



Trinitopics & Church Announcements

11 ~ Thursday, June 19th, 2026



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Upcoming Worship Services:

- ...June 21: Trinity M & P Committee
- June 28: Worship @ Knox @ 10:30 or Forrest @ 12:30
- July 5: Worship @ Knox @ 10:30
- July 12: Rev. Laird Russell Yearwood
- July 19: Faye McLoughlin
- July 26: Karen Kempe



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.

As of June 15, 2026 Outstanding Pulpit Supply Needs are:

- August 2
- September 27:
- November 22: (Trinity Only)
- December 6: (Trinity Only)
- December 20:



Eden Snider, Trinity's Office Administrator, will be on holidays during the closure of the church from June 29th—July 3rd. She will be back in the office on July 6th.

We thank her for her many skills and organization and wish her a relaxing time off.

Trinity Property Committee

Trinity is going to be getting some upgrades during late June and July.
June 29th—July 3rd: Epoxy flooring in washrooms installed. Church closed from Friday, June 26th to Sunday, July 5th.

- Lower level painting
 - Remove & replace caulking on north side window area
 - Three new blinds for windows on south side church.
 - Outside stucco repair
 - Fire Inspection done. Any issues are being addressed.
- Thanks to committee convenor, members and friends for your great work in keeping the church in good repair!

Congratulations!

YOU DID IT

Berry, Preston: Graduated from Assiniboine college from the electrician Program. He will now apprentice for a few years to complete. Preston is the grandson of Jean Cory.

Forsyth (Syntak), Jennifer: Graduated from Brandon University with a Physical Education Degree on May 28th, 2026. She is the Recreation Director in Neepawa. Her proud mom is Nancy Syntak.

Neufeld, Jaston Marinna Erica: Graduated with Bachelor of Arts from St. Thomas University, New Brunswick. . She is working at a lawyer's office. Jaston is the granddaughter of Eric and Lucile Neufeld.

Neufeld, Parker Logan: Graduating grade 12 from Vincent Massey High school. His plan going forward is not known. He is the grandson of Eric and Lucile Neufeld.

Pedlow, Brynn: Called to the Bar and is practicing law with Currie Law in Kamloops, BC. Brynn is the granddaughter of June Pedlow.

Perreault, Breanne: Graduated from University of Manitoba with a Bachelor of Science in Agriculture. She has full time job as Junior Precision Agronomy Specialist with A1 Agronomy in Melita. She is daughter of Ed & Hollee Perreault.

Privat, Alexis Lynne: Graduating grade 12 from Westwood Collegiate in Winnipeg. Attending University of Manitoba in the fall. She is the granddaughter of Keith & Vivian Privat.

Watson, James: graduating from Mark Isfield School in the Comox Valley, BC from Grade 12. James has no immediate plans for post secondary education. He is the grandson of Lorne & Lois Riley.

*Congratulations to all graduates on your great success!
May God's love and guidance be with you and your graduation be a blessing*



Jennifer with mom & Clint

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**

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.



"I ordered a coffee when I came in. Do you think you could give me a progress report when the beans leave South America?"


Trinity United Church

June 2026

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									

Trinity United Church

July 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
No Service Church Closed Office Closed Until July 6			1	2	3	4
5 No Service Worship at Knox 10:30am	6 Women in Harmony Sanctuary 6:30pm	7 FLK Tai Chi 7pm—8:30pm	8	9 FLK Tai Chi 1:30pm—3pm	10 Lois Riley Kitchen	11 Lois Riley Kitchen
12 Trinity Worship 10am	13 Order of the Eastern Star 5pm—11pm Women in Harmony Sanctuary 6:30pm	14 FLK Tai Chi 7pm—8:30pm	15	16 FLK Tai Chi 1:30pm—3pm	17	18
19 Trinity Worship 10am Baptism of Payton Ewasiek	20 Women in Harmony Sanctuary 6:30pm	21 FLK Tai Chi 7pm—8:30pm	22	23 FLK Tai Chi 1:30pm—3pm	24 	25
26 Trinity Worship 10am	27	28 FLK Tai Chi 7pm—8:30pm	29	30 FLK Tai Chi 1:30pm—3pm	31	

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



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.

