



CONNECTIONS

July 2014

Trinity Reformed Church



Updates as of June 30, 2014

- Roof replacement is in progress. Yes, its getting a little worse before it gets better, but this is how construction projects go. We will be all sealed up and finished soon. We look forward to better efficiency and a secure roof for many years to come.
- Landscaping is completed and filling in really beautifully. Thank you to the team of church members who served as advisors for the supervision of the project until its completion. Thank you as well to Bob and Linda Koning, Doug and Dawn Schurman who have spent many hours helping to get everything well established with sometimes daily watering of the plants.
- Worship Arts Director. Our search team is has been meeting to receive applicants, review resumes, and prayerfully consider all aspects of filling this position. The team will begin their interview process in the next couple of weeks. Please keep the team in your prayers as they continue to work through this process.
- Director of Children, youth, and young adult ministry. Resumes are coming in right now. The team will soon meet and being this process as well. Again, we pray for the Spirits leadership, and your prayers as the team does their work.
- Custodial Position. We are getting very close to hiring an individual to take over the responsibilities of our building cleaning and coordination of volunteers. We will make an official announcement once we have finalized this process.

Congregational Meeting

August 10 11:00am

The Consistory would like you all to come celebrate the progress of our Forward in Faith Campaign through a special time of sharing together. Mark your calendars and plan to join the congregation for lunch and a presentation following worship August 10.



Pastor of Senior Adult Ministry and Care

During the past few years, Trinity has been discerning what God has in store for us. That discernment process became known as Forward in Faith. Forward in Faith has several components including a new staff position, Pastor of Senior Adult Ministry and Care. In February, Pastor Chris recruited a number of people to serve on the Search Team for this position. Team members include Neil De Boer, Pastor Chris DeGraaf, Gretchen Fisher, Sally Harper, Ruth Klungle, Jan VanAuken, Warren Kooyers, Del Kuipers, and Shirley Perez.

Beginning February 24, the Team has met on a regular basis. Members gather around a table in the church office. What has the team been doing? Guided by the Pastoral Search Handbook of the Reformed Church in America, the Team first outlined their responsibilities. Then they wrote and re-wrote a job description to define what Trinity wants to accomplish with this position. Once the job description was written and then approved by the Consistory, it was time to recruit. We firmly believe that God has a very special person for this position. How would that person and Trinity meet? The Team again spent time writing and re-writing an advertisement that would speak to Trinity's needs as well as tug at the heart strings of that person God has for us. Once we had just the perfect ad, the question was how / where to post it? Do minister's look on Craig's List to find a position? Would the Holland Sentinel or Grand Rapids Press meet our needs? Ultimately, the internet became the recruitment tool of choice. The position information was posted on approximately fifteen websites including Trinity Reformed Church, RCA, Western Theological Seminary, RCA colleges, etc. Have the desired results been achieved? Twelve individuals responded to these ads!

To date, five of these individuals have been interviewed. The evaluation of these interviews continues.

Please pray that God will lead the Search Team to the right person for Trinity Reformed Church.

Sincerely,

Ruth Klungle

Search team Chairperson

Annville Mission Trip

The Following individuals still need a prayer partner for the Annville Mission Trip. If you are willing to encourage and pray for a participant both before and during the mission trip (July 19-25), please see the Mission Trip Table in the back and take a slip, fill in your name and put it in the blue box marked, "Annville Mission Trip" Thank You So much!

Dianne Moker
Ken Neevel
Gretchen Fisher
Paul VanderStarre
Laura Vanderstarre
Rachel Vanderstarre
Chris DeGraaf
Betsy DeGraaf
Natalie DeGraaf
Olivia DeGraaf
Zoe DeGraaf
Sarah Keuing
(Niece of DeGraafs)

Please help save a family!

We are looking for volunteers to help save a family. Habitat for Humanity is building a home on 24th Street and we need your help. This home will provide a family a stable environment to live and be part of a community to grow in. Your efforts to help with this building process will give a family a chance to succeed in life and make your community a better place to live. Please sign up for Saturday, August 9 and/or Saturday, August 16 to help. Your commitment will be from 8:00am to 12:00 noon. We need people to do physical work, provide snacks or lunch, and people to pray for this house building process and the family that will benefit from it. This ministry will be a great way to help save a family and I know it will be rewarding for you as well.

Please sign up to help save a family today!

Vacation

August 11-15 2014

Bible

School

God's Family In Action



It's time to start thinking about VBS!

Registration Forms are out on the Table, grab one and invite a friend!

WHERE: Trinity Church

WHAT: Games, Activities, music, and Bible Lessons.

ABOUT: God's Family in Action.

WHO: Kids ages 4 years– 6th grade.

WHEN: August 11-15, 2014 6:00 PM-8:00PM

Parents are encouraged to join their children Friday for a Celebration Party!

