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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.*



SERVER'S ANNOUNCEMENT

Are looking for a ministry within our Church? Have you considered Serving? Trinity is looking for new Servers, young and old alike. If you think you may be interested in participating in this ministry please speak to Father Andrew, Walter Marshall or Jennifer Miller. All youth, young adults and adults welcome!!

ANNUAL MEETING -- Sunday Feb. 1st 12:30 pm

Our Annual (Vestry) Meeting will be held **TODAY** after the main service at about 12:30 pm. All members of the church are encouraged to attend. Please pick up a copy of the Annual Report at the back of the church this morning and bring it with you to the meeting. Our thanks to the great team which printed and assembled our Annual Report: Mary Caldwell, Byng Mayor, Florence Simpson, Gladys & Harry Fisher and Frank Lawson.

** There will be a light lunch served prior to the meeting in the auditorium. This will be pot-luck. We are asking that those with last names beginning with the letters A-L to bring a plate of sandwiches, and those with a last name beginning with the letter M-Z bring either a dessert, a veggie tray, or a fruit tray.

** We are in the midst of arranging Nursery Care for the youngest children so that parents can attend the Vestry meeting.

LEADERS

Several of our leaders have served with distinction over several years and will be stepping down from their position. We are looking for the following leaders. A full description is available for each position, a brief summary is provided below. If interested or for more information please speak to one of the clergy or Wardens or call the church office thru the week.

- Finance Committee: review reports produced by our bookkeeper and issue periodic statements to the congregation and the Management Board.
- Stewardship Committee: communication and education of the congregation, working with the clergy.
- Christian Education Committee: general oversight of our education ministries and sit on the management Board.

Next Sunday at 10:00 a.m. we will have the Installation of all of our Parish Leaders for 2009.

ASH WEDNESDAY - Children's Program Feb. 25th

The Anglican Churches of Barrie are combining forces to offer a children's program of music, crafts, teaching, etc on the morning of Wed. Feb. 25th from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon at St. George's Allandale. There is a nominal cost of \$2 per child and the program ends with a light lunch.

Ash Wednesday is one of the days in the Province when children can miss school for religious instruction. The children will be given a note to take back to school after lunch. Please register your children by calling our church office 728-2691. Additional volunteers to help with the program would be appreciated.

MARRIAGE SEMINAR -- Sat. Feb. 28th

"Seeing Your Marriage Thru the Eyes of God"

Focus on the Family will be offering a wonderful one day marriage seminar on Sat. Feb. 28th. It will be a live satellite broadcast across North America featuring: BETH MOORE, DEL TACKET, GARY SMALLEY and others. Emmanuel Church on Essa Road south will be the host site in Barrie. Cost is \$69 per couple. Single registration available. Register on line at www.focusonmarriage.com Video previews also available on line at the same web site.

CALENDAR EVENTS FOR THIS WEEK

SUNDAY Feb. 1st "Epiphany 4"

8:00 a.m. - Quiet Communion
 10:00 a.m. - Family Communion
 Nursery in Undercroft, Sunday School in Aud., Jr. Teens in Upper Rm., Sr. Teens in Naz. Rm.
 12:30 p.m. - Lunch & Vestry Meeting in Aud.
 p.m. - Youth Sports Night in Aud.

MONDAY

1:30 p.m. - "Walk on Water" Study in Upper Rm.
 6:30 p.m. - Dinner & "Life Worth Living" in Aud.
 7:15 p.m. - Trinity Rocks Practice in Sanctuary

TUESDAY

12:45 p.m. - Beth Moore Course in Upper Rm.
 7:00 p.m. - " " " "
 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. - Holy Communion
 1:00 p.m. - "Life in the Spirit" Study in Upper Rm.
 6:45 p.m. - Beth Moore Study in Upper Rm.

THURSDAY

6:30 p.m. - Venturers in Aud.
 7:00 p.m. - Vision Committee Mtg. in Naz. Rm.
 7:00 p.m. - Sr. Choir Practice in Sanctuary

NEXT SUNDAY - Feb. 8th "Epiphany 5"

8:00 a.m. - Quiet Communion
 10:00 a.m. - Family Communion
 Installation of Trinity Leaders for 2009
 Nursery in Undercroft, Sunday School in Aud., Jr. Teens in Upper Rm., Sr. Teens in Naz. Rm.
 p.m. - Youth Sports Night in Aud.