Wishing you a happy safe summer.
 See you all in the fall!

HAPPY June BIRTHDAY!

1st	Jean Cory
1st	Donalda Warren
12th	Norie Rathwell
20th	Pat Kempthorne
July	
1st	Linda Kitz
15th	Noreen Paterson
16th	Irene Smith
22nd	Marg Cullen
29th	Myrna Hall



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!

Why is a birthday cake the only food you can blow on and spit on



and everybody rushes to get a piece?

- Bobby Kellon

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Have a great


On Sunday May 24th, the Sunday School children presented me with their painted rocks to be placed in the Church Flower Bed. After commenting on their paintings, I invited them to go to the garden to place their rocks where they wanted them in the flower bed. They placed them individually but I did ask if a plant grew and covered their rock could I move it? The answer was Yes!

The colours are very vibrant in the garden and instead of me including photos I invite everyone to go and look at the garden to find their rocks.

The flowers have started blooming which also adds colour for anyone walking on the path through the flower bed. Right now you'll see the bright red of the Fern Leaf Peonies. The dark pink of the Wave Petunias ready to start spreading throughout the flower bed. The fuchsia coloured Dianthus looking like a piece of lace on their green leaves. And the pink of the Wax Begonias so gently flowering. Many Purple Irises are about to give us a show with their beautiful blooms. Every day we go to the garden there is always something new to look at. God's gift of creation for us to enjoy!

Today is June 15th, and there is more to report about the garden. When I went to the garden today, my main concern was to get rid of an invasive weed that had started growing in the Ribbon Grass below the Dogwood Bush. It started off like a fern and we thought it was going to be beautiful. Upon further research – no way! It is in the garbage bin – not the “Compost” bin as I did not want it to multiply all over Brandon! The rain today was a very welcome gift from the clouds above. The garden was looking so nice. The two rose bushes now have buds and we're waiting for blooms to open. The Portulaca with its beautiful new name of Moss Rose is putting forth new colours on each plant. The Purple Irises are in full bloom – and some are even “praying”! The Virginia Creeper has filled out and it's hard to see the post underneath which holds the birdhouse. Gone are the Fern leaf Peonies but the ferns will be there all summer. Last but not least the petunias are beginning to stretch their stems to wander through the garden with their beautiful pink colour! What a blessing God has given us with all of these wondrous plants!

Submitted by Kathy Booth

On behalf of helpers, husband Alan & 'secret' servant.





Mayor of Brandon
Jeff Fawcett

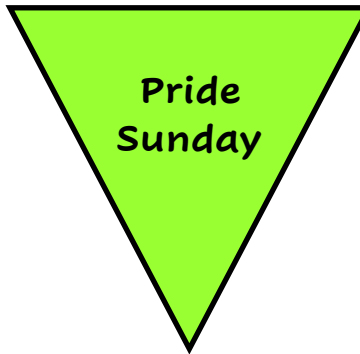
Pride Saturday

Many thanks to the
following. We
couldn't have done
it without you!!
Denise Weir

Al & Linda Friesen, Dallas
Green, Donald Livesley, Elaine
Madill, Gloria McMillan, Alan
& Darlene Silvius &
Mary Wardle.



Caitlin Baker right side on fiddle



Thanks to Al & Linda Friesen for pictures!!



And they're off!!



Hannah Wong, year end guitar recital.

What an extra treat it was for me to attend the year end recital for the Ted Good/Faders studios! A friend had asked me if I might be interested in attending this recital that her granddaughter had students in happening at the Discovery Centre on June 11th. Shortly after I got there, I met Linda Kitz who tells me Hannah is playing in it and it ends up that she is a student of my friends granddaughter! Talk about small world!!

