

Trinity Happenings

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Our Mission

*We are here to:
Worship God,
Walk with Jesus,
Change lives,
and Serve the
community, through the
power of the Holy Spirit.*

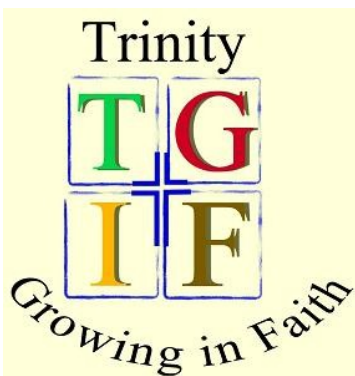
“The Day Before Jesus Died”

Lent 2009 -- Sunday morning Sermons.

The day before Jesus died (which we call Maundy Thursday) was a day rich in meaning for Jesus. Today we conclude this 5 part teaching series.

April 5th Palm Sunday Fr. Andrew

GARDEN OF GETHSEMANE AND BETRAYAL: Jesus sweats blood as he prays in the garden of Gethsemane after which he is betrayed and arrested.



“THE DAY BEFORE JESUS DIED” -- DAILY DEVOTIONS THROUGH LENT

If it is not yet your habit to take time for daily prayer and Bible reading we would encourage you to add this to your schedule through Lent. Each week in “Happenings” we will list five readings for the coming week plus a theme prayer for the week. The five Bible readings have been chosen as a follow up to the Sunday sermon you have just heard. In case you are traveling and miss getting “Happenings”, we will post the readings and the theme prayer on our web site www.trinitybarrie.ca

too late to start. Use the following readings through Holy Week to prepare yourself for Good Friday and Easter Day.

**** For the Week April 6 to 10th. Theme: “Garden of Gethsemane & Betrayal”**

- Recalling Sunday’s sermon and looking ahead to The Feast Of The Resurrection
- (1) Mark 14: 32 – 42
- (2) Matthew 26: 47 – 56
- (3) Luke 22: 54-62
- (4) Mark 15: 33- 47
- (5) John 19: 1 - 18

The “Reveal” survey indicated that only 22% of us have a daily pattern of Bible reading and prayer. It is one of our objectives this year to encourage all of our members to build this into their lives. Daily Bible reading and prayer is the single best personal action to facilitate your spiritual growth. (Our special thanks to the Very Rev. Peter Williams who has designed this sequence of readings for Lent and composed the weekly theme prayer).

Theme Prayer: “Lord Jesus, As the old hymn puts it “there was no other good enough to pay the price of sin. You only could unlock the gate of heaven and let us in.” How can we thank you for taking upon yourself our sin and shame and brokenness; for bearing them away in your body so that in you we are fully pleasing to The Father. We praise you that for us you broke the death barrier; so that together as your for-ever-family we might feast in the banquet hall of your Kingdom and lead productive, creative lives for all eternity.

** Several people have spoken to us to say that they have been using these suggested readings through Lent this year that it has been beneficial. It is not

Thank you Lord Jesus! Amen.

EASTER NEWSLETTER

-- Emailed to our members.

Last week we emailed our Easter Newsletter to everyone for whom we had an email address. Please let us know how this worked.

If we don’t already have your email address, or if it has changed, please send an email to Mary Caldwell in our church office at:

churchoffice@rogers.com

Many thanks.

SPRING HOME GROUPS

As we celebrate Easter we are reminded of the great truths of the Christian faith: "Christ has died! Christ is risen! Christ will come again!" This spring several of our Home Groups will be exploring what we mean by these affirmations. "The Faith Given Once For All" will be the basis for four of the Home Groups (as well as a sermon series beginning after Easter). As we journey from Easter to Trinity Sunday we hope that you will journey with us to deepen friendships at Trinity and to grow in the faith. Pick the Home Group that best suits your schedule and your interest. A full schedule is below. Please register through the church office (728-2691) or with the Group leader.

