

TRINITY NEWS

May 2015

Trinity Reformed Church
North Plainfield, N.J. 07063

Rev. Scott R. Harris, Pastor
Ginger Smellie, Editor

Members & Friends,

This past April 4th was Easter Sunday. As I looked out from the pulpit I could hardly believe my eyes! The amount of people that we get on a regular Sunday had swelled to more than double for that Sunday. I wanted to pull out my cell phone and take a picture so that we could all remember what it looks like for the church to have that many people in it! That made Easter a special celebration here at Trinity.

Many people also worked to make Easter a special celebration. Of course, at the top of the list of people who deserve to be thanked are Joan Beil and the mighty Trinity Reformed Church Choir for providing us with great Easter music.

Deena and the Beautification Committee came in during the days leading up to Easter Sunday to arrange the Easter Lilies and to decorate the chancel with a meaningful scene of the empty tomb adorned with those lilies.

Everyone who joined us for worship that Easter Sunday morning are thanked as well for making our time of worship and praise special.

Of course, the One who deserves our thanks first and foremost; God. Thank-you Jesus, for bearing our sins and dying on the cross for them. Thank-you God the Father for raising the Son from the dead on the first Easter morning. Thank-you God the Holy Spirit for creating faith in our hearts, the means by which we gain access to the forgiveness Jesus won for us on the cross through the ultimate act of grace.

We tend to think of Easter Sunday as a special Sunday. In many ways, that is true. But it is also true that, because we are Easter people – those for whom the risen Christ is Lord – every Sunday is Easter! Every Sunday we have much to thank God for. Because of the Resurrection, our lives have meaning and purpose every day and we have hope for life beyond death.

I invite you to come and celebrate Easter this and every Sunday!

Grace & Peace,
Pastor Scott

In March we have had sermons on the following topics;

March 1: In a sermon titled; "Absolutely Convinced" based on Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16 and Romans 4:13-25 it was shown that, even in the face of overwhelming evidence to the contrary, Abram was absolutely convinced that God could do anything God promised to do. Likewise, we should be convinced that God is trustworthy.

March 8: Our sermon was "Witnessing Is In Our Nature" based on Exodus 20:1-17, Psalm 19 and 1 Corinthians 1:18-25. In that sermon we learned that God gave us "nature" to quiet our insecurities about sharing our faith. We witness by being God's creation – just like the skies witness to God's greatness just by being the skies! We witness to our having received the gift of salvation in Jesus Christ by grace through faith by being God's creation, just like the skies do!

March 15: The sermon "Made Alive" based on Numbers 21:4-9, Ephesians 2:1-10 and John 3:14-21 asserted that Jesus took on the poison bite we were to die of (sin) just like the serpent Moses lifted up in the desert did so that in Him, though we were dead in sin, we have been made alive together with Christ. We respond to this by being grateful recipients of eternal life with our Savior.

March 22: In the sermon "Re-written" we examined Jeremiah 32:31-34 and John 12:20-33. Together we learned that Jesus chose to die so that we can have re-written hearts – His death is what enables us to live a new life, a life of a clean heart with a new and right Spirit within us. Jesus' love, sacrifice and commands are now written in our hearts. Now, as if we were computers who's hard drives are re-written with new "lines of code" we follow those new lines of code written on our hearts. Those new lines of code is our new covenants of love and sacrifice given freely to all who believe.

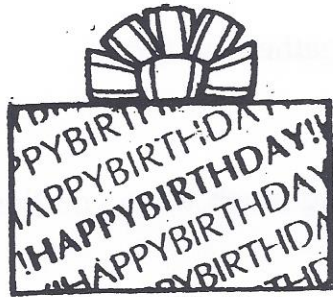
March 29 (Palm Sunday): In a sermon titled "Same Old Story?" and based on Mark 11:1-11 Pastor Scott taught that if we do not listen carefully to familiar stories like the "Triumphant Entry" of Jesus into Jerusalem, we might miss Jesus' point the way those waving Palm branches did. Hopefully we will listen with new ears to Jesus' radical message of how the Kingdom of God comes.



BROEK CIRCLE – will meet on Tuesday
May 12th at 1:00pm at Betty Jane Tingley's
house. Miep Devries hostess.

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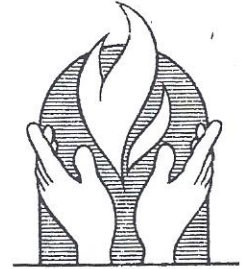
JACOBA CIRCLE – will meet
on Monday, May 11th at 7:30 p.m.
in the Library Lounge.
Leslie Zarnowski, Hostess



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- 18. John Kormendy
- 21. Ginger Smellie
- 24. Marian Dietrick
- 26. Don Adams

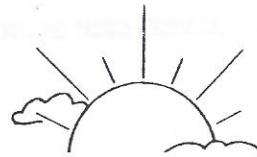
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Holy Communion

May 24, 2015 at 10:00 a.m.

“Come Holy Spirit”



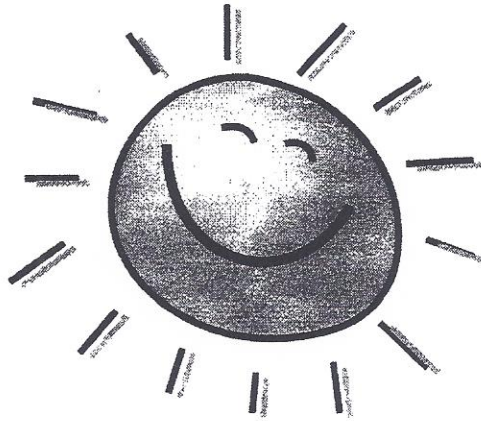
SUMMER WORSHIP

Begin on June 7, 2015 in Broek Chapel
at 10:00 a.m. and continues through the month
of September.

Summer Newsletter Deadline

Sunday, May 17th





To put a smile on your face today:

If you tell the truth, you don't have to remember anything.

Everyone seems normal until you get to know them.





A closed mouth gathers no foot.

Generally speaking, you aren't learning much when your lips are moving.

Experience is something you don't get until just after you need it.

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Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

Every Sunday 10:00 a.m. Worship					1.	2.
3.	4. Consistory 7:30 pm	5.	6. Bible Study 7:00 pm	7. Choir 7:30 pm	8.	9.
10. 	11. Jacoba 7:30pm	12. Broek 1:00pm	13. Bible Study 7:00 pm	14. Choir 7:30 pm	15.	16.
17. 	18.	19.	20. Bible Study 7:00 pm	21. Choir 7:30 pm	22.	23.
24. 	25.  Memorial Day	26.	27. Bible Study 7:00 pm	28. Choir 7:30 pm	29.	30.
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