Hannah did a great job of her piece and I was very lucky that her dad offered to take a picture of us!! A much enjoyed recital with exciting, for me, benefits!!

Submitted by Darlynnne Smith



Mission and Service (taken from United Church of Canada website using some rephrased words from a sermon by Rev. Anne Hines of Humber Valley United, Etobicoke, Ontario.)

Sunday, June 21 is National Indigenous Peoples Day.

On this day of celebration and prayer, let us give thanks for the cultures, languages, teachings and spiritual gifts of First Nations, Inuit and Metis Peoples.

As Christians in 2026, we acknowledge that many of our traditional church teachings have promoted domination and exclusion. Proclaiming who is inside and outside the love of God has led to some of our greatest tragedies. The Indigenous Peoples knew the way of being God's people in the world. A way that did affirm. "Nin-din-awe-maagan-i-dok" All are my relations. All are one"

This way of knowing God and living in creation may sound like a breath of fresh air.

The old theology of domination fostered an attitude of superiority and entitlement separating us from each other and the world of nature.

Now, in the painful work of reconciliation, we have been give the opportunity to see how some of our beliefs have caused us to "wound our lives, the lives of others and the life of the world."

Among the gift of reconciliation is humbly acknowledging that not only our survival, but our liberation is bound up in the laying down of our attitudes of domination and separation.

We can uplift the wisdom of Indigenous peoples and see ourselves as one part of the intricate web of all existence. Together we can proclaim

"Nin-din-awe-maagan-i-dok." :We are all relations. We are all One".

Submitted by Faye McLoughlin



Trinity Community Adventures

Thanks to all who attended the presentations during the September to June season. We are preparing the next sessions and will share those in the upcoming newsletters.

Please save the **second Wednesdays of the month** for another adventure from the TCA group! Pat, Harvey, Frances, Heather, Brent & Darlyne

Monday, October 26th, 2026

Trinity Lower Level
Joy Bowman Presentation
'Executive's Funeral Planning'



Trinity Community Adventures will be hosting this evening with Joy. We need 50 people to be present. This is also a fundraising for Trinity with \$20.00 per person paid to the church, which would be \$1,000.00. Therefore, if 25 interested folk would come and bring your Executor, that would make up the 50 needed to have this fundraiser and learn.

Thank you for your consideration!

Two burly workmen came to my grandmother's house to lay new flooring in her kitchen.

Once they had moved the stove, dishwasher and refrigerator out of the way, in no time, the job was completed.

When they were packing up to leave, Grandma asked them if they would please put the appliances back. One produced a paper and opened it up for her, and stated that that was not in their contract that she had signed. They requested an additional \$45 to move them. Living alone, she had no choice but to pay.

At that moment, her granddaughter arrived to visit and see the new flooring. After a few minutes, the doorbell rang. It was the two workmen, and they said that the car was blocking their work van and it needed to be moved. Grandma looked at them for a couple of minutes and then said, yes, of course, but that there would be a fee for that and she demanded \$65



Outreach by Trinity Serving food at Helping Hands: Wednesday, June 17, 2026

Thank you to Myrna, Carol, Dallas and Faye
Mark your calendars: Our next date for serving is
Wednesday, August 19 from 11:00 am - 1:00 pm

*Submitted by Faye McLoughlin
Thanks to Faye for the pictures!*





Hymn History ~

This is hymn that took many years and several translators to finish - a hymn with lots of twists and turns until it finally ended up as the hymn of praise that we know it as.

It originated as a poem "O Stor Gud" written by a Swedish minister, Carl Boberg. It was written after he took cover during a brief but violent thunderstorm- when it was over he was surprised to hear the birds singing and see the brilliant sunshine- a perfect day. He wrote a nine-stanza poem praising God which was published in 1886.

