

Trini Tidings 2019



Lent/Easter

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Trinity Mission Goal:

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

Ecumenical Good Friday Worship “When Bad Things Happen”

Please join us at McKenzie
United Church
(11th St NW)
**Friday, April 19
10:30 a.m.**

This is a shared worship
service with the Anglican and
United Churches in
Portage la Prairie.
All are welcome.



We've not yet set a date for
baptism this spring,
but if there's interest,
please be in touch
with Julie or Beth as
soon as possible.



COMING UP IN SUNDAY WORSHIP at TRINITY

**Sunday Services and Sunday
School at 10:30 a.m.**

March 24, 2019

“Where the Wild Things Are”
“Lonely or Alone?”

March 31, 2019

“Where the Wild Things Are”
“Where is Home?”

April 7, 2019

“Where the Wild Things Are”
“The Wild Rumpus”

April 14, 2019

Palm Sunday
“Where the Wild Things Are”
“King of the Wild Things”

April 19, 2019

Good Friday worship
at McKenzie

April 21, 2019

Come to the Easter Party!
Communion

Come to our Easter Party!



Our children and youth have
been working together to plan
our Easter celebrations on
Sunday, April 21. Join us as
we explore the good news of
Easter with singing and
dancing, dramatic story-telling
and funny videos. There might
even be a few surprises in store
for us all as we remember the
surprise experienced by the
disciples on that first Easter.
Worship begins at 10:30 a.m.
but the children will be serving
a special Easter punch before
worship and the house group
will have a light breakfast
available in the sanctuary any
time after 9:45 a.m.

Trinity's Special Events Calendar

Women's Breakfast

Saturday, April 6
7:30 a.m. - Tornados Restaurant

Saturday Breakfast

Saturday, April 13
8:30 – 10 a.m.

UCW Cookie Sale

Sunday, April 14
following worship

Ukrainian Nursery School

Art Show Exhibit

Saturday, April 27
1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Lunch & Learn about Islam

Sunday, April 28
following worship

Prairie Sounds Highlights Concert

Sunday, April 28
7:00 p.m.

House Group Cup

Sunday, May 5
following worship

Saturday Breakfast

Saturday, May 11
8:30 – 10 a.m.

Scott Woods Show

Thursday, May 16
7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Trinity Treasures Sale

Saturday, May 25
9 a.m. – noon

Saturday Breakfast

Saturday, June 8
8:30 – 10 a.m.

Easter Sunday

House Group D
invites you to
come to church
a bit early to
enjoy a light
continental
breakfast -
around 9:45 -
10:00 a.m. If
you can help with food items,
there will be a sign-up sheet on
the back bulletin board.
Looking forward to seeing you!



YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS THIS!



Mark **Sunday, May 5** in your calendars for a hilarious afternoon. After worship at Trinity, we will hold the House Group Cup, where members of house groups will compete in easy fun games to reign supreme (in house group rank) and maybe also a prize or two! Audience participation is welcome and encouraged, so come out and cheer on your favourite team.

SLIME THE STAFF!

At the house group cup on **May 5**, we will be taking donations towards "Slime the Staff".

Jacque Bennet, Julie Baker and Beth Kerr have agreed that if enough money is raised, they will agree to having buckets of unpleasantness poured upon them (from ice water to cold spaghetti to green slime!) (Donations will be eligible for tax receipts).



Join the Easter Dance!

If you are willing to participate with Trinity's youth in a fun way in our Easter service, keep an eye out for the video invitations that will be in our Facebook group and on Instagram, or call the church office. A brief rehearsal will be held on Thursday, April 18 from 6:30 to 7:15 p.m.

January & February Trinity Giving Goals

Goal - \$27,247
Given - \$25,522
Thank you!



Goal for March & April \$26,308 Please help!

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 Jacque 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.



Old Eye Glasses – If anyone has old eye glasses that they wish to donate, they can be



placed in the marked boxes at the back of the church. They will be donated to those in need through the Lion's Club. Cases are not needed.

Palm Sunday Pizza Party and Easter Prep

Children and youth who are participating in the Easter service are invited to stay after worship on **Sunday, April 14** to help us get ready for Easter. Youth who would like to help with PowerPoint can join Beth



on their PD Day (Friday, April 12) at 1 p.m. We will also have an Easter Egg Decorating gathering on Good Friday, April 19 at 1 p.m. (adults welcome).

