

Trini Tidings 2018



Spring

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Trinity Mission Goal:

"Open our hearts and minds
to welcome each person
as a child of God."



Splash Island
Thursday, July 19
6:00 - 9:00 p.m.

*Join us for a free evening of
Swimming at Splash Island!*

Bring a picnic and enjoy some fellowship on a warm summer night by swimming and hanging out by the pool! This is open to all Trinity members and their friends. Please email Trinity's church office (trinityu@mts.net) **by Friday, July 6** with numbers in your party to ensure adequate life guards. You can also call in your reservation (204-857-4471), and please do leave a message, as the office will be closed in July but we will be checking the answering machine. We hope you can join us.

COMING UP IN SUNDAY WORSHIP at TRINITY Sunday Services and Sunday School at 10:30 a.m.

May 13, 2018

Full Colour Living and
Sundae Sunday

May 20, 2018

Fruits of the Spirit,
Communion

May 27, 2018

Guest Preacher:
Norman Collier

June 3, 2018

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Norman Collier

June 10, 2018

Guest Preacher:
Ross Taylor

June 17, 2018

Growing with God,
Reception of New Members

June 24, 2018

Worship on the Church Lawn
(weather permitting),
bring a lawn chair if you can



Joint United Church Labour
Day Weekend Worship on
Sunday, September 2 at 10:30
a.m. at McKenzie United
Church (85 - 11th St NW).
Before we return to our usual
fall routines in each
congregation, we'll gather with
our neighbours for a
participatory worship
experience followed by a
potluck lunch.
Bring your
enthusiasm
and some
food to share.



Trinity's Special Events Calendar

Trinity Treasures Sale

Friday, May 25, 3 - 7:00 p.m.
Saturday, May 26, 9 a.m. - noon

Women's Breakfast

Tornados Restaurant
Saturday, June 2
7:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.

Games Night

Picnic in the Park
Monday, June 18
6:00 p.m.

Pool Party

Splash Island
Thursday July 19
6:00 - 9:00 p.m.

TRINITY TREASURES Sale XIII



May 25 & 26, 2018

Trinity will have another
"Treasures Sale" in the
auditorium

Friday, May 25

3 p.m. - 7 p.m.

(hotdogs & drinks will be
available for sale)

Saturday, May 26

9 a.m. - 12 noon

(lemonade, coffee & cookies
will be available)

Donations are being accepted
now, but furniture and other
large items will be accepted
starting May 22 (note the 21st
is a holiday). We will not be
picking up items, and clothing
will not be accepted. Direct any
questions to Iris Yuill at 204-
857-8708.

Taking it Outside the Building this Summer



Due to a combination of factors (mostly staff vacation/sabbatical and lift construction work right by the main office desk), the Leadership Team has decided to close the church office for six weeks this summer from July 2 to August 13. This is a new thing for us at Trinity since unlike many churches which regularly close for some or all of the summer, usually our office has remained open with volunteers filling in part of the time for our office administrator's vacation time. Like all new things, it offers opportunities for us as well as challenges.

Beth will be working during July and we are going to try some new things outside the building.

Wednesday Walking Group

Join us on Wednesday mornings at 9 a.m. beginning on Wednesday, July 4 starting from the new picnic shelter near the arboretum (by Splash Island) for a short reflection with a question to ponder or discuss followed by a gentle walk around the island. You can walk at whatever pace works for you. For those who wish, there will be an opportunity for conversation as we walk. For those who prefer to engage with their own thoughts, that's perfectly fine too. If folks are interested, we might find a place for coffee (or ice cream) after our walk. If Wednesdays

at 9 a.m. in Portage doesn't work for you but you want to engage in the weekly walk wherever you are and whenever it fits your schedule, the reflections will be posted in our Facebook group "Trinity United Church Portage la Prairie" or you can ask Beth to add you to an email distribution group (email her at trinitybeth@mts.net to subscribe).

Portage Pride Parade

Share the message that God loves everyone with the Trinity contingent at the Portage Pride parade on Saturday, July 7. Stay tuned for more information as it becomes available.

Sunday Worship

As usual, we will be sharing worship with McKenzie United and First Presbyterian Church this summer. While our lift is being replaced, worship will be at First Presbyterian for the first three weeks of July and then at McKenzie United for the last two weeks of July and the first week in August. Beth will be leading worship on July 22 and 29. Worship comes to Trinity with our new lift starting on August 12. Check out the Summer schedule for details about themes and preachers.

Sunday Suppers

Do you want an opportunity to just get together with some folks to share food and conversation? If so, then join us for Sunday Supper at a local restaurant for the middle three weeks of July. Each person is responsible for paying for their own meal. If possible, RSVP to Beth (trinitybeth@mts.net or call or text 204-872-2370) by the Friday before so that we can make a reservation for approximately the right number of people. Suppers will be at 5:30 on Sunday evenings.