Now we go ahead to 1920 when English missionaries Stuart Hine and his wife served in Ukraine and Russia, where they heard the joyful singing of local believers and they learned the hymn in Russian and Ukrainian. Hine translated poem into English and wrote additional stanzas between 1930 and 1949.

We now go to the final journey of this hymn to the Billy Graham Crusades in the 1950's. In 1957 George Beverly Shea

the crusades soloist introduced the hymn to the audiences, where it was so popular he nearly sang it over. 100 times.

Elvis Presley also sang the song and won an Emmy award with it.

A hymn with international reach:

Originally a 9 stanza poem by Swedish minister and poet

2). A Swedish folk song

3). 1907 translated into Ukrainian and Russian

4) 1907 to 1949 English adaptation by Stuart Hine. first sung by George Beverly Shea.
1886 to 1957. 71 years

When I think about this hymn, I think about the many worlds that are in our world- the world of the desert, the wonderful camels and the special adaptations they have that make it possible for them to thrive in their environment, and the world where the whales and beautiful marine fish live - a world that God has made perfect for them.

Mostly I think about the lines that say "When Christ shall come , with shout of acclamation, and my soul shall sing, my Savior God, how great Thou art"

What a great day that will be.

Submitted by Judy Diswinka



You Are Heard

Psalm 116: 1-7

In the book Physics, written by Charles Riborg Mann and George Ransom Twiss ask: "When a tree falls in a lonely forest, and no animal is nearby to hear it, does it make a sound?" Over the years, this question has prompted philosophical and scientific discussions about sound, perception, and existence. A definitive answer, however, has yet to emerge.

When no one hears my cry for help does God hear?

Facing the threat of death and overcome by distress, the writer of Psalm 116 may have felt abandoned. So, he called out to God – knowing He was listening and would help him. "He heard my voice," the psalmist wrote, "He heard my cry for mercy.... He turned his ear to me" (v.1-2). When no one knows our pain, God knows. When no one hears our cries, God hears.

Knowing that God will show us His love and protection (v.5-6), we can be at rest in difficult times (v.7). The Hebrew word translated "rest" (manoakh) describes a place of quiet and safety. We can be at peace, strengthened by the assurance of God's presence and help.

The question posed by Mann and Twiss led to numerous answers. But the answer to the question, Does God hear? Is simply, "Yes".

taken from Our Daily Bread Devotionals

Submitted by Kathy Booth

What's the difference between the bird flu and the swine flu?

One requires tweetment and the other an oinkment



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

Faye Wilcox has asked me to submit Lynne Sanderson's report from the 2026 Prairie to Pine Regional Council Annual Meeting. **Thanks to Faye for her short report at church last Sunday and for attending the Regional meeting as Trinity P2P Rep.**

As the report is lengthy, it will be attached to the email recipients and will be printed and attached to newsletter for the delivery.

Our prayers and [congratulations](#) are with **Shaun Loney** as he passed the promise and suitability thresholds in the **Candidacy Pathway** process towards ordered ministry in the United Church of

Canada. Shaun is an active member of St. Mary's Road United Church, Winnipeg. He joins three other Candidates for Ministry from Prairie to Pine Regional Council: **Jamie Miller** from Dryden: First United Church; **Diane Meredith** (currently appointed at Windsor Park United Church, Winnipeg); and **Karen Kempe** (currently appointed at Rivers United Church).

