

Trinity Happenings

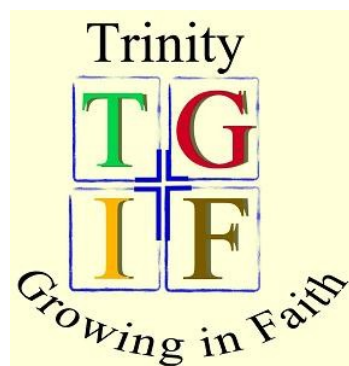
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Our Mission

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



“BLESSED BE THE LORD GOD”

Today we are beginning a worship/sermon series called “BLESSED BE THE LORD GOD”. This theme is taken from the songs of praise offered by Hannah, Mary & Zechariah. In response to the unlikely birth of a child, a song of thanksgiving pours forth from their hearts 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 (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)

Today we begin our series with Hannah, the mother of Samuel. Her story begins in 1Samuel 1:1 and her song of praise is 1Sam. 2:1-10. She is a barren woman and feels this keenly. She pours out her heart to the Lord. God hears her prayer and quite miraculously a son is born whom she names Samuel (which means “God hears”). In fulfillment of her vow she offers her son in the service of the Lord. Samuel becomes one of the great prophets of the Bible. He guides Israel through political challenges and is the one who anoints Saul as Israel’s first king and David as Israel’s greatest king. In Hannah’s story and in her song, there is the sense that the birth of a child, especially a child born to kingdom-building parents, has cosmic significance. Hannah’s desire for motherhood was not a selfish quest for personal significance lived vicariously through her son. Rather, she believed her son’s life would influence her people, and it was imperative for her to give this young son back to God instead of raising him herself. Hannah’s song leads us to God. Her story radiates conviction, individually and corporately. Her song foreshadows our Messiah’s coming. Contemplating it leads me to renew my covenant with God. What about you?

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. This week:

- Monday: 1Samuel 1: 1-18
- Tuesday: 1Samuel 1: 19-28
- Wednesday: 1Samuel 2:1-11 (Hannah’s Song)
- Thursday: Luke 1: 26-38
- Friday: Luke 1:39-56 (The Magnificat)

STEWARDSHIP: As we reflect on God’s generosity and the response of thankfulness by people of faith (like Hannah), it is an opportunity for us to consider God’s gifts in our own life and our response. The mailing you will pick up this morning outlines the ministry of Trinity and the objectives that the Lord has laid on our heart. Please read through the material. There is an intention card we are asking you to complete and return. There is a confidential return envelope which goes directly to our Envelope Secretary. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

CALENDAR EVENTS FOR THIS WEEK

SUNDAY - November 16th "Pentecost 27"

8:00 a.m. - Quiet Communion

10:00 a.m. - Family Communion, Nursery in Undercroft, Children in Aud., Jr. Youth in Upper Rm.

Classes: 10:00 a.m. Youth Alpha at St. Margaret's Church
11:30 a.m. New Parents in Upper Room

******NOTE: Screening in Faith Cancelled until January.******

MONDAY

1:30 p.m. - Miracles of Jesus Study in Upper Rm.

6:30 p.m. - Dinner, Miracles of Jesus Study

6:30 p.m. - Dinner & Alpha Study in Aud.

TUESDAY

12:45 p.m. & 7:00 p.m. - Beth Moore Course, Upper Rm

5:00 p.m. - D. Busby Board Meeting in Basement

7:00 p.m. - Contemporary Worship Tm. Practice

WEDNESDAY

10:30 a.m. - Holy Communion

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

12:00 p.m. - St. Joe's Lunch for Busby in Aud.

6:45 p.m. - Beth Moore Course in Upper Rm.

7:15 p.m. - The Truth Project in Nazareth Rm.

7:00 p.m. - Trinity Management Bd., Lower Hall

THURSDAY

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

6:30 p.m. - D. Busby Centre Meeting, Lower Hall

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

SATURDAY

9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. - Busby Mtg. in Lower Hall

SUNDAY - November 23rd "Reign of Christ"

8:00 a.m. - Quiet Communion

10:00 a.m. - Holy Communion, Nursery in Undercroft, Children's Service in Aud

Youth Alpha

BITS AND PIECES

*Congregation attending Trinity last Week (Nov. 9) was: 8:00 a.m. = 39, 10:00 a.m. = 127, 4:00 p.m. = 45, for a total of 211 including 13 Children & Teachers.

FROM THE MAIL *"Thank You"

I wish to thank the Clergy and Trinity Family for their prayers and the lovely flowers from the altars. It is wonderful to gradually return to worship with all of you. God Bless.

Donna Brennan

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

******SCREENING IN FAITH CANCELLED** this month. We'll re-schedule for January. P. Thompson & M. Henderson.

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 your hands warm. The Mitten Tree will be in the church beginning Nov. 30th.

FLU SHOTS: The David Busby Street Centre welcomes members of Trinity to attend their Flu Shot Clinic on Monday, Nov. 24th, 9 a.m. to 12 noon, in the Lower Hall. Our Church will not be having any other clinic this year.

ATTENTION ALL COMMITTEE MEMBERS!!

Budget time has arrived when you need to let your committee chairperson know what costs and financial needs will be required for committee in 2009/2010. We need your help to ensure the budget process can proceed with your timely and accurate input. Many thanks, The Wardens

PLEASE NOTE: MANAGEMENT BOARD MEETING

Wednesday November 19, 2008 7pm in the Busby Centre. Chairs and Members please RSVP and send your committee reports to Sue Lyon at lyonmail@rogers.com

FAMILY EUCHARIST

- **Sunday November 23 at 10:00 a.m.** in the Parish Hall. While the regular service is happening upstairs in church, the children and their parents along with other kids of all ages will have an informal service downstairs. It will be family friendly with music, storytime, prayer and a snack. The service will be approximately 45 minutes long. Looking forward to seeing you there.

