

TRINITY NEWS

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Members & Friends,

In the familiar hymn "Our God, Our Help, In Ages Past" Isaac Watts wrote the following as the fourth stanza:

*Time, like an ever rolling stream,
Soon bears us all away;
We fly forgotten, as a dream
Dies at the opening day.*

As we begin another year, just how quickly time rolls on is present in my thoughts. A few months ago someone asked me how long I have been here at Trinity. For the life of me, I couldn't come up with an answer; it seems like I just got here! I find that the work we do together here is vital and important and very interesting. We have a focus on mission, we use our resources to help others in our community and world and we treasure the time we spend in fellowship with each other. Time flies when you're having fun!

On a personal note, how fast time goes is apparent to me by observing Timothy at Christmastime. It doesn't seem that long ago that an animated figure named "Bob the Builder" was my son's favorite character. Christmas was a time when Santa bought "Bob the Builder" videos, anthropomorphized pieces of construction equipment that were his co-stars (Rolly the Power Roller, Scoop the excavator, Dizzy the cement mixer and Lofty the crane) not to mention books and puzzles! What seemed like only short time later, he became obsessed with the Disney character "Buzz Lightyear of Star Command!" There were balls and bikes and kites and so on as Christmas gifts. Now all he wants are computer games! And they don't have normal names like "Bob" or "Buzz", but foreign names like "Pokemon" and "Pikachu", "Tankai Knights" and "Bakugan"! What the heck happened?! When did my little boy turn into an adolescent?

We can't stop time from moving on. All we can do is make the most of the time that God has given us to live as God's people in the middle of the world that God loves. I look forward to the gift of another year in ministry to you, for you and most of all with you!

Grace & Peace,
- Pastor Scott

In the month of November we had sermons on the following topics;

11/2/14 –Leadership That the Lord Loves (1 Thessalonians 2:9-13, Matthew 23:1-12)

When Jesus described His vision of leadership it was one that involved a community that valued equality, where power is shared and servanthood is valued. Above all, leadership that the Lord loves is leadership that has a fit between the content of one's words and how one conducts oneself. It is our challenge to embrace and embody that kind of leadership in the Church.

11/9/14 –The Promise Keeper (Joshua 24:1-3, 14-25, Matthew 25:1-13)

God's covenant promises involve blessings for faithfulness and destruction for breaking the covenant. It is never God that breaks the covenant; it is always humans that break the covenant. Yet, in grace God sent Jesus to fulfill the covenant for us when we could not keep it ourselves. A thankful response to God's covenant faithfulness for us is to be faithful to our commitment to serve God.

11/16/14 – Pastor Scott was fulfilling his duties for the Classis, supervising the Pinelands Reformed Church. In his place, Rev. Keith Ross, director of the Rutgers Native American Welcome Center and a member of the Cree Tribe filled our pulpit.

11/23/14 – We Are His (Psalm 100, Ephesians 1:15-23, Matthew 25:31-46)

Like lost sheep, we once were lost and alone. God chose us as His people and went to the ends of the earth to find us and bring us home. It is sometimes easy for us to forget what an amazing concept it is that we are children of the King of Creation.



BROEK CIRCLE - will meet on Tuesday, January 13th at 1:00 p.m. at the home of Betty Jane Tingley.

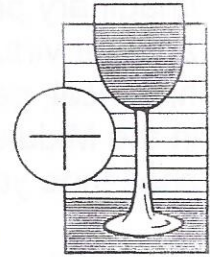
Once again, Broek Circle will be collecting "old" Christmas Cards (front only) to be recycled for use in the Christmas at Sea program. A basket is in the narthex to collect your donations. Many Thanks!

JACOBA CIRCLE - will meet on Monday, January 12th at 7:30 p.m. in the Library Lounge. Linda Reysick hosts.



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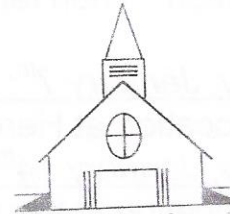
- 7. Donna Zolkiwsky
- 12. Jason Jackson
- 15. Kathy Harris
- 22. Barbara Kormendy



CELEBRATE THE NEW YEAR!

CELEBRATE THE LORD'S SUPPER!

Sunday, January 4th we gather at the Lord's Table at 10:00 a.m.



ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Sunday, January 11th, following worship.

DON'T FORGET to bring a food item to Church on Sunday (non-perishable) to restock the local food bank.

Thank you!

DEADLINE FOR February Newsletter

Thursday, January 15th



Starting January 7th, our Wednesday night Bible Study will begin meeting again in the Library Lounge at 7 p.m. Once again we will all need our imaginary passports and plenty of imaginary sun screen as we go for another virtual tour of the Holy Land! Each lesson will illuminate the historical, geographical and cultural context of the Bible. Filmed on location in the Middle East this series will transform your understanding of God and challenge you to be a true follower of Jesus.

This study explores the life and teaching ministry of Jesus. Discover new insights about the greatest man that ever lived. In these sessions we will travel back to the time of Jesus. Marvel at the magnificence of Herod's palace. Scramble among the ruins of Qumran where the Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered. Wonder at the simplicity and wisdom of Jesus' parables. Learn how the events of Jesus' day impacted his life, ministry and communication. Then let them impact your own life!

Wednesday, January 7th: In the Shadow of Herod.

Filmed on location at Herodian.

Wednesday, January 14th: My Rock and My Fortress

Filmed on location at the desert fortress of Masada.

Wednesday, January 21st: No Bible Study

Wednesday, January 28th: The Time Had Fully Come

Filmed on location at Qumran near the Dead Sea.

Wednesday, February 4th: No Greater Love

Filmed on location at Korazin on the Mount of Beatitudes.

Wednesday, February 11th: No Bible Study

Wednesday, February 18th: No Bible Study (Ash Wednesday)

Wednesday, February 25th: The Rabbi

Filmed on location at Gamla.

Wednesday, March 4th: The Language of Culture

Filmed on location at Sepphoris outside of Nazareth.

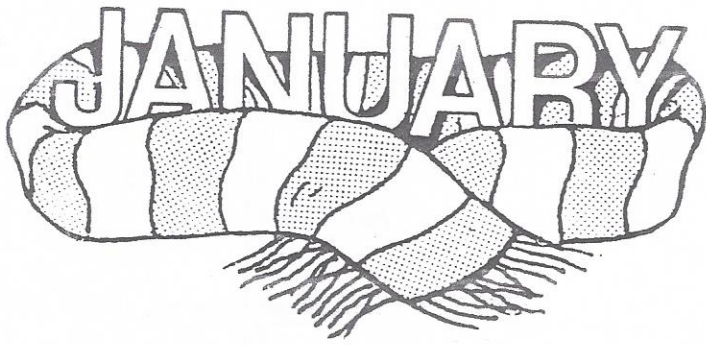
Wednesday, March 11th: Misguided Faith

Filmed on location at Belvoir.

Wednesday, March 18th: No Bible Study

Wednesday, March 25th: Living Water

Filmed on location at En Gedi.



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			Bible Study 7:00 p.m.	Choir 7:30 p.m.		