

TRINITY NEWS

JANUARY 2009

Trinity Reformed Church
North Plainfield, N.J. 07063

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A new year and the prospect of new things. Will there be the same old problems and the same old challenges? Yes, but with the new year there will come new solutions and new opportunities. Nowhere in the creation do things stay the same. Change is always around us. Not to sound too philosophical, but change *is* the unfolding of time. True, we have a "timeless" gospel, but the brokenness that that gospel addresses has not changed. The world's deceptions and unfulfilled promises continue, but God's truth and God's eternal promises are in effect. Christmas marked the arrival of a fulfilled promise in a portion of the Davidic Covenant. Recall the great promise God gave to King David through Nathan the Prophet that David is not to build the Lord a house - God will build David a house, whose Kingdom and rule shall have no end. [II Samuel 7: 11b-13 & Luke 1: 32-33]

Is this reliable? Can we look forward to God's involvement? Yes. As Christians we are dealing with a timeless message: "*the word of the Lord stands forever.*" [Isaiah 40: 7-8 cited by I Peter 1: 24-25 and promised by Jesus in Matthew 24: 35] The Gospel of Jesus Christ is unchanging and unchangeable, but changes all who receive it. In itself it is eternal and imparts eternal life to all believers.

Change is sure to come in 2009. Our job is to see how many we can impact in the time God allows us. That is a good definition of ministry: "Impact" on human lives. Are we going to make people "nice"? No. the Spirit of God does this through the proclamation of The Word of God. We do that here. Corporately worshipping and individually bearing a witness to the grace of God. That will have an impact. That is ministry.

Do I sound a little "preachy"? Yes. Am I tired of the "same old"? Absolutely. Do I plan to "open up" on our "business-as-usual" going-through-the-motions congregational lives? Get ready. Consistory is looking at an interesting program of renewal. I'm looking at an interesting gentleman's approach to church renewal. You met Bill Iverson in early December. I promise things will not be the same.

See you in church,

Pastor Dave



Winter Concert

Sunday February 22, 2009 at 3:00 pm

At

*Trinity Reformed Church, North
Plainfield
(corner of Greenbrook Road and West
End Ave)*

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

*Tickets are \$12 per person if purchased
in advance*

and \$15 at the door

Tickets on sale January 12, 2009

*Send payment to: FISH Hospitality
Program, Inc*

P.O. Box 170

Dunellen, 08812

Or purchase tickets at the door

*If you are a seasoned performer and
would like*

*to take part in this concert please call
Brock Haussamen at*



THANK YOU

BROEK CIRCLE - will meet on Monday, January 12th at 1:00 p.m. in the Library Lounge.

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BROEK Cooks will have Split Pea and Chicken Gumbo Soups available for Super Bowl Sunday, February 1st. An order form is on the bulletin board.

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JACOBA CIRCLE - will meet on Monday, January 12th at 7:30 p.m. in the Library Lounge with Barbara Conly hosting.

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JACOBA is sponsoring a Story Telling Coffee Hour on March 1st. Save that date so we can enjoy our time together. More information in the February News.

Many thanks to the Trinity family and friends for waging a triumphant campaign making "Operation Worship - Bibles for Our Troops" such a success. We are in the last days of this mission to partner with Tyndale Publishers; the Jesus Book & Gift Store in Greenbrook; and many other churches in a ministry initiative to get 100,000 New Living Bibles into the hands of every U.S. soldier who desired one.

We, at Trinity, were able to provide two cases of Bibles to that mission and, equally important along with the Bibles, our personal messages of thanks, encouragement and prayers. Our goal was to allow our troops to experience the comfort and support our Bibles bring to us every day and in special moments of need.

Mission accomplished and a job well done. May they always be in our prayers till they all return home.

Thank you all again, Leslie Z.



You are cordially invited to attend the Ordination of SANDRA KAY SHEPPARD to the ministry of Word and sacrament on Sunday January 11, 2009 at 4:00 p.m. at Trinity Reformed Church. Buffet dinner to follow.



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- 4. Robert Sheppard
- 5. Donna Zolkiwsky
- 12. Jason Jackson
- 19. B. J. Snyder
- 24. Norma Cornelis
- 31. Roy Jones

Prayer List

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

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| Joanna Agnone | Pastor Rosie and |
| Ruth Carreno | Dennis McLelland |
| Marianne Clark | Sally McGahey |
| Corey Coleman | Luke Nikorak |
| Joan Cornish | Denis O'Hara |
| Jim Dever | Margaret Rubas |
| Christopher Flood | Resi Sheppard |
| Jill Gaddis | Leona Wagner |
| Belle Hayles | Henrietta Wermann |
| Doris Hiebeler | Marie Wermann |
- All U. S. Servicemen and Women



COMMUNION

As we begin a New Year blessed by God's mercy, we gather at the Lord's Table on January 4th. at 10:00 a.m.



On Sunday, January 4th our Choir will be singing an anthem with the text written by Brian Wren in 1978.

"This is a day of new beginnings, time to remember and move on, time to believe what love is bringing, laying to rest the pain that is gone.

Christ is alive, and goes before us to show and share what love can do. God's mighty spirit can make for us a world of difference, as faith and hope are born again."

In this New Year, sing with your mind, body, and soul!

Joan Beil

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Thursday, January 15th



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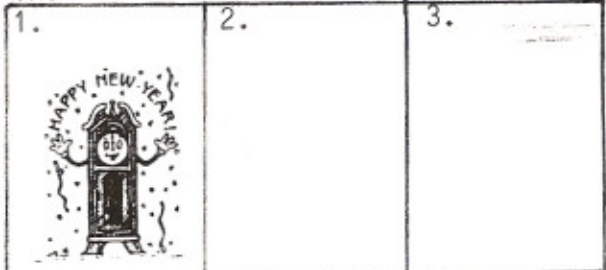
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4. 	5. Consistory 7:30 pm	6. 7:30 p.m. Every	7. 7:30 pm Every	8.	9.	10.
11. Worship 10:00 a.m.	12. Broek 1 pm Jacoba 7:30 pm	13. Tuesday	14. Wednesday	15.	16.	17.
18. Worship 10:00 a.m.	19.	20. Choir	21. Bible	22.	23.	24.
25. Worship 10:00 a.m.	26.	27. Meets	28. Study	29.	30.	31.