

## Calendar

- 2 May - Son Jarocho Final Concert with Ana, 6:30 pm, Sanctuary
- 3 May - Annual Congregational Mtg Part 2, Sanctuary, following worship.
- 5 May - Sustainable Brandon Concert 7 pm
- 5 May - Red Dress Day
- 6 May - SKC Youth/Parent Night from 6-8 pm
- 8 May - Janzen Brothers in Concert, Door opens at 6:30, Concert at 7:15 pm
- 12 May - Immigrant & Refugee Myth-Busting Panel 7 pm
- 18 May - Office Closed
- 19 May - Council, 6:30 pm
- 23 May - Decolonizing Sexuality & Gender Identity with Dr. James Makokis
- 3 June - Annual Spring Luncheon

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**NOTE:** All donations for the Son Jarocho Concert on May 2<sup>nd</sup> are to be made directly to Ana Espinosa, not to Knox Church.  
Ana, thanks you for your support!

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**Be sure to check out our silent auction tables this Sunday!  
You will find beautifully timeless, unique and  
useful treasures! A Must See!**





**Son Jarocho Finale Concert!**  
**with Ana**  
**May 2, 6:30 pm**

On Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, in the Knox Sanctuary, Ana will present her final concert, featuring the wonderful musicians and dancers who have participated in her workshop. All are welcome and encouraged to attend and support Ana!

Any questions, please contact Ana: [espinoaa07@BrandonU.ca](mailto:espinoaa07@BrandonU.ca)

**\*Donations to be made directly to Ana Espinosa, not to Knox Church\***

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# CONCERT FOR CLIMATE

A FUNDRAISER FOR SUSTAINABLE BRANDON

HOMEMADE  
PIE AUCTION  
BETWEEN  
SETS!

PERFORMANCES BY:

SOUND  
ROUTES

INGRID GATIN  
& MURRAY  
EVANS

A FEW  
FRIENDS

SWEET  
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NAOMI  
RUSSEL &  
FRIENDS

WHEAT  
CITY JUG  
BAND

KNOX  
UNITED  
CHURCH

7:00 PM

5<sup>TH</sup> MAY  
2026

TICKETS \$20

AVAILABLE AT THE DOOR OR KNOX CHURCH OFFICE  
(451 18<sup>TH</sup> ST, OPEN 9-12 M-F, 1-4 M-TH)

MORE INFORMATION: (204) 726-0008

# MMIWG WALK

MAY 5<sup>TH</sup>, 2026  
Brandon Manitoba

Gathering at 11:00 AM  
Brandon University



## Jingle Dress Healing Dance at Princess Park

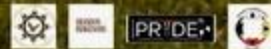
★ Calling All Jingle Dress Dancers ★

★ Calling All Drummers ★

Feast to Follow

Routes - Main Walk is Brandon University, 18th St, Victoria Ave,  
Split Between 9th St & 8th St, Princess Park

Shorter Walk is Princess Park, 9th St, Louise Ave, 8th St -  
Join the Main Walk to Princess Park





## Immigration & Refugee Myth-Busting Panel May 12 @ 7 pm

In October 2025, the Environics Institute released a summary of its survey findings regarding Canadians' opinions about immigration to Canada. The Institute reported that a majority of Canadians continue to say there is too much immigration, and an increasing number express concerns about the legitimacy of some refugees and how newcomers are integrating into society. A significant minority continue to agree that immigrants lead to more crime and that the country admits too many racial minorities.

We hope to address some of the myths we read about in the media and our members report hearing at the coffee shop, diner, or gym. These myths include:

- Immigrants and refugees are a drain on our economy and public services.
- Immigrants and refugees take jobs from Canadians.
- Immigrants and refugees bring crime to Canada.
- Internationally trained professionals are not as qualified as Canadian professionals.
- Non-status immigrants do not pay taxes.

International students and new immigrants are causing the housing crisis. Canada has no idea if the refugees coming to Canada are in need of protection. Immigrants and refugees are overwhelming Canada's health care system.

Panel participants [to date]:

Shirlyn Minoja Kunaratnam (Immigration Research Coordinator at the Rural Development Institute) – Ms. Kunaratnam will share stories from her research with immigrants and international students here in Westman.

Shannon Saitarelli (Housing and Wellness Coordinator for the City of Brandon) – The impact of growth on housing demands.

Prof. Patricia Harms (History Department at BU and co-founder of the Hispanic Association of Manitoba Inc.) – Dr. Harms will address some of the history of immigration to Canada and share experiences of members of the Hispanic community.

Emie Taylor – Ms. Taylor came to Canada as an international student to Brandon University and applied for refugee status as a member of the LGBTQIA+ community.

Enver Naidoo (or WIS staff) – Executive Director of the Westman Immigrant Services, supporting newcomer settlement and workforce immigration.

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## **NEW: Just a Green Minute**

### **Connecting with the Crisis**

I don't know about you, but I am often frustrated by the amount of time it is taking for us as a society to understand the imminent danger that the Climate Crisis is presenting our civilization. Why I wonder? Why are we so resistant to moving toward the solutions we need to meet this crisis.

Surprisingly, it might be that our relative affluence is part of the problem. We are telling ourselves the story that moving away from fossil fuel is too expensive. We can tell ourselves that story because we have fossil fuel resources here in Canada and we have the money to buy it.