Camp Rock

Volunteers are needed to provide lunches for Camp Rock on Tuesday and Wednesdays starting June 17 through August 13. There is a sign up sheet on the table.

Church Picnic

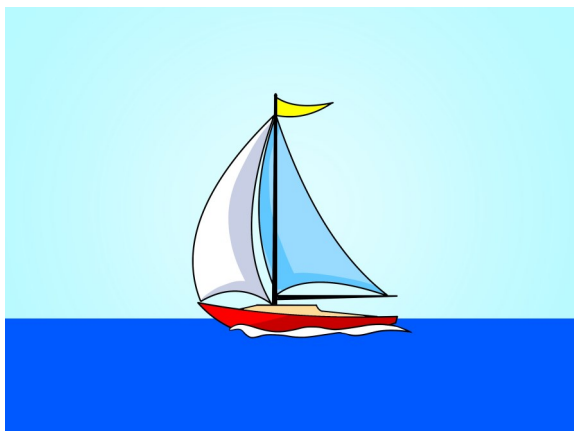
Mark your calendars for Sunday, July 27 following worship for a picnic by the playground! There will be good food and great fellowship (and hopefully perfect weather!!). Sign up at the information table and consider volunteering to help set up and clean up.

Vacation Bible School Volunteers

We are still looking for Volunteers to help with VBS. There is a sign up sheet on the table. We are looking for all types of help! Thank You!

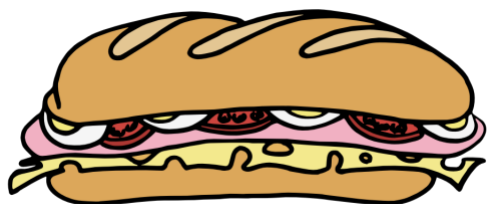
Pulling Weeds

If you would like to volunteer and help with keeping the landscaping looking good we could use your help. Please see Steve Schurman if you want to pull weeds!



Let's go to the Races!!
Wednesday, July 16
6:00 PM
Holland State Park
Sail Boat Races

Sign up at the Trinity Reformed Church Welcome Center or call Teresa Harrington 395-9439.



Sub sandwiches, lemonade, and tableware will be provided!

What you need to bring:
a comfortable lawn chair
a dessert OR salad
sunglasses/sunscreen
sand toys for kids



Invite your friends, co-workers, neighbors, family – you get the idea!

*The actual race starts at
6:55 pm with the boats
returning at sunset.



Annville Here We Come!

In a few weeks Trinity is sending 18 adults and youth to Annville, KY, to partner with the RCA in its endeavor to share the love of Christ through Jackson County Ministries. They will be driving down on Saturday, July 19, with four vehicles and one, possibly two, trailers, and returning on Friday, July 25.

Trip participants are:

Dianne Moker

Shirley Perez

Ken Neevel

Gretchen Fisher

Dan Kruithof

Rob Dannenberg

Chris DeGraaf

Jeanne Dannenberg

Betsy DeGraaf

Paul Vander Starre

Natalie DeGraaf

Carol De Boer

Olivia DeGraaf

Laura Vander Starre

Zoe DeGraaf

Rachel Vander Starre

Sarah Keuning (Niece of the DeGraafs)

Valdir Franca (RCA Supervisor of Missions in The Americas)

Through the unified ministry of the Reformed Churches in Jackson County, JCM carries on an active program of evangelism and service to the wider Appalachian region with emphasis on youth ministry, family ministry, home repairs, veterans outreach, and thrift stores. Our group will be leading a Bible school for 40-60 local children and doing a variety of construction projects.

Please pray that each participant's heart will be prepared for this time of service and ministry. Pray for safety on the road and at the work sites. And please pray for the children that will attend the VBS that they may experience the love of God in new and fresh ways.

Thank you to those who signed up to be a prayer partner, who wrote a note of encouragement, who gave financially, and who made a donation for the JCM Thrift Store. A special thanks to Jim Simmons for the use of his trailer.

Missionary Focus



Roland and Jane
Van Es

Jenna and Michelle

RCA Missionaries

Serving in Kenya

Both Roland and Jane teach at St. Paul's University in the city of Limuru, near Nairobi. Roland teaches Bible, Business Ethics and Corporate Social Responsibility while Jane teaches Sociology and Psychology to pastors and mentors the students in an HIV-Aids class.

Jenna just completed her junior year at Hope College.

Michelle graduated from high school in Nairobi in May. She has been ill since November and it was a real struggle for her to complete all that was required for her to graduate. She has been experiencing near fainting spells, heart palpitations, and extreme fatigue and is suspected of having Postural Orthostatic Tachycardia Syndrome.

The Van Eses are currently in the U.S. for further tests for Michelle and also to determine if she is healthy enough to attend Hope College in the fall or if not, how she will spend the next year.

