"Music for a Summer Evening"

Wednesday, July 18, 7:30 p.m.

Pastor Dan and some of his musician friends are marking the end of his sabbatical with a recital at Trinity. Music will include pieces by Bach, Pärt, Barber, and Dvořák. Come out for an enjoyable musical event.

Annual Church Service and Picnic

Sunday, August 12

On Sunday, August 12th, we will have our sixteenth annual service and picnic on the Church grounds. The service will be at the usual 10 AM time in the Church courtyard (weather permitting).

A dish to pass picnic will follow the service. Hot dogs, hamburgers, pop, ice tea, and lemonade will be provided. Please bring a dish to pass, table service, and lawn chairs or blanket to sit on.

A signup sheet will be posted in the Church hallway. A collection will be taken to offset the cost of hotdogs, hamburgers, and pop.

Come join us for an afternoon of worship and fellowship!

We welcome him back from Sabbatical to the TRC pulpit July 22.

Chicken BBQ -

Make tracks in August to get your advance tickets for the TRC Chicken BBQ, Saturday, September 8.
I was honored to be asked to be a delegate from our classis to this year’s General Synod. The RCA General Synod will meet at Trinity Christian College in Palos Heights, IL, from June 20 to 26. I have a feeling that the only free time I will have will be taken up by eating and sleeping. There’s a lot of business before the General Synod this year. The Workbook (www.rca.org/workbook) is 526 pages long!

There are almost 50 recommendations to be discussed and voted on. These include the following:

- **The RCA’s ongoing discernment process.** Delegates will hear about “Conversations,” a denominational discernment event held in February. They’ll weigh major themes from Conversations and continue to refine and identify future goals for the RCA.

- **The "conscience clauses."** The Commission for Women proposes elimination of the Book of Church Order’s conscience clauses, which spell out how church leaders can conscientiously object to women’s ordination.

- **Future funding for the denomination's work.** A review of current assessment practices and an exploration of alternative funding systems to support the RCA’s work.

- **The frequency of General Synod.** Recommendations for a phased implementation plan for the next three years to move toward biennial meetings will be discussed.

**Overtures** received from classes or regional synods request the synod to:
- Overturn conscience clauses in the Book of Church Order.
- Discipline pastors, commissioned pastors, or elders who celebrate, promote, bless, or engage in homosexual behavior or same-sex marriages.
- End the Formula of Agreement, which establishes full communion between the RCA and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), and the United Church of Christ.

I have been asked to serve on the Advisory Committee on Church Order and Governance. One of the issues that we will be dealing with is the recommendation regarding the elimination of the “conscience clauses.”

There are several ways that you follow what’s happening (or what has happened):

- **RCA Today** and [RCA.org](http://www.rca.org) will feature the latest stories on synod throughout the meeting.
- Facebook ([www.facebook.com/reformedchurch](http://www.facebook.com/reformedchurch)).
- Twitter (@rcaonline or hashtag #GS12).
- The General Synod Hotline at (800) 968-6063.
- The RCA General Synod blog ([heraldblog.squarespace.com/general-synod-2012-blogs/](http://heraldblog.squarespace.com/general-synod-2012-blogs/)).
- Plenary live stream video when Synod is in plenary session at [www.rca.org/stream](http://www.rca.org/stream).

Your prayers during this time are most appreciated.

Sharon Hann
CONSISTORY
Over the last several months, your Consistory has been working hard. Among the items we dealt with were:

- Approved hosting the Hope College Choir in March 2013.
- Established a Capital Improvement Fund.
- Made very good progress in getting our records organized into our new fireproof files.
- Established a Nominating Committee which is hard at work talking to potential Elders and Deacons.

We will be looking at a next step to follow up on the Visioning process that Phyllis Palsma led us through in February 2012.

The Elder-on-call system seems to be going well in Dan’s absence. Elders have taken turns visiting shut-ins and giving pastoral care to those who are ill or in the hospital. We will be doing a special Communion service for our members who live at Fairport Baptist home in July.

Sharon Hann
Vice President

RAIHN
HELP WANTED
The next RAIHN rotation starts July 15th and we’re in need of some volunteers. It’d be wonderful if you could fill any of the following positions:

2 people to stay overnight (one male and one female) on Monday, July 16th starting at 8:00 PM
2 people to Set & Serve dinner on Wednesday, July 18 from 5:00 - 8:00 PM
1 man to stay overnight on Thursday, July 19 starting at 8:00 PM
1 person to help with dinner Saturday, July 21

We still need to confirm what a few people are doing, so there may be other openings, but for now, we definitely need the above.

Please contact Kelly Bradshaw at 342-9213 or Bonnie Harris at 385-3171 if you can help out.

THANK YOU!

HEADS UP for September
from Marion Spencer
We will begin our Sunday School Book Discussion with the book “One Thousand Gifts” by Ann Voskamp. This is a bestselling book which will illuminate all the reasons we have to be thankful for the blessings we enjoy every second of our lives. Copies of the book will be passed out on Rally Day to begin discussion on the following Sunday. This will begin our reading and discussion of several works of fiction and nonfiction which challenge us to grow spiritually. If you would like to become a new member of our group to discuss this work, contact Marion Spencer at marionspencer14526@yahoo.com to insure that you receive a book on Rally Day. Come join our lively discussion!

