

# TRINITY NEWS

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**JANUARY & FEBRUARY 2007**

Trinity Reformed Church  
North Plainfield, N.J. 07063

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## THE PRAYER INVESTIGATION

Consistory discussed, along with the Worship Committee, the coming year, and the fact that we would be starting at the point in the Common Lectionary at which I came to serve you three years ago. The comment was made that "we have heard all this already ...let's do something different." Good idea!! I'm not one for change for change's sake ... "If it ain't broke...don't fix it" is fine with me. A common complaint I have with the Lectionary is that it can tend to be a bit non-confrontational. Never are there challenging or confrontational texts listed. True, it does touch on great teaching points of Scripture, but rarely if ever those difficult passages or those that require a response from the reader/hearer.

Let's go on an adventure! Let's dig out all the references in the Bible having to do with prayer. Humans whom God contacted, either directly or through some kind of angelic messenger, eventually wound up talking directly to the Almighty. These conversations eventually took the form of prayer - prayers to God for a myriad of things. Blessings to God, praises to God for deliverances (Miriam's Song in Exodus), pleas for help and comfort, (many of the Psalms are prayers), and reminders to God of what will the surrounding people think (Moses' early prayers). We benefit today from a number of "Annotated Bibles", some dating from

100 years ago and some as a result of computerized word search and listing techniques. The N.I.V? Study Bible, The Harper-Collins Study Bible, and the older Scofield Reference Bible are just three examples.

A change from Lectionary preaching to Topical preaching requires research aided by these types of edited Bibles - edited not in text or translation, but in layout and footnotes. One source I use lists all Bible prayers in each Testament - starting with the "Old" Testament; more correctly called the Hebrew Bible, because it is written in the dead language of ancient Hebrew, and continuing into the "New" Testament, or more correctly the Greek Commentary, because all surviving ancient manuscripts are written in the koine or common Greek. There are hundreds of them. We can glean from them all a way of life that conforms to patterns of prayer set down long ago. What posture was accepted in that a person chosen to lead Restoration Worship used it? (Ezra) What types of confessions were included? (Daniel) Could we question God? (Abraham) Should we and do we ask for help? (Solomon) Do we agree with the seeming impossible? (Mary) Do we "S.O.S. God? (David) Can we detect "phoney" prayer? (Jesus)

We will look at all of this and much more starting the 14th of January. My purpose is to make us all very comfortable with spontaneous and natural breathing of the soul - which is what prayer is. Come to

service! We will relax it a bit - no robes etc., although we will robe for the Sacraments - and you can come as you are, because you don't need formal clothes to pray! Do we need a special time to pray? (Thessalonians) We'll look at it all. See you at church.

Pastor Dave

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Here are some of the ways we can begin the work of Christmas right here at Trinity. Participate!!

Attend Sunday Services and bring your friends.

Come to Bible Study class.

Teach Sunday School.

Join the Choir.

Sign up for Hospitality Week, prepare a meal or be an overnight host.

Together we can begin to heal the broken, feed the hungry, rebuild the nation, bring peace to all people, while making music in our hearts!

Happy New Year!

Joan Beil  
Ministry of Music

## TINTINNABULATION BEGINS!!!

I'm bright and shiny again! And I sound just like I did when I was new. I was gently moved into my new house on the 7th of December! And a large group of people came to my dedication on Dec. 17th.

Now I must thank many people for this huge project.

First, the Trinity crew for many hours of hard and often frustrating labor. They know who they are and in 50 years, when the time capsule in my base is opened, they will be remembered.

In some semblance of order, from start to finish, thanks to:

Edwards Engineering Group, Somerville, N.J. for the drawings of the project.

Clem's Ornamental Iron Works, Piscataway, N.J. for fabricating 2 extra supporting legs of the iron pedestal for greater strength.

DMI Construction Services of Greenbrook, N.J. for the block and brickwork of my foundation and moving "my friend, the cornerstone" onto the foundation.

Cusick Moving & Storage, N. Plainfield, N.J. whose 8 riggers moved me from storage.