THE VERY IMPORTANT CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

Brought to you by the children and youth of Trinity. **Sunday December 14 at 4:00 p.m. Potluck dinner to follow** in the hall. Everyone is invited.

*OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

...A Project of Samaritan's Purse, Supported by Trinity's Outreach Committee.

Shoe Boxes are now available for pick up in the Tower Walk, plus instructions to fill the box as a gift for a child in a third-world country. Please complete the box and return to Trinity Church TODAY. We will bless the boxes this morning, and then they'll be sent out. Information at www.samaritanspurse.ca/occ

*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

Parish Info and Updates

ALPHA COURSE

Both the adult course Monday evenings and the Youth course Sunday mornings are progressing well. Our thanks to Mae and Lena-Marie for the wonderful meals Monday evenings. Last weekend all of the Alpha participants (adults and youth) were at their weekend Retreat at Bayview-Wildwood. We give thanks to those who are giving leadership to the courses. This is the first Youth Alpha course we have run in many years. We give thanks for the keenness of the youth and their parents.

HOLLYWOOD NOTES -- "EXPELLED"

Ben Stein's docu/drama called "Expelled" played in the theaters this spring and has just been released on DVD. With lots of comic interludes this movie highlights the recent debate over Darwin and the scientists who have been expelled from their positions for questioning Darwin's theories. It features Princeton scientist David Berlinski and includes several interviews with best selling author Richard Dawkins. This movie profiles the strong case being made by scientists today for the Intelligent Design of the universe. This is an excellent introduction to the debate for high school and university students and their parents.

** In an unrelated development, the National Post newspaper carried a feature article on Darwin on Friday Oct. 31st called "Darwin? That's Just the Party Line" by journalist Wayne Eyre. It also features professor David Berlinski who writes, "Suspensions about Darwin's theory arise for two reasons "The first: The theory makes little sense. The second: It is supported by little evidence." In his dissection of Darwinists and Darwinism, Berlinski notes that "if biologists are wrong about Darwin, they are wrong about life, and if they are wrong about life, they are wrong about everything." This article can be read at <http://www.nationalpost.com/story.html?id=921477&p=1>

AMAZING GRACE -- Next Sunday November 23rd

Anglican Churches across the country will be asked to sing "Amazing Grace" on Sunday November 23rd and to make a video recording of it to be posted on YouTube. It is our plan to do this at both 8:00 and 10:00 a.m. We need someone with a digital video camera who would be able to record the whole congregation singing "Amazing Grace" on that day.

NEWSLETTER

Please pick up your copy of the Newsletter from the back of the church. It contains information from our Stewardship Committee. Enclosed charts show the income and expenses of this ministry. Please take some time as a family to consider the Intention Card. We ask you to return it to the church in the confidential return envelope. The ongoing ministry of Trinity depends on the faithful generosity of its members.

ALPHA & HOME GROUPS BANQUET --

Monday Dec. 1st 6:30 pm

There will be an end of season Banquet for all the ALPHA and Home Group participants on Monday Dec. 1st at 6:30 pm in the church auditorium. There will be great food, music, slide show, video clips and testimonies. It is a time to celebrate all that God has done in our hearts. Please invite guests you think would be interested in Home Groups next season. Cost is \$10 per person. Pre-registration is required.

ADVENT CAROL SERVICE - Sunday Nov. 30th

To launch the Advent season the Choir will lead us in singing Advent carols on Sunday Nov. 30th at 10:00 a.m.

** Our special thanks to the Choir, Fr. Andrew, and Marina Laking for the wonderful service of Evensong last Sunday afternoon! We also had a wonderful address by Linda Elliott.

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 Winters (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 Winters, or the church office. Many thanks for making Christmas extra special for those who are confined to their homes.

NEWCOMERS' LUNCH - Sunday, November 30th from 12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.

A number of newcomers have been invited, by written invitation, to join us in the main hall for lunch on the 30th. If you are new to Trinity, or you know someone who has been coming to Trinity for a short – or, a long time, and hasn't been duly welcomed, please let us know by phoning Mary at the office 728-2691. We don't want anyone to be missed!

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King Edward Choir

Our popular Christmas concert for the whole family is to be held at Collier Street United Church on November 29th @ 2pm. & 7.30 pm.

Tickets are \$20 adults, \$10 children, or \$50 for the series of 3 concerts. Brochures available in the tower walk.

Many well known Christmas pieces will be performed plus a short scene from Amahl and the night visitors.

Reception following the evening performance. Tickets available from several trinity choir members.

This concert will appeal to all ages

Thank you Susan Reichenbacher

Taizé Prayer Service

Friday, November 28th , 7:30, at Trinity Anglican Church, 24 Collier Street.

We invite you into reflection and meditation through prayer, song, Scripture and silence. This service is hosted by The Barrie Taizé Community—A partnership of Christian Churches.

If you can help by bringing some goodies for coffee afterwards or would be willing to read a short prayer or scripture during the service it would be greatly appreciated. For more information please call Bronwen Jones 735-1989

From the Editor

My Trinity family,

Due to problems receiving some emails and problems with my previous Internet service provider, I have a new solution which I am hoping will resolve any confusion regarding my email address for happenings. I have created a **special email address** for all happenings article submissions which will hopefully be easy to remember:

trinityhappenings@gmail.com

I sincerely apologize for any frustration this may cause in changing the email address a 2nd time. I have a new Internet service provider now, and it is important to note that I will no longer receive any emails that are sent to smith.rob@rogers.com. I also apologize to anyone who has tried to send emails for Happenings that I did not receive. Thanks to everyone for their patience and understanding in this matter.

Rob Smith, Happenings Editor