BITS AND PIECES

*Congregation attending Trinity last Week (Jan.25) was:
 8:00 a.m.= 29, 10:00 a.m. = 111, for a total of 140,
 including 6 children & teachers.

ANNUAL VESTRY MEETING: TODAY

- Sun., Feb. 1st. Anyone who has been a member of the Anglican Church and of Trinity for at least 3 months, and has attended services of worship regularly, and is of the full age of 16 years is eligible to vote. (12:30 p.m. - Pot Luck lunch, followed by the Meeting.)

World Day of Prayer - 2009

Please reserve this day to celebrate with us: Friday, the sixth of March at 1.30 p.m. here, at Trinity Church, Barrie. The women of our parish will be hosting this event and it should be a wonderful experience for us all. We will be requiring some of you to bake for this occasion as we expect that we will have visitors from at least nineteen churches in Barrie. There will be some recipes available in due course. More information will be available soon.

Secret Friends Celebration

Secret Friends will be welcomed on Wednesday, February 4th, at the home of Jane Lewis. We will be serving coffee and tea and treats at 7 p.m. This is always an evening full of fun and laughter as the ladies exclaim "Oh I thought it might be you!" or "I had no idea!" So, join us on the 4th and see what it's all about.

DATES TO REMEMBER :

Secret Friends Celebration: Feb. 11, 7 p.m. at Jane's home

Women's Fellowship Core Mtg.: Feb. 18, 7 p.m. at Mae's home

World Day of Prayer: March 6 at Trinity Church

Nearly New/Garage Sales: April 30, May 1 and 2
 October 29, 30, 31

FROM THE MAIL

"Earl and I would like to express thanks to all the congregation for their prayers, best wishes and many get well cards during my recent illness. Canon Brian and Father Andrew were so kind to visit me while in hospital.

A very special thank you to all the gals who did a wonderful job looking after the Shut-In Service luncheon on December 17th.

Each day I am improving and looking forward to being fully active soon."

Ever grateful for your support,

Sincerely,

Joan Winter

Dear Trinity Family,

I am deeply appreciative of your prayers covering my recent surgery.

The complications were life-threatening, but through prayer the operation was a success. Thank you so much for your care and concern. I am now home and into a slow recovery process.

Regards, Victoria Moran

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

YOUTH SPORTS NIGHT RESTART

Feb 1st will be the first youth sports night of the New Year. This is a time for youth to have fun, and socialize as Christians. All are welcome, so please tell friends and family. Anyone looking for information, or is interesting in helping please speak to Chris Garret (252-0908) or Drew Cox (722-3990).

HOME GROUP OFFERINGS AT TRINITY

- WINTER 2009

Shake off the winter blahs and get engaged with your fellow parishioners as they continue to grow and learn together. Our Vision #5 states: "Our dream is that Trinity is known as a centre for spiritual growth, built on ALPHA and discipleship training, and that every member is in a Home Group where they are engaged in prayer and Bible study."

As an encouragement to you, please consider one of the following offerings for this winter. Courses started the week of January 25, and are available mornings, afternoons and evenings. If you have interest in any of these materials, contact the leaders directly, or leave your name with Mary Caldwell at 728-2691

1. Life Worth Living (9 weeks) Monday Nights – Dinner offered. Gary & Sue with Norm Marrow and some ALPHA people. This video series, taught by Nicky Gumbal, focuses on the Letter to the Philippians, challenging Christians to lead a life in conformity with Scripture. Together we will discover how the Spirit can transform lives and enrich our own understanding of God's purpose, so we can indeed, live lives worth living! \$20 – dinner available for \$9/week

2. Beth Moore – Beloved Disciple – Book of John – Video and discussion

Section A Tuesday Evening -- Pauline Miller at Trinity (already begun)

Section B Tuesday Afternoon – Led by Gay Welsman (already begun)

This course, taught by Beth Moore, explores the life of the apostle John. Beth conveys that John had the God-given gift of seeing a larger picture and that his love relationship with Christ profoundly influenced everything he did and wrote.