Here's where we are planning to go:

July 8 – Chicken Chef

July 15 – Seasons

July 22 – Bill's Sticky Fingers.

Pool Party

Make a splash (or just come for the community even if you don't want to swim) at Splash Island on Thursday, July 19 from 6 to 9 p.m. We have the pool rented for this time so this event is free of charge. We just need to know how many people are coming to make sure we book enough life guards so email (trinityu@mts.net) or call (204-857-4471, be sure to leave a message as Beth will check messages before booking guards) the church by Friday, July 6.

Rock Lake United Church Camp

Summer is on its way, and with it comes the camping season. Consider sending your children to a week or even a couple of days at Rock Lake. It's an experience they won't forget. Located near Pilot Mound, Manitoba, the camp offers swimming, canoeing, archery, crafts, stories, campfires and so much more. More information and on-line registration is available at www.rocklake.com. Trinity UCW is offering two camperships of \$75 each to those children who could not otherwise attend Rock Lake, but would like to go.



The UCW would like to thank everyone who supported their cookie sale and Chance 2 Grow flower sale by purchasing cookies and petunias. Both were a great success!



Gift of Securities

You can donate a stock, mutual fund or bond to the Church.

Why?

- You can make a gift without depleting your bank account.
- You receive a charitable donation receipt for the value of the stock, mutual fund or bond.
- You pay no tax on the capital gain of the donated stock, mutual fund or bond.

What is a stock, mutual fund or bond?

- This is an investment that was purchased with after tax money.
- A stock, mutual fund or bond is listed on the TSE, NYSE, etc.
- A stock, mutual fund or bond is not a registered investment such as a RRSP, RRIF or TFSA.
- A gift of publicly listed stocks, mutual funds, and bonds can be a good way to make donations to your church because there are no taxes on the capital gains for donated publicly listed securities. Because you don't pay capital gains tax and you get a charitable tax receipt for the full value of the security, the cost of making a gift using stocks, mutual funds, or other securities can be less than if you made a gift of the same amount using cash.

Transferring the shares, mutual funds, or other securities is easy. You simply instruct your broker to send the securities to the Church. The Church provides you with a tax receipt for the full value of the units when the Church receives these securities. The Church sells the shares or units and then follows your instructions

for the use of the proceeds of sale, for example, for general use or for a specific project.

This can also be done through your Will. Because capital gains will not be taxed, your estate may realize considerable tax savings that may increase the amount going to your beneficiaries.

If you are considering this and would like more information, please contact the church.

**Trinity's Financial
Update 2018
March & April
Goal - \$29,396
Given - \$25,511
Please Help!
Thank you.**



**Summer
Giving Goals
May – August
\$50,452
Let's keep it up!**

Are you receiving TriniTidings?

If you know of someone who would like to receive TriniTidings, please have them call the office and we will add their name to our list. You may also contact us by e-mail – trinityu@mts.net



Are you on P.A.R.?



Have you thought about making your church donation by P.A.R. (Pre-Authorized

Remittance)? Through PAR, automatic monthly withdrawals are made from your bank account. PAR is easy to set up, simply email or call Jacquie at the church office (trinityu@mts.net or 204-857-4471) or come in some day during office hours (9-12 or 1-4), and she will walk you through the process. If you are already on PAR, don't forget that you can increase or decrease your PAR donation by contacting the office any time.

This summer the 43rd General Council of the United Church of Canada meets in Oshawa from Saturday, July 21, through Friday, July 27. If you are going to be in the Southern Ontario region this summer, you might want to check out the Festival of Faith taking place Saturday, July 21 and Sunday, July 22 featuring events, concerts, displays, workshops, artisans, and fun as we celebrate the wonderful faith and diversity of our church. For more information, check out <https://generalcouncil43.ca/festival>. If you are unable to attend in person, consider following along online with the livestream from GC43 on the United Church of Canada's YouTube channel (<https://www.youtube.com/unitedchurchofcanada>). Of particular interest may be the opening worship on **Sunday, July 22 at 9 a.m. (our time)** co-hosted by All Native Circle Conference and Bay of Quinte Conference. It will be available on the Live Stream as well.

Lift Replacement

We are delighted that Trinity will be getting a new lift at the Office entrance which will allow access to the sanctuary and basement from street level on Tupper Street. The current lift was installed in

1982 by forward-thinking Trinity folks concerned with ensuring that everyone could participate in our life and work. It is nearing the end of its life span and is no longer big enough for modern mobility aids. We continue to ensure our building is accessible to everyone by installing a slightly larger, more modern lift and automatic door openers on the exterior office door and the lift doors so it is easier for people to use the lift independently.