The war in Iran is changing that. People are now saying the gas they put in their car is too expensive. Maybe you are too! That is a big shift. A local car dealer tells me that folks are buying more EVs than ever. Are they doing that because they are worried about climate change and the future of their children? Worried about our ecosystems and the 6<sup>th</sup> mass extinction? Maybe... But they are also doing it at a time when everyone is saying gas is too expensive.

Right now people are worried about putting food on the table, keeping the lights on, and paying the bills. We are now in a time when the solutions that are good for our climate are also good for our wallet. As fossil fuel products become more expensive, we are starting to tell ourselves a different story.

Here is a news flash. Countries with less fossil fuel resources and less wealth than Canada are way ahead of us. Some of the countries around the world who are leading the adoption of renewable energy are some of the poorest. Not because they are somehow smarter (although some may be!) but because it is a matter of survival. For instance, nine of the 10 fastest growing EV markets are poor nations, like Nepal and Ethiopia. Surprised?! Vietnam and Pakistan (which imported 17 gigawatts of solar panels in a single year) have been moving to renewable energy as fast as possible because solar power is saving them money; and they were doing that way before the war in Iran.

I would like everyone to move to renewable energy and buy an EV and change behaviours because it's the right thing to do for the planet. But if most of us need financial motivation, I'm good with that. Now is a moment in which we can see that the motivation is already there.

Click on this link to find a different story: [Kermit said it's not easy being green. He was wrong.](#)

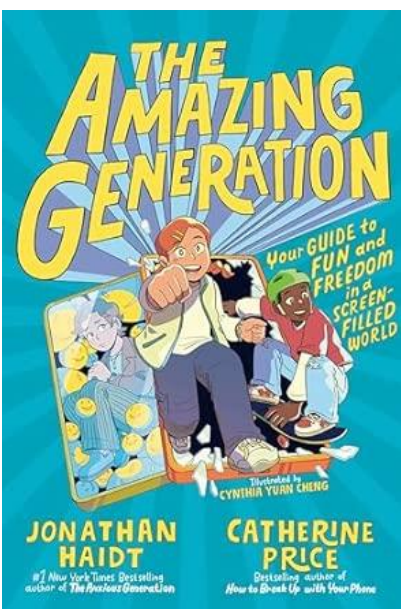
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## NEW: Mission and Service

Healthy Food, Healthy Relationships

[Healthy Food, Healthy Relationships | The United Church of Canada](#)

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## NEW: Book Review

### The Amazing Generation

Debby Dandy, Outreach Committee

This spring, Craig gifted youth with a book called The Amazing Generation. This book brought back memories of my own youth- riding miles from home on country roads to visit other kids from school; making houses for hours in the bluffs that were a mile or two from our home; Being dropped at the rink in winter to skate and run around town unsupervised. As I look back on that now, it reinforces the different lifestyles of the young people in my life. Too many hours are spent on their phones -

sometimes talking or playing games with friends, and other times just exploring the various apps that are available to them. The idea of running around outside of home supervision is almost considered dangerous. There are worries about harm coming to kids who aren't supervised by parents or adults. Kids spend more time at home, engaged with their phones - a source of entertainment and occupation.

One of the points that the book raises is that our society has become reliant on entertainment and can't tolerate empty time or boredom. The phone becomes the entertainment, without the need for any creative thinking about how to relieve boredom and have some fun. You no longer need to spend time figuring out what is possible to make our lives fun and enjoyable, it's right there at our fingertips on the phone.

The dangers lie in numerous places on the phone. First of all, ads portray the "ideal" female or male and advertise the products that the viewer should purchase to be considered "ideal". There is no reinforcement of individuality and difference. The advertisers know how to engage the attention of young people and "sell" literally and by suggestion this ideal. Young people want to fit in and be the cool person they see on their screen, and are vulnerable "customers". The other danger is the idea that a phone provides learning and important information to be gained without interaction with the environment and the benefit of personal experience. The learning that was gained through friendships, freedom, and fun in previous generations has been replaced by the phone.

We all need experiences that develop our minds, build relationships, and encourage us to think for ourselves. This book suggests that cell phones have replaced true experiential social learning and have successfully changed the focus to learning who we are through the screen of a smartphone. It is a recommended read for both kids and their parents. It is presented in a graphic novel format, which engages youth. Available at COLES.

# DECOLONIZING SEXUALITY & GENDER IDENTITY



THE AMAZING  
**RACE**  
CANADA

Season 7 Winner  
**Dr. James Makokis**

Sat., May 23<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto:admin@knoxunitedbrandon.ca)



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## **Reminder: Broadview Magazine Group Subscription Renewal**

If you would like to be added, have an address change, or want to cancel your Knox group subscription. You must contact Kendra at the church office by **Friday, May 8<sup>th</sup>**. The annual rate is \$30. We can accept cash, cheque, or e-transfer to [admin@knoxunitedbrandon.ca](mailto:admin@knoxunitedbrandon.ca).

Our Knox Broadview Reading Club meets once a month! All are welcome!

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## **Reminder: New Email Address for Knox**

For email & e-transfer, please update your records.  
[admin@knoxunitedbrandon.ca](mailto:admin@knoxunitedbrandon.ca)

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## **Reminder: Greenspot & Sobeys Gift Cards**

Greenspot Home & Garden and Sobeys gift cards are restocked and available in the church office. A portion of every card supports our church's outreach ministries throughout the community.

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## **Sunday Morning Worship on YouTube**

Join our Sunday worship at 10:30 AM on YouTube  
<https://www.youtube.com/c/TheKnoxKonnexion>  
Or search *The Knox Konnexion*