



The Trinity Spirit

January 2009 edition

We Welcome Back.....

Like a good friend, we welcome back the Trinity Spirit newsletter. It will now be published four times a year with a purpose of keeping you informed of significant Trinity events, entertained, and challenged with stories and testimonies of fellow Trinity families and friends.

The Trinity Spirit will be delivered in three versions, paper, email or through our Trinity Church web site. You will be given an opportunity to decide which format you would prefer in the new year.

In this edition Mary and Graham Blenkhorn share the fun and fellowship of the Trinity – St. James Christmas Party and Mike Tanner shares his thoughts about the Amazing Grace project from Sunday November 25th.

If you have any ideas you'd like to share please contact Mike Tanner, Mary Blenkhorn, Sheila Hewett, David Bailey or Ric Biggs. We Hope everyone has had a very blessed Christmas and we look forward with hope to the coming new year.

Ric Biggs

Trinity/St. James Christmas Party December 13, 2008

The Trinity Parish family hosted a Christmas party to celebrate the season on Saturday the 13th and what a party it was! We welcomed well over two hundred, including friends from St. James Church. We delighted in the opportunity to mix and mingle with new faces as well as familiar ones.

The buffet table was laden with delectable offerings and supply satisfied demand to meet our needs. We were reminded of the loaves and fishes story found in Mathew 14, and rejoiced in our unexpected large attendance.



Following a delicious repast, Joy and Tara led us in a few carols before the scheduled entertainment began. All joined in with gusto. Harmony began their performance at 7pm and provided a beautiful medley of Christmas songs with the addition of several fine soloists of various ages from their group.

Sticks and Clones followed after a short break at 7:30 and displayed remarkable originality and passion in their rhythmic dance presentation featuring percussion elements using sticks and boxes. Many were mesmerized by this presentation.



Congregational caroling followed Sticks and Clones and the whole delightful evening was concluded with a blessing given by the Reverend Bill Graham from St. James.

Warmest thanks are extended to Graham Blenkhorn, our intrepid Master of Ceremonies who kept the event on schedule and to the before and after work teams who provided beautiful surroundings in which to dine and a clean kitchen and worship space for Sunday.

A wonderfully joyful and successful way to celebrate the birth of our Saviour with Parish friends and family. Thanks to all who joined us for this event.



Mary Blenkhorn

Amazing Grace was Amazing!

I recently watched our performance of Amazing Grace on You Tube; we really did an excellent job. Then I surfed through a score of the other 370 renditions by churches across the Nation, and it was both inspiring and humbling. From Cornerbrook to Kamloops, Inuvik to Ingersoll, Anglicans gathered with one accord to praise God, each in their own unique fashion. One song, so many variations. Traditional organ or contemporary band. Robed choir or gathered congregation, echoing cathedral to homely cabin, Anglicans put their own stamp on this beloved hymn. It was touching also, to see that many churches also brought their Christmas child gift boxes to the altar, another thread uniting us all. As the camera pans the congregation it puts a human face on the church. Young and old, white, black, Inuit or native; men and women and children we have all been called to support this small corner of God's Kingdom we call Canadian Anglican, and on this one day to sing our hearts out with one accord.

Why is it that the media only reported dissension and difference amongst Anglicans? Why is it that we do so little to build connections to other churches across our country, or even in our own county? We live in an age of instant communication, it has never been easier to stay in touch, and I celebrate that for a brief moment we can reach out and share the moment. This should be a call to develop other ways to unite and strengthen our church and our purpose.

The Trinity Spirit has languished for many years, now we are breathing new life into it in the hope it will be Inspirational, Informative and Interesting. This is your paper, so that your stories and your witness can encourage others in their daily walk. Whether on You Tube or e-mail or the web, God has given us new tools to reach out and spread His message. I hope we are wise enough to use them.

MikeTanner



SUPERBOWL BREAKFAST!

Saturday January 31

Breakfast 9:30 am

DVD Presentation 10:30 am to Noon

A Free Will Offering will be Taken

Everyone is welcome!