Work begins on the new lift on Monday, June 18 with completion by Friday, July 27.

During this time, we will not be able to use the office door and stairwells and we will not have a lift to access the sanctuary.

The Trinity Office will be open from Monday, June 18 to Friday, June 29 during normal office hours (Monday through Friday from 9-12 and 1-4). During this time, you can access the office through the North Tupper St. Door (on the other side of the sanctuary steps to the usual office door). There will be signs to help you find your way. We regret that there are stairs there and no lift. If you require accessible access to the basement level (which includes the offices) please call ahead (204-857-4471) and we can meet you at



the West Wing elevator (green door off parking lot).

We will hold our final service with the old lift allowing access to the sanctuary on Sunday, June 17. On Sunday, June 24 we will worship outside on the lawn in the Northwest side of

our building, weather-permitting. Please bring a lawn chair. If the weather is not conducive to having worship outside, we will be in the auditorium and the West Wing elevator will be available to assist with access.

The Trinity Office will then be closed for six weeks this summer from Monday, July 2 until Friday, August 10 (see separate articles for details of opportunities to connect outside the building and how to contact the church during this time period). Worship will resume here on Sunday, August 12 when we host one of our joint summer services with a new lift available to access the sanctuary.

We look forward to having a new lift to help us continue to live into our mission goal to "Open our hearts and minds to welcome each person as a child of God".

Games Night in the Park!



**Monday, June 18
at 6:00 p.m.**

(meet at the park)

\$3/person and includes a picnic supper. Make sure you bring your ball glove and mosquito repellent.

Hello, Summer!

Staff Vacation Plans

- Julie Baker is on sabbatical until August 16
- Jacquie Bennet will be on vacation from July 2 until August 10
- Don Morrison will be on vacation from July 2 until July 17
- Beth Kerr will be on vacation from July 30 to August 29

Who and How to Contact Us this Summer

The Church Office will be closed from July 2 until August 10.

Until July 29, Beth will be checking the church email (trinityu@mts.net) and the answering machine periodically, however if you want to connect with us more quickly email Beth directly (trinitybeth@mts.net) or call/text her cell phone (204-872-2370). You can also be in touch with Beth to set up a time to meet up in person.

From July 30 until August 15, Marg Scott, retired United Church Minister, will be on call for pastoral emergencies. Marg can be reached at 204-857-4713 home or 204-856-9801 cell.

From July 30 until August 13, Kim Guy will coordinate matters pertaining to the Trinity building and anything else that is urgent that isn't related to pastoral care. She can be reached at 204-857-3551.

Starting on August 13, Jacquie will be back in the office and you can contact her during office hours (9-12 and 1-4). Julie returns on August 16 and will be on call for pastoral matters for the remainder of August (204-857-4471 church or 204-857-3769 home).

Trinity's Memorial Fund

What do you want to be remembered for? It's a great question that we should all ask ourselves from time to time.



Remembering that we are all going to die one day can help us to prioritize the things that really matter to us in our everyday living. If you knew that you were going to die tomorrow, what would you do with today?

Making a donation in memory of a loved one who has died is a great way to celebrate some of the things that were important to them. Were they a dedicated member of their church? Did they love nature? Were they interested in their community? Was their heart at the rink? Did they love music? Whatever the particular passions of our family and friends, we probably don't have to look very hard to find a worthwhile organization that is doing something in our community or the world that would have made our loved one smile. What better way to remember someone who has made a difference in our lives than by continuing to make a difference in the lives of others in their name?

At Trinity, we are delighted when we receive donations in memory of people who have died. Not only does it help us to continue our ministry in the community for the benefit of current and future generations but it also invites us to remember people who have

been a significant part of our life and work. We celebrate the lives of the following people in

whose honour Memorial Donations have been received since March 2018:

Frank Case

Mary-Liz

Miazga

Irene Quigley

Gifts were also

received to the Give Us a Lift Fund in memory of Frank Case, Steve Cheverie & Doug Rosin. Donations to the Roof Project were received, in memory of Rick Blight & Frank Case.

It's Time for Planting!

FOCUS (Feed Other Countries, Undo Starvation) is a Canadian Foodgrains Bank Grow Project in the Portage la Prairie area. Our local project for the Canadian Food Grains Bank is once again making plans to grow crops this year to help alleviate hunger in our world. In 2017, FOCUS raised over \$250,000 for the Canadian Food Grains Bank which after matching contributions from the Government of Canada raised \$1,250,000 to help with world hunger. Donations to help with inputs can be made out to FOCUS and sent to Tony Peters, RR #2, Box 37, Portage la Prairie, MB R1N 3A2. Receipts available for donations of \$20 or more. If you have



information, grab a flyer at the usher's station or talk to Dave Falk (204-856-6626)

"Three Powerful Words"

In a world that tends towards more and more complexity, how do we find the essence of a story?



