleswood United Church](#), in Winnipeg celebrates **Sunday, June 14 at 10:00 AM,** followed by a BBQ. Everyone is invited!

[St Paul's, United Church](#) in Oxbow, southern SK, is celebrating **June 14** with details to come.



Friday, June 5th, 2026

7:00 PM

First Presbyterian Church

Admission: \$15 at the door, cash only



Weather apps are like fortune tellers — they're wrong half the time, but we still check them every morning like they're ancient wisdom.

I tried to make a joke about clouds... but it went over everyone's head.

Hailstones: Mother Nature's way of saying "chill out."



Trinity United Church Choir Anthem & Thanks

This past Sunday May 30th was the last TUC Choir Anthem before we take a break for the summer. Our Anthem was the choir favourite "His Eye is on the Sparrow" Music by Charles H. Gabriel and Arranged by Ruth Elaine Schram. We were joined by talented singers Deidree and Maia Placatka. Thank you for your beautiful voices, we are always glad to welcome you to our choir family.

"When Jesus is my portion
My constant friend is He.
His eye is on the sparrow,
and I know he watches me."

The Trinity Choir would like to express their gratitude to our talented musicians Davis and Holly. We would not be able to bring such beautiful music to the church without their talented and gentle leadership. We worked on dozens of anthems during this season and with their enthusiasm and guidance we offered an anthem each Sunday and provided special music for the Christmas and Easter services. Davis and Holly bring great musical talent, joy and laughter to the members of the choir, and we have thoroughly enjoyed working under their direction this year.

Thanks to Davis and Holly!

Trinity United Church Choir –
Altos: Lois, Myrna, Darlynnne, Alison, Deidree, Maia, Holly
Sopranos: Miranda, Carol, Linda, Sonia, Barb, Donna
Bass: Lloyd, Donald, Doug
Tenor: Randolph, Davis
Music Director: Davis Placatka Pianist: Holly Walker

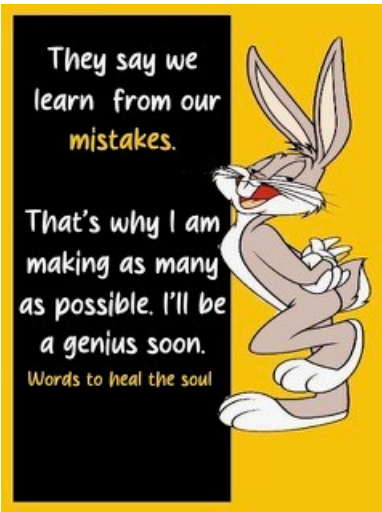


Trinity is so blessed!

Easter Cantata 2026: Trinity United Church Choir & guest musicians – Grady & Maia with narrators Ray and Dallas, and assistance from Al Friesen



Submitted by Linda Friesen



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



News from Forrest June newsletter:
Sunday, May 24th we were treated to Grady Trotz' year end recital. He sang two solos and in a trio along with Maia and their voice coach Josephine Moellenbeck.. In addition we were also treated to a solo by Maia.
 What an amazing gift. Thank you!

Why did the smartphone need glasses?
 Because It lost its contacts!

Why did the robber jump in the shower.
 He wanted a clean get a way!

Who's there? Turnip
 Turnip who?
 Turnip the volume. I love this song!



- Happy Birthday
June**
- 1st Tina Ure
 - 12th Helen Mitchell
 - 24th Beryl Truscott
 - 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!

June 7th
 Heather Moore, Nancy Syntak, Clint M

June 14th
 Helen & Barrie Cockrane, Mary Wardle

June 28th
 June Pedlow, Marg Cullen

No service at Trinity on June 28th & July 5th.

Fellowship hour
 Myrna Lane
 204 763-4429
 myrnal@mynetset.ca

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

Thank You !



- ◆ Wonderful weekly service leaders
- ◆ our weekly IT crew
- ◆ Alan Silvius & Worship Team
- ◆ the weekly Fellowship Team
- ◆ Everyone who attends
- ◆ To all who contribute to preparing for weekly gatherings

Trinity is so Blessed!



These items have been in the cooler for some time, with nothing marked as to who they belong to! If any of these items are yours, please put your name on it. Otherwise, they will be donated to Samaritan House at June's end. Thank you!

Edna Stewart in Assiniboine 200

Jean Cory in Assiniboine 200

Jean has been in hospital for a couple of weeks and will be there for a while longer.



Thinking of you both 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



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'