On the second Sunday of every month, we collect food at Trinity for the Salvation Army Food Bank. We also collect toiletries (towels, small soaps, shampoos, sanitary supplies, toothpaste, towels, etc.) for the Family Violence Abuse Prevention Centre (women's shelter) at the same time. You are encouraged to bring food or toiletries with you to leave in the bins in the entryway of the church. Thanks for your support of these important community outreach projects.

Save the date... Trinity Treasures Sale XIV May 25, 2019



Trinity will have another "Vintage Treasures Sale" in the auditorium on **Saturday, May 25** from **9 a.m. – 12 noon**. Stay tuned for more details.

An Appreciated Thank You

I received a thank you last year for my role on an organizing committee not related to the Church. The thank you was a \$25.00 gift certificate for Canada Helps. I was very pleased to receive this gift, it was a token of appreciation and enabled me to direct the money to a charity of my choice. I donated the money to Trinity United Church. I especially appreciated being able to donate the money to an organization I support.

Other ways we can support Trinity is when we, or a family member, is celebrating a special occasion, such as a birthday or an anniversary. We can ask the guests, in lieu of a gift, to make a donation to Trinity United Church. I expect the honoured guest will appreciate being able to donate to an organization they support.

The request for a donation can also ask that the gift be made to a specific fund.

The General Fund is the fund that is used for the day to day operation of our church. This fund covers our overhead and the salaries of our staff, including our ministers, and in turn, how our church is able to minister to our congregation. Our congregation receives inspiration, rejuvenation and fellowship through our Sunday services, smaller community gatherings such as study groups, UCW activities, services at seniors' residences and for those unable to attend in person, through social media such as Youtube, Facebook,



Twitter and Instagram. Many of our congregation members have received support from our church community throughout their lives, and by designating a donation to the general fund, you will be supporting our day to

day ministry. Donations to our general fund continue to be our greatest need.

You can choose other funds such as our Building fund, Give us a Lift fund or our Roof Project Fund. We had to replace our roof last year. The cost was \$74,466 and so far, we have received donations of \$6,150 towards this project. We also replaced our antiquated lift. This project cost \$71,305, we received a grant of \$15,000 for this project and raised \$34,769 for the lift. The building fund is used for specific building projects and repairs, not day to day upkeep. Donations to this fund are always gratefully accepted to help us maintain our historic building in ways which continue to serve the church and community today.

A donation can be made in a number of ways:

- by dropping off a donation at the church office;
- on Sunday, with the offering;
- by e-transfer to trinity@mts.net; or
- by a donation through the canadahelps.org website.

In all cases, please clearly designate in whose name the donation is being made and in whose name to issue the receipt.

Gift cards are available to acknowledge the gift. If you

want to deliver the gift card yourself, you can pick one up in the church office or we can email one to you. If you prefer, we can mail or email a gift acknowledgment directly to the recipient if you provide us with their contact details. Should you have any questions regarding making a gift on behalf of someone, please call the church office [204-857-4471](tel:204-857-4471) or by email trinity@mts.net.
- Diane Stevenson

The **Trinity Memorial Fund** seeks to honour the life and faith of loved ones in ways that keep faith alive. We thank God for the lives of these faithful people, in whose memory we have received donations since November 2018.

*Joe Stasiuk
David Guy
Lori Wopnford
Rae Park
Gillian Harkness
Tom Barker
Ken Smith
Arlan Asham
Trudy McDonald
Col. Hamilton Sullivan
Audrey Sullivan
Olive Ferguson
Marg & Wally Pehura
Bev Connery*

Gifts were also received to Local in memory of Cheryl & Lloyd Green and Frank Case. A gift to the Give Us a Lift Fund was

received in memory of Marlis

Hoar, and a gift also to

the Roof Project was received in memory of Doug Rosin.



Brandon University Brass Ensemble

Sunday, April 7 2019
St. Mary's Anglican Church
7 pm Tickets available now
from the Anglican Church
\$25/adult

Portage Pride Parade

Saturday, May 11

(time to be announced)

Help Trinity to share the good news that each and every person is made in the divine image, no matter who they are or who they love. Since its inception, the Portage Pride Parade has unfortunately drawn protesters who proclaim a message of judgment in the name of Jesus. Based on our understanding of scripture and our experiences of God, we believe that this message would make Jesus very sad. Let's make sure there is a large group of us proudly representing our churches and sharing a radically different understanding of God's amazing, inclusive love. Mark your calendar now and stay tuned for more information about a sign-making party (a bunch of our signs got rained on and need to be replaced) and where we will gather for the parade.



