

# TRINITY NEWS

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Trinity Reformed Church      **MARCH 2008**  
North Plainfield, N.J. 07063

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The "Mad Hatter" and the "March Hare" delighted children in Lewis Carroll's classic "Alice's Adventures in Wonderland". Walt Disney produced a cartoon version many years ago - sometimes I think reality portrays fiction more accurately than we wish. "Mad as a hatter" is an expression taken from the possible poisoning of hat manufacturers years ago due to toxin exposure during manufacturing processes. I trust we will maintain our sanity during the tedious delays in waiting winter out. Snowless winters are quite familiar here over the years. Towns and the state D.O.T. save a lot in plowing and salting costs. So do we. But we have a lot to do, and the March Easter season this year will compress a lot of our activities.

Our five-Sunday examination of the subject of "Theodicy", which is defined as the defense of the goodness of God in the reality of truly awful things happening, continues up to Palm Sunday, March 16th. We return to our Revised Common Lectionary for the traditional Holy Week season and the weeks after. Don't forget that the powers-that-be have advanced the Daylight Saving Time adjustment to early Sunday morning, March 9th. "SPRING AHEAD - FALL BACK" hopefully will keep us all together. Advance your clocks one hour that Saturday night, March 8th. The claim is made that doing this will save energy somehow. I confess I have failed

to see how in the past. Children will be awaiting school buses in the dark, and lights will need to be on earlier in the morning. What use is after-dinner daylight in March?

Speaking of finners, we can all enjoy the really fun-night-out held by the Regional Synod of Mid-Atlantics on Friday, March 14, 2008. It's the bi-annual "Lay Recognition Dinner" which honors church members for long service. I'd like to honor you all as a most faithful congregation, but we all can't wade into sewerage pits as Don and Dale did four years ago, or coordinate FISH as faithfully as Sarah does. Carol Sorg has conducted Sunday School in "fair weather or foul" for many years, so she and Bill will be our guests this time around. It looks a good bargain for reception, dinner, and entertainment. See the poster on the hall bulletin board or myself for details and fees, etc. We could have as many tables (8 or 10 persons per table) as we want. I'll be announcing this on February Sundays, as they would like a count by March 1st.

Certainly we can all follow the Lectionary Readings for the weeks we digress with Bishop Wright's book, "Evil and the Justice of God". Some have asked about this, and the good part of all this is that the readings actually do follow the theme in a number of cases. That is why I believe the Spirit is in this whole plan.

See you in church, Pastor Dave

REVISED COMMON LECTIONARY READINGS FOR MARCH

March 2 - 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent

I Samuel 16: 1-13 Psalm 23 Ephesians 5: 8-14 John 9: 1-41

March 9 -5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent

Ezekiel 37: 1-14 Psalm 130 Romans 8: 6-11 John 11: 1-45

March 16 - Palm Sunday - starting Holy Week -

Matthew 21: 1-11 Psalm 118: 1-2, 19-29

Monday : Isaiah: 42: 1-9 Psalm 36: 5-11 Hebrews 9: 11-15 John 12: 1-11

Tuesday: Isaiah 49: 1-7 Psalm 71: 1-14 I Corinthians 1: 18-31 John 12: 20-36

Wednesday: Isaiah 50: 4-9a Psalm 70 Hebrews 12: 1-3 John 13: 21-32

Thursday: Exodus 12: 1-14 Psalm 116: 1-2,12-19 I Corinthians 11: 23-26

John 13: 1-17, 31b-35

Good Friday : Isaiah 52: 13 – 53: 12 Psalm 22 Hebrews 10: 16-25 or

Hebrews 4: 14-16, 5: 7-9 John 18: 1 – 19: 42

Holy Saturday: Job 14: 1-14 or Lamentations: 3: 1-9, 19-24 Psalm 31: 1-4

&15-16 I Peter 4: 1-8 Matthew 27: 57-66 or John 19: 38-42

March 23<sup>rd</sup> - Easter Sunday

Acts 10: 34-43 or Jeremiah 31: 1-6 Psalm 118: 1-2, 14-24 Colossians 3: 1-4 John 20: 1-18

Or Matthew 28: 1-10

March 30 - 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter

Acts 2: 14a, 22-32 Psalm 16 I Peter 1: 3-9 John 20: 19-31

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The best "*bon mot*" possibly of all time!

