

CHURCH OF THE TRINITY
323 East Lincoln Highway
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From the Rector's Desk . . .

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Lent begins with Ash Wednesday which falls on February 14th this year. Lent is a time for self-examination and reflection; a time of repentance. I share some thoughts and suggestions from Frank T. Griswold's book "Praying our Days: A Guide and Companion".

He offers questions for reflection such as:

How central to my life is my desire to discern and fulfill God's loving purpose for me?

Am I open to becoming ever more the person God created me to be?

Have I betrayed the dignity I have been given as a child of God?

How have I used and misused the gifts and talents God has given me?

How have I responded to the opportunities for witness and service that have been set before me?

Have I given witness to God's love in my relationships?

Am I ready to receive God's mercy and forgiveness?

And a Meditation on God's Compassion:

As we examine ourselves we may have to confront our resistance to God's compassion, and our tendency to cling instead to the dark comfort of our self-judgment. The interior struggle between Christ's insistent love and our resistance is described by George Herbert in his poem entitled "Love." Love in the poem is the person of the risen Christ. The "meat" he offers is his reconciling and healing love, which comes to us in many forms including the Bread and Wine of the eucharist.

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Love

Love bade me welcome: yet my soul drew back,
 Guilty of dust and sin.
But quick-ey'd Love, observing me grow slack
 From my first entrance in,
Drew nearer to me, sweetly questioning,
 If I lack'd anything.
A guest, I answer'd worthy to be here:
 Love said, you shall be he.
I the unkind, ungrateful? Ah my dear,
 I cannot look on thee.
Love took my hand, and smiling did reply,
 Who made the eyes but I?
Truth Lord, but I have marr'd them: let my shame
 Go where it doth deserve.
And know you not, says Love, who bore the blame?
 My dear, then I will serve.
You must sit down, says Love, and taste my meat:
 So I did sit and eat.

What's Cookin' in Coatesville?

Our healthy meal program continues on the Third Thursday of the month, February 15th at 6 p.m. in Stone Hall. We usually have a good time serving and cleaning up, so if you would like to join the fellowship and volunteer, please arrive at 5:45 p.m. We are delighted to have a table of "regulars" from next door at the Coatesville Towers.

Ash Wednesday

The Ash Wednesday liturgy, with the imposition of ashes, will occur on February 14th at Noon (no music) and at 7 p.m. with Music in the Sanctuary. This is a moving liturgy and sets the tone for the church season and spirituality of Lent. Lent is a time of repentance - a word which means "to return". It is a yearly reminder of the daily call to come home to God.

Lenten Offering of Lectio Divina

On Thursdays at 11 a.m. during the season of Lent (Beginning February 22 and then March 1, March 8, March 15, and March 22), Meg Devereux will guide us in the prayer practice of Lectio Divina.

“Lectio Divina is one of the great treasures of the Christian tradition of prayer. It means Divine Reading, which is reading the book we believe to be divinely inspired. This tradition of prayer flows out of a Hebrew method of studying the Scriptures which was called *haggadah*. *Haggadah* was an interactive interpretation of the Scriptures by means of the free use of the text to explore its inner meaning. It was part of the devotional practice of the Jews in the days of Jesus.”

This is a time to rest in God and listen for how God speaks to you. Meg will be utilizing the upcoming Sunday’s lectionary readings for our Lectio Divina. Join us! Feel free to stay for our Noonday Eucharist with healing afterwards.

Gentle Yoga at Trinity

Nancy Murphy continues to lead us well in gentle yoga at Trinity! Join us on the second and fourth Thursday of the month – February 8th and February 22nd – at 12:40 p.m. (after the noon service). No prior yoga experience is necessary. Mats available, simply wear comfortable clothing (easy to move around in). Free will offering.

Pastoral Care Team

Our pastoral care team will hold its regular meeting on the Third Thursday, February 15th at 12:30 pm (after the noon service).