3. Afternoon Life in the Spirit - Wednesday afternoon 1:00 – Father Andrew - A logical follow-up to ALPHA. Looks at how a Christian can grow and mature in his/her relationship with Christ in the power of the Holy Spirit. Includes daily reading and weekly live teaching. Non-video presentation. \$10

4. "If you Want to Walk on Water, You Have to Get Out of the Boat" – catchy title, isn't it? John Ortberg reflects on Peter's experience of living out our faith with amusing stories and challenging questions. Video series animated by Grace Jones and Ray Carder, Monday afternoons at 1:30 - 6 weeks at Trinity Church

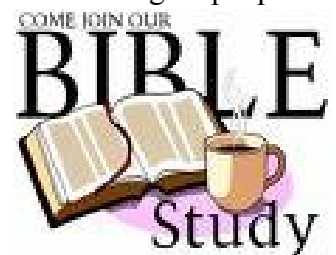
5. The Truth Project

Our next Truth Project Course will begin Monday, **February 16** at 7:15, and will run for 12 weeks. The format will be DVD presentations by an engaging presenter, Dr. Del Tackett, followed by small group discussion. The Truth Project is geared for those who believe that their needs to be the intentional development of "a Christian mind". This course will prove invaluable in equipping people to be better defenders of The Faith, building in them confidence to dialogue with those who do not share their views. Why not come out and see if this is a good fit for your temperament and giftings? Kim Beaney

6. ROB BELL MAKES THINGS AS CLEAR AS A BELL *NEW*

A series of videos that are set in every day situations, vary between 10 and 20 minutes in length and deal with a different issue. Come and join me as Rob Bell, using Biblical references, adds clarity to these topics. The sessions will be about 1½ hours; starting on Friday, February 6th at 1:15 pm and continue as long as people are willing to come. Please sign up with me (John Lake) at 733-2211 or at jhlake@bellnet.ca.

7. Your pick - Optional Courses: We have a variety of Beth Moore / Charles Price (and other) materials. Get a group of six people together – we will find a facilitator to work with you.



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NURSERY SECURITY

We now have a set of walki-talkies for the Nursery. The ushers are reminded to pick up one of these prior to the Service. This will enable to Nursery staff to be in touch with the Ushers if there are any needs.

** We are pleased to welcome Stacey Marshall who has taken over from Katherine Botuik as Nursery Co-ordinator. Our thanks to Katherine for her work with the children over several years!

CITY HALL PRAYER

This Wednesday from 12:00 to 1:00pm there will be prayer at City Hall in the Council Chambers.

NEWS FROM THE DISCIPLESHIP TRAVEL CENTRE

Today our children learned from 1 Kings 19:1-18 that we find God in times when we are afraid. Think about the things that you make you afraid. Read the passage and see what scared Elijah. What did he do about it? Thank God that when we are afraid, God is with us and we can tell God about it. We can ask God to help us not be overcome by our fear so that we are still able to respond to the situation.

SERMON NOTES

“REVEAL” SURVEY RESULTS

Last Sunday we reviewed some of the results of a survey we took last spring. The “Reveal” survey attempts to measure the spiritual health and vitality of a congregation. It was a surprise to us that in some of the basic beliefs of the faith and practices of the faith we seemed weaker than we had expected. The following is a short summary of the charts we showed last Sunday. More information is contained in the Vestry Report.

BASIC BELIEFS: I very strongly agree with the following beliefs:

Trinity	51%
Salvation by Grace	41%
Authority of the Bible	24%
Personal God	48%
Identity in Christ	26%
Church	24%
Humanity	67%
Compassion	22%
Eternity	20%
Stewardship	31%

OUR SPIRITUAL PRACTICES:

Bible Study (daily)	22%
Bible reflection (daily)	18%
Prayer (daily)	42%
Solitude	43%
Tithing (10% or more)	15%
Serving the Needy	40%
Evangelism (conversations)	21%
Evangelism (invitations)	5%
Meet with Spiritual friends	40%
Meet with Spiritual mentor	24%

This morning we will consider next steps. What does the research tell us about what is “catalytic” in helping people grow as followers of Jesus. We will look at what the church can do that will be catalytic for growth, and what an individual can do which will be catalytic for their own spiritual growth.

Finally we will consider a four point strategy for 2009.