



trinity topics

From the Rector's Desk . .

By the Reverend Sherry Deets

This month I am sharing another excerpt from Frederick Buechner's book "Listening to Your Life". The topic is Grace.

After centuries of handling and mishandling, most religious words have become so shopworn nobody's much interested any more. No so with *grace*, for some reason. Mysteriously, even derivatives like *gracious* and *grateful* still have some of the bloom left.

Grace is something you can never get but only be given. There's no way to earn it or deserve it or bring it about any more than you can deserve the taste of raspberries and cream or earn good looks or bring about your own birth.

A good sleep is grace and so are good dreams. Most tears are grace. The smell of rain is grace. Somebody loving you is grace. Loving somebody is grace. Have you ever *tried* to love somebody?

A crucial eccentricity of the Christian faith is the assertion that people are saved by grace. There's nothing *you* have to do. There's nothing you *have* to do. There's nothing you have to *do*.

The grace of God means something like: Here is your life. You might never have been, but you *are* because the party wouldn't have been complete without you. Here is the world. Beautiful and terrible things will happen. Don't be afraid. I am with you. Nothing can ever separate us. It's for you. I created the universe. I love you.

There's only one catch. Like any other gift, the gift of grace can be yours only if you'll reach out and take it.

Maybe being able to reach out and take it is a gift too.

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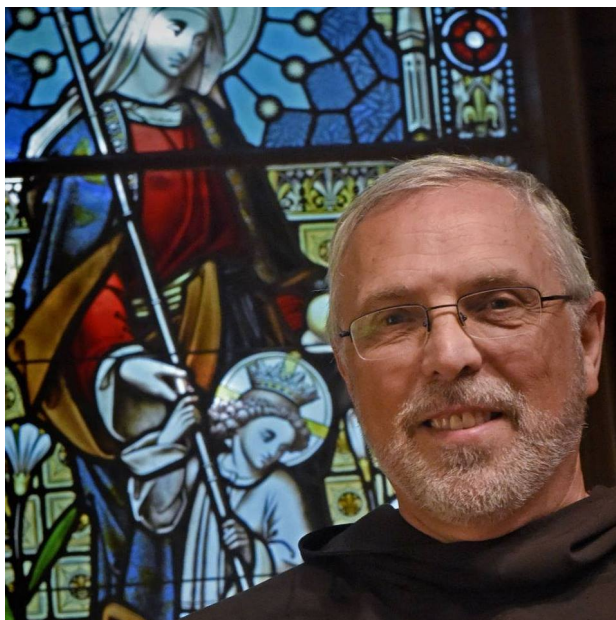
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Trinity Tea with Br. David on November 13th

On Sunday, November 13th the Pastoral Care Team will be hosting one of our Trinity Teas. Our invited guest is Br. David Rutledge who will share with us what it means to be a Franciscan Friar via a presentation entitled: *Reflections on a Pilgrimage to Assisi and the Franciscan Way*. David attended Trinity for many years before moving to the Lancaster area. He was a Vestry Member, Jr. Warden, Sr. Warden, Choir Member, Youth Advisor, etc.

Br. David Rutledge, OSF



Br. David Rutledge, OSF is a retired high school counselor, adjunct college professor and a professed member of the Order of Saint Francis (OSF). The OSF is a dispersed religious order of Franciscan Friars in the Anglican Communion. He serves as a formation counselor in the Order which has brothers in the USA, UK Australia and Africa. Br. David attends Saint James Episcopal Church in Lancaster, Pennsylvania where he co-chairs the Mission & Justice Committee which provides a variety of ministries to the Lancaster community. Some of those ministries include feeding and housing programs for the poor and anti-racism activities. At Saint James, he serves as a Eucharistic Minister and on Wednesdays, leads Evening Prayer. Br. David has given adult forums on various topics, facilitated silent retreats and led book studies. He is a member of the Social Justice Committee of the Episcopal Diocese of Central Pennsylvania and participates in the All Lancaster Episcopal Response Team (ALERT). He is Assistant Convener of the Lancaster Convocation, Delegate to Diocesan Convention and will represent the Diocese at the 2018 General Convention of the Episcopal Church as a deputy in the House of Deputies. Br. David participates with the local Troubadours of the Susquehanna Franciscan Fellowship. In April 2017 he will be facilitating a Lenten Silent Retreat for several parishes in Lancashire, England.

Join us for Tea! We will also be granting a Trinity send-off to Jodi Bakshas who has been an integral part of our church community. She will be missed and we wish her Godspeed as she moves to Oklahoma and integrates into a new community.



Single Parents' Night Out
Thursday, November 3rd at 6 p.m.

Our Parents' Night Out continues on the first Thursday of the month. This month's meal will feature Turkey Wonder and we look forward to welcoming parents with their children. Childcare with licensed providers is available as our guests enjoy social time. We actually welcome any people who wish to enjoy a good, 'home-cooked' meal and a night out! If you would like to volunteer to help serve and clean-up, please arrive at 5:45 pm. We have a good time!



All Saints Sunday
November 6th

We will observe All Saints' Sunday on November 6th when we honor those who have gone before us.



Thanksgiving Day Morning Prayer

Morning Prayer at 9 a.m. on Thanksgiving Day is a wonderful way to begin a day set aside to give thanks to God!



