

# TRINITY NEWS

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JUNE 2014

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## Members & Friends,

One day this month when I came into my office, Hailey, one of the children of our church, and our secretary's daughter (not to mention the Vice-President of Consistory's grand-daughter) was in a particularly good mood. She discovered that the acoustics in the narthex of the church allowed for some echoing! Delighted she stood in the empty lobby and shouted her favorite colors out: "Green and purple!" She did this many times and didn't seem to bother anybody. Sometimes she would change the colors depending on her mood but continued to be in a state of sheer delight! Eventually one of the Agape House kids even started to echo back her calls. This only increased her joy!

In Matthew 19 we find the story of Jesus and some little children: <sup>13</sup>"Then little children were being brought to him in order that he might lay his hands on them and pray. The disciples spoke sternly to those who brought them; <sup>14</sup>but Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs." <sup>15</sup>And he laid his hands on them and went on his way."

Hailey's performance got me to thinking. I'm sure Jesus had many qualities of children in mind when He declared that it is to ones such as them that the kingdom of heaven belongs. But I'd like to think that the ability to lose oneself in sheer joy, to be completely unselfconscious in worship the way that Hailey was in shouting out her favorite colors is part of what He had in mind!

What if we could recapture some of that child-like joy in our worship? I wonder what our worship would look like if it was something we did and completely enjoyed, rather than simply being an obligation to be fulfilled or an unpleasant task to be performed.

Grace & Peace,  
- Pastor Scott

In the month of April we had sermons on the following topics:

*4/6/14 – Hope in the Midst of Despair (Ezekiel 37:1-14, John 11:1-45)*

When we invite Jesus into those desperate situations in our lives there is hope.

*4/13/14 – Who Is This? (Matthew 12:1-11)*

Each one of us must seriously ask and honestly answer the question of who we believe Jesus to be. Either we believe that Jesus was the Savior promised by God, or He was just a wise teacher with good morals.

*4/17/14 – (Maundy Thursday) The Passover Lamb (Matthew 26:14-75)*

The symbolism of the Seder meal celebrated by Jewish people (including Jesus and the disciples) applies directly to Jesus who is the Lamb of God who dies so that the children of God do not have to.

*4/20/14 – Who Says the Resurrection is Impossible? (Acts 10:34-43, John 20:1-18)*

We had a special treat as our choir presented an Easter Cantata "Praise The God Of Resurrection"! Which is more unlikely: that something that once was should be again, or something that never was should come into being? The resurrection is no more unlikely than life itself which begins from nothing!

*4/27/14 – What Is A Living Hope? (1 Peter 3:1-9, John 20:19-31)*

The passage from First Peter contains a striking sentence: "By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead" (v. 3b).

What is a "living hope"? According to this passage, it is a hope that is 1) granted in God's mercy, not earned; 2) is a major component of the new birth; and 3) is based on the objective reality of the resurrection of Jesus Christ. This hope is "living" because it is ongoing despite the circumstances, and is a great deal more than a vague and unsubstantiated desire for an afterlife.



BROEK CIRCLE - will meet on Monday, June 9th at 11:30 a.m. in the Library Lounge for their annual "picnic".

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Broek Cooks thank you for your support of our fund-raising soup sales. Our next soup will be available in October.. Have a good summer.

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JACOBA CIRCLE - meeting to be announced.

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## PENTECOST



SUNDAY, June 8, 2014

Communion - 10:00 a.m. Broek Chapel

"Seal us, O Holy Spirit, Make us thine own from this hour; May we be useful, dear Master, Seal us with witnessing power."



JUNE, 2014

- 7. Janet Miller
- 8. Don Zolkiwsky
- 9. Barbara Conly
- 11. Allison Kravetsky
- 15. Barbara Hildebrant
- 23. Miep Devries
- 30. Nora Macaulay

JULY, 2014

- 1. Brad Wadlaw
- 5. Deena Zolkiwsky
- 7. Dawn Toth
- 10. Betty Jane Tingley
- 19. Beth Kenderdine
- 22. Pat Ledger
- 23. Joan Bell

AUGUST, 2014

- 4. Doris Hiebeler
- 28. Rev. Scott Harris

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SEPTEMBER NEWS DEADLINE

Sunday, August 17th





JACOBA CIRCLE continues its food drive, especially during these summer months. The need for food never takes a vacation! Boxes for your donations are at the entrances. Please bring one or more of the following each week. Thank you.

Canned Vegetables  
Canned fruit  
Macaroni and Cheese  
Pasta  
Spaghetti Sauce  
Tomato Products  
Soups  
Tuna Fish  
Canned meats (Stew, Spam, Corned Beef,  
Vienna Sausage)  
Peanut Butter and Jelly



# JUNE

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1.	2. Consistory 7:30 p.m.	3.	4.	5.	6.	7.
	9. BROEK 11:30 a.m.	10.	11. Bible Study 7:30 pm	12.	13.	14.  <b>LAG</b> <b>D·A·Y</b>
15. Father's Day 	16.	17.	18. Bible Study 7:30 pm	19.	20.	21. First Day of SUMMER!
22.	23.	24.	25. Bible Study 7:30 pm	26.	27.	28.
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