Orientation for our Children and Worship ministry will be held on Saturday, September 8th from 9:30-11:00 am. Any children between the ages of 3 and 8 (or second grade) are welcomed to join us. We will enjoy songs, stories, and snacks during this time. We will continue our orientation on the following day, Sunday, September 9 during corporate worship. All parents are welcome to join us as well.

Choir Picnic
Director David is “Treble in the Kitchen”
History of the Second (Trinity) Reformed Church

Taken from Our Church Herald Vol. 1 No. 1 July 1895 (newsletter of Second Reformed) a brief history of the Second Reformed Church from the date of its organization. Its name rightly implies that it is the second church in this city of the Reformed denomination.

Our church was duly organized August 10, 1886, by the Classes of Geneva (now known as the classes of Rochester). Public service was held in the First Reformed Church, which is entitled to be called the mother church, where twenty-eight of their members received certificates of dismission and the new organization went into effect by the election of officers. This church was duly incorporated as the Second Reformed Church, October 5, 1886.

Having leased the commodious chapel which originally belonged to the Third Presbyterian Church, for a term of years, this congregation first met for divine worship Sunday, August 15, 1886. The third Sunday following a Sunday School was organized with forty-seven scholars and ten teachers. On November 27, 1886, a unanimous call was extended to Rev. Ebert Van der Hart, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Jackson, Michigan, who accepted the call conditionally, requesting sufficient length of time to finish and dedicate his church building, which was then in the process of erection. This request being granted, on the first Sunday of May 1887, Rev. Van der Hart preached his first sermon. His text was taken from Psalm 127: “Except the Lord build the house they labor in vain that build it.” His installation took place May 26, 1887.

On November 15, 1887, we entered our new church building, corner of Scio St. and Central Ave. The cost of this property was about $16,000, all of which was raised through the efforts of the pastor and people, with the exception of $2,500. This happy relation continued until April 29, 1889, when our pastor was suddenly taken from us to his heavenly home. During the short pastorate of Mr. Van der Hart the membership increased from twenty-eight to one hundred and thirty, and the Sunday School from sixty to one hundred and fifty-five.

Second Reformed had a number of excellent pastors between 1889 and 1895. The church continued to grow, not only in membership, but in financial and spiritual strength. In August of 1892, the church declared itself self-supporting, and shortly thereafter the church building was artistically decorated. Written by Mr. Joseph C. DeNeve

Our Church Herald was published monthly, appearing on the first Sunday of each month; aiming to advance interest in our Church and work. Subscription price was sixty cents per year in advance. A copy of this paper is posted on the bulletin board.

~ Contributed by Jana DiPiazza

Strawberry Festival Feedback

A BIG thanks to all those who helped with the Strawberry Festival! From preparing the berries, to setting-up, cleaning up, cooking, serving, cashiering – we could not have done it without you. It was a very hot day and attendance was down, but we cleared a profit of over $1,200. ~ chair, Jacquie Greene

Photos by John Bernhard and Carl Warn
Christian Book Review
by Marion Crump Spencer

For any fans of *The Wizard of Oz*, a delightful book by Leanna Ellis, *Ruby's Slippers* draws many fascinating parallels with the classic work while teaching us valuable lessons on faith and trust in God. Pepped with humor and dynamic dialogue between the characters, this is a book that you will devour.

Dottie lives alone with her dog, Otto, on a farm in Kansas. Dottie, the elder of two sisters, retires at age 35 from teaching to maintain the farm after their mother dies. Abby leaves the farm to pursue her dream of acting. The siblings, who are always at odds, are alike in their efforts to find their father who abandoned them without any communication or assistance. This longing for a relationship with their father shapes their decisions and relationships.

Ells' use of dialect transports us to the Kansas of *The Wizard of Oz*. Conjuring up visuals of the movie, a tornado occurs while Dottie and Otto are in the farmhouse. After being in a coma for two months, Dottie awakens in a recovery facility in southern California. She has a vague memory of her father visiting her. He leaves her a box containing some ruby slippers, and the great adventure begins.

Dottie and Abby’s grandmother was a seamstress who worked on the set of the motion picture, and was a great friend of Judy Garland. Judy Garland wore several pairs of ruby slippers during the filming and she gave the grandmother one pair. If authentic, the slippers in Dottie’s possession would be worth nearly a million dollars!

Abby arranged for the farmland to be auctioned in a week. However, the sale of the slippers could pay off the auction costs or remain in Dottie’s possession as part of their heritage.

Plagued by her father’s appearance and her desire for a “real family,” Dottie makes it her mission to find him. Armed with the slippers, Dottie and Otto venture out and meet Sophia (the Scarecrow) who masterminds the journey, Dottie’s Uncle Tim (the Tin Man) who has a heart of gold, and Leo (the Cowardly Lion) who is haunted by fear.

