

Trinity Happenings

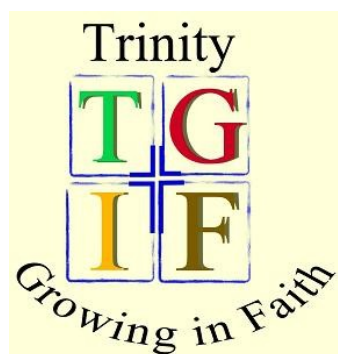
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Our Mission

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



SUPPORT FOR HAITI

“BARRIE CARES -- HOPE FOR HAITI” Last Saturday evening the churches of Barrie hosted a city-wide benefit concert in aid of Haiti. It was a wonderful evening of music and prayer. There were eye witness accounts by those who had been in Haiti at the time of the earthquake. These accounts were from Barry Slauenwhite of Compassion Canada and Marilyn DeKlerk who was working at the Tytoo Orphanage at the time. The total offering from the evening was **\$26,807.00 !!** It will be divided between these two agencies plus Emmanuel's Wish Foundation (also running an orphanage) all of whom are on the ground in Haiti.

Different churches took responsibility for different aspects of the event. We worked with Bethel Church to provide ushers and counters. Our special thanks to: Andrew & Carrie Svenson, Norm and Val Marrow, Deb Marshall, Terry & Beth Heale, Paul & Judy Thompson, Violet Walkington, and Earl Paquette. Special thanks to Stacy Marshall who was on the counting team and stayed to the very end to complete the bank deposit.

Many from Trinity have made donations to the Primates World Relief and Development Fund (PWRDF). As reported by Michel Tweedle last Sunday, a cheque from Trinity has been sent for about \$1300.

Welcome to Trinity

We welcome all visitors and new comers who have come to join us as we pray and give thanks, praise and worship, and learn about the word of God here at Trinity.

Feel free to meet us downstairs in the auditorium after the service for coffee.



Parish Info and Updates

CHOSEN SOLDIER -- THANK YOU LETTERS

We have received two thank you letters from the soldiers in Afghanistan who received the “Chosen Soldier” boxes from Trinity. They are most appreciative. The letters were printed in full in the last two editions of Happenings.

ALPHA Course in Downtown Barrie

Norm Marrow and Canon Brian have been working with the Salvation Army Bayside Mission to help train their Alpha team leaders. Their course will begin on Tuesday Feb. 16th at 7:15 pm. The Bayside Mission is located at the bottom of Bayfield Street; enter from the back of the building (off Maple) to their dining-room. Please pre-register with Major Roy Randall <Roy_Randell@can.salvationarmy.org>.

NEW PARENTS

The first meeting of the New Parents Home Group will be held next Sunday Feb. 14th from 11:15 to 12:30 in the upper room right after the worship service. We will be viewing and discussing the first segment of “Laugh Your Way to a Better Marriage”. Child care will be provided in the Nursery; please bring a bag lunch. All new parents are welcome.

SHROVE TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16TH – PANCAKES!

The Scouts are planning their annual Pancake Supper in Trinity's Auditorium at 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. “Free Will Offering”. Proceeds will go to the needs of the World Jamboree and Scouting Equipment.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR THIS WEEK

SUNDAY - February 7th "Epiphany 5"

8:00 a.m. - Quiet Communion
 10:00 a.m. - Family Communion
 Children in Aud..
 Nursery in Undercroft (ages 0-4yr.)

MONDAY

6:30 p.m. - Refreshments in Aud.
 7:00 p.m. - Studies: "Life Worth Living",
 "Challenging Lifestyles", "The Truth Project"
 7:00 p.m. - CWT Practice in Sanctuary

TUESDAY

12:45 and 7:00 p.m. - Beth Moore Study in Upper Rm.

WEDNESDAY

7:30 a.m. - Men's Breakfast at Candyland Rest.
 10:30 a.m. - Holy Communion Service
 12:00 and 7:00 p.m. - Revelation Study in Upper Rm.
 7:00 p.m. - Vacation Bible Camp Mtg. Naz. Rm.
 7:00 p.m. - Trinity Rocks Practice in Sanctuary

THURSDAY

7:00 p.m. - Sr. Choir Practice in Sanctuary
 6:30 p.m. - Venturers in Aud.
 6:30 p.m. - Scout Comissioners' Mtg. in Basement

FRIDAY

9:30 a.m. - Trinity Women meeting in Upper Rm.
 10:30 a.m. - "Nooma" Study in Naz. Rm.

