

# TRINITY NEWS

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**SEPTEMBER 2008**

Trinity Reformed Church  
North Plainfield, N.J. 07063

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The summer months have seen a lot of activity here at Church, and the completion of a lease and provision for a vital ministry desiring to relocate. "Christ Church" is an effort by co-pastors Rev. Wayne Davis and his wife, the Rev. Rosalyn Davis who have conducted their ministry at Community Baptist Church of Somerset for the last several years. Numerous meetings and conversations have produced an accord with them that will, we believe, enhance both congregations' efforts here in North Plainfield.

Their main concern has been to alter their worship time from 2:00 p.m. to a more suitable hour. After a great deal of discussion, Consistory has recognized the need to be flexible in order to be effective. Holding our worship starting time to 10:00 a.m. seemed key to the whole effort. This will enable Christ Church to organize and set up for a 12 noon starting time; as their worship usually goes for 1 ½ to 2 hours. I have been announcing this coming change for several weeks now, and I do hope everyone understands and can be flexible also.

You'll see some new faces around our church soon!! What has particularly encouraged us is their willingness to help in our ministries, particularly F.I. S. H. Hospitality, and Food Banks, as well as the maintenance chores at the building. Our joint meeting with Consistory, Pastors Davis and Associate Pastor Lorraine, and their Administrative Assistant along with Don Z. and our Music Ministries Director Joan Beil went very well.

Personally I am delighted with everyone's flexibility, our common recognition of a great opportunity, and the realization that Trinity's Gospel efforts will be doubled.

It has sometimes pained me to see everyone lock up and go home at noon on Sunday. Now that will change.

On two occasions this summer we have had a joint Bible study with St. Luke's Catholic Church. July 1<sup>st</sup> saw us there and on August 6, we hosted in the Lounge. Our next effort is scheduled for Wednesday evening, October 1<sup>st</sup>, 7:30 p.m. An extremely interesting time with some fine Christians who attend a place with a different name on the door. As many of you know, I do not believe there are denominations in heaven. Furthermore I believe any kind of spiritual elitism grieves the Spirit of God. We have one Lord... one faith... one baptism... One God and Father of all... [Ephesians 4: 5].

Trinity's regular Wednesday evening bible study will unfortunately be impacted by this, and also the fall Classis meeting which I need to attend. It is scheduled for Wednesday evening, Sept. 24<sup>th</sup>. It looks like we will resume on Oct. 8<sup>th</sup>. I have collected a few anecdotal comments from my old Capt. friend who picks stuff off the Internet. Next month I'll collate a wonderful Bible guide sent along by our fine Kenyan friend Geoffrey Mworira. I met the Kenyan Pastor Joseph Nzekitha, leader of Central African Church of Plainfield. We "share" Geoffrey, who worships there occasionally, where Kenyan nationals worship in the small Methodist church on Somerset St., now run by the Seventh Day Adventists. We had a very good conversation. I don't know who owns the building. I believe interesting times are upon us.

Pastor Dave

"TAKE THE ROBE OFF CORNER"

If you can't annoy somebody with what you write, I think there is little point in writing. - Kingsley Amis

A religion which requires persecution to sustain it is the devil's propagation.  
- Ballou

Apessimist is one who feels bad when he feels good...for fear he'll feel worse when he feels better. - Anonymous

He that loveth pleasure shall be a poor man. - Proverbs 21:17

Every way of a person is right in their own eyes, but the Lord weighs the heart.  
Proverbs 21:2

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ISN'T IT STRANGE

- how a dollar bill seems like such a large amount when you donate it to church, but such a small amount when you go shopping?
- that you can't find a word to say when you're praying but you have no trouble thinking what to talk about with a friend?
- how difficult and boring it is to read one chapter of the Bible but how easy it is to read 100 pages of a popular novel?
- how everyone wants front-row-seats to concerts or games but they do whatever is possible to sit at the last row in Church?
- how we believe everything that magazines and newspapers say but...we question the words in the Bible?
- how everyone wants a place in heaven but...they don't want to believe, do, or say anything to get there?
- how we send jokes in e-mails and they are forwarded right away but when we are going to send messages about God, we think about it twice before we share it with others.





