

TRINITY NEWS

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Trinity Reformed Church
North Plainfield, N.J. 07063

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Members & Friends,

Today was a snow day for Timothy. The forecast on the local news stations called for a blizzard. Here "down the shore" we were supposed to get a wintry mix with totals of six inches to a foot. By the church they predicted totals of one to two feet! North Plainfield called off school and messages were sent to the church phone as well as my cell phone to stay off the roads today!

People rushed to the stores to buy snow shovels (seriously? Winter is nearly over and you're just NOW buying a snow shovel?) Others went looking for rock salt. Pictures flashed across the T.V. screen during the news of empty pallets at the local Home Depot. And grocery stores? Shelves stripped bare! People ran out to buy what they always buy ahead of a storm; milk, eggs and bread! Apparently, it is important that we all eat as much French toast as possible when a storm hits! I saw a "man on the street" interview with a guy from the Bronx who said he was stocking up because he didn't know how long he would be stuck at home and unable to go shopping again. This guy lives in THE BRONX! You and I both know that people in New York City take public transportation which is never down for more than a day or two even after hurricane Sandy. The local grocery store is probably on the corner – how long did he think he would have no access to food? This is panic buying at its finest!

Fear is a powerful tool. It can be used to manipulate us. Jesus once told His followers not be afraid, not to be worried about what to eat or wear, because God knows we need such things and will take care of us. (Matthew 6:25-32) It is comforting to think that whatever else goes wrong we know God is looking out for us and will take care of us!

Now, about this snow storm; I was looking forward to using the snow blower that I fixed up over the summer. You can imagine my disappointment due to the fact that it didn't work very well. Apparently, you can't use a snow blower on rain....

Grace & Peace,
- Pastor Scott

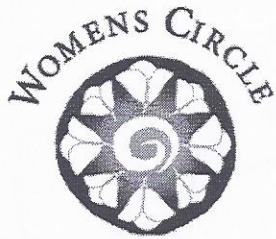
In the month of February Pastor Scott gave the following sermons:

On February 5th our sermon was "A Fast Pleasing to God" with scriptures from Isaiah 58:1-12 and 1 Corinthians 2:1-16. The sermon showed that fasting is an attempt to align one's priorities with the will of God. Therefore, a fast pleasing to God is an act of worship that is integrated into other areas of our lives and results in the ethical treatment of other people. A response to this word from God is to seek justice and righteousness for the poor and oppressed and being actively engaged in social and economic reforms as simply refraining from oppressing others personally doesn't go far enough.

On February 12th the title of the sermon was "Who Can Make Us Grow?" That sermon was based on Deuteronomy 30:15-20 and 1 Corinthians 3:1-9. From these passages we learned that "it is only God who gives the growth" (1 Corinthians 3:7). We examined that fact to the end that we might realize God and ONLY GOD grants a church growth and prosperity in response to our obedience.

On February 19th our scripture readings were from Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-18 and Matthew 5:38-48. The sermon was titled "Take Care of the Poor and the Alien". Even in the Old Testament book of Leviticus which, let's face it, doesn't make often make our personal reading lists, God called God's people to care for the poor and the outsiders (our neighbors). God did this in the command to leave the corners of a field unharvested so that the poor could "glean". This was a built-in social welfare program. If we call ourselves God's people, then we too are called to care for the poor and the alien among us, rather than to judge them.

On February 26th our scripture lessons for Transfiguration Sunday came from Exodus 24:12-18, 2 Peter 1:16-21 and Matthew 17:1-9. The sermon title was "On the Holy Mountain". The message of this sermon was that Jesus' transfiguration shows that He was the promised Messiah/Prophet like Moses who speaks God's words. This encourages us to see Jesus as the "new Moses" who leads God's people with God's authority.



BROEK CIRCLE – will meet on Tuesday,
April 11th at 12:00 p.m. in the Library Lounge
Joanne Nuber. Hostess

JACOBA CIRCLE – To Be Announced



April, 2017

- 7. Timothy Harris
- 14. Shawn Borelli
- 16. Barbara Nuber
- 20. Sarah Coppola
- 23. Tom Wagner
- 30. David Zolkiwsky



Church World Service Blanket Sundays
April 23rd and 30th

CWS Blankets will be displayed along with
information and an envelope. Blankets are now
\$10 each, but any donation you care to make
will be gratefully accepted- and matched by the
Benevolence Fund!
Make checks payable to Church World
Services.