SUNDAY - February 14th "Last Sun. after Epiphany"

8:00 a.m. - Quiet Communion
 10:00 a.m. - Family Communion
 Children in Aud..
 Nursery in Undercroft (ages 0-4yr.)
 11:15 a.m. - Family Life Study in Upper Rm.
 11:30 a.m. - Screening in Faith Workshop

BITS AND PIECES

*Congregation attending Trinity last Week, January 31, was: 8:00 a.m.= 32 , 10:00 a.m. = 117, for a total of 149, including 18 children & teachers.

MANAGEMENT BOARD FOR 2010 AS APPOINTED OR ELECTED AT VESTRY

Rector's Warden	Walter Marshall
People's Warden	Beth Heale
Rector's Deputy-Warden	Michael Tweedle
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Operating Committee Chairs (Management Board):	
- Christian Education	Jennifer Miller
- Communication's	Grace Jones
- Fellowship	Marg Kenny
- Finance & Stewardship	Gary Lyon
- Partnering & Reaching Out	Kemi Ogunmefun & Sue Lyon
- Property Management	Paul Thompson
- Worship Committee	Deborah Marshall
- Membership Resources	

We want to THANK those who have served with distinction over the past several years:

Sue Lyon as Warden
 Bob McConney as head of the Counters
 Bill Canning coordinating "Doors Open Barrie"
 David Miller as Envelope Secretary
 Earl Paquette as chair of the Family Life Committee
 Bob Garrett as Worship Committee Chair

We appreciate all those who have stepped forward to give leadership. They include: Peter Rodger as head of the Counters. Frank LeGatto to co-ordinate "Doors Open". Rob Smith as Envelope Secretary.

LENT

“THEY DEVOTED THEMSELVES TO THE APOSTLES TEACHING ... AND THE PRAYERS” Acts 2:42

In preparation for the season of Lent which begins in a week and a half (on Wednesday February 17th) and as a follow up to last week's sermon, we will be providing some practical guidelines today for establishing a pattern of daily Bible reading and prayer. This is the single best step to take if you are looking for ways to draw closer to the Lord. We will outline several ways to begin:

- How to use the Anglican Book of Common Prayer on a daily basis.
- How to use the Bible League calendars (80 of these were given out at New Years).
- For those who would like to have a more indepth Bible devotional, please speak to Rev. Ray Carder for a subscription to Scripture Union daily notes.

For those who do everything on their Blackberry there are two options to have a verse-of-the-day emailed to you at no cost:

- Go to the Blue Letter Bible at <http://www.blueletterbible.org/devotionals/>
- Or the Bible League http://www.bibleleague.ca/verse_signup.php

One of our Spiritual Growth goals for the year has been to encourage every member to establish a daily pattern of Bible reading and prayer. These are excellent resources to help you get off on the right foot as we begin the season of Lent. Choose the method which will work best for you and work it into your daily schedule.

LENT -- WHERE AM I HEADED?

Have you ever been driving down the road automatically (listening to the radio or letting your mind wander) only to realize as you reach a corner, “Oh, no! I'm not supposed to go to work. I'm going to _____ (some other place). Most of us have done this. We get used to getting in the car and heading to our usual destination. At some point we realize we are not headed where we want to go. Habit has taken over.

For me Lent is like that corner. I suddenly realize I am not headed in the right direction. My life has been buzzing along taking its usual path. Suddenly it is Lent. It is time to think about where I am headed, and to decide if that is where I want to go. In the six weeks between now and Easter I have time to take stock, to ask myself, *where am I headed spiritually? Do I need to allow God to direct my life? Do I need to listen more? Do I need to learn more about God's word? Do I need a mid-course correction?*

Lent reminds us to pay attention. We won't figure out all the answers to our questions, but at least we can change direction if we need to. All we need to do is wake up and follow where God is leading. (Psalm 16:11) (- taken from “Daily Bread”)

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday (February 17th). We will have Communion services that day at 10:30 a.m. and 7:00 pm. Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent. This is a season designated by the church to prepare ourselves for the celebration of Jesus' resurrection. It is a time to go deeper in our spiritual lives by self examination and repentance, by prayer, fasting, and self denial, and by reading and meditating upon God's holy Word. So that we can experience more of the Lord in our lives we invite the Holy Spirit to search our hearts and cleanse us of anything that is displeasing to Him.