BROEK CIRCLE - will meet on Monday, September 8th at 1:00 p.m. in the Library Lounge.

Broek Cooks will have the "first soups of the season" available for pickup on October 12th. Choices are Italian Flag and/or Potato Corn Chowder. An order form will be posted on the hall bulletin board.

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JACOBA CIRCLE - meeting to be announced.

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# Thanks!

Many thanks for your generous contributions of food and cash during the Summer Food Drive. The need continues, and your donations of coins will be welcomed in the Wishing "everyone could eat" Well in the Narthex.

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The Girl Scouts of Troop 684 would like you to have this small token (check) of thanks for supporting the scouting movement by lending us the use of your building.

We hope to continue our alternate Wednesday night meetings with you when the new school year starts.

Please let me know of any schedule conflicts when the room is unavailable.

Thank you, Gail Walaski

As our Christian year begins, the Trinity Choir will meet starting Tuesday, Sept. 9th at 7:30 p.m. I welcome the return of our members and extend an invitation to all who would like to lift their hearts and voices in joy and fellowship.

For as one of our anthems proclaim "Speak to One Another". "Sing hymns and psalms to the Lord with praise in your hearts". This text from Ephesians 5:19 reminds us that we need our music to celebrate precious moments in life, and to energize us while we work and walk with the Lord.

Thanks to Lory Alcaro who led our hymn sing in the month of May. Favorite hymns were:

"This is My Father's World", "Fairest Lord Jesus", "Take My Life and Let It Be", "Lord, I Want to Be A Christian" and "My Country tis of Thee".

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## WORSHIP COMMITTEE

After finalizing our agreement with Christ Church for renting a portion of the building for Sunday worship and other events, Christ Church will have access to the Sanctuary at 11:30 a.m. effective September 7th.

On September 14th, we will return to the Sanctuary and our services will continue to start at 10:00 a.m.

NOTE: WORSHIP SERVICES WILL START AT 10:00 a.m. YEAR ROUND.

As you meet members of Christ Church, please introduce yourself. They have expressed a desire to work with us in maintaining the church and assisting in other projects, such as FISH Hospitality. Your consistory is confident that having Christ Church as a tenant will be beneficial to both churches.

Gordon Wich



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- 18. Joel Kenderdine
- 17. Tom Sheppard

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CONGRATULATIONS - to Adam Toth who graduated "summa cum laude" from Ramapo College of N.J. on May 16th.

He received a B.S. in bio-chemistry and a minor in music. Applying to medical schools and working as a clinical information manager in a local hospital is what he will be doing this year.

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NEW ADDRESS

KENDERDINE, Jennifer  
141 Treetops Lane  
West Chester, PA 19380-6752

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FISH HOSPITALITY WEEK begins on Sunday, September 14th. Volunteer sign-up sheets are posted on the hall bulletin board. HELP is always needed!



WORLDWIDE COMMUNION SUNDAY

October 5, 2008

Join with Christians around the globe to celebrate at the Lord's table.

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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 Hussar       |
| Ruth Carreno      | Pastor Rosie and  |
| Marianne Clark    | Dennis McLelland  |
| Corey Coleman     | Sally McGahey     |
| Joan Cornish      | Luke Nikorak      |
| Jim Dever         | Margaret Rubas    |
| Christopher Flood | Resi Sheppard     |
| Jill Gaddis       | Leona Wagner      |
| Emil Habeeb       | Henrietta Wermann |
| Belle Hayles      | Marie Wermann     |
| Doris Hiebeler    |                   |

All U.S. Servicemen and Women

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OCTOBER NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Sunday, September 14th (Lots of "stuff" happening on this date.)





# SEPTEMBER

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1. <b>LABOR DAY</b> 	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.
7. Worship in Chapel 10:00 a.m.	8. Broek 1 pm	9. Choir 7:30	10.	11.	12.	13.
14. Worship in Sanctuary 10:00 a.m.	15.	16. Choir 7:30	17.	18.	19.	20.
FISH Hospitality Week-----						
21.	22.  Autumn	23. Choir 7:30	24.	25.	26.	27.
28.	29.	30. Choir 7:30				

October 5 - Worldwide Communion Sunday

