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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.

Rev. Ray Carder -- 80th Birthday!

The Rev. Ray Carder turned 80 and we want to celebrate this wonderful milestone. While Rev. Ray has a low profile on Sunday mornings, he has an amazing mid-week ministry on behalf of Trinity. Ray leads worship services in many of the Retirement & Nursing Homes and has a long list of the elderly that he visits. We want to thank him for this ministry and to celebrate his birthday with him.

Please join us in the auditorium after the 10:00 a.m. service for birthday cake.

Parish Info and Updates

YOUTH ALPHA -- CELEBRATION LUNCHEON AMAZING GRACE -- Now on YouTube

As an end of season celebration for the Youth Alpha there will be a special pot-luck luncheon in the auditorium TODAY Dec. 14th at 12:00 to 2:00 pm. attended by the teens, their parents and other guests. Other teens and guests are welcome to celebrate with our youth and to see what they have been experiencing.

The singing of "Amazing Grace" at 8:00 and 10:00 a.m. has now been posted on YouTube. Our thanks to John Lewis for recoding this for us.

SHUT - IN SERVICE - Wed. Dec. 17th at 10:30 a.m.

Twice a year (Christmas and Easter) we have a special service in the church for all our shut-ins. The aisle is lined with wheelchairs. After the service we serve sandwiches and squares. Our thanks to Joan Winter (and her team for arranging and serving the luncheon. We need some additional assistance with this. If you can help on the day, or drop off food, please call Joan Winter 721-6863, or the church office. Many thanks for making Christmas extra special for those who are confined to their homes.

CHRISTMAS DAY DINNER -- with Rosie's Diner.

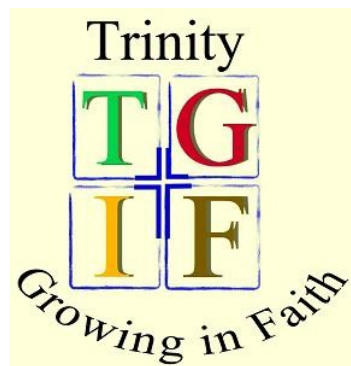
On Thanksgiving Day we served 500 hot turkey dinners to those who are alone or on the street. It was amazing to see the number of people and the amount of food. Once again we will be partnering with Rosie's Diner to serve a hot meal on CHRISTMAS DAY. Rosie provides all the food, we provide the volunteers and the auditorium. As we did at Thanksgiving we will arrange 2 hour shifts beginning at 11:30 a.m. through to about 6:00 pm. If you will be able to help please speak to Canon Brian or phone into the church office. This is a wonderful outreach to those who are most in need.

CHRISTMAS LETTER

The parish Christmas Letter is at the back of the church this morning. Please pick up your copy. Our special thanks to the team that put it all together for us. If there is not a copy for you and you are not on our mailing list please fill out your name and address on the envelope in the pews and either pass it on to one of the clergy or drop it on the collection plate.

BUSBY CENTRE -- Trillium Grant

We have just heard that the Busby Street Centre is the recipient of an Ontario Trillium Grant. This is wonderful news as they consider their next steps. There will be a press conference tomorrow at 10:30 a.m. in the Busby Centre when the announcement will be made by Aileen Carrol our MPP. Everyone is welcome; there will be light refreshments afterward. Bethany Obermeyer is our representative on their Board and can share with you their future plans.



CHRISTMAS MITTEN TREE

Please consider donating a new pair of mittens for the 2008 Mitten Tree at Trinity. All mittens will be donated to the David Busby Street Centre. Whether handmade or purchased, any donation will be greatly appreciated. If you have ever had cold fingers you know what it is like not to have a pair to keep you hands warm. The

Mitten Tree will be in the church beginning Nov. 30th.



CALENDAR EVENTS FOR THIS WEEK

SUNDAY - Dec. 14th "Third of Advent" "White Gift Sunday"

8:00 a.m. - Quiet Communion
10:00 a.m. - Holy Communion, Nursery in Undercroft,
Children in Aud., Jr. Youth in Upper Rm.
Class: 10 a.m. Youth Alpha at Trinity & Lunch
4:00 p.m. - Sunday School Christmas Pageant, followed by
family Pot Luck Supper.

MONDAY

6:00 p.m. - Beavers Christmas Party in Aud.

