

# TRINITY NEWS

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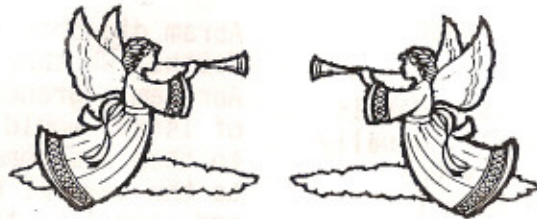
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## ADVENT AND THE START OF A NEW CHURCH YEAR

The last Sunday of the church calendar is known as "Christ the King" Sunday, usually in late November during Thanksgiving weekend. The first Sunday in Advent follows, and I've always loved the spirit of slow somnolence gradually stirring awake into an air of expectation. Fall can be quite busy in church activities, as we've seen this year, and all of a sudden the stirring of Advent is upon us. As many therapists, counselors and pastors know, the holiday season can be quite painful for many. Life events occur with no regard for any calendar or human schedule. The season can also be an opportunity for truly covenantal living - a time to recall and reinforce in our lives the great Covenant Promises of God through human history. The Hebrew Bible records many - six or seven actually - where God specifically spells out something God will do and what God expects the people to do. Similar to a contract the Covenants of God could be either conditional or unconditional. They also could result in considerable political turmoil. The "Palestinian Covenant" is a real bone of contention even in Reformed circles today. (Genesis 15:1-6, 18-20) It started with the 4th Covenant - the "Abrahamic" that God promised to Abram (Genesis 12:1-3). All can celebrate the Abrahamic Covenant because we see in that great promise One who would come to bless us all - Jesus Christ. This was unconditional. God's blessing on this man and his posterity was not related to any degree of acceptance or obedience.

Abram did obey and God acknowledged his faith. Whether the descendents of Jacob, Abraham's grandson, who became the nation of Israel would inhabit the land granted to them was conditional on their obedience to the Laws of Moses in the Torah - part and parcel to the Mosaid-Palestinian Covenants - the 5th Covenant. Later God would speak through Nathan the Prophet to King David and establish the 6th - or Davidic Covenant. God would raise from David's descendents a King to reign forever. (II Samuel 7:12-13). While this is unconditional, it has yet to be seen in political reality. The world remains in the throes of the horsemen of Revelation 6:1-8. Prophets would call this Son of David the "Prince of Peace". Why then are we still involved in war, famine, death, hades, pestilence, etc.? Because God has not completed the blessing of Genesis 12:3. There remains those who have yet to take God up on God's promise in faith. What are we to do in the time we have? Live as people of faith - demonstrating the love of God, the power of God within the human heart, and bearing a life testimony that this is indeed the "God of the Living". Christmas, when the commercials are gone, really is about the promises of God. We continue with the last great Covenant - the 7th. Jesus inaugurated it the last evening of his earthly life. It is what He is all about.

"This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins."  
--Matthew 16:28



AN INVITATION

To a Special Afternoon

December 9, 2007

A FESTIVAL OF CAROLS

Music of the season, fantastic stories and our famous sing-along! Festivities begin at 2:00 p.m.

Free Admission

No ticket necessary, bring your friends

Refreshments



BROEK CIRCLE - will meet on Monday, December 10th for their annual Christmas Luncheon at NOON in the Library Lounge.

JACOBA CIRCLE - will meet on Monday, December 10th at 7:00 p.m. Deena Zolkiwsky hostess.

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The choir these past months has actually been studying a great deal of music. We began Advent and Christmas music in September.

And now, here comes Advent! I know that we will all hear a lot of "holiday music" but try to focus on that special "song in the air, star in the sky, a mother's deep prayer and a baby's low cry".

When God gives us His name, He gives us Himself. In Matthew 1:21 the angel said, "you shall call his name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins".

Since love is Lord of heaven and earth, how can we keep from singing?!!

Joan Beil



CHRISTMAS CARD TREE

Send greetings to your Trinity friends by clipping your card to the Christmas Tree in the Narthex. Put the money saved on postage in the box at the base. (Checks should be made payable to Broek Circle.)

The funds will be sent to Warwick Center in support of their Camp Sunrise program, a special summer session for mentally challenged children.

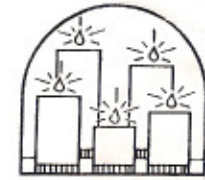
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We are still in need of an evening host COordinator for the FISH Hospitality Program. The "job" entails making a few phone calls before our guests arrive. If you can help, please see Sarah Coppola or Pastor David.

NOTE THE FOLLOWING DATES FOR 2008  
Our guests will be with us:

- January 20 - 27
- March 23 - 30
- May 25 - June 1
- July 13 - 20
- September 14 - 21
- November 9 - 16
- December 28 - January 4



Christmas Eve

DECEMBER, 2007

- 2. Leslie Zarnowski
- 9. Jennifer Kenderdine
- 28. Ron Cox  
Vesta Jones

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"In Memoriam"

Pauline Kenderdine

at rest, October 30, 2007

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Margaret Broek

at rest, November 8, 2007

Monday, December 24th - 8:00 p.m.

Bring your friends and family to celebrate with carols and candlelight, followed by punch, cookies and fellowship in the Library Lounge.

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

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| Jaonna Agnone     | Belle Hales      |
| Ruth Carreno      | Pastor Rosie and |
| Marianne Clark    | Dennis McLelland |
| Corey Coleman     | Sally McGahey    |
| Nancy Crook       | Luke Nikorak     |
| Joan Cornish      | Denis O'Hara     |
| Jim Dever         | Margaret Rubas   |
| Christopher Flood | Resi Sheppard    |
| Jill Gaddis       | Leona Wagner     |
| Emil Habeeb       | Henrietta Werman |
|                   | Marie Werman     |

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

Prayer List

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JANUARY NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Tuesday, December 11th





# DECEMBER



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1st Sunday in  
**ADVENT**



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Choir 7:30

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Bible Study  
7:30 pm

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Broek NOON

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7:00 pm

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Newsletter  
Deadline

Choir

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Bible Study

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