They are requesting prayers for Michelle's health and also prayers for peace and security throughout Kenya and that the fight against terrorism be fought justly.

Learn more about the Van Eses and their work by watching their presentation on the computer monitor on our new mission table. To encourage you to get to know them better, there will be a fun quiz on Sunday, July 13, at the mission table and the person who scores the highest will win a gift card to Culvers! This will occur until we have featured all 7 of our missionaries.

July Calendar 2014

July 1 Camp Rock **8:00 am**
Worship Arts Search Team **6:30 PM**

July 2 Camp Rock **8:00 AM**

July 3 Trinity Serving Community Kitchen
at Western Seminary **11:00 AM**
Consistory Meeting **7:00 PM**

July 6 Worship and Communion **9:30 AM**

July 7 Camp Rock **8:00 AM**
Monday Work Crew **8:30 AM**
Trinity Men's Chorus **7:00 PM**

July 8 Camp Rock **8:00 AM**
Prayer Group Meeting **10:00 AM**
Worship Arts Search Team **6:30 PM**

July 9 Camp Rock **8:00 AM**
Worship Team **7:00 PM**

July 10 Camp Rock **8:00 AM**
Men's Softball Game **9:00 PM**

July 12 Trinity Serving Breakfast with Baby
9:00 AM

July 13 Worship **9:30 AM**

July 14 Camp Rock **8:00 AM**
Trinity Men's Chorus **7:00 PM**

July 15 Camp Rock **8:00 AM**

July 16 Camp Rock **8:00 AM**
Mission Team **7:00 PM**

July 17 Camp Rock **8:00 AM**

July 19 Annville Family Mission Trip

July 20 Annville Family Mission Trip
Worship **9:30 AM**

July 21 Annville Family Mission Trip
Camp Rock **8:00 AM**
Monday Work Team Crew **8:30 AM**
Trinity Men's Chorus **7:00 PM**

July 22 Annville Family Mission Trip
Camp Rock **8:00 AM**
Prayer Group Meeting **10:00 AM**

July 23 Annville Family Mission Trip
Camp Rock **8:00 AM**

July 24 Annville Family Mission Trip
Camp Rock **8:00 AM**

July 25 Annville Family Mission Trip

July 26 Annville Family Mission Trip

July 27 Outdoor Worship **9:30 AM**
Church Picnic **11:00 AM**

July 28 Camp Rock **8:00 AM**
Women's Bible Study Circle **9:30 AM**
Trinity Men's Chorus **7:00 PM**

July 29 Camp Rock **8:00 AM**

July 30 Camp Rock **8:00 AM**

July 31 Camp Rock **8:00 AM**

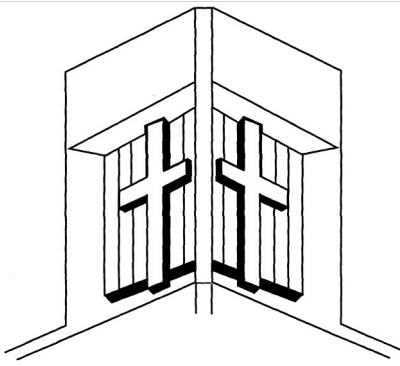
July

Birthdays

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| Karen DeBoer | 7/1 | | |
| Gregg Harper | 7/1 | Rick Fisher | 7/22 |
| Barb Schulze | 7/1 | Barb Jacob | 7/22 |
| Doris Lundy | 7/2 | Stan Sal | 7/24 |
| Martha Obaseki | 7/4 | Amanda Schurman | 7/24 |
| Sally Timmer | 7/4 | Jacqueline Boer | 7/25 |
| Emma Butterworth | 7/5 | Kaitlin Bronkema | 7/25 |
| Evelyn Oosterbaan | 7/6 | Madilynn Oom | 7/25 |
| Ellary Tindall | 7/11 | Mary Kooyers | 7/28 |
| Steven Alvarez | 7/13 | Jennifer Kroll | 7/29 |
| Tabitha Wolters | 7/13 | John Houting | 7/31 |
| Jack Welton | 7/15 | Bob Hoving | 7/31 |
| Ron Dannenberg | 7/18 | | |
| Sandy Kalmink-Riggs | 7/18 | | |
| Dianne Moker | 7/20 | | |
| Cassie Kooyers | 7/21 | | |
| Eli Wolters | 7/21 | | |

Anniversary's

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| Rick & Gretchen Fisher | 7/7 |
| Don & Karen Kane | 7/7 |
| Roger & Marge Kleis | 7/13 |
| Kevin & Cala Brower | 7/20 |
| Kelly & Marcia Brink | 7/21 |
| Bill & Jan VanAuken | 7/24 |
| Al & Alice Kooyers | 7/28 |



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If you would like to join one of the Ministry Teams or if you have any ministry ideas,
please share by contacting one of the Chair Persons.