January 31th.
At Trinity Church.
Dinner and a DJ
Tickets only
\$15
available at the
Church Office

The Shack

When it appears that the world sees God as increasingly irrelevant, it is not only encouraging but exciting to see a book about God's relationship with man and mankind make the New York Times' best seller list. The Shack is a story about a man who meets God for a weekend at a tumbledown 'Shack' in the midst of a Northern bush. Mack is suffering the pain of a grievous loss when he finds a suspicious invitation to return to the scene of the hideous crime. The encounter with God, Jesus and the Spirit allows him to discover God in a world filled with unspeakable pain. The writing is not 'religious', but explains the mysteries of pain and forgiveness, of free will and relationship and the overwhelming power of love, in vivid reality. It offers a glimpse of Heaven, and of the beauty that awaits.

It is a story of redemption; of God for his children, and for each of us to mend the broken relationships that snare us. We are not able to do this in our own strength, but by entering into a relationship of trust with Jesus. This is more than a novel, it is a message for a generation to seek God, and enter into relationship with Him. It is a tool for evangelism in this troubled world and Christians should be aware and encouraged by its popular appeal.

Mike Tanner

Laughter Is The Best Medicine

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Thanks to Richard Germain
I'LL BE RIGHT BACK AFTER THIS QUICK
WORD WITH YOUR SPONSOR

Father Boudreaux and pastor Thibodeaux were fishing on the side of the road. They thoughtfully made a sign saying "The End is Near! Turn yourself around now before it's too late!" and showed it to each passing car. Well this one car that passed didn't appreciate the sign and was shouting at them: "Leave us alone you religious nuts!" All of a sudden they heard a big splash, looked at each other, and Father Boudreaux said....."You think we should just put up a sign that says: 'bridge out' instead ?"

Trinity is 100 years young in 2009 Let's Celebrate!!!

The following excerpts have been taken from Huron Church News 1967 and from Trinity's Book of Remembrance (written approx. 1967).

"Trinity parish began as a mission from St. Paul's, Point Edward in the 1890's. A Sunday School was commenced in the old Clark's School House by the Rev. V. M. Durnford, then rector of Point Edward. The first church was built in 1909, but was destroyed by fire in January 1946. It was replaced the following year. Trinity has been an independent parish since 1958."

"The new Trinity Church which was erected on the site of the former frame building was a brick church with schoolroom adjoining to the south and was claimed by many visitors to be one of the most striking of the smaller Anglican churches in the district.

The church was built from plans prepared by Maurice Wilson, a member of the congregation. These plans were agreed upon after an inspection of other churches by members of the congregation and resembled very closely the St. Andrew Memorial Church, south London.

The whole building was erected and furnished at an approximate cost of \$21,000. Of this sum \$5,000 was received as insurance on the old church, \$8,000 was raised by public subscription and a mortgage of \$8,000 was secured from the Lambton Loan and Investment Company.... The church at this time was designed to seat 150 people."

"Gifts to the Church Memorials included a chancel chair by Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Kemsley (in memory of Aunt Rhoda Kemsley), a chancel chair by Mr. & Mrs. George Stuart, Prayer and Hymn Books from the Birthday pennies and the pulpit by the Trinity Ladies' Guild."

These are just a few of the snippets of history we have found out about Trinity. We are planning a book/DVD, a tea, a family dinner and a special worship service to

name just a few events. But, we need you as a committee members or helpers. Please tell Shirley Pettit or Sheila Hewett as soon as possible if you are interested. We must get to work right away!. Also, please help us track down former members and relatives of former members so that we can send them an invitation to join us in our celebrations.

Sheila Hewett

Marg Kemsley turns 90...



The Ladies' Guild hosted a special birthday luncheon on the last Sunday of 2008 for a special lady - Marg Kemsley. She is 90 years young. Marg was an active member of Trinity Anglican Church and, also, a very active member of the Trinity Ladies' Guild. She had moved to Ottawa to be closer to her family about 10 years ago. She was here in Sarnia visiting family and we are so glad that she wanted to spend her birthday with us. As we look more into the history of Trinity parish we will find that the Kemsley family has always been active in the life of Trinity, since its beginnings. And, Marg has left a legacy here at our parish as her relatives are still active at Trinity.

Sheila Hewett

Attention: All Men!!!!

Trinity Anglican Church Mens Ministries
presents our 2nd annual Retreat Day...

RELATIONSHIPS FOR DUMMIES

Saturday March 7th.

from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

Get your tickets TODAY!

Watch for more Information Coming Soon!