Vestry Meeting

Vestry will meet on Sunday, February 18th at 11:15 a.m. in the upstairs Sunday School room for its regular third Sunday meeting.

Stations of the Cross / Compline

Each year we offer devotions to observe the Stations of the Cross along with Compline on Fridays at 7:00 PM during Lent. This year we will begin on Friday, February 23rd.

The Way of the Cross imitates the practice of visiting the places of Jesus’ Passion in the Holy Land by early Christian pilgrims. The service consists of opening devotions and the Lord’s Prayer followed by a short verse and response, a reading, a prayer and a collect at each of the fourteen stations. Concluding prayers before the altar follow the fourteenth station.

The service ends with the reading of Compline. This brief service includes the opening sentences, confession of sins, psalms and other Bible lessons, canticles and prayers, including a benediction. Compline makes a nice closing to the work week. Please join us for a rewarding thirty minutes.

FUNDRAISING

Did we mention that there's something going on at Trinity on March 17th? Yeah, it's St. Patrick's Day. But that's not all!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW FOR ANOTHER FUN FILLED NIGHT OF GIFT CARD BINGO AT TRINITY!!!!

Come out and enjoy an evening of food, games and fellowship as Trinity hosts another night of Gift Card Bingo! If you were at the last Bingo night, you know that there were valuable and attractive prizes up for grabs, as well as a chance to go home with some hard cash. And we'll make sure we take care of your appetite by including yummy sandwiches and libations.

The Fundraising Team also welcomes any donations to the success of this event in the form of gift cards, gift baskets, baked goods for desserts and good old monetary contributions. Be a part of the night and let Donna, Ray, Pat or myself know what you'd like to do to help us.

Don't forget.....Sat, Mar 17th. We'll be there...what about YOU?????

-Vic and the Team



Veterans Brunch January 28, 2018

And another year begins for our monthly brunch. Although the number served was lower than usual, the enthusiasm was certainly there, as it has been since our 1st gathering in June 2013.

This month we had 36 hungry veterans being catered to by our 23 volunteers.

Menu items this month included scrambled eggs, bacon, blueberry pancakes, potato pancakes, creamed chip beef, buttered noodles, ground beef & gravy, chicken pot pie, chicken parmesan with spaghetti, baked ziti, fried rice, cornbread stuffing with andouille sausage, desserts, fresh fruit, juices, coffee and water.

Our guest this month was Bob McGonigle who is active with the local group of Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. He enjoyed the experience and offered to contact his group of friends for a future participation.

On a final note, we send well wishes to our "Mess Sergeant" Kevin Evans. He had to sit this brunch out due to an ankle injury. We missed Kev; see you in February!

God Bless Trinity, our Veterans, and God Bless America

-The Brunch Bunch



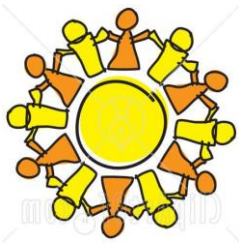
150th Anniversary Year!

Our next scheduled meeting is February 4, 2018, right after church and coffee hour. Everyone is encouraged to attend this very important meeting.

Our entire year is planned, with many activities and events! Please come out and get involved as we share the excitement of celebrating the best 150th anniversary possible.

(Yes, this is Super Bowl Sunday...the meeting will be short ...11:00 AM to Noon, at the latest. No reason that the meeting can't conclude with a cheer for our Eagles!!)

HAPPY 150TH ANNIVERSARY, EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE TRINITY. -Joe Kirkner, Chairperson



Women's Group

The Women had a very productive meeting on January 14th. We discussed dates for events and fundraisers for 2018. Please mark your calendars for the following: Shrove Tuesday Valentine Party on Feb. 13th from 6 to 8:30. St. Patrick's Bingo on Mar. 17th from 6 to 9:00. Paint, Potluck and Pinot party on Friday, April 13th from 6 to 9. Flea Market with Chicken BBQ will be either August 11, 18 or 25th...with the 18th being the preferred date. This event has to be coordinated with many participants, so stay tuned for date. Christmas Parade on Dec. 1st from 9 to 12:00. Breakfast with Santa on Dec. 8th from 8 to 11:00.