Each week this summer we will

explore a three word phrase in relation to a Bible Story. What is at the heart of the matter?

Services at First Presbyterian (17 Royal Road South)

July 1

"A Good Land"

Worship Leader: John Zondag

July 8

"I Was Invited"

Worship Leader: Kathy Platt

July 15

"Don't Stop Believin'"

Worship Leader: Kathy Platt

Services at McKenzie (85 - 11th Street NW)

July 22

"Nobody is Perfect"

Worship Leader: Beth Kerr

July 29

"You Belong Here"

Worship Leader: Beth Kerr

August 5

"God is Love"

Worship Leader: John Zondag

Services at Trinity (15 Tupper Street South)

August 12

"I Choose You"

Worship Leader: John Zondag

August 19

"Against All Odds"

Worship Leader: Julie Baker

August 26

"Let it Go"

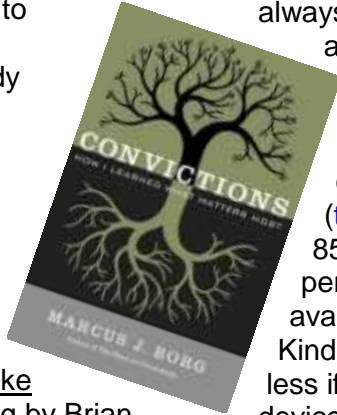
Worship Leader: Kathy Platt

September 2

Joint service of Trinity United and McKenzie United at McKenzie United Potluck lunch to follow

Friday Morning Study Group

Looking for a place to explore faith? The Friday morning study group meets from 10:15 to 11:45 (so people can make their lunch plans when appropriate) at Queen's Court. This Spring we are wrapping up our study of We Make the Road by Walking by Brian McLaren. Our last chapter of that book will be on June 8. Which means this Fall it is time for a new book.



The new book we have chosen is Marcus Borg's book Convictions: How I Learned What Matters Most. Marcus Borg wrote this book on the occasion of his 70th birthday to explore what he had come to see as his bedrock religious

beliefs as a follower of Jesus today. Borg was a biblical scholar who challenged many people to encounter the Bible and faith in a new way. This book takes a personal approach exploring what he has come to believe over 70 years of life. Chapters have titles like "Faith is a journey"; "God is real and a mystery"; "Salvation is more about this life than an afterlife"; and the "The Bible can be true without being literally true". We are sure this will lead to some lively and thought-provoking discussions.

The group plans to resume meeting on the first Friday in October but for those who like to get ahead on their reading, we are placing an order for

books this Spring (and there will also be a copy available in the library). New members are always encouraged (the snacks are awesome too)! If you want to order the book through the church, please call or email the church office (trinityu@mts.net or 204-857-4471). The cost is \$20 per book. The book is also available as an ebook from Kindle and Kobo for slightly less if you prefer to read on a device. A second order will be placed in the Fall as well so you have lots of time to decide to be part of this exciting study if that is of interest. Please consider taking part in our Friday morning coffee and conversation.

Games Night

We had a surprise at our last Games Night. We actually had more volunteers than ever. I had enlisted my sister and niece, as we were short, and they have been coming regularly. And Max & Gaby come when possible, but because Amy couldn't attend, she enlisted her mom to come. A young Guide is volunteering for her badge and her mom comes and helps too. Staff have been staying and participating when they come with their clients. We had a really good time playing some different games, and because there was so many volunteers, we were truly "integrated".

Our May meeting is **May 28** at 7 p.m.

Our June windup in the park will be at the Band Stand on **June 18** at 6 p.m. We will start again in the Fall September 24.

Hospital Visiting



Because of the Personal Health Information Act, and a new hospital computer system, it is

so important to have someone contact the church office (204-857-4471) and request a hospital visit. Your ministers **will not know** that you are in hospital unless you find ways to tell us.

Check us out on social media



Website

trinityunitedportage.ca

Facebook Group "Trinity United Church Portage la Prairie"

Instagram "trinityportage"

Twitter "@ChurchPortage"

UPDATE 2018

Trinity Funerals since the March 2018 TriniTidings

Funerals

Richard "Frank" Upward
April 7, 2018

Victoria (Vicki) Omichinski
April 28, 2018

Do you have rose bowls you could spare? We are looking ahead to stock our shelf with



rose bowls as gifts for our shut-ins at Christmas. If you can help, please bring them in to the office.

If you watch how nature deals with adversity, continually renewing itself, you can't help but learn.

— Donna Stepi MD