# TRINITY NEWS

## November 2018

Trinity Reformed Church North Plainfield, N.J. 07063 Rev. Scott R. Harris, Pastor Ginger Smellie, Editor

Members & Friends,

November is here and with it begins one of the busiest seasons in the life of the Church. From Reformation Day on October 31<sup>st</sup> to beyond the first days of the New Year in January, life becomes a flurry of activities in our church and all churches. Schedules become jam-packed to the point where I have joked with Elder Gordon Wich that nothing extra gets done in the church between November and January!

I got to sit down with some of the local clergy folks following a meeting of the North Plainfield Forum in September to make plans for our community ecumenical Thanksgiving Service. It was interesting to see that Pastor Kevin Henry, Pastor Ursula and I are now the "old timers" in our community's churches; everyone else is new! We set the date for the service as Tuesday November 20<sup>th</sup> and the pastors requested a start time of 8 p.m. to give their members who work a chance to complete their commute so that they may attend.

Next we have the season of Advent that begins the Sunday after Thanksgiving and goes to Christmas Eve on Monday, December 24<sup>th</sup>. We will, of course, have our customary service of carols and candlelight that evening. Somewhere in the weeks leading up to Christmas, we will gather with Dina Zolkiwsky and the church's Beautification Committee to decorate the Sanctuary and Narthex (hopefully Don and I will be able to pick out the "right" kind of Duct Tape if we get sent to Home Depot again this year!) The choir will be busily rehearsing their anthems and we all will be rushing about preparing our hearts and homes to receive Christ anew and we will be rushing to the stores to buy presents for family members and friends.

Before any of us realize it, the Consistory will be having their first meeting of the New Year on Monday January 7<sup>th</sup>!

As busy as this season is, it is important for us to remember to take some time to slow down, to breathe and to remember just why this season is so important to us. The Good News of this season is that; "unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: . . . and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace." (Isaiah 6:9 KJV)

Grace & Peace,

Pastor Scott



BROEK CIRCLE – will meet on Tuesday November 13th at 10:30 a.m. At the home of Joanne Nuber. Barbara H., hostess.

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BROEK COOKS- will have Minestrone Soup available in December 9th. An order form is on the hall bulletin board.

JACOBA CIRCLE – will meet on Monday, November 12th at 7:30pm in the Library Lounge. Meip Devries, hostess.

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November, 2019

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



#### SOLUTE TO VETERANS

Sunday, November 11th at 2:00pm Refreshments to follow.

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### ECUMENICAL THANKSGIVING SERVICE

Tuesday, November 20 at 8pm in the Chapel.

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Thank you to our friends and family of Trinity for the cards and flowers we received following Mom's passing. It was a comfort knowing that she touched your lives. We appreciated these messages more than we can say.

Sarah, Bob, Kari, Ron, Hailey, Shawn, and D.J.

#### THE PATRIOT'S PRAYER

MEMORY VERSE: Psalm 33:12: Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord; and the people whom he hath chosen for his own inheritance.

I THANK THEE, LORD, for such a land, with rivers fair and forests tall; For fertile plain and desert sand; For mountain heigh, and waterfall.

I THANK THEE< LORD< for guiding men Who met to mold a nation free; For Heaven's hand upon the pen That drew the plan for liberty.

I PRAISE THEE, LORD, for plenteous years, For ripped fruit and golden grain; They blessing surely here appears In gifts of sunshine and of rain.

I PRIASE THEE, LORD, yes, most of all, For churches spread throughout the land, Where men may hear the Saviour's call And never feel the tyrant's hand.

I PRAY THEE, LORD, restore the love That once burned in our nation's breast For that old Book that's from above, That keeps a nation clean and blest.

I PRAY THEE, LORD, oh hear my prayer! On this our nation's special day, Awaken people everywhere! And let them know it's time to pray.

-Roger F. Campbell



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3rd
DAYLIGHT SAVINGS ENDS
Set clocks BACK 1 hour.

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Communion, December 2nd at 10:00 am.

First Sunday of Advent.

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

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December, Newsletter Deadline

Wednesday, November 14th





Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Every Sunday 10:00 a.m. Worship in Sanctuary				1. Choir Rehearsal 7:30 pm	2.	3.  Set clock BACK 1 hour
4.	5. Consistory 7:30 pm	6. VOTE	7. Bible Study 7:30 pm	8. Choir Rehearsal 7:30 pm	9.	
11.  VETERANS DAY  Service 2pm	Jacoba Circle 7:30 pm	13. Broek Circle 10:30am	*Newsletter *Bible Study 7:30 pm	15. Choir Rehearsal 7:30 pm	16.	17.
18.	19.	20.  Ecumenical Thanksgiving 8pm	21.	22.  Happy Thanksgiving	23.	24.
25.	26.	27.	28.  Bible Study 7:30 pm	29. Choir Rehearsal 7:30 pm	30.	