



CHURCH OF THE TRINITY
323 East Lincoln Highway
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trinity topics

DECEMBER 2015

From the Rector's Desk . . .

By The Reverend Sherry Deets

I was on a train on a rainy day. The train was slowing down to pull into a station. For some reason I became intent on watching the raindrops on the window. Two separate drops, pushed by the wind, merged into one for a moment and then divided again - each carrying with it a part of the other. Simply by that momentary touching, neither was what it had been before. And as each went on to touch other raindrops, it shared not only itself, but what it had gleaned from the other. I realized then that we never touch people so lightly that we do not leave a trace. Our state of being matters to those around us, so we need to become conscious of what we unintentionally share so we can learn to share with intention. - Peggy Tabor Millan, Mary's Way

I agree with Peggy Tabor Millan in that we never touch people so lightly that we do not leave a trace. We don't think about it very often, but perhaps we might try. Try to become more aware of what we say and how we say it and share with intention in order to leave behind a trace that is something of Christ. As we enter into this new church year, this Season of Advent and Christmas, we are drawn to the light that shines in the darkness. We are drawn to new life, birth, the creation of something new. We rise at the dawning of each new day with new opportunities. So why not agree with me to be intentional, at least once each day, about sharing something positive with whomever we come in contact with, through the Season of Advent. Write down your particular instance each day and on Christmas Day, read over those instances of being intentional about your own state of being and what you share with others.

Enjoy! It is the Advent of a new year!

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Women's Group

We are in the height of fundraising season for the Women's Group. Our funds help us to keep supplies in the kitchen, upgrade tables and chairs as needed, replace worn utensils, etc., donate to Altar Guild, and any other areas



that need our attention. We count on our church members, their friends and family, and our larger community to support our efforts. We will be selling hotdogs, drinks, and snacks during the Christmas parade on 12/5/15 from 9 to noon. And our biggest fundraiser of every year is our annual *Breakfast with Santa*, to be held on Saturday, 12/12/15 this year. If you have never attended this, you miss a great meal, and a great opportunity to see the sheer joy on children's faces. So make a point, now, to support this event.

We are also selling chances on a \$200.00 American Express gift card for \$2.00 each, 3 for \$5.00. This drawing will take place after the music festival on 12/20. Happy Holidays!



Veterans Brunch November 29, 2015

Trinity Topics will be published before our monthly veteran's brunch this Sunday. So it's not too late to join our volunteers. Besides the breakfast items, we will serve casseroles of a variety of offerings from our many dedicated parishioners and friends.

We would also like to report on the generous offering we received from Church of the Advent in Kennett Square. Parishioners there have been very supportive of our monthly brunch, and one again they conducted a collection and sent us a check for \$2,062.00. We are so blessed by their dedication to our efforts toward the many veterans in our communities.

Will outline our event in more detail in January Trinity Topics. God bless our vets and God Bless America.

-Brunch Bunch

Winter is Coming!

There are several things you can do to prepare for flu season:

- ♦ Get a **FREE flu shot** on Monday December 7th. These will be given by Chester County Health Dept. staff at the Coatesville Center for Community Health, 10th and Lincoln, Coatesville. Anyone over the age of 3 can get a flu shot. Please call in advance to make an appointment, 610-344-6252.
- ♦ Use **hand sanitizer** wherever it is offered (the back of the church is one location)
- ♦ **Say your prayers.** Great idea generally, and maybe it will prompt you to...
- ♦ **go to bed earlier** and get lots of sleep, keeping your immune system happy.

Trinity Cookbooks

Recipes from the Heart, *Trinity Cooks* is available at just \$10 per cookbook. This is filled with truly wonderful recipes and would make a good Christmas gift. They are available in the church office.



Trinity Events for the month of December

Coatesville Christmas Parade: Saturday, December 5th

The annual Christmas Parade begins at 10 a.m. on Saturday, December 5th. Mark your calendars now to either help the Women's Group sell hotdogs, hot chocolate, etc. or simply watch this wonderful parade. The church lawn is a great vantage point to see the parade.

What's Cookin' in Coatesville?: Monday, December 7th at 6 p.m.

If you would like to help serve and clean up, please arrive at 5:45 p.m. We have a great time volunteering! This month's meal will feature breakfast foods.

Breakfast with Santa: Saturday, December 12th

The Women's Group will organize and host our Breakfast with Santa event on Saturday, December 12th in the social hall. This is such a good time with great food! Pancakes, eggs, bacon, sausage, grits and hash browns...and Santa! Invite your friends and family and neighbors. The time is 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. We truly have one of the best Breakfast with Santa in the area.

