

TRINITY NEWS

January 2017

Trinity Reformed Church
North Plainfield, N.J. 07063

Rev. Scott R. Harris, Pastor
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Members & Friends,

As I mentioned last month, Thanksgiving was spent, this year, in New England visiting with my sisters and their families. Most notable among those we saw was my parents' newest great-granddaughter! Of course, with Mom, Dad, Kathy, me and all 6' 2" of Timothy crammed into one car, the dogs couldn't come with us. This made boarding them necessary.

In preparation we bought a new bag of food and left it near the door along with a bag full of their toys and other items to keep them occupied while we were apart. Our older dog, Heidi – a German Shepherd/Collie mix – plopped herself down in front of that bag of food to guard it! Of course, the bag of food was next to the front door and that made getting in and out of the house with one's hands full a challenge. "No, really Heidi, it's OK – don't move! So what if I have a coat; a briefcase; my hands full; school books; 100 bags of groceries! I'll just step over you!" At over 100 pounds this is NOT a small dog! She obviously sensed that something was going on and she and her sister – Shelby – were going to be left behind. This uncertainty of the future created a lot of tension and anxiety in the "pack"!

As we begin a new year, there is much uncertainty to our future. This can cause great anxiety for us as well. But in the midst of all this anxiety we can take comfort in the fact that God is still in control and still cares for us. In James 1:17 the Bible reminds us that in God there is no variation or shadow due to change! It is this same God that gives us every good and perfect gift we need in this life. We might not know what 2017 holds for us, but we know who holds 2017 in His hand!

Grace & Peace,
- Pastor Scott

In the month November Pastor Scott gave the following sermons:

On November 6th our sermon was "Stop Worrying About Being Left Behind!" with scriptures from 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17 and Luke 20:27-38. That sermon sought to show that God has chosen us for salvation and has promised us resurrection from the dead and has sent us out to BE good news to all people. Therefore, do not focus on the details of how resurrection works or when the rapture will occur. Instead, reach out to others to share the good news of the Gospel and work towards peace and justice!

On November 13th the title of the sermon was "Get Back to Work!" That sermon was based on 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13 and Luke 21:5-19. It was demonstrated from these scriptures that Christians are called by God to help their neighbors and make the world a better place, not just to stare at the sky and wait for Jesus' return. Because of this we do well to get busy doing the work of God!

On November 20th our scripture reading was from Jeremiah 23:1-6, Colossians 1:11-20 and Luke 23:33-43. The sermon was titled "Making Peace Through the Blood of His Cross." In that sermon we learned that because Jesus died on the cross we are now at peace with God, partners with God and co-inheritors of God's Kingdom with Jesus Christ. As God's partners, then, we work for justice and the righting of wrongs, seeking peace and working for reconciliation.

On November 27th Pastor was away on vacation and Rev. Duane Brown filled the pulpit for the First Sunday in Advent and gave a sermon titled; "Advent Again".



BROEK CIRCLE – will meet on Tuesday
January 10 at 1:00 p.m. at the home of Betty
Jane Tingley.

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JACOBA CIRCLE – will meet on Monday,
January 9 in the Library Lounge at 7:30pm.
Hostess Miep Devries.



January, 2017

- 7. Donna Zolkiwsky
- 12. Jason Jackson
- 15. Kathy Harris

February Newsletter DEADLINE -

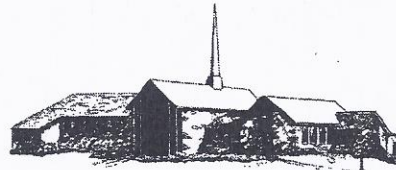
Tuesday, January 17th



Celebrate the New Year!

Holy Communion

10:00am January 1, 2017



ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Following Worship

Date to be announced




Beautification Committee wishes to thank the
Secret Santa for the very generous gift.

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January

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

1. *Communion *Happy New Year!	2. Consistory 7:30 p.m.	3.	4. Bible Study 7:30 p.m.	5. Choir 7:30p.m.	6.	7.
8.	9. Jacoba 7:30pm	10. Broek 1:00pm	11. Bible Study 7:30 p.m.	12. Choir 7:30p.m.	13.	14.
15.	16. *MLK Jr. Service 4pm	17. Newsletter 	18. Bible Study 7:30 p.m.	19. Choir 7:30p.m.	20.	21.
22.	23.	24.	25. Bible Study 7:30 p.m.	26. Choir 7:30p.m.	27.	28.
29.	30.	31.				Every Sunday 10:00 a.m. Worship in Sanctuary