TAKE THE ROBE OFF CORNER

Winston Churchill was a friend of George Bernard Shaw, the English playwright. They met on the street once, and Shaw gave Churchill two tickets to his new play. Shaw said: "Come to my new play opening tomorrow and bring a friend . . . if you have one! Unruffled as ever, Churchill thanked Shaw and explained that he had a prior engagement for that time, but he would be glad to attend the next performance . . . if there was one ! (As far as we know, they remained friends.)

The more things a man is ashamed of, the more respectable he is.

Virtue consists, not in abstaining from vice, but in not desiring it.

—George Bernard Shaw



BROEK CIRCLE - will meet on Monday, March 10th at 1:00 p.m. in the Library Lounge.

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BROEK Cooks will have Creamy Potato and Chicken Florentine Soup available for pick-up on Sunday, March 30th. An order sheet is on the bulletin board.



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JACOBA CIRCLE - will meet on Monday, March 10th at 8:00 p.m. in the Library Lounge. Miep deVries hosts.

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We are also collecting money for FISH Hospitality Week which begins on Sunday, March 23. Laundry money is needed when taking our guests to the Laundromat. Just empty your pockets and share your change! You will see our laundry basket in the narthex. Many thanks, as we all continue to help others!

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FISH Hospitality Week begins on Easter Sunday, March 23rd. Help is always needed! Volunteer sign-up sheets are posted on the hall bulletin board.



Jacoba Circle is hosting the "Ugly Tie" Luncheon on Sunday, March 2, 2002 after our morning worship service. Everyone is invited, and everyone, men, women and children, must wear a tie! The ugliest tie you can find! The winner will receive a special gift!! Remember that the tie can be worn the conventional way or as a head band, belt, etc.

Our lunch is "pot luck", so please sign-up in the narthex and our circle will provide coffee and iced tea! We are looking forward to this fellowship with our Trinity family!

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"SWEET HOUR OF PRAYER"



Sometime during the days ahead, please remember our Trinity Choir in your prayers:

- as they travel each Tuesday evening for choir rehearsal
- as they learn the music and text for each anthem
- as they try to keep healthy
- as they arrive early, every Sunday morning for warm-up
- and as they give of their very best to sing praises to our Lord, Jesus Christ!

The hymn text of "Sweet Hour of Prayer" was written by William Wolford. He reminds us that God asks "we seek His face, believe His workd and trust His grace. I'll cast on Him my every care, and wait for thee."



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- 1. Susan Goss
- 3. Donald B. Tingley
- 5. Lorraine Lenkevich

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TRINITY'S WEB SITE ADDRESS

[www.trinitychurchnj.org](http://www.trinitychurchnj.org)

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2007 CROP REPORT

This year's CROP WALK earned \$9,860.34. \$800 more than last year! A few more dedicated walkers on October 19, 2008 will make a super CROP day.

Top fundraisers: Dianne Ledger, Phil Anderson, Beth Kenderdine, Gwyn Gronlund, Marie Pase and Peg Tursi.

Thanks to all who helped in any way. Remember, when watching the news reports of troubled areas worldwide that CROP is probably there helping. And, don't forget, some funds return to STARFISH (Plainfield) and FISH (North Plainfield).

God bless you all,  
Tom Ledger and Al Smith

# HOLY WEEK

Maundy Thursday - The Lord's Supper  
8:00 p.m. in Broek Chapel

Easter Sunday - Worship at 10:30 a.m.  
"He is Risen!"

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## Prayer List

Please remember in your prayers, our members and friends who cannot be with us on Sunday.

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| Joanna Agnone     | Pastor Rosie and |
| Ruth Carreno      | Dennis McLelland |
| Marianne Clark    | Sally McGahey    |
| Corey Coleman     | Luke Nikorak     |
| Joan Cornish      | Denis O'Hara     |
| Jim Dever         | Margaret Rubas   |
| Christopher Flood | Resi Sheppard    |
| Jill Gaddis       | Leona Wagner     |
| Emil Habeeb       | Henrietta Werman |
| Belle Hales       | Marie Werman     |

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NEWSLETTER DEADLINE FOR APRIL

Monday, March 17th



# March

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
2.	3. Consistory 7:30 pm	4. Choir 7:30	5. Bible Study 7:30 pm	6.	7.	8. 
9.	10. Broek 1 pm Jacoba 7:30 pm	11. Choir 7:30	12. Bible Study 7:30 pm	13.	14.	15.
16. 	17. NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	18. Choir 7:30	19. Bible Study 7:30 pm	20. 	21. 	22.
 EASTER	24. 	25.	26. Bible Study 7:30 pm	27.	28.	29. FISH Hospitality Week -----
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