

TRINITY CHIMES

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Eendracht Maakt Macht



For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot would say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear would say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many members, yet one body. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it. Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it.

-1 Corinthians 12:12-20, 26-27

I remember my first soccer practice very well. I was probably about 9 or 10 years old. My mother had registered my little brother and me to play on the late summer league. Somehow I missed the conversation where this was decided. We arrived at the field one afternoon and she informed me what we were doing.

“What are we doing? Why are we here? Who said I wanted to play soccer?” (I was a bit stubborn back then.) I wasn’t about to be made to do something I didn’t want to do. So I watched the first half of the practice from the sidelines. But partway through, I had jumped right in. Over time I came to like soccer quite a bit and played throughout my youth and into High School. I especially enjoyed the running and action, and although I wasn’t an MVP, I did decently enough. One aspect in particular that I learned and appreciated was the teamwork that was necessary. Soccer truly is a team sport requiring the entire group working together towards the goal, pun intended.

Obviously, it is the same for the church. The Apostle Paul uses the body analogy to describe the church, the Body of Christ: different parts of the body all working together as one person, different members of the church working together as one body. If Paul were around these days perhaps he would use the team analogy, with different players in a variety of positions but all working together for one goal.

On a team we must learn to work together, to communicate, to pass and receive, to practice and to get better. We sometimes need to be flexible, to listen to the coach, to know when to sub and when to be open to playing a different position. And while there may be times when timeouts are necessary, ideally everybody plays.

This concept of working together as a team is not only a biblical description of the church, it is also part of our Reformed RCA history. Hopefully you have noticed at some time or another the RCA Crest. It’s on the bottom of the front of our weekly worship bulletin, on one of our stained glass windows, as well as other locations around the church. The crest includes script on the bottom in Dutch that says, *Eendracht Maakt Macht*. Often translated as “Unity makes strength” my friend and colleague, the Rev. Matthew van Maastricht who serves an urban congregation in Milwaukee has said, “but as I understand it,

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a better translation is ‘Concord makes strength’ — a pulling together like a team of horses.”

We often speak of the church in terms of family—and well we should for we are children of God, sisters and brothers together with Christ. But from the get-go, the church has also understood its identity as a team, a group of persons working together for a common goal/purpose/mission, even like horses pulling together.

Which is why going into summer this is on my mind and in my heart, because Trinity excels at the way in which we work together as a team involving EVERYONE in VBS. Everyone has a part to play. And just as importantly is the clear and common goal/purpose/mission we work together on, that every child and their accompanying adult is shown the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

As we gear up for summer I invite you to join us in showing that love with VBS. But more so, I invite you to ponder what’s your position on the team—not just VBS—but the work and mission that we have at Trinity? Have you been warming the bench? Do you have skills that you’ve never shared? Join the team. Let’s play.

In Christ’s Grace and Peace,

Pastor Tom

Vacation Bible School



This summer, July 14-18, Trinity will once again engage the children of our church and community with Vacation Bible School. At *WEIRD ANIMALS*, kids ages 4-14, will learn about some of God’s most creative creations! They’ll participate in memorable Bible-learning activities, sing catchy songs, play teamwork-building games, make and dig into yummy treats, experience cool Bible adventures, collect Bible Memory Buddies to remind them they are one of a kind, and test out Sciency-Fun Gizmos they’ll take home and play with all summer long. Plus, kids will learn to look for evidence of God all around them through something called God Sightings.

The fun begins each evening at 6 pm and concludes with The Tail End—a celebration that gets everyone involved in living what they’ve learned. Family members and friends are encouraged to join in daily for this special time at 8:45 pm.

As always we count on your generosity and support to help make this experience possible for the children of our church and community. As we plan and prepare for *WEIRD ANIMALS*, our team would cherish your prayers. Pray that God would give us wisdom in planning. Pray for the right staff members to join our team. And pray that God would begin

working in the hearts of the children who will come to *WEIRD ANIMALS*!

Registration will be open from June 8th - June 29th on Trinity’s website www.trinityqueens.org - or please call the church office at 718-821-2700, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday between the hours of 3:30pm and 6:30 pm.

Cake and Rummage Sale

On May 10, the Ladies Aid/Frauenverein held their spring cake sale and there was also a church-wide rummage sale. Thank you to everyone who either baked, donated items, helped set up, worked at tables, or cleaned up. This was another successful event with the cake sale netting \$515.25 and the rummage sale netting \$400.00.