** THE FAITH GIVEN ONCE FOR ALL:

While we stand up and recite the creed each Sunday, what do we mean by each of those affirmations? And having recited the creed what is our level of conviction? How equipped do we feel we are to explain the faith to a friend or neighbor? How well are we able to answer the questions of our children & grandchildren (particularly when their faith is being challenged at school?). Join us for an insightful seven week focus on the fundamentals of the Christian faith. Cost \$25 for book and course.

* Mondays at 7:00 pm led by Gary Lyon & the Alpha Team. Begins April 20th.

* Tuesdays at 12:45 pm led by Gay Welsman and Susan Snelling. Begins April 14th

* Wednesdays at 12:00 noon led by Gladys Fisher & Peter Williams. Begins April 15th. Bring a bag lunch

* Wednesday at 7:15 pm at the home of Anne Harrison (737-9064) beginning April 15th. Call Anne for directions.

** JOURNEY THROUGH THE HOLY LAND -- Charles Price.

Journey with gifted Bible teacher Charles Price to six key locations in the Holy Land. You will be on site and hear from him about the significance of each of these locations. Cost is \$20.

* Mondays at 1:30 pm led by Grace Jones and Ray Carder

** ACTS OF THE APOSTLES -- Bible Focus.

Continuing to read in the Acts of the Apostles, starting at Chapter 4. Discover together the principles the early church established for successful leadership in the Church. For those at Trinity who lead or who have a calling to lead. Not an introductory level course.

* Wednesdays at 2:30 pm led by Fr. Andrew. Begins April 22nd

* Wednesdays at 7:00 pm led by Fr. Andrew. Begins April 22nd

** NOOMA

How do we describe NOOMA? As Andrew said to Peter "Come and see". These are a series of insightful short videos produced by Rob Bell. They introduce key aspects of the faith and prompt the viewer into deeper discussion. You will be intrigued, challenged and enlightened. Go online to see a sample.

* Wednesday at 7:00 pm with John Lake. Begins April 15th.

* Fridays at 1:30 pm with John Lake. Begins April 17th.

** THE TRUTH PROJECT

(This group began in the winter and will continue Monday evenings through the spring led by Kim Beaney and Gladys Fisher. This material is available for others to use).

HOLY WEEK & EASTER 2009

SUNDAY - April 5 "Palm Sunday"

8:00 a.m. – Quiet Communion

10:00 a.m. – Family Service

Nursery in Undercroft, Sunday School in Aud., Jr. Teens in Upper Rm., Sr. Teens in Naz. Rm.

MONDAY

7:15 p.m. – "Truth Project" Study in Upper Rm.

7:15 p.m. – Trinity Rocks Practice in Sanctuary

TUESDAY

7:00 p.m. - Beth Moore Course in Upper Rm.

7:00 p.m. - Contemporary Worship Team Practice in Sanctuary

WEDNESDAY

7:30 a.m. – Men's Breakfast at Simcoe Hotel

10:30 a.m. – Quiet Communion

6:45 p.m. – Beth Moore Study in Upper Rm.

MAUNDY THURSDAY

A day for Fasting with Prayer.

9:30 a.m. – Trinity Women Meeting in Upper Room – Special

Guests: The Very Rev. Peter & Barbara Williams

6:30 p.m. – Venturers in Aud.

7:00 p.m. – Holy Communion & Foot Washing.

GOOD FRIDAY - April 10

12:00 p.m. – Worship Service in Sanctuary

Special Choir Anthems

Children's Programme & Nursery Care

EASTER DAY April 12th - Resurrection Celebrations

8:00 a.m. – Sunrise Communion with Choir

10:00 a.m. – Family Communion

Nursery in Undercroft, Sunday School in Aud.,

Jr. Teens in Upper Rm., Sr. Teens in Naz. Rm.

EASTER MONDAY - April 13th

10:30 a.m. to 5:30 pm Hot Dinner served.

WEDNESDAY April 15th

10:30 a.m. Communion & Lunch in the Church for all seniors & shut-ins.