Advent Chamber Music Festival: Sunday, December 20th at 3 p.m. with potluck reception

Advent Chamber Music Festival featuring music of the season by the woodwind quintet, Quintessence and piano duets by Gail X2. Also choral music by a combined choir. This is a fabulous musical experience that you don't want to miss. A reception immediately follows in the social hall. This is a potluck reception, so bring a dish to share. Free will offering will go toward a new organ.

Christmas Eve Services: Thursday, December 24th

Our Family Service will begin at 5 p.m. on Christmas Eve, Thursday, December 24th. This is a family-friendly service in which the youth tell the story of Christmas with words and music.

Our Candlelight service begins at 10:30 p.m. on Thursday, December 24th. Join us for this beautiful, light-filled worship experience that celebrates the birth of our Savior. It is truly the heart of our time with family and friends.

Christmas Lessons and Carols: Sunday, December 27th

Our tradition of Lesson and Carols on the Sunday after Christmas continues on Sunday, December 27th. Please join us for a different type of service in which we enjoy our favorite Christmas Lessons and Carols (communion).

Veterans Brunch: Sunday, December 27th

Our monthly Veterans' Brunch continues on Sunday, December 27th with set-up beginning following the church service. The Veterans are served at 12:30 p.m.

Gifting Tree



Trinity will once again have a gifting tree for underprivileged children in the Coatesville community. The first names, ages, sizes, etc. will be listed on a gift tag hanging on the tree. You are invited to take a tag and purchase a gift(s) for this child. All gifts will be delivered to the children's homes by Christmas Eve. **Please have your wrapped gifts, with the appropriate tag attached, in the church by Sunday, December 20th.** St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, West Vincent, will be a partner with us again this year in this special ministry.

The Power of Music and Verse

Sunday, Nov. 8th was my first time back at church after my surgery. For the prior ten days, I had been privileged to be confined at home during one of the most pleasant and beautiful autumns I have ever experienced. All I could do was sit or walk around and observe the world, and it was magical. So I was particularly open to the message of our first hymn that day, Hymn 9.

I found the words, a poem really, resonated powerfully with me:

“Not here for high and holy things we render thanks to thee,

But for the common things of earth, the purple pageantry of dawning and of dying days, the splendor of the sea, the royal robes of autumn moors, the golden gates of spring, the velvet of soft summer nights, the silver glistening of all the million stars, the silent song they sing of faith and hope and love un-dimmed, un-dying still through death, the resurrection of the world, what time there comes the breath of dawn that rustles through the trees, and that clear voice that saith: Awake, awake to love and work! The lark is in the sky, the fields are wet with diamond dew, the worlds awake to cry their blessings on the Lord of life, as he goes meekly by. Come, let thy voice be one with theirs, shout with their shout of praise; see how the giant sun soars up, great lord of years and days! So let the love of Jesus come and set thy soul ablaze, to give and give, and give again, what God hath given thee; to spend thyself nor count the cost; to serve right gloriously the God who gave all worlds that are, and all that are to be.”

I was incredibly moved- enough so that when I got home, I looked up the author of the words- Geoffrey Anketel Studdert-Kennedy (1883-1929). He was an Anglican priest and poet, who volunteered as a chaplain to the army on the Western Front during WW I. His nickname became “Woodbine Willie” and he was awarded the Military Cross after running into no-man’s land to help the wounded. His experiences during the war led him to become a passionate advocate of social justice and peace. He died at age 45 while on a speaking tour for the Industrial Christian Fellowship. I was glad to be inspired to learn about and remember this remarkable man.

Pam Smyth

Community garden - last harvest on November 22!

I want to thank Mike Lemodetis for doing most of the work harvesting the last eight large bags of cold-weather greens which I hope will grace Thanksgiving tables in Coatesville.

Pam Smyth

Christmas Memorial Flowers

This year again we will be ordering poinsettias to decorate the church on Christmas. If you are interested in placing memorial flowers in the church, please fill in your name, phone number, and how many flowers you are ordering. Make checks payable to “Church of the Trinity” and return this form to the parish office as soon as possible but no later than December 12th. The suggested donation is \$7.50 for each plant.

Name _____

Phone Number _____

Names of Person/Placed In Memory of _____

How Can You Help Others through a Cold, Wild Winter?

Trinity will be collecting new and gently used coats, winter hats and gloves and new socks, now through Sunday December 6. If you would like to bring gently used items, please make sure you wash them or have them dry-cleaned beforehand, as appropriate. We will collect them at the back of the church (a box for men's garments and a box for women's and children's). If you would like to donate cash or write a check instead, we will do the shopping for you; please use a marked envelope from the back of the church.

