

Trinity Happenings

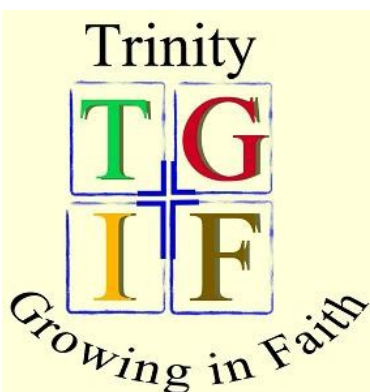
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Our Mission

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



Baptism of Jesus – New Beginnings Part 1

Christmas, the New Year, Epiphany, and the Baptism of Jesus tumble on top of each other like a pile of used Christmas wrapping paper. The trick is sorting the paper from the gifts, the busyness from the importance.

All four events celebrate New Beginnings – The Christ-child’s life on earth at Christmas, the promise of a clean slate and new possibilities with the New Year, and the bold expansion of God’s promise to the Gentiles in the Epiphany.

With the Baptism of Jesus this week we mark the beginning of Jesus’ earthly ministry and we re-focus on our own beginnings and infants (most of us).

God is always in the business of new beginnings. He gives us opportunity to receive Christ into our lives. As St. Paul says, “If anyone is in Christ – new creation!” God gives us the opportunity each day in prayer to re-commit ourselves afresh in his service. And God provides for us each week in the Eucharist an opportunity to taste afresh his grace in bread and wine so that we can be equipped for ministry.



Welcome to Trinity Church – and welcome to a new beginning this morning!

CALENDAR EVENTS FOR THIS WEEK

SUNDAY - January 11th

“Baptism of the Lord”

8:00 a.m. - Quiet Communion

10:00 a.m - Family Communion

Nursery in Undercroft, Children in Aud., Jr. Youth in Upper Rm., Sr. Youth in Naz. Rm.

TUESDAY

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

7:00 p.m. - Management Board Meeting in Upper Rm.

WEDNESDAY

7:30 a.m. - Men’s Breakfast at Simcoe Hotel

10:30 a.m. - Holy Communion

6:45 p.m. - Beth Moore Study in Basement

7:15 p.m. - “Truth Project” Study in Naz. Rm.

7:15 p.m. - Worship Committee meeting in Upper Rm.

THURSDAY

6:30 p.m. - Venturers in Aud.

7:00 p.m. - Sr. Choir Practice in Sanctuary

7:00 p.m. - Vision Cmt. Meetin in Naz. Rm.

NEXT SUNDAY - Jan 18th “Epiphany 2”

8:00 a.m. - Quiet Communion

10:00 a.m - Family Service & Holy Communion

Nursery in Undercroft, Older children remain in Church.

12:00 p.m. - Parents meeting & lunch in Aud.

BITS AND PIECES

*Congregation attending Trinity last Week (Jan.4) was: 8:00 a.m.= 42, 10:00 a.m. = 95, for a total of 137.

**If anyone has some special good news, please let us know so that we can mention it in Happenings! (728-2691).*

FROM THE MAIL

A message from Howard and Mariela Walker in Panama. The greetings came to Val & Norm but Howard has given permission to share this with the Trinity family.

Dear Val and Norm.

We were very happy to receive your greeting, and nice family pics attachments..

We hope you are both well. It is already a year since we were at Trinity's Christmas-eve service and tomorrow we go to one here in Panama. We rejoice that Christ is the same today, yesterday and tomorrow. And regardless of where we are!

There is no sign of the world economic crisis here but we know that people are hurting in many places; we pray that they will find His peace and strength in the difficult days of 2009. Panama nevertheless has serious social problems. It is a country of great inequality, with an estimated 40% below the poverty level, some in extreme poverty; it is shameful that corrupt government permits such a situation to exist in a land where there is so much wealth. The nation is overtly Christian but even so, Father Christmas is usurping Jesus at this time of year, forgotten is 'the reason for the season'. On the other hand, we are very happy that there are no PC police censors to control the many visible and audible celebrations of Christmas in public crèches, illuminated street displays, student pageants, carols in school, on the public transit, in bus stations and shopping malls.

Thanks for the Christmas gift list, a priceless collection, (**Christmas gift suggestions: To your enemy, forgiveness. To an opponent, tolerance. To a friend, your heart. To a customer, service. To all, charity. To every child, a good example. To yourself, respect.**) to which we would like to add : ' whatsoever ye do, do it heartily as to the Lord' col. 3:23 May such be our focus for the New Year.

We read Happenings each week as soon as it is posted. It brings Trinity in very sharp focus for us as, in the mind's eye, we follow the events and worshippers in your busy church commitments

LOVE and BLESSINGS FOR CHRISTMAS AND THE NEW YEAR!

Howard and Mariela

And another...

Dear Trinity Family,

We were pleased to receive the cheque for \$100. It will be put to good use in the Lord's service. It is truly rewarding to see how the Kuna indigenous people are committing to Jesus as their Lord and Saviour.

Christmas Greeting to all our friends at Trinity!