†In Memoriam

Reverend Dr. Gerard Van Dyk passed away the morning of May 16, 2014 at his home in Flemington, NJ of heart failure.

Born in Veenendaal, The Netherlands, in 1926, the son of Teunis and Gertje van Dijk, was the oldest of 10 siblings. Gerard served in the Dutch army after WW II as a Fourier. He and his family emigrated to Alberta, Canada in 1953.

Gerard entered Central College in Pella, Iowa to prepare for seminary, his focus was on Philosophy and Theology. In 1961, Reverend Dr. Van Dyk graduated from The New Brunswick Theological Seminary. Reverend Van Dyk was the Pastor at the Harriston Reformed Church, in Harriston Ontario, the Rochester Reformed Church in Accord, New York, Grace Reformed Church in Edison, New Jersey and the Trinity Reformed Church in Ridgewood, New York. He was extremely proud of being in God’s Service as a Pastor, where he could "minister unto people" which was his ultimate calling in his life.

For 53 years, Gerard was married to Ruth Fels, whom he met at the headquarters of the Dutch Reformed Church in New York City. They were married in Jackson Heights, New York and had three children together. After Gerard retired in 1993, they moved to Flemington, NJ and enjoyed traveling, cooking, reading and time at their homes in Flemington and the Poconos. Gerard enjoyed time with his children and family dogs and was particularly happy to share news of his grandson with anyone who was willing to listen.

Gerard is survived by his wife, Ruth Fels Van Dyk, his daughter, Elizabeth, his sons David and Joel, his grandson, Joseph, his daughter-in-law, Calia and his siblings, Cornelis, Christina, Ronald and their families.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that gifts be made to the New Brunswick Theological Seminary, 17 Seminary Place, New Brunswick, NJ 08901 or The American Heart Association.

✝ In Memoriam

Ellen Bowrosen, a long time attendee at Trinity Reformed Church, passed away recently. Ellen was a faithful member of the Helping Hands Ministry for many years. She contributed handmade afghans, lap robes, baby blankets, hats, mittens and scarves that were distributed through Trinity to the Salvation Army, Wartburg Nursing Home, ABC Quilts, St. Matthias Shelter, Sister Billy's Outreach and the Red Bird Indian Mission. Many of her projects were fashioned right in the back pew of Trinity's sanctuary on Sunday mornings.

Of all her handiwork, Ellen's "Crazy Quilts" will certainly be remembered most. There wasn't a scrap of material or a stray piece of yarn that she could pass up rather than work it into one of her crazy colorful creations.

If Ellen left us with a message it is surely that we can all be used and fit into a Greater Masterpiece.

Submitted by Jeanne Kunzinger

Summer Schedule

This is the last issue of the *Trinity Chimes* until September. During the summer our Sunday church schedule will remain the same with worship services at 10:00 a.m. followed by a coffee/iced tea fellowship. Remember that God doesn't take a vacation during the summer. Please plan on worshipping with us!

Happy June Birthdays

Andrew Burzynski	6 th	Pollyanna Pestano	8 th
Diana Albanese	11 th	Jacob Wtorkowski	12 th
Gabriel Russo	13 th	Marcus Adamek	14 th
Jeff Donaldson	16 th	Matthew Schiefer	16 th
Lynn Cullen	23 rd		

Happy July Birthdays

Erna Mayer	2 nd	Marc Adamek	3 rd
Dennis Popp	7 th	Tony Famighetti	10 th
Alfons Neumeier	10 th	Julie Schiefer	14 th
Fritz Klaar	23 rd	Jakob Firneis	24 th
Richard Ganzer	25 th	Emily Hauser	26 th
Sofia Ruth Donaldson	28 th	Janet Roth	29 th

Happy August Birthdays

Victoria Wtorkowski	2 nd	Rosemarie Walz	7 th
Christine Joreitz	13 th	Anthony Famighetti	16 th
Theo Hessenius	19 th	Martha Bauer	23 rd
Harold Degenhart	24 th	Peter Vacanti	25 th
Ludwig Hauser	26 th	Helen Walter	27 th
Elisabeth Roth	30 th	Noah Trautmann	31 st

