

CHURCH OF THE TRINITY  
323 East Lincoln Highway  
Coatesville, PA 19320



JANUARY 2018

# trinity topics

## From the Rector's Desk . . .

### By the Reverend Sherry Deets

The year 2018. It's going to be a good year. This will be the year we celebrate 150 years of existence as Episcopal Church of the Trinity in downtown Coatesville! We want this to be not simply a celebration, but a meaningful celebration – one that points us toward continued and expanded mission and ministry in the City of Coatesville. We pray for the Holy Spirit to continue to move and breathe into us new life and creativity in our way of being church. We are a wonderfully diverse community which calls for flexibility and creativity.

As we remember 2017, breathe a satisfying and thankful breath for all that has happened! A brief overview: Trinity has been blessed with grants and generous members/donors that assisted in purchasing a sorely needed new organ, a new entrance door, insulation and plaster in our beloved Sanctuary and the Evans family gave a face-lift to our St. Cyril's Chapel. We look forward to continued building renovations that will enable Trinity to safely and comfortably provide continued ministry and mission to the wider community.

People centered events in 2017 included a wonderful St. Cyril's Day celebration that marked 50 years since the merger of St. Cyril's with Trinity. Former Presiding Bishop Frank Griswold was with us to mark this important date.

We continued with our meaningful outreach expressed through our monthly Veterans Brunch, our monthly free healthy meal to the community (What's Cookin' in Coatesville), our Christmas gifting to children in Coatesville, our collections for the local shelters and food pantries, our amazing partnership with the Chester County Food Bank to provide the Coatesville Community Garden, our offering of space for meetings, gatherings and parties and our musical offering to the community of the Advent Chamber Music Festival, to name a few. And of course, we hosted several different forms of fundraising events throughout the year that are sometimes labor intensive, but also provide a means through which we get to know our fellow members and visitors a little better.

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We are a truly vital presence in the City of Coatesville and we look forward to the revitalization that is happening in our downtown. We have been encouraged by having a Trinity congregant, Tom Swett, as an active member of the Second Century Alliance that is doing much work to assist in revitalization efforts in the City. Keep looking for improvements in our downtown area.

I could go on about other ways in which we have been involved and are making a difference, but I think you get the picture. You are an important and vital part of our church family and that is what we will celebrate in 2018: YOU! As we move into 2018, I pray that Christ continues to be born in each and every one of us, over and over and over and over again. May the Spirit continue to lead and guide and inspire us to new life, over and over and over again. We can do all things through Christ who strengthens us. Happy New Year!

**Happy '150 Years of Faith in Coatesville!**

### **Gentle Yoga at Trinity**

Nancy Murphy will be leading us in Yoga in our social hall on the second and fourth Thursday of the month. Yoga begins at 12:45 p.m., after our noon service, on Thursday, January 11<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, January 25<sup>th</sup>.

### **What's Cookin' in Coatesville?**

Our free, healthy meal served to the community continues on the Third Thursday of month: January 18<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m. If you would like to help serve the meal and clean up, your presence is greatly appreciated at 5:45 p.m. this day!

### **Pastoral Care Team**

Our Pastoral Care Team meets on Thursday, January 18<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 p.m., immediately following our Noon service.

### **Veterans Brunch**

Our next Veterans Brunch will be held on the last Sunday of the month, January 28<sup>th</sup> with the meals being served at 12:30 PM



As 2017 closed out, a note of thanks goes out to all the faithful members of our brunch bunch. Our commitment to serving our military brothers and sisters continues stronger each month. A final report of how many veterans attended and volunteers participated during 2017, will be provided in our annual meeting report in March.

January's menu at the time of this report will include an Asian selection(s), in recognition of the Chinese New Year, which is February 16<sup>th</sup>; Year of the Dog. Stay tuned. Brunch date is January 28, 2018. God Bless our Veterans, Trinity members, and God Bless America.



## 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Year!

Our long-awaited start of our celebration is now getting ready to commence. We will be celebrating throughout the year and each month some form of festivity will be planned.

Members of Trinity will be needed and encouraged to help with the different events, so please volunteer your time and talents at our next scheduled meeting in February; date to be announced soon. Look for our 1<sup>st</sup> monthly "highlight" at our January 7, 2018 service.

"Celebrating 150 years of Faith in Coatesville"

-Joe Kirkner, Chair, Anniv. Cmte



## Women's Group

Let's plan a meeting for after church on 1/14/18, to discuss events for 2018 and our desire to purchase an item commemorating Trinity's 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. I'm expecting catalogs from companies that supply chalice sets and altar cloths. All possible areas for a donation will be considered, so please come to the meeting with your ideas. I would also like to discuss a different type of celebration for Shrove Tuesday. We have done Mardi Gras celebrations with gumbo and jambalaya, where we crowned a King and Queen of Mardi Gras. We have also done Pancake Dinners. Since Ash Wednesday is on Valentine's day this year, wouldn't a nice Valentine Dinner be appropriate?! We could go all out with decorations and meal, giving folks the opportunity to have a nice dinner and not violate their commitment to Lenten fasting. So we will be discussing this also. See you there. -Pat Kirkner, Pres.



Kristina Rose	1-Jan	John & Mildred Coveleski	16-Jan
Diane Izzo	2-Jan	Wayne & Elizabeth Hanley	17-Jan
Liz Hulse	3-Jan		
Robert Baynard Jr	7-Jan		
Donna Anderson	10-Jan		
Mildred Bruce	10-Jan		
Mary Fleck	12-Jan		
David Thompson	14-Jan		
Maitland Harvey	15-Jan		
Michael Hanley	18-Jan		
Sabrina Lewis	25-Jan		
Ariel Abbot	25-Jan		
Kevin Evans	31-Jan		

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
	NEW YEAR'S DAY	CHOIR		HE Chapel-12Noon		SH RENTED
<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	11	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
		CHOIR		HE Chapel-12Noon		SH RENTED
<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
SH RENTED	MLK DAY	CHOIR		*HE Chapel-12Noon *Yoga 1245PM *Whats Cookin' in Coatesville 6PM		SH RENTED
<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
SH RENTED		CHOIR		HE Chapel-12Noon		
<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>			
Veterans Brunch 1230pm SH RENTED						



## Readers, Servers and Greeters for January 2018



Date	Readers	Psalter/P-O-P	Chalists	Servers	Torches	Greeters
1/7	Pam Smyth	N/A	Bill Terry	Jack McGovern	N/A	TBA
	Greg Bentley	Jim Anderson	Pat Kirkner	Bill Terry	N/A	
1/14	Vic Shanley	N/A	Jim Anderson	Jim Anderson	N/A	TBA
	Kent Nation	Lon Cross	Al Carey	Jim Anderson	N/A	
1/21	Caroline Bentley	N/A	Al Carey	Al Carey	N/A	TBA
	Seth Haak	Craig McGovern	Bill Terry	Al Carey	N/A	
1/28	Violet Armstead	N/A	Pat Kirkner	Pat Kirkner	N/A	TBA
	Bill Terry	Chris Haak	Lon Cross	Pat Kirkner	N/A	

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Jamoca Harkins, Parish Administrator

**Parish Office Hours**

**Monday – Friday**

**330PM—530PM**

**1 Full Day a Week-TBD**

**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.**

**Service Schedule**

**Holy Eucharist**

**Sundays 9:30 AM**

**Thursdays 12:00 PM**

**Church School**

**Sundays 9:15 AM**

**Bible Study**

**Mondays 7:00 PM**

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