Portage Pride Service

Sunday, May 12 at 10:30 a.m.

here at Trinity

When the Portage Pride Committee asked us if we would host a Pride Service on **May 12** (Parade and Rally and Social will be on May 11), the Leadership Team agreed. This special service gives us an opportunity to show our community that when we say "Everyone welcome" we really mean it. Join us on Mother's Day (Christian Family Sunday) to celebrate the radically inclusive love of God for every mother's child. If you are interested in helping with the planning for this celebration, a brainstorming session to get us started will take place on Sunday, March 31 at noon in the parlour. We anticipate that this will be a fun, lively worship service with lots of participation. Everyone is welcome! Don't miss out.

We are pleased once again to host the **Prairie Sounds Music Festival** here

from Tuesday, April 23 through Friday, April 26. Feel free to stop in and enjoy fine entertainment from some of Portage's talented young musicians. Their highlight concert will be here at Trinity on **Sunday, April 28** at 7 p.m. and everyone is welcome.

If you are leaving or arriving for a function during this time,



please enter the building quietly if possible (noise in the stairwells tends to carry to upstairs).

Church in the Cuban

Context

An evening of information, conversation and photos with John

and Heather Lea

April 1 2019 7:30 p.m.

Gladstone United Church



Can you be a Lift Operator?

As Trinity seeks to provide an affirming welcome to all, we know that our historic building provides challenges to those with limited mobility. The new lift to the sanctuary that was installed last year is now working well, and is getting consistent use. At funerals, in particular, we are noticing that it is being used a great deal, often by people who are not familiar with it or our building. We are looking for volunteers who would be willing to be called in when we have large funerals to welcome people at the street level door and help people use the elevator. Training would be provided. If you would be willing to be part of the team, please contact the church office.



Games Night



Games night continues to be enjoyed on a regular basis. Our next two events are

April 29 and **May 27**, followed by our Picnic the Park in June.

Prizes especially enjoyed are ornaments, mugs, note pads and CDs. We also have personal care products that some prefer.

Our volunteers have been very reliable, and our evening of fun and games much enjoyed.

Saturday Breakfasts Back Again!

Who doesn't love the Saturday breakfasts? Maybe those of you who haven't been to one yet! They return on **Saturday, April 13**. Come and join us any time between 8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. and get a good start to your day. The menu will include pancakes, sausage, fruit, coffee, tea & juice. Cost is by donation and everyone is welcome.



Connecting online with Trinity



You can go to our website www.trinityunitedportage.ca to get all of the information we can think of to put there. There's information about the church building and our activities. There are schedules and stories. You can access our Sunday School information and teacher sign up lists.



If you have a question and you want an answer, or if you want to chat online with church people, check out our Facebook Group – **Trinity United Church, Portage la Prairie**. You have to ask to join, but if you're interested, we'll add you, we promise! It is a closed group to avoid spam and ad posts. We do also have a Facebook page, mostly for information, rather than for interaction.



We are also on Instagram and Twitter. Our Twitter handle is **@ChurchPortage** and you can follow us on Instagram at **trinityportage**.



Trinity also has a YouTube channel, called **Trinity Portage**. You can subscribe, or just access our videos and playlists by visiting our channel at your convenience. On our channel you will find our sermon videos as well as other videos uploaded for seasons like Lent, or the Ordinary Life Retreat. You can find us either by searching YouTube or following the link:



<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCifQQLFzrDcGyY-J3xjDoKA/videos>

Lent in the Wilderness – Where the Wild Things Are



This Lenten season at Trinity we have been exploring the story of Jesus' 40 days in the wilderness at the start of his ministry. We have also been using Maurice Sendak's book "Where the Wild Things Are" to explore our life in the wilderness. Thanks to the artistry of Charlotte Jones and Carol Zacharias, these stories are coming to life visually in our church sanctuary. We are also thankful to those people who have been willing to help us tell the story through drama and dance. Daily weekday reflections are available in our Facebook group or by email. On the weekends, you may get a video theme introduction, a weekly activity challenge, as well as a link to Sunday's sermon. Whatever way you are experiencing your Lenten wilderness, may it be a place where you also find God.