Prayer List

Please be mindful of the following members and friends of our congregation in your prayers:

Janet Roth, health; Martha Bauer, health; Frederick Dalm, healing; Groezinger Family; Philipp & Hildegard Febel, healing; Laura Kurtz, health; Debra Meraglia, health & healing; Eleanor Rizzo, health & healing; Donna Dowd, healing; Doris Church, healing; United Presbyterian Church, Ridgewood and Pastor Henry Fury; Bill Albanese, health & healing; Susan Gebhart, health & healing; Maritza Garcia-Castro, health & healing; Fritz & Betty Klaar, health & healing; Anibal Segarra, safety & protection; Martin Seidl, health & healing; Barbara Burger, health & healing; Clara Gomez, health & healing; Mildred Schleeauf, health & healing; Church on the Hill, transitions; Isabel, Marcia, and Jade; Andrew Holbrook, health & healing; Reinhard Groezinger, health & healing; Marie Shanelly Alvarez; Mohr Family; Jennie Cartagena, health & healing; Billie Albanese, health & healing; Trudy Bambach, health & healing; Sara Segarra; Tito Ortiz; Alberto Ortiz, serving in military; Erika Brockmann, health & healing; Merylyn Amoroso, health & healing; Anni Seeliger, health & healing; Family of Rev. Dr. Gerard Van Dyk, peace & comfort;+ Reformed Church in America, Queens Classis, and Regional Synod of New York; Dave & Char Alexander, RCA missionaries in Taiwan; Doug Leonard, RCA missionary in Oman; Peter Mark Trautmann, The Navigators at NYU; Leonard & Linda Schiefer, Gideons International; Pastor Tom and the Consistory.

Stewardship and Finance Report

<u>Expenditures for Month of</u>	<u>Apr. 2014</u>
Personnel Expenses	\$ 6,534.00
Utilities	\$ 2,025.00
Ministry/Supplies	\$ 0.00
Maintenance	\$ 60.00
Spiritual Life/Outreach/Advertising	\$ 0.00
Other Disbursements*	\$ 6,935.00
Total Expenditures	\$ 15,554.00

<u>Receipts for Month of</u>	<u>Apr. 2014</u>
Weekly Envelopes	\$ 5,499.00
Weekly Plate	\$ 67.00
Benevolences	\$ 412.00
Transfer from Memorial Fund	\$ 0.00
Special Offerings	\$ 3,328.00
Annuity	\$ 1,801.00
Other Receipts**	\$ 2,600.00
Total Receipts	\$ 13,707.00

*Quarterly taxes paid, Sunday School, Classis Assessment paid, coffee hour, insurance paid, office and building supplies

** Assessment envelopes, Easter Flower donations, NA and Alanon hall usage, Ladies Aid donation, coffee hour

Please note: special offerings are Good Friday, Lenten and Easter envelope donations.

June 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Worship Service 10:00 am <i>Their Daily Bread Collection</i>	2 NA Mtg. 7pm	3 Al-Anon 7:30pm	4	5 UPC Welcome Kitchen 4:00 pm NA Mtg. 7pm	6 UPC Welcome Kitchen 4:00 pm	7 NA Mtg. 7pm
8 Worship Service 10:00 am Submissions for Father's Day insert due	9 NA Mtg. 7pm	10 Al-Anon 7:30pm	11	12 NA Mtg. 7pm	13	14 NA Mtg. 7pm
15 Worship Service 10:00 am <i>Happy Father's Day</i>	16 NA Mtg. 7pm	17 Al-Anon 7:30pm	18 Frauenverein/ Ladies Aid 1 pm	19 NA Mtg. 7pm	20	21 Couples & Friends Picnic @Westbury Gardens Mansion 10am NA Mtg. 7pm
22 Worship Service 10:00 am	23 NA Mtg. 7pm	24 Al-Anon 7:30pm	25	26 NA Mtg. 7pm	27	28 NA Mtg. 7pm
29 Worship Service 10:00 am	30 NA Mtg. 7pm	JULY 1 Al-Anon 7:30pm	JULY 2	JULY 3 UPC Welcome Kitchen 4:00 pm NA Mtg. 7pm	JULY 4 UPC Welcome Kitchen 4:00 pm	JULY 5 NA Mtg. 7pm

Prayer Meeting: Sundays 9am
Junior Church: Sundays 10am