

TRINITY NEWS

November 2017

Trinity Reformed Church
North Plainfield, N.J. 07063

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Members & Friends,

You matter. You are important; there is an important and meaningful work that God has given you to accomplish in your life. You are an important part of what goes on around here and you are invited to fulfill a vital role in something bigger than yourself! I have been told that this is what people long to hear. I know that we can offer those very words and sentiments to those in our church and those not yet a part of our church.

Throughout the Bible there is a theme: there is an urgent need for the creation to know its Creator. The nations must know their true King. All people everywhere need to know their Savior. It started in Genesis with Adam and Eve. God gave them a mission to fill the earth, use it wisely and rule it well. The mission of caring for creation got disrupted when Adam and Eve sinned, but God didn't give up on the beings God created as partners. Beginning with Abraham, the father of the Jewish people, God chose a people to be God's partners in blessing and restoring the creation to a right relationship with God. While it is God's redeeming grace that restores alienated people to God, God has entrusted God's people of the mission of making God known. At the heart of the gospel is the message that God sent the Son, Jesus, to redeem people who were alienated from God by sin. Jesus' death on the cross to pay for their sins and His resurrection are the source of eternal life and the only way to a restored relationship with God.

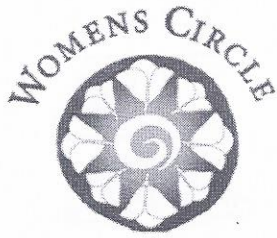
In Matthew 28:18-20 we read: *Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.*

By that commission, Jesus' disciples became the light of the world, people who would live in such a way as to make God's character and reputation known to all people. Those who followed Jesus were to be a royal priesthood that put God on display by their actions and words. To be a Christian, a follower of Jesus, is to become part of that people charged with that mission. Sometimes we have limited this mission to "evangelism" or sharing the message that God's only Son has come and offers salvation in His name. But we must not only *declare* the good news of God's saving work with our words, but also live as concrete examples of what it means to know God by displaying Jesus' character through our actions.

Our mission is the same one that God gave to Israel so long ago; to live obediently within the world so that through us, the world may know that our God is the one true God. Together we seek to engage our culture and to be a blessing wherever God places us. God wants us in the game; not on the bench. We don't have to be powerful or a majority to fulfill our task. In fact, some of the finest hours in Christianity have come when it was a poor and weak minority that was faithful to carrying out God's mission in a broken world. We are important; we are needed; we have an important and meaningful task to perform; to be the witnesses – the royal priesthood – through whom spiritually lost people come to know the God of the universe who loves them and longs to restore them to a right relationship with God.

Grace & Peace,

- Pastor Scott



BROEK CIRCLE – will meet on Tuesday November 14th at 12:00 p.m. in the Library Lounge. Ginger Smellie, hostess

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BROEK COOKS- will have Minestrone Soup available in December. See bulletin board for date and order sheet.

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JACOBA CIRCLE – will meet on Monday, November 13th at 7:30pm in the Library Lounge. Ruth DeRuyscher, hostess.



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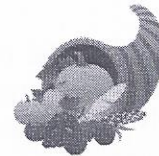
- 3. Emil Habeeb
- 11. D.J. Coppola
- 12. Marv DeRuyscher
- 17. Tina Wich



SOLUTE TO VETERANS

Sunday, November 12th at 2:00pm

Refreshments to follow.



ECUMENICAL THANKSGIVING SERVICE

Details to be announced.

PLEASE CHANGE YOUR DIRECTORY.

Donna ZOLKIWSKY
is now Mrs. Donna (John) Poston.
1703 Creekwater Blvd.
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THE PATRIOT'S PRAYER

MEMORY VERSE: Psalm 33:12: Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord; and the people whom he hath chosen for his own inheritance.

I THANK THEE, LORD, for such a land,
with rivers fair and forests tall;
For fertile plain and desert sand;
For mountain heigh, and waterfall.

I THANK THEE< LORD< for guiding men
Who met to mold a nation free;
For Heaven's hand upon the pen
That drew the plan for liberty.

I PRAISE THEE, LORD, for plenteous years,
For ripped fruit and golden grain;
They blessing surely here appears
In gifts of sunshine and of rain.

I PRIASE THEE, LORD, yes, most of all,
For churches spread throughout the land,
Where men may hear the Saviour's call
And never feel the tyrant's hand.

I PRAY THEE, LORD, restore the love
That once burned in our nation's breast
For that old Book that's from above,
That keeps a nation clean and blest.

I PRAY THEE, LORD, oh hear my prayer!
On this our nation's special day,
Awaken people everywhere!
And let them know it's time to pray.

-Roger F. Campbell



Communion, December 3rd at 10:00 am.

First Sunday of Advent.

Let us celebrate Christ's coming –
His presence and His words of hope.



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4TH

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS ENDS

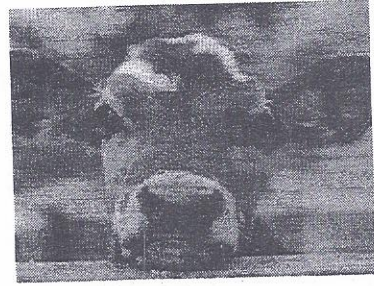
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December, Newsletter Deadline

Tuesday, November



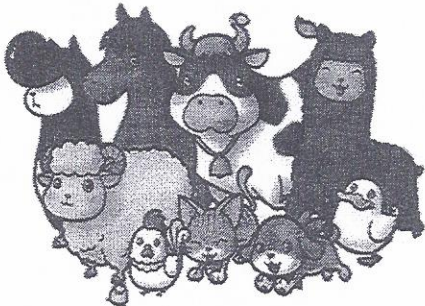
On Sunday, November 19, 2017
Jacoba will ask all friends
and members of Trinity to
participate in the Heifer International
Project.



Jacoba Circle ladies will
present the "Living Christmas Gift Market"

Through Heifer International, we can make a lasting
difference in the lives around the world for a better today
and a brighter tomorrow. With your help families who
receive livestock share with their neighbors, and over
time, whole communities will benefit.







A Living Gift is a perfect celebration of faith. Please mark
your calendar for Sunday, November 19th! Come and
worship and share your blessings with others around the
world.





NOVEMBER

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

<p>Every Sunday 10:00 a.m. Worship in Sanctuary</p>			<p>1. Bible Study 7:30 pm</p>	<p>2. Choir Rehearsal 7:30 pm</p>	<p>3.</p>	<p>4.  Set clock BACK 1 hour</p>
<p>5.</p>	<p>6. Consistory 7:30 pm</p>	<p>7. </p>	<p>8. Bible Study 7:30 pm</p>	<p>9. Choir Rehearsal 7:30 pm</p>	<p>10.</p>	<p>11. </p>
<p>12.  Veterans Day Service 2pm</p>	<p>13. Jacoba Circle 7:30 pm</p>	<p>14. Broek Circle 12:00pm</p>	<p>15.  *Newsletter *Bible Study 7:30 pm</p>	<p>16. Choir Rehearsal 7:30 pm</p>	<p>17.</p>	<p>18.</p>
<p>19.</p>	<p>20.</p>	<p>21.</p>	<p>22.</p>	<p>23.  Happy Thanksgiving</p>	<p>24.</p>	<p>25.</p>
<p>26.</p>	<p>27.</p>	<p>28.</p>	<p>29. Bible Study 7:30 pm</p>	<p>30. Choir Rehearsal 7:30 pm</p>		