Howard and Mariela Walker.

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

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 start 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) 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!

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

Section A Tuesday Evening — Pauline Miller at Trinity

Section B Tuesday Afternoon – Led by Gay Welsman

Beloved Disciple: The Life and Ministry of John 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.

As the other disciples were martyred one by one, John remained to write his sublime Gospel proclaiming Jesus' identity as the eternal Word of God. In his three letters John left a legacy of divine love to ignite the passion of future believers. And while exiled on Patmos, John recorded His risen Lord's glorious revelation of victory and hope. John referred to himself as "the disciple whom Jesus loved." Just as Christ took John on a lifelong journey into the depths of His love, He will do the same for you. The Bridegroom's love is unmatched and inexhaustible, and He is waiting to lavish it on you, His beloved.

3. Daniel – Friday Mornings – Ron Bassett –

Beth Moore's study, Daniel: Lives of Integrity, Words of Prophecy shows how individuals can live with integrity in today's self-absorbed society. Join Beth in a faith-building study of prophecy and learn how to shine for Christ in our modern culture. Just as the prophet Daniel faced unbelievable pressures—to compromise his faith, to live in a hostile culture, and to confront temptations and threats—today's believers face many of the same trials.

This 12-session study falls in two parts and can be used as one or two separate studies. The first portion, from Daniel chapters 1-6, deals with Daniel's life as he faced the kind of pressures and temptations Christians encounter today. Daniel models how to develop enduring integrity in an enticing world. The second portion, chapters 7-12, explores thrilling prophecies from the time of Daniel through the second coming of Christ.

4. Afternoon Life in the Spirit - Wednesday afternoon – 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.

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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Attention Committee Chairs

Please plan to attend the Budget Management board next Tuesday January 13th at 7:00pm in the upper room at the church. R.S.VP Lyon mail@Rogers.com

Please prepare and send your Vestry reports to the church office no later than Tuesday January 13th.

Any questions please contact Sue Lyon 719-6457 Senior Church warden.

ANNUAL REPORTS:

Committee Chairs - please have your reports into the Office by Tues., Jan. 13th for inclusion in the Annual Vestry Report. Reports may be sent as an attachment to e-mail: churchoffice@rogers.com

Those groups who handle money within their activities are requested to submit financial information for their group.

ANNUAL VESTRY MEETING:

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.

SHUT-INS

If you, or someone you know, needs a ride to Church, please leave a message in the Office. We will endeavour to find transportation for you.

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

SEWING SUPPLIES

The women at the Crisis Centre are now being taught Quilting, sewing with a machine, and how to knit and crochet. These activities are doing a great deal to help the women develop self-esteem, and a sense of accomplishment, both very important attributes. Please do keep bringing in scraps of fabric (suitable for quilting only), yarn, needles, scissors, crochet hooks (sizes 3.5 to 5.5) and pattern books.

Fabric that is not suitable for quilting may be sold at the Nearly New Sales or donated to the RVH Auxiliary.

.....Marcia Smith, 726-3582

CAMPBELL SOUP LABELS

Trinity Church is collecting soup labels which assists the local Christian Schools. Please bring your labels which includes the name of the soup and also the bar code to the Tower Walk outside the Office area.

GROCERY STORE TAPES

Trinity Women's Fellowship Group is collection tapes from A & M, Zehrs and Sobeys ONLY. (This is a change from other years.) Please bring your tapes to the Tower Walk outside the Office area.

CANADIAN TIRE COUPONS

The Trinity Youth Group has a jar at the back of the Church for any Canadian Tire Coupons that you would like to donate. This will help the Youth buy any needed sports equipment.

USED STAMPS FOR THE LEPROSY MISSION, CANADA

Our grateful thanks to all who save these stamps. The stamps are sold to stamp dealers and the money raised is used for the cure and care for Leprosy Patients in India. (\$12,000.00 in 2006)

Please be sure to leave at least ¼ inch of paper around the stamp.

Ida Tonks, on behalf of the Barrie Auxiliary, 735-1813.

MEALS ON WHEELS

The Barrie Red Cross takes on new clients every day. We are currently serving 360 meals per week or approx. 1300 meals a month. This service allows people to remain in their homes, rather than enter a nursing home. It allows a Senior to remain independent longer. We use 13 volunteers a night for 5 days a week (meals to cover Sat. & Sun. are delivered on Fri.). Trinity delivers meals to Seniors once every six weeks on a Wednesday. (Either being the 'driver' or 'runner'). We'd love to have more volunteers from Trinity on our 'spare list' Please call Mary Caldwell, 728-2691, if you are interested in this cause.

SIDESPERSIONS

Have you ever noticed the sidespersons in the Narthex, greeting you and handing you a bulletin for the Service? Have you ever noticed the sidespersons passing the collection plates from row to row during the singing of the "Offertory Hymn"? Have you ever noticed the sidespersons assisting the flow of people to the altars for Holy Communion?If you have watched these people and wished you could be one of them...now's your chance! All you have to do is contact Keith Caldwell, 721-0737, and offer your help.