We are calling the whole church to fasting that day in a way that is appropriate for your health. We will have more directions regarding fasting in “Happenings” next week.

FAMILY LENT EVENT

“Why Have Lent Anyway?” Event. Saturday Feb. 20th at 3pm

Building on the success of our Advent Event at the end of November, we will be offering all of our families a Lent kick-off event of music, crafts, teaching and baking. We will have various activities centres and the children will rotate these centres by age group. This will allow us to adapt the material to be age appropriate. Please pre-register with the church office by Feb. 12th. The event will begin at 3 pm and will conclude with a pizza dinner around 5pm. Cost is \$5 per person or \$15 per family to cover the cost of the pizza and supplies. To assist or for more information please speak to: Joan Hill, George Craig, Judy Thompson or Pauline Miller.

Family
Lent
Event



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Vacation Bible Camp (VBC) 2010

Initial Planning Meeting – Wed., Feb. 10

Calling all last year's team members and anyone who might be interested or even curious about helping with this year's VBC: July 5-9. Come Wednesday night (**Feb. 10**) at **7:15** in the Nazareth Room to hear about the new curriculum and to see where you might be able to use your gifts and talents as part of Team 2010.

We look forward to seeing you then!

Judy Thompson & Gay Welsman

SECRET FRIENDS

If you are a Secret Friend or have one, please note that the "Revelation" meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 10 at 7 p.m. at Jane Lewis's home. Please make every effort to be with us, 'cause it's a lot of fun! You are welcome to bring a small gift for your Secret Friend and vice versa. There will be coffee, tea and goodies to share after the not very serious business is over and the giggles have subsided.

ORGAN FUND

The committee would like to thank everyone for the fantastic response we have received for our "Pipe up the organ" we are truly thrilled.

We are working hard on our fund raising plans."Stay tuned"

HOME GROUPS & COURSES

For the winter we have a wonderful variety of topics and time slots. It is our hope that all members of the congregation will be part of a Home Group. Please pick the topic or time that best suits you. Your friends and neighbours are most welcome.

See the special winter Home Group flyer for all the details; the following is a summary. Register with the church office or with the leader.

** **"Life Worth Living"** by Nicky Gumbel (Monday evenings)

This is the official follow-up to the ALPHA course. Begins Monday Jan. 18th at 6:30 pm for refreshments & 7:00 pm for the program. Cost is \$20 per person.

** **"Challenging Lifestyle"** by Nicky Gumbel & Charles Price (Monday evenings)

Begins Monday Jan. 18th at 6:30 pm for refreshments & 7:00 pm for the program. Cost is \$20 per person.

** **"The Truth Project"** by Focus on the Family (Monday evenings)

Begins Monday Jan. 18th at 6:30 pm for refreshments & 7:00 pm for the program. Cost is \$20 per person.

** **"The Psalms"** by Beth Moore (Tuesday afternoon and evening)

There will be two groups of this woman's Bible study beginning THIS Tuesday February 2nd at 12:45 pm and then at 7:00 pm. Cost is \$30.

** **"Men in Focus breakfast"** (Wednesdays at 7:30 a.m.)

A weekly men's study over breakfast at 7:30 a.m. meeting at the Candyland restaurant located at the bottom of Bayfield street.

** **"The Book of Revelation"** (Wednesday noon and evening)

There will be two groups beginning Wed. Jan. 27th at 12:00 noon and then again at 7:15 pm.

** **"Nooma"** video clips & discussion (Friday mornings)

Begins Friday January 15th at 10:30 a.m. Cost \$20.

** **"Family Life & Parenting"** (Sundays at 11:15 am monthly)

For their winter Home Group program the New Parents will be using a marriage enrichment series on a monthly basis beginning Sunday February 14th at 11:15 a.m. in the upper room.