

TRINITY NEWS

November 2016

Trinity Reformed Church
North Plainfield, N.J. 07063

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Members & Friends,

This week I saw advertisements broadcast for Christmas. Two separate companies (retail stores) were already rolling out their Christmas promotions! I could hardly believe my eyes! So it now seems that we are by-passing Halloween and Thanksgiving in favor of the big bucks that come with Christmas sales. If the Presidential election campaigns weren't enough to convince you that the world is ending soon, this ought to do it!

Why do we seem to have this need to fast-forward through September, October and November? It might have something to do with the fact that we live in a world that places no value on delayed gratification; everything must be instant – there is no concept of going without now for the sake of a greater good at some point in the future. Or maybe it is the opposite of anticipation; this year has been so awful that we can't wait to get it over with!

There is so much that we miss if we speed past this season. The crisp air, the changing color of the leaves and while raking up those leaves is hardly a task that anyone looks forward to, once they are gone and set out on the curb and picked up by the township to become mulch, the sense of accomplishment and the newly cleaned lawn can be a source of pride! As families we put away our Summer clothes, we change the curtains, get the seasonal decorations out of the shed and spend time decorating our houses. With joy we answer the door to young children "Trick-or-Treating" and connect with our loved ones as we fill the air with the smells of cooking that it has been too hot to do indoors all Summer! And there is a certain something about staying all snug and warm in our houses with each other while the weather turns colder and the days get shorter.

This is a wonderful time for connecting with our families and our friends. And it is a time to reflect and be thankful for the families that surround us. Not only our families at home, but our family at church as well. Join us during this wonderful season, slow down, take it in and ENJOY it!

Grace & Peace,

- Pastor Scott

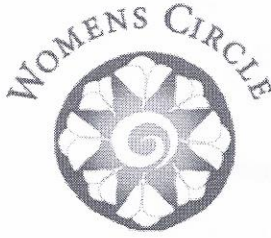
In the month of September Pastor Scott gave the following sermons:

On September 4th our sermon was "Can God Change God's Mind?" with scriptures from Jeremiah 18:1 – 11 and Luke 14:25 – 33. The point of this sermon was that God's plans for a nation, a people or a kingdom are not fixed and are not determined apart from our own choices. We do well to respond to God's corrective touch when and if it comes and choose to use our gifts to do good.

On September 11th the title of the sermon was "God's Upside-down Economy of Grace." That sermon was based on 1 Timothy 1:12 -17 and Luke 15:1 -10. It was demonstrated from these scriptures that in God's economy of grace, recovery of the "lost" is of greater importance than maintenance of that which isn't lost. Hopefully in response to this realization, we are willing to forego our own comfort to reach others with the Good News.

On September 18th our scripture reading was from Jeremiah 8:18 – 9:1, 1:4-10. The sermon was titled "What Hurts God?" In that sermon we learned that it is the pain of God's people that hurts God. In short, when we suffer, God cries with and for us! God is not the one who inflicts pain on us, but the one who cries along with us. God loves us so much that God identifies with and even feels our pain. God does not abandon us in times of suffering; we are not alone for God is with us!

On September 25th we had scripture lessons from 1 Timothy 6:6 – 19 and Luke 16:19 – 31. The sermon title was "How to Be Rich". Far from being a lesson on how to accumulate wealth, this sermon sought to teach us that as rich Christians (and even the poorest among us is rich in comparison to most of the world) we are called to be humble to set our hopes on God to provide for us, to do good works and we are to be generous. In doing this we store up the treasure of a good foundation for the future so that we may take hold of the life that is really life: life in Christ.



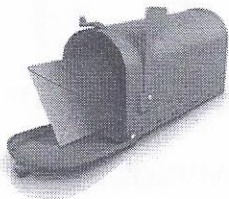
BROEK CIRCLE – will meet on Tuesday November 8th at 1:00 p.m. at the home of Betty Jane Tingley.

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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 14th at 7:30pm in the Library Lounge. Ruth DeRuyscher, hostess.



From Dee Cox:

Dear Trinity Friends,

Thank you for making my birthday special with so many cards from you. I have many happy memories of food times with you in the halls of that church.

Thanks for all the beautiful cards.

Love Dee



SOLUTE TO VETERANS

Sunday, November 13th at 2:00pm

Joseph Belardo, a Vietnam Veteran and holder of the Bronze Star and Purple Heart will be the guest speaker.

Refreshments to follow.



ECUMENICAL THANKSGIVING SERVICE

Tuesday, November 22th at 7:30pm.

At Trinity Reformed Church.

The offering will be non-perishable food.

If you wish to donate money make checks payable to the FISH Program.



Communion, November 27th at 10:00 am.

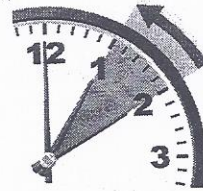
First Sunday of Advent.

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



November, 2016

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



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5TH

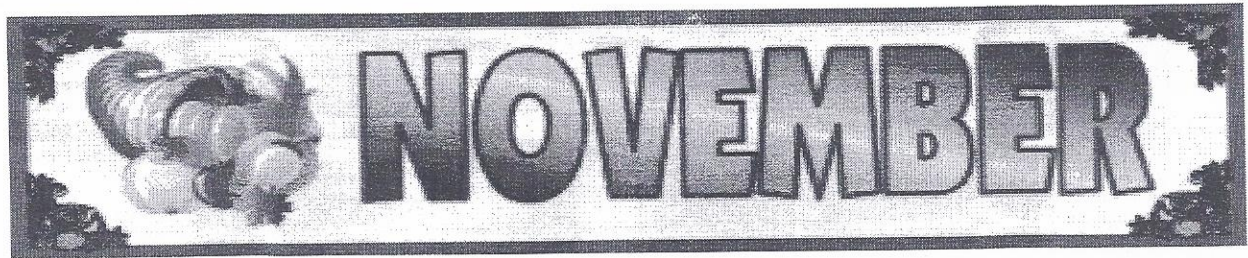
DAYLIGHT SAVINGS ENDS

Set clocks BACK 1 hour.

December, Newsletter Deadline








Tuesday, November 15th





NOVEMBER

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

Every Sunday 10:00 a.m. Worship in Sanctuary		1.	2.	3.	4.	5.  Set clock back 1 hour
6.	7. Consistory 7:30 pm	8.  Broek Circle 1:00pm	9.	10. Choir 7:30 pm	11. 	12.
13.  Veterans Day Service 2pm	14. Jacoba Circle 7:30 pm	15.  Newsletter	16.	17. Choir 7:30 pm	18.	19.
20.	21.	22. Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service 7:30	23.	24.  Happy Thanksgiving	25.	26.
27. Communion First Sunday in Advent 	28.	29.	30.			