Though the story appears familiar, your interest will be captured as they explore the Pacific coastline in search of Dottie’s father. There are many valuable lessons taught in this journey, with each character adding insight into this adventure. Through this “real family” Dottie establishes a relationship with her heavenly Father and finds that He is the one she has longed for all her life.

Ellis succeeded in creating a new appreciation for *The Wizard of Oz* and applying its lessons to our relationships with others and with God. Read this book for more insights into your own faith journey. Who has God placed in your path to lead you to Him?

“Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you.” —Matthew 7: 7

Lectionary Readings

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost, July 1:
2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27; Psalm 130; Wisdom of Solomon 1:13-15, 2:23-24 or Lamentations 3:22-33; Psalm 30; 2 Corinthians 8:7-15; Mark 5:21-43

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost, July 8:
2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10; Psalm 48; Ezekiel 2:1-5; Psalm 123; Corinthians 12:2-10; Mark 6:1-13

Seventh Sun. after Pentecost, July 15:
2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19; Psalm 24; Amos 7:7-15; Psalm 85:8-13; Ephesians 1:3-14; Mark 6:14-29

Eighth Sun. after Pentecost, July 22:
2 Samuel 7:1-14a; Psalm 89:20-37; Jeremiah 23:1-6; Psalm 23; Ephesians 2:11-22; Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

Ninth Sun. after Pentecost, July 29:
2 Samuel 11:1-15; Psalm 14; 2 Kings 4:42-44; Psalm 145:10-18; Ephesians 3:14-21; John 6:1-21

Tenth Sun. after Pentecost, August 5:
2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33; Psalm 130; 1 Kings 19:4-8; Psalm 34:1-8; Ephesians 4:25-5:2; John 6:24-35

Eleventh Sun. after Pentecost, Aug.12:
2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33; Psalm 130; 1 Kings 19:4-8; Psalm 34:1-8; Ephesians 4:25-5:2; John 6:35, 41-51

Twelfth Sun. after Pentecost Aug. 19:
1 Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14; Psalm 111; Proverbs 9:1-6; Psalm 34:9-14; Ephesians 5:15-20; John 6:51-58

Thirteenth Sun. after Pentecost Aug. 26:
1 Kings 8:(1,6,10-11), 22-30, 41-43; Psalm 84; Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18; Psalm 34:15-22; Ephesians 6:10-20; John 6:56-69
News of the Trinity Church Family

Birthdays
7/4 Gladys Schurr
7/8 Sue Abbott
7/11 Kris Mosher
7/12 Don Rutherford
7/15 Tammi Griswold
7/19 Jonathan Griswold
7/21 Marilyn Lasher
7/23 Jacob Heberle
7/24 Ralph Dalton
7/24 Spenser Crane
7/27 Greg Halsey
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7/23 Jacob Heberle
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7/27 Greg Halsey
8/1 Meg Therkildsen
8/4 Bill Almekinder
8/5 Sam Cooper
8/9 Beth Stahl
8/14 Tom Therkildsen
8/20 Debbie Halsey
8/21 Jean Reeves
8/23 Thelma Tyler
8/25 Kathy Nicastro
8/28 Kristin Short

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Anniversaries
7/9 – Ken & Eileen Midavaine – 1966
7/10 – Herb & Marion Spencer – 1982
7/12 – Gary & Joyce Schurr – 1980
7/14 – Gary & Melody Bricault – 1979
7/19 – Michael & Lesley Holloway – 1997
7/24 – Terry & Annette Schurr – 1999
7/28 – Carl & Audrey Warn – 1962
8/1 – Bill & Betty Almekinder – 1944
8/7 – Fred & Kathy Laitenberger – 1971
8/9 – Bill & Dot Midavaine – 1947
8/9 – Bob & Sharon Hann – 1980
8/19 – Ben & Rebekah Cooper – 2006
8/20 – Bill & Heather Heberle – 1988

Bible Study Dates
Friday evening Bible study at the Manuele’s:
July 6
Many of our group head to Maine for the last two Fridays of July.
August 3
August 17
September 7
September 21
We look forward to our gatherings.
Blessings,
Sam and Anita

Friends in Fellowship
Friends and Fellowship picnic at the Laitenberger's cottage in Sodus on July 28. The picnic is on Eagle Island; pick up at the docks at 11 AM. Please sign up on the bulletin board to bring either an appetizer, salad or dessert (beverage and meat will be supplied); also, indicate a phone number and/or email on signup sheet in order to receive directions and particulars. Rain date would be Sunday 7/29, 1 PM.

TRWM
A Happy and Safe Summer to you all!
The Consistory has said “YES” to us placing two boxes near the Penfield Food Collection Baskets, to collect used medicine bottles that we (TRWM) shall ship to be used in the third world countries to dispense medicine to the people there. The second box will be used to collect used greeting cards that we shall ship to St. Jude’s Ranch for Children in Boulder City NV. They make new cards from the old and the money received helps to keep the camp going.

ALSO starting in September through October 7th, we shall be collecting items for our service personnel. Please see the TRWM bulletin board for the list of items. This box will be on the table next to the office. In October a representative from Blue Star Mothers of America will be speaking at our October meeting and she will received these items then. THANK YOU VERY MUCH for all your support. God bless you one and all.
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