BITS AND PIECES

*Congregation attending Trinity last Week (Mar. 29) was:

8:00 a.m. = 40, 10:00 a.m. = 113, for a total of 153, including 23 children & teachers.



“THE FAITH GIVEN ONCE FOR ALL”

Parish Wide Focus for the Spring Season

Home Groups + Sermons + The Book + Daily Bible Readings !

“The Faith Given Once For All” will be our parish-wide focus through the spring season beginning the week after Easter. What do we believe and why? Can we be confident of the truths of the Christian faith? For those who are new to the faith these will be foundational building blocks. For those who were confirmed years ago this will be a timely refresher. As resources we will be using the Prayer Book (the Creeds and the Catechism) plus a new book called “The Faith” written by Charles Colson. He wrote this book because he discovered that even church people are rather “iffy” on the truth claims of the Christian faith. The recent REVEAL survey showed the same weak results for Trinity members as well. This will be a parish-wide teaching initiative of: Home Groups + Sermons + The Book + Daily Bible Readings ! Please join us.

1) HOME GROUPS: Four Home Groups will be formed using this same material as the basis for their discussion. There will be a DVD presentation by Charles Colson followed by discussion. See the schedule of Home Groups on these pages and register for the Home Group which best fits your schedule.

2) THE BOOK: Using wonderful stories from his travels around the world and his life experience Charles Colson has woven together a great book that outlines the fundamentals of the faith in 15 chapters. We are hoping that everyone will purchase a copy of Colson’s book called “The Faith”. We have copies for sale today for \$15. The book will be a good resource for you for the Sunday sermons as well as the mid-week Home Groups.

3) SERMON SERIES: Our sermon series on this topic will begin the Sunday after Easter and continue through to June.

4) DAILY BIBLE READINGS: Building on the momentum established through Lent, Peter Williams will be designing a special series of daily Bible readings which will follow from each of the Sunday sermons. Daily Bible reading and prayer is the single best personal action to facilitate your spiritual growth. One of our objectives this year is for every member of Trinity to establish a pattern of daily Bible reading and prayer.

The following is a review of “The Faith”:

In this insightful presentation, Chuck Colson identifies the unshakable tenets of the faith that Christians have believed through the centuries—truths that offer a ground for faith in uncertain times, hope and joy for those who despair, and reconciliation for a world at war with God and itself. Rightly understood and rightly communicated, the Christian faith is one of great joy. It is an invitation to God’s kingdom, where tears are replaced by laughter and longing hearts find their purpose and their home. This is the heart of the gospel: God’s search to reclaim us and love us as his own.

FASTING --

Thursday April 9th Maundy Thursday.

These 40 days of Lent take as their inspiration the 40 days of fasting that Jesus had after his baptism and before his public ministry. Numerous times through the Bible God’s people fast. While this has dropped from view in more recent times, this is a model that is worth following. We fast from food so that we hunger more deeply for God and his strength. When questioned about this by his disciples Jesus says, “I have food to eat of which you do not know ... my food is to do the will of him who sent me” (John 4:32). Later on Jesus says, “Do not labour for the food which perishes but for the food which endures to eternal life”. (John 6:27th) This Thursday April 9th (Maundy Thursday) we are calling for a day of fasting with prayer in the midst of your regular routine that day, and in accord with your health requirements. After a day of fasting (and perhaps prayer during the times when you would have had meals) we will join together for worship and Communion at Trinity at 7:00 pm.



EASTER DINNER -- Easter Monday.

Once again we will be partnering with ROSIE to offer a hot Easter Dinner to those who are alone or on the street. The Dinner will be on Easter Monday. We will begin setting up about 10:00 a.m. and will serve food from 12:00 noon to 5:00 pm. Last time we served about 400 hot dinners. If you could assist during a 2 hour time slot please phone the church office (728-2691) or speak to Canon Brian.

