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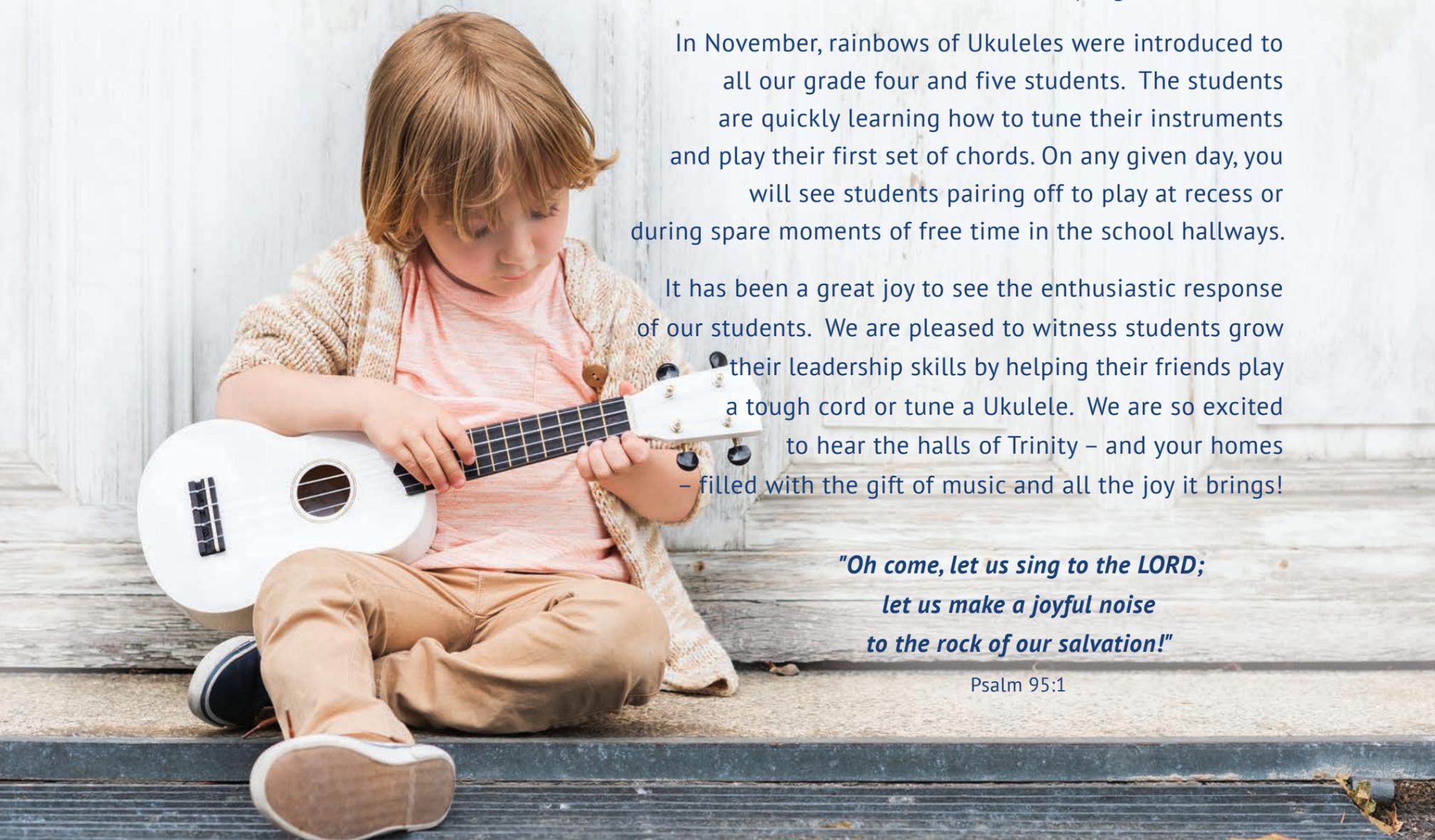
LAST YEAR, Trinity introduced new musical opportunities for our students to develop both team building and leadership skills. One of the new opportunities was the Ukulele Club or "The Uke's". Over a span of four weeks, the club went from five to twenty-five students and it continues to grow to this day. This year, the club started strong with nearly forty students who were happy to give up a weekly lunch recess to learn new songs and strumming patterns. As a result of the growing excitement, Jen Cole, our Performance Director, recommended that the use of Ukuleles be added to our music program.

In November, rainbows of Ukuleles were introduced to all our grade four and five students. The students are quickly learning how to tune their instruments and play their first set of chords. On any given day, you will see students pairing off to play at recess or during spare moments of free time in the school hallways.

It has been a great joy to see the enthusiastic response of our students. We are pleased to witness students grow their leadership skills by helping their friends play a tough cord or tune a Ukulele. We are so excited to hear the halls of Trinity – and your homes – filled with the gift of music and all the joy it brings!

***"Oh come, let us sing to the LORD;
let us make a joyful noise
to the rock of our salvation!"***

Psalm 95:1





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Young Life

YOUNG LIFE is a Christian ministry that loves teenagers in this world, and encourages them to know Jesus Christ. In Burlington, there are currently Young Life volunteer leaders working with kids from Nelson, Pearson, and Hayden high schools, and we hope to reach more communities in Burlington as we grow! We believe that every high school deserves a chance to hear the gospel in a simple and understandable way from someone that they know who cares about them, with no strings attached.