TUESDAY

7:00 p.m. - Contemporary Worship Team Practice in
Sanctuary
5:00 p.m. - Busby Board Mtg. in Lower Hall

WEDNESDAY

7:30 a.m. - Men's Breakfast at Simcoe Hotel
10:30 a.m. - Christmas "Shut In" Service & Lunch
12:00 p.m. - D. Busby Christmas Dinner in Aud.
6:45 p.m. - Beth Moore Course in Upper Rm.
7:15 p.m. - The Truth Project in Nazareth Rm.

THURSDAY

6:30 p.m. - Scouts in Aud.
7:00 p.m. - Sr. Choir Practice in Sanctuary

SUNDAY - Dec. 21st "Fourth of Advent" "Christmas Carols & Lessons"

8:00 a.m. - Quiet Communion
10:00 a.m. - Holy Communion, Nursery in Undercroft,
Children in Aud., Jr. Youth in Upper Rm., Sr. Youth in Naz.

BITS AND PIECES

*Congregation attending Trinity last Week (Dec.7) was:
8:00 a.m. = 43, 10:00 a.m. = 113, for a total of 156
including 24 Children & Teachers.

FROM THE MAIL

*Dear Newcomers Vision Team,
Thank you for the luncheon on Nov. 30th. Terry
loved the chowder! We learned of many activities – met
many great participants. "Thumbs Up" to your warmth and
presentations.

We look forward to spiritual growth and fellowship
at Trinity.

Thank you for the invitations.

Sincerely,
Terry and Beth Heale.

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

*2009 CHURCH CALENDARS:

Available now in the Church Office at \$5.00 each. This
year's theme: *For there is hope for a tree..." Job 14: 7a*

WHITE GIFT SUNDAY: Dec. 14th (Today)

Please bring an unwrapped toy, gift, or non-perishable
food item, and place in the baskets at the Chancel
Steps. These items will be given to the needy of Barrie
or at the David Busby Street Centre at Christmas.

SHUT-IN CHRISTMAS SERVICE

Wednesday, Dec. 17th, we're inviting Shut Ins or
anyone who has difficulty with large crowds, to join us
in the Sanctuary at 10:30 a.m. for a Communion
Service and Refreshments.

If you're able to help either by serving or bringing
lunch, please contact Joan Winter, 721-6863.

Also if you're able to drive people, please call the
Office at 728-2691.

THE DAVID BUSBY STREET CENTRE

Gives a bag of gifts to each Client at Christmas. If you
wish to donate gifts for this cause, the suggested list of
items and the basket to deposit them, is in the Tower
Walk, deadline for these is Dec. 14th. (Your ongoing
support is appreciated.)

KIWANIS CHRISTMAS CAKES FOR SALE

Combo \$12.00, Ring \$13.00. Excellent as Christmas
Gifts. Please contact Keith Caldwell at 721-0737.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

Those wishing to put flowers in the Church for
Christmas, in memory of loved ones, please call Judy
Craig, 737-2669. Please make cheques payable to
"Trinity Chancel Guild".

88TH BIRTHDAY

Elizabeth Nicholson is celebrating her 88th Birthday on
Christmas Day. She misses her church family and a
birthday card from those who knew her would be
appreciated.

GROWING IN FAITH WITH OUR KIDS

Brainstorming session on Jan 18th from 12:00 - 1:30
pm. Light lunch and child care provided. Free will
offering. More information to follow.

***Christmas Mailing: Available at the back of the
Church. Please pick one up today.**

***Congregational Readers' Schedules ready at the
back of the Church.**

More info and events on page 4

“BLESSED BE THE LORD GOD”

Week #5 -- Saints in Glory

Today we come to the fifth week in our worship/sermon series called “BLESSED BE THE LORD GOD”. Our theme is taken from the songs of praise offered at key moments in the Bible. A song of thanksgiving pours forth as they exalt God for his goodness. This is a reminder to us of God’s generosity and the response of thankfulness by people of faith. Our sequence will be:

- Nov. 16th - Hannah mother of Samuel (1Samuel 2:1-11)
- Nov. 23rd - Mary mother of Jesus (The “Magnificat” Luke 1:46-55)
- Nov. 30th - Zechariah father of John the Baptist (The “Benedictus” Luke 1:68-79)
- Dec 7th - Simeon “Nunc Dimittis (Luke 2:29)
- Dec 14th - Saints in Glory (Rev. 5:1-14)
- Dec 21st - The Angels sing “glory” (Luke 2:14)

Last week our focus was on Simeon and his song of praise called “The Nunc Dimittis”. Today our focus shifts to the saints in glory. All those who have persevered in the faith and have been redeemed by Jesus join together in the “New Song” sung in heaven as written in Revelation 5. Here in heavenly glory, Jesus is seen as the Lamb who has redeemed his people. It is about him that this new song is sung.

