

Trinity Happenings

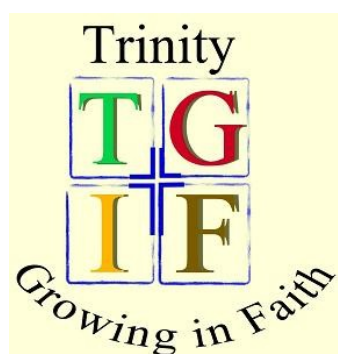
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Our Mission

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



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.



“BARRIE CARES -- HOPE FOR HAITI”

Saturday January 30th at 7 pm

The churches of Barrie, through the Barrie Christian Council, are combining efforts on a benefit Worship Concert to be held this Saturday January 30th at 7 pm at the new Mapleview Community Church. The church is located on the north side of Mapleview about 1km west of Hwy. 400. It will be a wonderful event of music and worship. We will hear eye witness accounts of those who have just returned from Haiti. Jody Cross, Paul Turner and musicians from several churches will be participating. Please pass on the news and bring your friends!

** We need volunteers from Trinity to assist as ushers and to assist in counting the collection; please see the sign up sheet.

HAITI RELIEF

As announced by Mike Tweedle last Sunday, aid for Haiti can be donated to the Primates World Relief and Development Fund (PWRDF) the Anglican relief organization. Mark your offering envelope “Haiti PWRDF” and we will see that the monies are sent to them, and we will ensure that you receive a tax credit. Extra offering envelopes are on the back of the pew and at the back of the church.

VESTRY MEETING & LUNCH

Our annual meeting will be held next Sunday, January 31st at 12:30 pm in the auditorium. All active members of the parish are invited. A copy of the Vestry report is available at the back of the church this morning; please bring it with you to the Vestry meeting.

We would like to offer a pot-luck lunch after service and prior to the Vestry meeting next Sunday. Could those with last names A to L please bring a plate of sandwiches, and those with last names M to Z bring a veggie tray, a fruit tray or a dessert. Many thanks.

NEW PARENTS

** We now have a cluster of two year old toddlers in the Nursery who have become good friends. Beginning today we will be offering a short teaching program for the toddlers in the Nursery consisting of a short Bible story, song and craft. The parents will take turns leading this each Sunday. Our thanks to Stacy Marshall and Susan Snelling for their assistance with the curriculum.

** Plans are underway to re-decorate the Nursery. If you would like to assist when a paint and decorate day is determined please leave your name with Mary in the church office.

** For their winter Home Group program the Young 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.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR THIS WEEK

SUNDAY - January 24th "Epiphany 3"

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

9:00 a.m. - Good Food Box Cooking Demo in Aud.

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. - Trinity Rocks Practice in Sanctuary

THURSDAY

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

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

FRIDAY

10:30 a.m. - "Nooma" Study in Naz. Rm.

SATURDAY

7:45 a.m. - Trinity Men's Breakfast in Aud.

SUNDAY - January 31st "Epiphany 4"

8:00 a.m. - Quiet Communion

10:00 a.m. - Family Communion

Children in Aud..

Nursery in Undercroft (ages 0-4yr.)

12:30 p.m. - Pot Luck Lunch and Annual Vestry Meeting in Aud.

BITS AND PIECES

*Congregation attending Trinity last Week, January 17, was: 8:00 a.m.= 34 , 10:00 a.m. = 121, for a total of 155, including 13 children & teachers.

*ANNUAL VESTRY REPORTS:

Ready for pick up in the Narthex (back of Church). Please read and bring to the Annual Vestry Meeting next Sunday.

*ANNUAL VESTRY MEETING:

Sun., January 31st, 12:30 p.m.

Anyone who is a member of the Anglican Church and has attended Trinity for at least 3 months, and is of the full age of 16 years is eligible to vote. (Bring a pot luck lunch.)

*CORRECTION ON LAST WEEK'S ORGAN

FUND ARTICLE:

The article in last week's Happenings about the organ project had a misprint about the amount of money we want to raise. It read \$28,000 and should have read \$20,000.

CHOSEN SOLDIER -- THANK YOU LETTER

In November we collected enough materials to send 11 "Chosen Soldier" care packages to Canadian soldiers in Afghanistan. Two thank you letters have just come in from the recipients. Below is one of the letters from Capt. Chris Herten who is a nephew of Cam & Jane Mackenzie. Next week we will print the other thank you letter.

Hello Deborah,

Thanks very much for the thoughtful gifts and caring words enclosed within the Chosen Soldier package I received in time for Christmas from the members of your church. It's very encouraging and reassuring to have your support when working so far from Canadian soil. Knowing that we are remembered through thought and prayer is truly a powerful gift.