Doug Germinder of Fanwood, N.J. for gently moving me onto and off of the pickup truck that took me to the "spa" and gently placing me on my pedestal.

Church Specialties of Monroe, Conn. (the spa) where I was rejuvenated and electrified.

First Call Electric Service, Inc. of S. Plainfield for the work on power lines, circuit breakers and wiring the Chime Master System Control Mechanism.

I'll ring to honor our fallen heroes on Memorial Day; September 11th; Veterans Day; Pearl Harbor Day. I'll ring out to greet newlyweds and to call people to worship.

I'm working again!!!!



BROEK Circle will meet on Monday,  
January 8th and Monday,  
February 12th, at 1 p.m. in  
the Library Lounge.

Broek Cooks will have Italian Flag  
and Split Pea Soups available for  
Super Bowl Sunday, February 4th.  
An order form is posted on the hall  
bulletin board.

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JACOBA Circle meetings to be  
announced.

Jacoba members thank everyone for  
their donations of food, bedding,  
etc. for homeless pets. Your  
generosity is greatly appreciated.

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#### FROM THE CHURCH MOUSE

Thank you "cookie mom" for sending  
your homemade cookies each month to  
our troops in Iraq.

I hear you need packing materials to  
cushion the cookies - styrofoam peanuts  
or popcorn (you've been popping your  
own!) If you have any of these  
cushions, leave them at church for  
"cookie mom", Betty Jane Tingley.

#### CHURCH WORLD SERVICE

Is called upon throughout the year for  
Health and School Kits. If you would like  
to donate a Kit, they contain the following.

#### HEALTH KIT

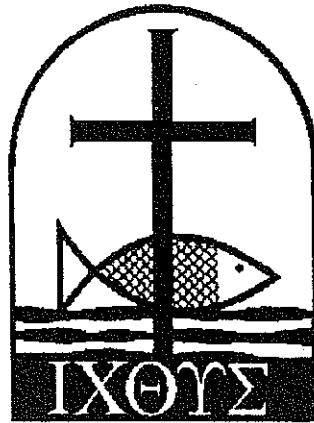
one hand towel	one toothbrush
one washcloth	toothpaste (4-7oz.)
One bar bath sixe soap	
one metal nail file	one comb
or nail clipper	six band-aids

Seal items in a one-gallon plastic bag with  
a zipper-style closure

#### SCHOOL KIT

one pair blunt scissors  
one 30 cm. (12 inch) ruler  
one pencil sharpener  
six new pencils with erasers  
one large eraser  
one box of 24 crayons  
pads or notebooks of ruled 8½" x 11" paper,  
with 150-200 sheets  
twelve sheets of colored construction paper  
One 12" x 14" cloth bag with cloth handles  
and a closure (snap, velcro, or button)

Broek Circle will have bags available,  
and will collect the kits in early March  
for delivery to the CWS Warehouse.



FISH HOSTING DATES AT TRINITY

- February 11 - 18
- March 25 - April 1
- May 20 - 27
- July 15 - 22
- September 2 - 9
- October 14 - 21
- November 25 - Dec. 2

Please mark your calendars with these dates. If changes occur, you will be notified.

As usual, help is always needed. Volunteer sign-up sheets will be posted on the hall bulletin board outside the Chapel. Please volunteer as early as possible, so the co-ordinators will not have to make last minute calls to people.

- Sarah Coppola - FISH Program Coordinator
- Ginger Smellie - Food Coordinator
- Laura Tarbous - Evening Host Coordinator
- Tom Wagner - Overnight Host Coordinator

Thursday evenings at 7:00 p.m. a Volunteer is needed to take our guests to the Laundromat. Would you be able to do this? Call Sarah!

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FISH HOSPITALITY PROGRAM, INC.  
WINTER CONCERT

Sunday, February 25, 2007 at 2:00 pm

at Trinity Reformed Church, North Plainfield (corner of Greenbrook Road and West End Av.)

All genre of music, including sacred music, popular, jazz, classical, humorous, choirs and solo performers.