TRINITY WOMEN

All women are invited to come to the monthly gathering of Trinity Women, to be held on Thursday, April 9th at 9:30 a.m. in the Upper Room. Our special guests will be the Very Rev. Peter and Barbara Williams, talking about “Life after Trinity” – their ministries in Peru and the Yukon. (Notice the change of day this month to Maundy Thursday.)

FROM THE MAIL

If writing to Trinity, please remember that our address is P.O. Box 641, Barrie, ON, L4M 4V1

*Dear Trinity Family,

Many Thanks for everyone’s prayers, flowers, and Home Communion by Father Andrew. All your kindnesses were very deeply appreciated.
Regards, Victoria Moran

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VBC – “DISCOVERY CANYON: Exploring the Wonders of the Word” July 6-10

We are enthusiastically gearing up and planning for our summer VBC (Vacation Bible Camp) in July. It is so encouraging to have the numbers of volunteers that have already said that they would help that week. Thank you very much! You will be blessed for your efforts. Of course, we will need even more volunteers! So if you are considering helping, please set aside time after church on Sunday, April 19 at 11:45 to attend our first full team meeting in the Upper Room. (Please bring a bag lunch.) We look forward to working with you all. Registration forms will be available right after our meeting as well as on the website.

Judy Thompson 737-1905 Gay Welsman 728-6132

Kiwanis Festival

Trinity Choir is performing in the Music Festival on Monday, April 27th at 8:45 p.m. at Willow Creek Baptist Church, Midhurst. We will be singing 2 pieces. It would be truly “wonderful” to see many of you there to support us.
Thank You,
The Choir



David Busby Street Centre - 4th Annual Streetlight Gala

Featuring: Hockey legend Paul Henderson
Friday April 24th, 2009 at 6:00 pm
Tangle Creek Golf Course
Dinner, Speaker, and Silent Auction
\$75.00 per person
For tickets call Bethany Obermayer at 722-1735

ARE YOU ON OUR EMAIL OR OUR PHONE TREE LIST?

We at Trinity send out information to our Trinity community via email or the phone tree when there are happenings or prayer requests that involve a goodly number of people in the congregation. It is a quick and timely method of communicating information with you that was not included in our weekly *Happenings* which we feel you would be interested in hearing.

If you are not yet on either the email list or the phone tree and would like to be, please get in touch with the church office at 728-2691 or for email Gay Welsman, gwelsman@barint.on.ca or call Bronwen Jones for the phone tree at 735-1989.

Also, it is important that if you have changed your email address or phone number (in the year) that you advise us of the change. We want to keep you up to date with what's happening at Trinity!

Thank you for your help.

The Communications Committee

SPRING TUNE-UP – May 1-3

For women 18 – 88! A weekend in beautiful Muskoka at Pioneer Camp on Mary Lake near Port Sydney. The theme of the weekend is “*Be Transformed*”. Guest speaker is Deborah Bowen. Deborah teaches English at Redeemer College in Ancaster. She and her husband attend an Anglican church in Hamilton. Campers will be blessed by her understanding of God's Word and her practical insights into daily living.

Cost for the weekend is \$121.54. Program starts on Friday night and ends Sunday at 1:30 after lunch. Saturday night is a special fun night with the theme - “Paris in the Springtime”.

A number of women from Trinity have enjoyed going to the weekends at Pioneer and we all invite you to come along! You'll be inspired and refreshed.

For more information call Gay Welsman at 728-6132 or Judy Thompson 737-1905.

Nearly New Sale/ Garage Sale - April 30, May 1 and 2

This big fundraiser is coming to a church near you!! Please remember that it requires a great deal of work, which the Women's Fellowship does happily twice a year. But, and it's a BIG BUT, ladies and gentlemen, we need your help. We need people to sort “stuff” that comes in on Thursday and to sell on Friday and Saturday. We especially need gentlemen to help on the sale days, but also to be very visible and to provide some security. Although we can never understand why someone would steal from a church by shoplifting, it still happens if we are not constantly aware of what is going on. Please mark these dates on your calendars and give us a hand. Posters are up around the church, or will be soon, for you to show us you are willing to help us with this project.