Presently stationed at Kandahar Airfield, my work is challenging and diverse. I work within the general safety of the airfield on most days but also get the opportunity to pilot a helicopter "outside of the wire" several days each month. It has given me an interesting perspective on the livelihood of the Afghan people, the general poverty in this country and the impact that the International community has provided to promote positive change. As a member of the Canadian Helicopter Force, our main objective is to provide airlift and to provide an alternative to soldiers who up until recently were forced to travel exclusively via road. This of course is a highly dangerous concept in Afghanistan given the high threat of IED's. It has been a satisfying endeavour so far having safely moved thousands of troops and hundreds of thousands of pounds of equipment and cargo.

Having been on the ground for three months of a ten month tour I have a long road ahead but look forward to the challenges of the coming months. The experiences encountered on such endeavours magnify the opportunities and wealth that we enjoy as Canadians. Thanks again to you and your congregation, for bringing a smile to Kandahar during a special time of the year.

Chris J. Herten

Task Force "Freedom"

Kandahar Afghanistan

HOME GROUPS & COURSES

In the first weekend edition of the year, the National Post ran a feature article called "When all Hope is Lost, Pray". The article documents a remarkable healing from cancer. As we enter into 2010 how equipped are we to pray for a friend with cancer? How equipped are we to share hope from the scriptures? The world is looking for those who are able to pray and able to share from God's word! Are we that kind of people?? Our Home Groups and Courses are designed to build friendships, assist in strengthening prayer and assist in understanding the Bible.

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.

If you need a ride please let us know and we will assist. If another topic or time slot would work better for you and there is a cluster of friends we will endeavor to provide the material and a leader. If you would like to host a group in your home we will assist. 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 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 noon; details pending)

A group designed for young parents meeting once a month with a focus on family life & marriage. Details are pending.

SERMON NOTES -- THE ACTS 2 CHURCH

The second chapter of Acts gives us a wonderful description of the first church. As we approach Vestry it is a good opportunity to be inspired by that first church and to measure ourselves against this standard. This week we will look at three marks of the church:

- 1) Repent and be Saved (vs. 38 and 47)
- 2) Wonders & Signs (vs. 43)
- 3) Glad and Generous Hearts Praising God (vs 46-47)

Next week we will examine four more marks of that first church all contained in vs. 42 "and they devoted themselves to the apostles teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers."

Our Old Testament reading this morning is from Nehemiah. The date of this is about 450 BC. The Hebrews were defeated in battle and taken into captivity in Babylon. They have just been allowed to return to Jerusalem and they are beginning to re-build. As part of this process all the people are gathered in the open square and the book of Moses is read to them (quite likely Deuteronomy). They are remorseful when they realize how far from the ways of the Lord they have strayed. Rather than being mournful they are called to celebrate with feasting in thanksgiving that God has revealed himself afresh and is calling them to turn back to the Lord.

In Acts 2 and in Nehemiah 8 the people hear God's word, turn back to God with thanksgiving and a vibrant congregation is formed focused on the Lord.

These are great insights for us as we set our sights for 2010.

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Men's Breakfast

Saturday January 30th in the auditorium.

Speaker: **Zac Gariba**

Topic: **HEARING THE VOICE OF GOD.**

All men are welcome.

Juice and coffee at 7:45a.m.

Breakfast at 8:00 a.m.



How can you help the people of Haiti?

Anglicans in Canada are offering support to earthquake response by ACT International (ACT) through The Primate's World Relief and Development Fund (PWRDF).

PWRDF has sent an initial grant of \$15,000 for ACT's Rapid Response Program, an ecumenical effort that is made up of churches and humanitarian organizations.

ACT members Christian Aid, Diakonie Katastrophenhilfe, Lutheran World Federation, and Interchurch Organisation for Development Cooperation are already on the ground providing relief in Haiti and being funded by PWRDF and other member churches thanks to the generous donations from Anglicans in Canada.

Additional donations to Haiti relief will increase PWRDF's grant to ACT International. Donations made by individual

Canadians to PWRDF over the period of January 12 to February 12, 2010 will be matched by the Government of Canada through the CIDA-managed Haiti Earthquake Relief Fund. We will access these funds in cooperation with other Canadian churches as we have in the past.

Please watch for updates on PWRDF's response to the Haiti earthquake at www.pwrdf.org.

PWRDF welcomes donations for this response. Contributions can be made in the following ways:

On-line

Go to www.canadahelps.org and type in PWRDF which will take you the donation page where you can designate "Haiti earthquake".

By Phone

For credit card donations contact:

Jennifer Brown

416-924-9192 ext. 320; 1-866-308-7973

Please do not send your credit card number by email or fax.

By Mail

Please make cheques payable to "PWRDF", mark them for "Haiti earthquake" and send them to:

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