A closer look at Revelation 5 reveals a song sung in three movements that ultimately encompasses all of creation. It starts with those who surround the throne, expressing the Lamb’s worth through song. Then the song expands to the heavenly host. John expresses that the multitude of angels was greater than he could count. The many angels who once sang, “Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors,” now sing, “Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!” Finally, all creation harmonizes. The eagle that soars in heaven joins the horse galloping on earth, the penguin frolicking in the sea, and the porpoise swimming under the sea in praising the eternal God of the universe and the Lamb: “To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!”

What a vivid account Scripture paints of the celestial choir! What a privilege to sing the new creation song! How does this glorious vision affect Christian living today?

DAILY DEVOTIONS:

The following are some daily devotions which will serve as a follow up to today’s sermon and as preparation for next week’s theme. If you don’t already have a pattern of daily Bible reading & prayer this is a good way to begin. To assist in your prayers you can use the “Collect of the Day” from today’s yellow bulletin. It is a theme prayer in keeping with the Bible readings of the week. You will notice a significant growth in your spiritual life if you are able to take a few minutes each day for Bible reading and prayer. This will also be a good way to journey through Advent and prepare your heart for the celebration of Christmas. Fifth week December 15 - 19th:

- Monday: John 1: 35-51
- Tuesday: John 14: 1 - 11
- Wednesday: Rev. 5: 1-8
- Thursday: Rev. 5: 9-14
- Friday: Rev. 6: 9-17

STEWARDSHIP: As we reflect on God’s generosity and the response of thankfulness by people of faith (like Hannah & Mary & Simeon), it is an opportunity for us to consider God’s gifts in our own life and our response.

WEB SITE:

If you missed the previous week’s notes and Bible readings or if you will be traveling in future weeks you can keep pace with us on the church web site. Each week we will post the theme notes and the Bible readings. Visit us at www.trinitybarrie.ca



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The Very Important Christmas Pageant

“We're expecting a King riding a chariot, with all the forces of heaven behind. We're getting a baby? OK, then it's a baby born in splendor, right? No, it's a baby born to an unwed mother. In a manger. OK, then, let's have the nation rejoice. Sorry, all you get are shepherds and some Magi from out of town.”



We are pleased to present to you the story of Jesus' birth:

Sunday Dec. 14th
4:00 pm

Potluck dinner to follow. It promises to be an interesting evening.

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR AT TRINITY

“Blessed be the Lord God”

- ** Wednesday Dec. 17th
10:30 a.m. Shut-in Communion & Luncheon in the Church.
12:00 p.m. - David Busby Street Centre Christmas Dinner in Auditorium, with Georgian College Culinary Students cooking and serving the Food. The Centre is asking us for small gift items to fill a Christmas Gift Bag for each Client.
- ** Sunday December 21st. Fourth Sunday of Advent.
8:00 and 10:00 a.m. Christmas Carol Service.
- ** Wednesday Dec. 24th. Christmas Eve.
10:30 a.m. Quiet Communion in the Chapel
7:00 p.m. Family Communion, Combined Music, Nursery.
10:00 p.m. “Midnight” Mass with full Choir.
- ** Thursday Dec. 25th. Christmas Day.
10:00 a.m. Family Communion
11:30 a.m. Serving Christmas Dinner with Rosie
- ** Sunday Dec. 28th.
8:00 a.m. Quiet Communion.
10:00 a.m. Family Communion & Holy Baptism
- ** Wednesday Dec. 31st. New Year's Eve Day
10:30 a.m. Quiet Communion in the Chapel
- ** Sunday January 4th. First Sunday of the New Year
8:00 a.m. New Years Blessing at the Altar Rail
10:00 a.m. Family Worship & New Years Blessing

Vision Committee Update – December 2008

The Vision Committee met with Management Board and ministry leads after church on Nov. 23, 2008. 25 people met to review Trinity's progress towards the dreams identified last year and approved by the congregation last November. We also looked at the results of the Reveal Survey in which Trinity participated last spring.

In small groups, we talked about what we should plan to do over the next year. When the groups reported back, there was a remarkable degree of consistency in their recommendations:

- provide greater support for children, youth and family ministry
- expand our home/study group ministry to foster the building of relationships among participants and spiritual growth

We are establishing a working group to focus on the children, youth and family ministries, and are planning a meeting in January with all families with children nursery aged to Grade 8, and other interested Trinity members. Watch for more information on this meeting in Happenings.

Joan Hill for the Vision Committee