For more about the Candidacy Pathway, see: [Candidacy Pathway: Roadmap \(2024\)](#)

- Our thoughts and prayers are with the people of **Rock Lake Pastoral Charge** as they gather for a final service in their building at 36 South Railway Avenue West, Crystal City, Manitoba, on **Sunday, June 21, 2026**. The building is in the process of being sold, and the Community of Faith is in a process of discernment about their future.
- Our thoughts and prayers are with Communities of Faith and their contexts who engage in and support services and events during **Pride Month** celebrating the gifts of the 2SLGBTQIA+ and providing support and advocacy for a more inclusive society at large.
- Our thoughts and prayers are with **those impacted by recent severe weather and the threat of severe weather** across Canada, especially those impacted by flooding in Manitoba, Minitonas, the Swan River Valley area, Stonewall, the Interlake, Winnipeg and places still being identified. We are grateful for all those who are offering assistance with practical needs and emotional support in these times, including churches, agencies, individuals, governments and neighbours.
- **Weekly News Summer Schedule.** The last issue of the Prairie to Pine Weekly News before the summer break will be on **June 24**. Regular issue will resume on **August 19** with the News edition. Until that time, we will only publish the newsletter if there is urgent news to share with our subscribers.
- **65th Anniversary Celebration United Church Women (UCW), July 19-23, 2027, Ottawa, Ontario.** Please read the [letter invite from Kim Baird](#), Chair of the 65th Anniversary UCW team, which contains information about the event.
- **Music Director.** Kindred Spirits is seeking a Music Director. Kindred Spirits is comprised of members of both Immanuel and John Black Memorial United Churches in northeast Winnipeg. Please refer to the [job description](#) for more information on how to apply.
- **Church Administrator.** Augustine United Church and Churchill Park United Church, Winnipeg, are seeking a part-time Office Administrator. Applicants are invited to check out the [job description](#).
Deadline for applications is June 30, 2026.

When it is alive, we sing, when it is dead, we clap our hands. What is it? A birthday candle.

What grows when you feed it, but dies when you water it? A fire.

Every night I'm told what to do and do what I'm told every morning and still I get scolded. What am I?
Alarm clock.

Celebrate Canada



Happy Birthday

June

1st Tina Ure
 12th Helen Mitchell
 24th Beryl Truscott
 26th Norm Poersch
 27th Alison Murray
 28th Judy Diswinka

July

13th Naomi Mahoney
 14th Dorothy Helgeson
 19th Kathy Mitchell
 25th Alan Silvius
 29th Rae Mullens
 31st Anne Clark

Darlynne Smith, thank you for all of your dedication over many years in producing the Trinity United Church Newsletter. It provides an abundance of information on issues and the many activities involving the Church. Your hard work and dedication to the newsletter is greatly appreciated.

Signed – An avid reader of the Trinity United Church Newsletter.

To whomever sent this to another person to ask it be put in this newsletter:

Humbly, I Thank you for your very kind kudos! I think communication is very important so thank you to the many people who send information to me to submit in the newsletter.

It definitely is a **team effort!**

In Gratitude Darlynne & team

July Anniversaries

2nd Alan & Kathy Booth
 55 Yrs
 4th Eric & Lucile Neufeld
 19th Reg & Sheila Atkinson
 25th Esmor & Miranda Edwards

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 21st

June Pedlow, Joanne McMillan

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

July 12th

Gloria McMillan & Bea Allen

July 19th (Baptism)

Reg & Sheila Atkinson, Myrna Lane

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. Darlynne

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



Myrna Lane
 204 763-4429
 myrnal@mynetset.ca



Our thoughts and prayers to the family of Pat Rathwell who passed on June 4th. As per Pat's wishes there will be no service. A casual gathering of friends will be held on Tuesday, June 23, 2026 from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. at the Backyard on Aberdeen, 1624 13th St. Brandon. You are encouraged to bring a favourite memory of Pat to share.

Whoever you are, be noble, Whatever you do, do well,
Whenever you speak, speak kindly,
Make joy wherever you dwell

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!



Last call

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!

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, Wilma Seafoot, Marge Wilson



PRAYER CHAIN

Would you like some prayers or do you know someone who needs prayers?
Please contact
Faye Wilcox 204 728-3654
All information is confidential.
Thank you Faye, & team,
for your great work!



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For July & August
Only one newsletter per month
July 24th, & August 21st, 2026



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