

TRINITY NEWS

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Members & Friends,

Legend has it that on his deathbed, Alexander the Great summoned his generals and told them his three last wishes:

1. The best doctors in his empire should carry his coffin.
2. The wealth he had accumulated (money, gold, precious stones) should be scattered along the procession to the cemetery, and
3. His hands should be let loose, hanging outside the coffin for all to see.

One of his generals who was surprised by these unusual requests asked Alexander to explain them. Here is what Alexander the Great had to say:

1. I want the best doctors to carry my coffin to demonstrate that, in the face of death, even the best doctors in the world have no power to heal
2. I want the road to be covered with my treasure so that everybody sees that material wealth acquired on earth, stays on earth
3. I want my hands to swing in the wind, so that people understand that we come to this world empty handed and we leave this world empty handed after the most precious treasure of all is exhausted, and that is TIME

Our time on earth is our most precious treasure because it is limited. We can produce more wealth, but we cannot produce more time.

When we share our time with someone, we actually give a portion of our life that we will never take back. Our time is our life

May God grant you plenty of TIME and may you have the wisdom to share it so that you can live and love in peace.

Grace & Peace,
- Pastor Scott

In the month of February we had sermons on the following topics:

2/2/14 – God Loves ‘Losers’. (1 Corinthians 1:18 – 31, Matthew 5:1-12)

This sermon focused on the fact that the values that were elevated by Jesus in the Beatitudes are pretty much the opposite of those values we embrace, even those that we call “Christian values”. Realizing this, we are challenged to live in a way best described as “counter-culturally”, going against the values that our secular culture embraces and choosing those values that God desires.

2/9/14 – Tasty and Bright (Isaiah 58:1-12, Matthew 5:13-20)

The value of things like salt and light are found in their application. We turn a light on in a dark location so that we may see and we apply salt to foods to preserve them. Just like salt and light are not ends in themselves but are useful when applied to other things, followers of Jesus are called to exist for and help others. Let Jesus’ light shine through you to lead others to preservation in Him.

2/16/14 – Mind Your Mind (Deuteronomy 30:15-20, Matthew 5:21-37)

The antithesis in Jesus’ “Sermon on the Mount” challenge any would-be disciples to consider what it means to be bearers of God’s Kingdom. To follow Jesus means that even our thoughts are transformed by contact with God’s reign.

2/23/14 – Whom Do You Pray For? (Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-18, Matthew 5:36-48)

In this sermon we considered the fact that it is exceedingly hard to do what Jesus asks us to do when Jesus asks us to pray for and love our enemies! We can only do that, and the other hard things that Jesus commands us to do, to the degree that we live into our God-given identity as blessed and beloved children of God. Only those who have experienced God’s love can in turn share it with others.

Trinity’s New Hearing Assist System

Trinity has recently installed a new wireless hearing assist system for those who might have trouble hearing the service clearly. The earphones are styled like the hands-free ‘TV Ears’ phones, which we have found to be the most comfortable and easy to use. Each set of earphones has a volume control to ensure that the sound level is correct for your situation. The earphones are available at the entrance to the sanctuary – just ask any usher. It is best to sit near the center of the sanctuary in the first five rows to maximize the effectiveness of the earphones.



BROEK CIRCLE - will meet on Tuesday, April 8th at 1:00 p.m. at the home of Betty Jane Tingley.

BROEK COOKS will have "the last soup of the season" available on Sunday, May 18th. Check the hall bulletin board for more information.

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JACOBA CIRCLE - will meet on Monday, April 14th at 7:30 p.m. Hostess, Leslie Zarnowski.

FEBRUARY SNOW STORMS IMPACT

From February 3rd through February 18th North Plainfield officially got 32.6" of snow, which cost Trinity \$7,430 to remove from the parking lot.

This is an average of 2" per day at a cost of \$465, or \$ 232.50 per inch. So, instead of thinking of a snow storm as a 6" storm, think of it as a \$1,4000 storm.

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TRINITY WEB SITE UPDATED

Consistory has been keeping the Trinity web site up to date for those who need information about current and future happenings - worship services, events, announcements, newsletters, bible study and more. Use the following internet address: trinitychurchnj.org

Joel K.

Once again, I would like to express my sincere appreciation for the warmth and caring shown to me and my sons this past many cold weeks of winter.

A death in the family is often very unexpected, but the community and family that is Trinity Reformed Church, along with my faith and love in Jesus Christ, has sustained the boys and I and is allowing us to move forward.

Sincerely, Leslie Z.

Adam Toth Receives Degree of Osteopathic Medicine.

Dr. Adam Toth graduated from Des Moines University in Iowa on May 25th. He has earned the degree of Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine (DO).

Dr. Toth has been accepted at Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center in New Hampshire to start his residency in surgery and anesthesia. He will begin June 16.

The day after graduation, Dr. Toth married Dr. Laura Packowitz in Des Moines. His brother, Justin was best man. Proud grandmother is Norma Cornelia, and parents, Dawn and Steve Toth.

(The editor apologizes for the lateness of this report.)



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- 5. Julia Adams
- 7. Timothy Harris
- 14. Shawn Borelli
- 15. Susan Tingley Hageman
- 16. Barbara Nuber
- 20. Sarah Coppola
- 30. David Zolkiwsky



"In Memoriam"

Alberta "Bunny" Adams
at rest, February 23, 2014

++ HOLY WEEK

Palm Sunday, worship at 10:00 a.m.

Maundy Thursday, 8:00 p.m.

Holy Communion in Broek Chapel

EASTER Sunday - worship at 10:00

"HE IS RISEN"

Prayer List

The Adams Family	Denis O'Hara
Elaine Conway	The Roane Family
Cornelia Family	Zarnowshi Family
Trinity Shut ins	

Our U.S. Servicemen and women

MAY NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Tuesday, April 15th (same day as the IRS)



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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1.	2. Bible Study 7:30 pm	3. Choir 7:30 pm	4.	5.
6.	7. Consistory 7:30 pm	8. Broek 1 pm	9. Bible Study 7:30	10. Choir 7:30 pm.	11.	12.
13.  PALM SUNDAY	14. Jacoba 7:30 pm	15. *** NEWSLETTER Deadline	16.	17.  Maundy Thursday	18.  GOOD FRIDAY	19.
 EASTER	21.	22.	23.	24.	25.	26.
27.	28.	29.	30. Bible Study 7:30 pm			