FUNDRAISING

It's almost here.....Gift Card Bingo! Yup, Sat night, Nov 5, beginning at 5.30, with the first of many exciting.....and rewarding.....games at 6.30. And like the last successful Bingo night, you'll be treated to lots of good, hot comfort food, beverages (adult included) and a lot of fun.

Grab your choice of a yummy meatball sandwich or a couple of Ball Park All Beef hot dogs, a drink and some chips from 5.30-6.30 (additional food is available for purchase all night.....while supplies last). Then at 6.30, Ray will start calling the numbers out, so you'll want to make sure you've got all your game cards laid out and dauber in hand, ready to shout out "BINGO!!!" and claim that prize. Donna tells me we've got a cache of valuable gift cards, baskets, etc to award to the winners, thanks to the generosity of so many of our members and friends. And what better time to walk away with a gift card with the holidays just weeks away! But that's not all.....we'll be raffling off even more prizes AND running a 50/50 drawing for some BIG FOLDING MONEY!!!!

So, where else can you have this much fun, enjoying the food, the games and your friends all for only \$25.00? And no matter who winds up walking away with the loot, the BIGGEST winner is our church, Trinity! Remember, this is first and foremost a fundraiser, an effort to show our support by contributing to the funding needed to keep our church moving forward and thriving in the future. Take a minute one day and ask Rev. Sherry or Jim Anderson or Minnie Kirwin about the critical needs we face on an ongoing basis, and how events like this benefit the cause. When you put it into perspective, it's clear why we sponsor these events and solicit your support.

Tickets are on sale NOW! Flyers are printed and available for handing out to friends and local merchants! The weather has no impact on the event! The food will be ready! The daubers are full! The drum is filled with numbers! Ray is in good voice! Can we count on you, your family and your friends to make this night complete???

Thanks.....

Vic Shanley Chmn., Team Bingo

Hurricane Matthew Relief

Hurricane Matthew hit the Caribbean recently as a Category 4 hurricane and later, as a severe flood on the US southern coast. In Haiti and in Florida, North and South Carolina, **Episcopal Relief & Development** is providing both direct support (Haiti) in the form of food, water and shelter and indirect support (the US states) by helping partner organizations "Church without Walls" and the Episcopal Farmworker Movement with supplies of food, water, shelter materials, storage space and replacement of household goods. Please continue to pray for communities affected by Hurricane Matthew. We can help by sending a combined donation from Church of the Trinity in Coatesville to the **Hurricane Matthew Response Fund. Please contribute as you are able. There are specially marked envelopes at the back of the church.**



October Brunch 2016

Since the brunch won't be until Sunday, Oct. 30, this month, you will receive your Trinity Topics before it actually occurs. But a monthly article helps to keep you informed, and keeps our brunch on your radar. The menu for October will be Italian, and Chef Kevin has agreed to make chicken cacciatore! We are still looking for more food donations and volunteers, so if you feel so moved, join us at 11:00 on Sunday, 10/30. -The Brunch Bunch



Women's Group

Set your calendar now, for our annual December events.... we are only 35 days away from the Coatesville Christmas Parade, being held on December 3rd. It's always a great day for selling hotdogs, watching the parade, and just plain fun. And then the week after that, December 10th, will be our annual Breakfast with Santa! Let's make both events memorable for all!

-Pat Kirkner, President



Brendan McWilliams	1-Nov
Nya Lewis	3-Nov
Donna Puma	4-Nov
John Price	5-Nov
Eugene Mulholland	8-Nov
Dennis Dantzler	10-Nov
Stuart Deets	18-Nov
Michael Lemodetis	19-Nov
Sarina Baynard	22-Nov
Nora Bush	29-Nov
Caroline Kirwin	29-Nov



17-Nov	Robin & Bill McWilliams
25-Nov	Alfred & Evelyn Carey

NOVEMBER 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
		CHOIR REHEARSAL		HE Chapel – 12Noon Single Parents Night Out- 6PM	BINGO	BINGO
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
SH RENTED	BIBLE STUDY 7PM	CHOIR REHEARSAL		HE Chapel – 12Noon Food Distribution	SH RENTED	SH RENTED
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
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27	28	29	30			
VETERAN'S BRUNCH 1230pm	BIBLE STUDY 7PM	CHOIR REHEARSAL				



Readers, Servers and Greeters for October 2016



Date	Readers	Psalter/P-O-P	Chalists	Servers	Torches	Greeters
11/6	Donna Puma	N/A	Pam Smyth	Al Carey	N/A	TBA
	Caroline Bentley	Jim Anderson	Pat Kirkner	Al Carey	N/A	
11/13	Violet Armstead	N/A	Jim Anderson	Jack McGovern	N/A	TBA
	Craig McGovern	Bill Terry	Bill Terry	Bill Terry	N/A	
11/20	Chris Haak	N/A	Lon Cross	Seth Haak	N/A	TBA
	Pam Smyth	Greg Bentley	Pat Kirkner	Pat Kirkner	N/A	
11/27	Vic Shanley	N/A	Jim Anderson	Jim Anderson	N/A	TBA
	Art Busch	Kent Nation	Pam Smyth	Jim Anderson	N/A	

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8AM—12PM
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Mission Statement

Church of the Trinity is a congregation rooted in the faith and love of Christ, unified in diversity, seeking to grow and nourish the Trinity family and our Coatesville community.

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Service Schedule

Holy Eucharist
Sundays 9:30 AM
Thursdays 12:00 PM

Church School
Sundays 9:15 AM

Bible Study
Mondays 7:00 PM