Back: Olivia Schwarz, Samantha Buys, Paige Ketelaars, Simon Lammers
Front: Caleb van Staalduinin, Jaimee van Staalduinen, Elise Schwarz

In Young Life we also believe that the very best person to tell a high school kid about Jesus is another high school kid. Our Campaigner team is made up of Christian kids in public high schools who have a heart for their friends to know Christ. At Campaigner meetings we study the Bible together, teach leadership skills, and spend time praying for their respective schools – discipling them to become missionaries in their high schools. They learn how to live out their faith as high school kids and share their faith with their friends in a way that is relational. Young Life leaders and Campaigners work together to build meaningful, caring relationships with teenagers, and show them the love of Christ.

Many Trinity alumni have been involved with YL over the 13 years it has been in Burlington as high school students and then later as leaders:

“Coming from Trinity prepared me extremely well for the mission of YL at Pearson; with my knowledge of the gospel I was able to share it with my friends, some of whom had never heard it before. Young Life not only helped me grow in my faith but it taught me about missional living, as if every day at school is a mission trip.”

Simon Lammers

Trinity alumni & YL leader at Pearson S.S.

“In high school, Young Life for me was so special because it gave me the opportunity to show my new friends the love of Jesus that had been instilled in me from my time at Trinity. Now it was my time to go out into the world and do the work of Jesus and live out the great commission. Being a YL leader for the last 2.5 years has only grown my heart for teens who don’t know the saving love of Jesus.”

Samantha Buys

Trinity alumni, current YL leader at Hayden S.S.

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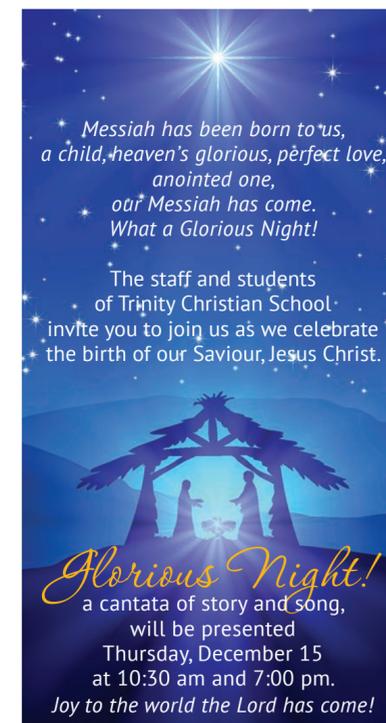
Hope in GRACE

HOPE. At this special time of year we are reminded and reflect upon the hope of Jesus’ coming into this world. So much hope can be experienced because of the Grace we have been given through Christ. It is our hope for you that Christ’s love and grace be your experience during this season of advent. We rejoice in the gift that we have in all of you; a community of support at Trinity. Our hope is that you would consider supporting a very special need at Trinity. Each year we grant tuition bursary support to approximately 30% of Trinity families who cannot afford the full cost of tuition. These funds are granted through our **GRACE** (Gifts Received for Accessible Christian Education) **Fund**. Our GRACE Fund needs replenishing every year as we grant a total of \$200,000 annually.

As well, we hope to begin the *Enduring with Excellence Campaign* in the New Year; a campaign in which a portion of the goal will be for the GRACE Fund. In the meantime, please prayerfully consider how you can support the ongoing needs of keeping Christian education accessible.

Your support is greatly appreciated.

Kurt Seiders, *Chair of the Board*





I would like to help support the GRACE Fund

Name: _____
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YES, I can donate monthly:
 \$30/month \$25/month \$10/month
 Other \$ _____/month *Please attach a void cheque*

I would like to make the following donation:
 \$500 \$300 \$200 \$100 \$ _____

Please make cheques payable to Trinity Christian School

Thank you!



Erika Lamb Memorial Art Award



Erika Lamb was talented, smart and determined and she used her talents to achieve success in school and in sports. Erika was also shy and introspective, and it was through painting and sculpture that she was able to express herself. That's why her family has established the Erika Lamb Memorial Art Award to ensure that the blessing of artistic creativity is something that many other Christian school students will be able to enjoy.

Erika was only 16 years old when she died as a result of injuries suffered in a skiing accident in March 2015. However, her parents, Scott and Juliette, are comforted by Erika's own assertion that life was rich and good. "She said, 'I've been privileged to do and

experience so much but there are so many more things to do and see," recalls Scott. "She was on the threshold of stepping into life." Despite their grief, "it makes us feel very good to know that she had so much enthusiasm for embracing her future."

The award in Erika's memory has two parts: one to expose students to the arts and nurture their talent through an annual art fund at Trinity Christian School in Burlington, where Erika attended, and the second to recognize and encourage other aspiring artists through the Erika Lamb Memorial Art Award, given to Grade 8 students graduating from Trinity.

Erika's grandfather, Henry Vandenberg, who presented the award to Rebecca Fisher and Kalechi Ugwokegbe on the family's behalf at the Trinity graduation in June, is pleased to see that the talent and joy in creativity that Erika had, are being recognized in other artists. Her family is pleased to see that a rich art program has the potential to nurture other students "in a way that honours Erika's spirit," said Juliette. "I think it is important that art is awarded and rewarded".

Trinity art teacher Leanne Bulhuis, who remembers Erika's creativity and skill, was delighted to use the first year of funding to establish an art club, to take students to visit an art gallery and to acquire much-needed art supplies for a school that had not been able to invest much in art in the past. That's exactly what the family hoped would be achieved. "Fostering creativity is a very important part of education and of growth," said Scott.

The awards are supported through a Fund in Erika's name at the Christian School Foundation and are financed by donations made in her memory— "an outpouring that could not be stopped," said Foundation Executive Vice-President Henry Koornneef. Erika's family is grateful for a way to keep her memory and her spirit alive, but they also hope that the Erika Lamb Awards inspire other people to support the arts in Christian education. Making a gift does not require a tragic loss like theirs, Scott said. "If a memory of a person or an experience pops into your head," it could be the inspiration for a gift "decades later."

Believe. Belong. Become.