We also discussed purchasing an item(s) for the church as an Anniversary Gift from us. Suggested items or needs were: chalice and paten; replat/refinish existing one; altar cloth; vases for altar flowers; etc.

We will also be involved in many of the 150th Anniversary plans and events.

It is a great time to be part of Trinity.

-Pat Kirkner, President



SHROVE TUESDAY VALENTINE'S DINNER

Make plans now to join us on Tuesday, Feb. 13th for a sumptuous dinner, followed by games and music. Our traditional Pancake Supper is being upgraded to a Valentine celebration, so that you can indulge in sweets for your sweet (or sweet tooth) before honoring your Lenten fast. Here's the plan:

We supply the main course of either prime rib or shrimp scampi and you supply the side dishes via a potluck. We will finish the meal with a vast offering of sweets = cake; fudge; cookies; donuts; candy, etc. There will even be a couple door prizes.

6:00-7:00 PM will be dinner; followed by a couple games of Valentine Bingo; a salute to Mardi Gras parading; then at 8:00 we will sing a few Lenten hymns and lock away our Alleluia banner until Easter Morn. For much of the evening we will be enjoying background music by many great love-song crooners, i.e.: Frank Sinatra; Elvis; Dean Martin; The Temptation; etc.

All this for only a minimum charge of \$6.00 per person. Advance tickets can be purchased from a Women's Group member. *Join your church family for a fun night and scrumptious meal.*

-Trinity Women



PS: The 1st US Mardi Gras parade was held in 1868 in Mobile, Alabama.



Aaron Bruce	3-Feb
Violet Armstead	9-Feb
Michael Magness	10-Feb
Andrew Bentley	13-Feb
Martha Rutledge	14-Feb
Pat Hendricks	17-Feb
Vic Shanley III	20-Feb
Josh Busch	20-Feb
Patricia Vogt	22-Feb
Dennis Irwin	24-Feb
Jamoca Harkins	25-Feb
Kent Nation	26-Feb
Laverne Cheatham	27-Feb

Craig & Nicole McGovern	22-Feb
Walter & Laverne Cheatham	25-Feb

FEBRUARY 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
				Memorial Svc. Charles Lewis SH & Sanctuary Reserved		
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
150 th Anniversary Meeting		CHOIR		HE Chapel- 12Noon Yoga 1240 PM		
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
		SHROVE TUESDAY DINNER 6PM	ASH WEDNESDAY NOON & 7PM SERVICES	*HE Chapel-12Noon *Pastoral Care 1230PM *What's Cookin' in Coatesville 6PM	SH Rented	SH & Kitchen Rented
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Vestry Meeting		CHOIR		*11AM Lectio Divina *HE Chapel- 12Noon *Yoga 1240PM	Stations 7PM	SH Rented
25	26	27	28			
Veterans Brunch 1230pm		CHOIR				



Readers, Servers and Greeters for February 2018



Date	Readers	Psalter/P-O-P	Chalists	Servers	Torches	Greeters
2/4	Ebbie Carey	N/A	Bill Terry	Seth Haak	N/A	TBA
	Greg Bentley	Pam Smyth	Pam Smyth	Bill Terry	N/A	
2/11	Vic Shanley	N/A	Bill Terry	Zoey McGovern	N/A	TBA
	Jim Anderson	Kent Nation	Jim Anderson	Bill Terry	N/A	
2/18	Pam Smyth	N/A	Pat Kirkner	Jack McGovern	N/A	TBA
	Craig McGovern	Lon Cross	Bill Terry	Bill Terry	N/A	
2/25	Caroline Bentley	N/A	Jim Anderson	Jim Anderson	N/A	TBA
	Violet Armstead	Bill Terry	Lon Cross	Jim Anderson	N/A	

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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.

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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