Save the Date!



Splash Island
Thursday, July 11
7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

UPDATE 2019

Trinity Funerals since the November 2018 TriniTidings
Funerals

Sheila Margaret Henderson
December 13, 2018

Archibald Kenneth Claire
"Ken" Lyon
December 21, 2018

James Eugene Hewitt
December 22, 2018

William "Neil" Kennedy
January 8, 2019

Betty Pearl Boyachek
January 10, 2019

Beverley Jean Connery
January 12, 2019

George Alexander Ryder
March 9, 2019

Leeta Caroline Knowles
March 16, 2019

Baptisms

Ted Tottle
January 13, 2019

Celtic, Bluegrass, Folk, Country
and Gospel music with

Saskia & Darrel **The Great Plains**

MacGregor United Church
Saturday April 6
7:00 p.m.

Tickets \$15/person.
For info call 204.685.2610

Sunday, April 21

6:10 a.m.

Easter Sunrise Service at McKenzie United Church

The sun is expected to rise at 6:29 a.m., so come – help to sing it into the sky! Together we will gather round a fire in a fire-pit in the parking lot beside the church, to sing, pray and watch in awe as a brand new day begins. We will then move



into the building to join in a potluck breakfast. All welcome!

The Grief Team Needs You!



Do you like to take time for conversation with people? Trinity has a variety of visiting ministries that could use your energy and time and compassion. In particular, the Grief Team is a group of Trinity people who are willing to make contact with people who have recently had a death in the family. Sometimes it is a face to face visit; sometimes it is over the phone. It may be a one-time visit, or a few in a row. It is always a chance to let people know that we care. Resources are provided for

orientation, sharing and support. If you would like to be part of the Trinity grief team, please contact the office, or speak to any of the coordinators: Iris Yuill, Brenda Moorhouse or Carol McBurney.

The Portage Ukrainian Nursery School
7th Annual Art Show
Saturday, April 27
 1-3 p.m.

Trinity Auditorium
 All are invited to their 7th Annual Art Show and Auction on Saturday, April 27 from 1-3 p.m. Come and enjoy the children's creations. Some small and large art pieces will be available for sale if you'd like to brighten a spot in your home or office.

Fiddle Lovers

House Group B will be hosting the Scott Woods Band, **Thursday, May 16** at 7:00 p.m. here at Trinity. The Scott Woods Show changes to a brand new theme every year and consistently delivers quality, family entertainment with plenty of variety including trick fiddling, step dancing, old time country & gospel music, inspirational stories and home spun family humour. For more information, call Sylvia at 204-857-4475.



Hospital Visits

Trinity's ministers are pleased to visit you while in hospital, but they can't do



so unless they know you are there. If you would like the ministers know

that you are in hospital so they can look in on you when they are at the hospital, please have someone contact the church. If you would like a visit as soon as possible, you can also ask a family member, friend or someone from the hospital staff to call the church and Julie or Beth will know that you would like one of them to come by as soon as they are able.



Save the date – The UCW is having a cookie sale following worship on **Sunday, April 14.** Come and pick your own. \$5/dozen.

Lunch & Learn

About Islam Sunday, April 28

following worship
 We are delighted to welcome Mostafa Skouta from our local Muslim community to share about his faith tradition. A light lunch will be served. Bring your questions. Everyone welcome!



In support of ROK Central & Big Brothers, Big Sisters Portage
Miles of Smiles
at Stride Place
 (245 Royal Road South)



Saturday, April 13

Showtimes:

10:00 am. and 1:30 p.m.

Tickets \$5

Magic – Bubbles – Puppets
 Canteen - Silent Auction & More!

First Presbyterian Church invites you to their
Ham & Turkey Dinner
Sunday, May 5

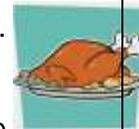
5:00 – 6:30 p.m.

Adults: \$15

12 & under: \$8

6 & under: Free

Everyone welcome!



Portage Industrial Exhibition presents

Princess & Superhero Party
Sunday, April 7 from 1 -4 p.m.

featuring Elsa, Anna & Spiderman for a meet & greet, stories & songs

Tickets \$10 and available at Portage Ex Office

Toddlers under 1 - free
 Children must be accompanied by an adult