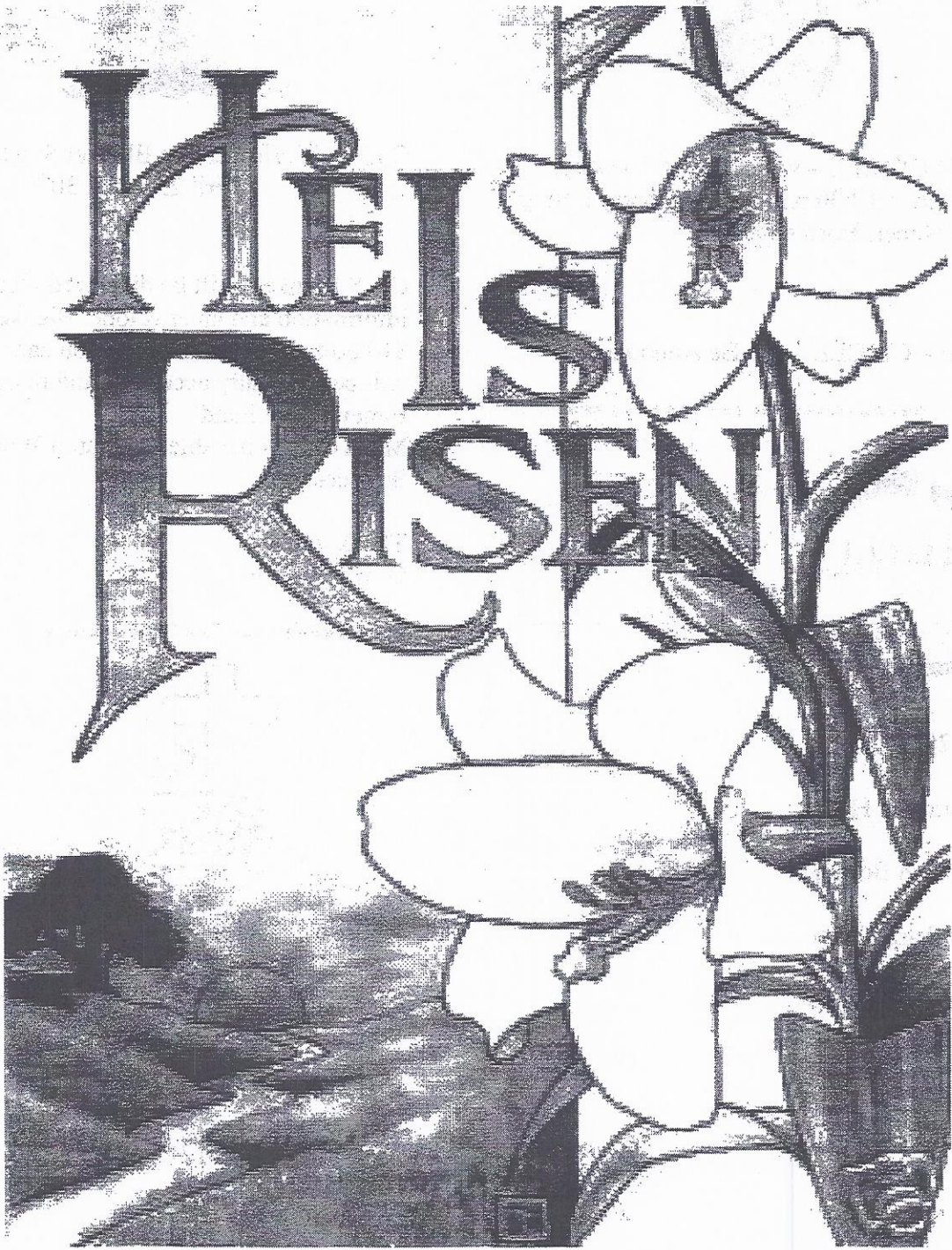
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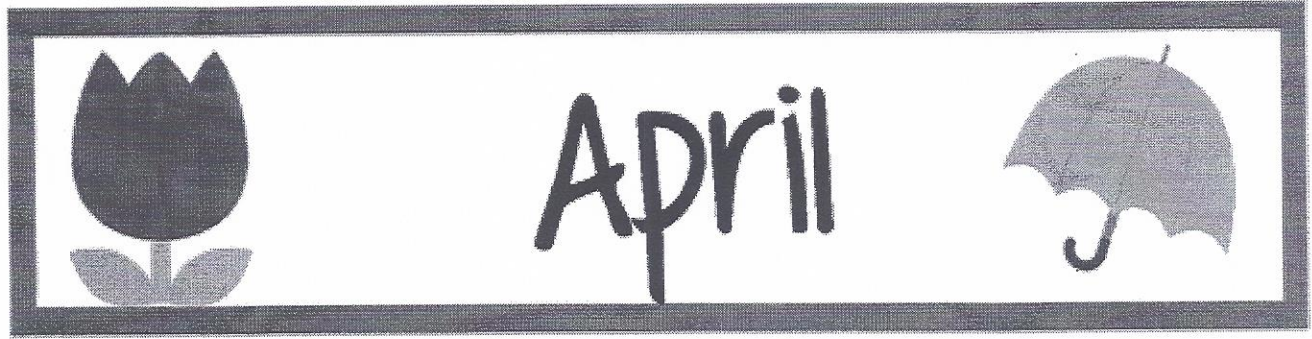


Maundy Thursday- April 13th




Communion- 8:00pm in the Chapel.

MAY Newsletter DEADLINE -
Wednesday, April 19th





Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

Every Sunday 10:00 a.m. Worship in Sanctuary						1. APRIL FOOL'S DAY
2.	3. Consistory 7:30 pm	4.	5. Bible Study 7:30 pm	6. Choir 7:30 pm	7.	8.
9. <i>Palm Sunday</i>	10.	11. Broek 12:00pm	12. Bible Study 7:30 pm	13.  Maundy Thursday SERVICE 8:00pm	14.  GOOD FRIDAY	15.
16. <i>Happy Easter</i>	17.	18.	19. Newsletter  Bible Study 7:30pm	20. Choir 7:30 pm	21.	22.
23. Blanket Sunday Blanket Sunday 30.	24.	25.	26. Bible Study 7:30 pm	27. Choir 7:30 pm	28.	29.