

TRINITY NEWS

NOVEMBER 2009

Trinity Reformed Church
North Plainfield, N.J. 07063

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I'm glad at this time in the life of our church that we are examining the great treatise on our faith found in the Letter to the Hebrew(Christians). Along with these great themes we are in possession of a great study by an individual who has become a source of fascination and admiration. I've been advertising our study of the work of Bishop N. Thomas Wright, Church of England, and his new series *Simply Christian - Why Christianity Makes Sense*. Now with my DVD player fiasco resolved, we are underway. Dr. Wright courses over many subjects including prayer, worship, and most interestingly... the notion of Israel itself... all grounded in four basic quests: justice, spirituality, relationships, and beauty. Unlike apologetic treatises of the past, Wright weaves the principles of our faith into everyday situations to ponder. We anchor each session in scripture passages quoted directly, and tie them, as you'll see, to the Standards of our historic faith. The simplicity of it all is wonderful. The study is designed to be flexible enough so that anyone coming in later can pick things up quickly. (I wish I had his engaging conversational style!)

There are two services coming up that I feel need everyone's attention. November 8th is our annual Veteran's Memorial Service at 2:00 p.m. Army Chaplain Wilfredo Rodriguez, an ordained Reformed Church minister and member of New Brunswick Classis, is slated to be our keynote speaker. You remember Wilfredo as my pulpit supply when visiting family and a conference in Orlando last March. He serves as Chaplain at Lennox Hill Hospital in New York City. On Wednesday evening, November 25th our North Plainfield Clergy Group hosts the Community Thanksgiving Eve Service at Holy Cross Episcopal at 7:30 p.m. All church choirs are encouraged to participate together. Joan Beil has information for you on that. I changed places with Rev. Sarah Olson-Smith for the preaching duties, so I'm up. Refreshments and friends after the service.

The autumn months are my favorite time of year. it seems a time of expectation, a time of something coming. Indeed it is. Advent and Christmas are literally around the corner. Please make every effort to attend services and focus on the greatness of our Savior and the newness of life in Him.

See you in church,

Pastor Dave

"JUST A BIT OF THIS AND THAT" - Rev. Joe Gilbert, Retired.

A true friend knows your weaknesses but shows you your strengths; feels your fears but fortifies your faith; sees your anxieties but frees your spirit; recognizes your disabilities but emphasizes your possibilities.

You can't build a reputation on what you are going to do.

Optimism is essential to achievement. It is the foundation of courage and true progress.

Maturity is the ability to do a job, whether or not you are supervised; to carry money without spending it; and to bear an injustice without waiting to get even.



Thanksgiving
Eve Service

**THANKSGIVING EVE
COMMUNITY WORSHIP SERVICE
7:30PM**

Holy Cross Episcopal Church
40 Mercer Avenue
North Plainfield, New Jersey 07060

Pastor David Taylor, Preacher



BROEK CIRCLE – will meet on Monday, November 16th at 1:00p.m. in the Library Lounge.

Broek cooks will have Minestrone and Creamy Potato soup available for pick-up on Sunday, December 6th. An order form is on the hall bulletin board.

JACOBA CIRCLE – will meet on Monday, November 9th at 7:30p.m. in the Library Lounge. Vernice Cortes, Hostess.



FISH Hospitality Week – begins on Sunday, December 6th.
Volunteers are always welcome to help as evening hosts, overnight hosts and moving in and out.
Sign-up sheets are on the hall bulletin board.



Johnson Oalman, Jr. was born in New Jersey just before the Civil War. In 1892 he began writing many hymn text and in 1897 "Count Your Blessings" was published in a song book for young adults.

"When you are discouraged thinking all is lost, count your many blessings, name them one by one."

We do not forget all our blessings, like if birds only sang once a year, we would pay attention. But because they sing every morning, we scarcely bother to listen!

Now is a perfect time to thank God for something you have never mentioned. Now sing out this hymn loud and clear!

Joan Beil

Please mark your calendar and plan to attend our Veterans Program Sunday, November 8, 2009 at 2pm.



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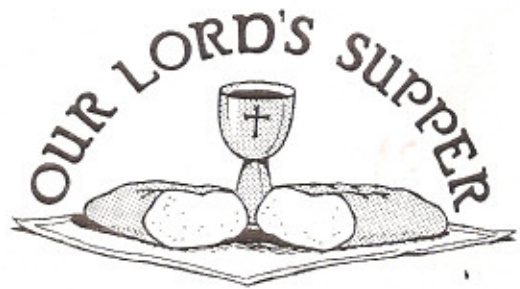
- 3. Emil Habeeb
- 10. Bunny Adams
- 11. D. J. Coppola
Art Lederer
- 17. Tina Wich
- 29. Ana Diaz

Prayer List

Please remember in your prayers these members and friends:

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| Joanna Agnone | Pastor Rosie and |
| Ruth Carreno | Dennis McLelland |
| Marianne Clark | Sally McGahey |
| Corey Coleman | The Nikorak Family |
| Joan Cornish | Denis O'Hara |
| Jim Dever | Margaret Rubas |
| Cassie Forgash | Resi Sheppard |
| Jill Gaddis | Henrietta Wermann |
| Belle Hayles | Don Zolkiwsky |
| Doris Hiebeler | |

All U.S. Servicemen and Women



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

Sunday November 29, 2009

WISHING (EVERYONE COULD EAT) WELL

There's a new Wishing Well in the Narthex for your pennies and/or other coins.





The money collected will be used to buy groceries for the Vermuele Food Bank.

Newsletter deadline for December
Sunday, November 15th.





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1.	2. Consistory 7:30	3.  VOTE Choir 7:30	4. Bible Study 7:30	5.	6.	7.
8. Honor Veterans 2:00 pm	9. Jacoba 7:30 pm	10. Choir 7:30	11.  Bible Study 7:30	12.	13.	14.
15: * Newsletter Deadline	16. Broek 1 pm	17. Choir 7:30	18. Bible Study 7:30	19.	20.	21.
22.	23.	24. Choir 7:30	25. Community Service 7:30 pm	26. 	27.	28.
29.  1st Sunday in ADVENT	30.	FISH Hospitality Week - Dec. 6				