Tickets are \$15 per person, on sale after January 15, 2007. Send payment to FISH Hospitality Program Inc, P.O.Box 170, Dunellen, N.J. 08812 or purchase tickets at the door.

If you are a seasoned performer and want to take part in this concert, please call Brock Haussamen at 732-356-5242



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- 4. Bob Sheppard
- 5. Donna Zolkiwsky
- 12. Jason Jackson
- 19. B. J. Snyder
- 22. Marian Sheppard
- 24. Norma Cornelia
- 31. Roy Jones

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- 11. Frank Taylor
- 14. Steven Zarnowski

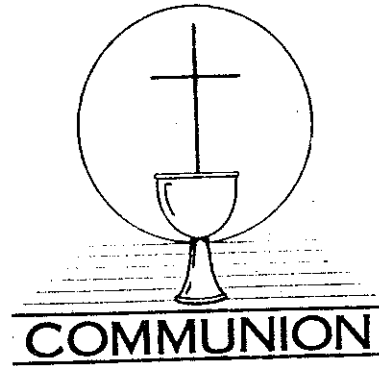
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# Prayer List

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

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| Joanna Agnone     | John Leppington  |
| Margaret Broek    | Pastor Rosie and |
| Ruth Carreno      | Dennis McLelland |
| Marianne Clark    | Tim Mathews      |
| Corey Coleman     | Sally McGahey    |
| Joan Cornish      | Luke Nikorak     |
| Nancy Crook       | Margaret Rubas   |
| Jim Dever         | Marian Sheppard  |
| Christopher Flood | Resi Sheppard    |
| Jill Gaddis       | Denise Porozok   |
| Emil Habeeb       | Henrietta Werman |
| Belle Hayles      | Marie Werman     |

All Servicemen and Women  
Sgt. Shaun D. Cuthbert, Medic USArmy  
Major Christopher Coglianese

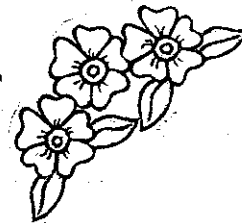


As we begin a New Year blessed by God's mercy, we gather at the Lord's Table on the first Sunday of the year, January 7th. Come, share in the supper at 10:30 a.m.

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February 21, 2007 marks the beginning of Lent. Our Ash Wednesday service begins at 8:00 p.m. as we share in the Lord's Supper.

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"In Memoriam"

Howard Cox

at rest, December 23, 2006



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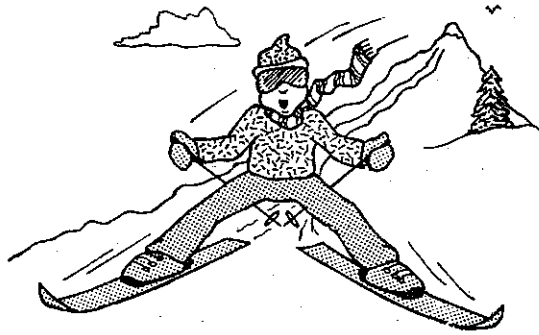
MARCH/APRIL NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:

Saturday, February 10th.



# JANUARY

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1. 	2. Choir 7:30	3. Bible Study 7:30 pm	4.	5.	6.
7. 	8. Consistory 7:30 pm	9. Choir 7:30	10. Bible Study 7:30 pm	11.	12.	13.
14. Church School 9:15 Worship 10:30 a.m.	15. Broek 1 pm	16. Choir 7:30	17. Bible Study 7:30 pm	18.	19.	20.
21. Church School 9:15 Worship 10:30 a.m.	22.	23. Choir 7:30	24. Bible Study 7:30 pm	25.	26.	27.
28. Church School 9:15 Worship 10:30 a.m.	29.	30. Choir 7:30	31. Bible Study 7:30 pm			



# FEBRUARY

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EVERY SUNDAY

Church School 9:15 a.m.

Worship 10:30 a.m.

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Newsletter  
Deadline

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Consistory  
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Choir 7:30

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Bible Study  
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FISH HOSPITAL

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