These winter garments will be distributed to CYWA Shelter for Women and Children, City Gate Shelter for Men, and Atkinson Shelter for Men, all in Coatesville.

God bless you, and thank you in advance for your generosity!

Lending a Hand to Survivors

Who: ACE of Oxford, CCAT, any interested abolitionists and friends – please join us and/or collect items in advance!

When: Saturday, December 5, 2015
9:00 a.m. Coffee
9:30-10:30 Work session

What: Collect and sort items (listed below)

Where: Oxford Senior Center
12 East Locust Street, Oxford, PA

Hosted by ACE Anti-Human Trafficking Alliance of Oxford

ITEMS NEEDED

- Fair trade coffee, coffee filters
- Handwarmers used by hunters and outdoor workers (come in plastic packages – brands such as Grabbers and Hothands – found at Kmart, sometimes drug stores, etc.)
- Gallon-size ziplock bags
- Containers of Clorox cleaning wipes
- Small spiral bound journals and pens
- Liquid hand soaps for sinks
- Dishwashing soap (like Dawn or Palmolive) Paper towels, toilet paper
- Fleece throws that can be washed in a washing machine
- Small women's clothing – good condition!
- New socks of all sorts, especially warm for winter
- New underwear, lots of different sizes
- Snacks – Rice Krispy treats, granola bars, etc.
- Single serving tuna, chicken, fruit (with pop-top lids)
- Small packets of tissues, large boxes of tissues
- Laundry soap with bleach
- Travel size – toothpaste, toothbrushes, shampoo, conditioner (no floss or mouthwash with alcohol, please)
- Non-alcoholic small hand sanitizers
- Uncooked rice, peanut butter and jelly, cans of refried beans, corn, fruit and green beans
- New washcloths and towels

Items will be donated to local survivors/victims of human trafficking.

For more info about items needed, contact Carol, echmetzker@aol.com, 610-793-4387



Breakfast with Santa

Saturday, December 12th, 2015

8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Pancakes, eggs, bacon,
sausage, grits, hash browns and

Santa Claus!



Adults \$6.50 Seniors \$5.50 Children (3-10) \$3.50
(under 3 = Free)

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Please join us for our Christmas Eve Services!

5:00 p.m. – Family Service

10:30 p.m. – Candlelight Service

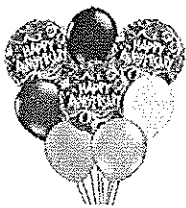


Happy Birthday

2-Dec	Jennifer Chance
4-Dec	Jason Charles Saylor
4-Dec	Samuel Haak
9-Dec	Bella Elizabeth Rose Baynard
13-Dec	Anne Lutz
16-Dec	William Earl McWilliams
17-Dec	Wayne Hanley
17-Dec	Shane Patrick McWilliams
21-Dec	Miranda B. Croft
22-Dec	Pamela Smyth
24-Dec	Chase Crompton
25-Dec	David Rutledge
25-Dec	William Terry
30-Dec	Linda Hammond
31-Dec	Velda Baynard



150th Anniversary Planning



In 2018 we will be celebrating the 150th anniversary of our congregation. This will be a year long celebration and will require extensive planning. There will be a meeting on Sunday, January 17, 2016 at 11:15 AM to begin organizing our thoughts into a great event. January's Trinity Topics will include a questionnaire so each of you can submit ideas and suggestions.

Planning chairperson

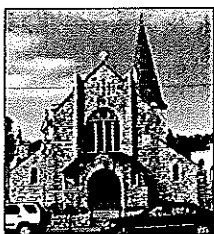
-Joe Kirkner, Anniversary

December 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
		Choir Rehearsal 7:30 PM		HE Chapel-12N Property Meeting 6 PM AA 7:30 PM		NA 10-11:30 Christmas Parade
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
	What's Cookin' in Coatesville? 6:00 PM			HE Chapel-12N AA 7:30 PM		NA 10-11:30 Breakfast with Santa 8—11am SH Rented
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
	Bible Study 7 - 8:15 PM			HE Chapel-12N AA 7:30 PM		NA 10-11:30 SH rented
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Advent Festival Quintessence Sanctuary & SH	Bible Study 7 - 8:15 PM			Christmas Eve Services 5:00 PM Candlelight Service 10:30 PM		NA 10-11:30
27	28	29	30	31		
Christmas Lessons & Carols 9:30 AM Veterans' Brunch 12:30 PM						

Readers, Servers and Greeters for December 2015

Date	Readers	Psalter/P-O-P	Chalists	Server	Torches	Greeters/ Ushers
11/29	Chris Haak Lon Cross	N/A Kent Nation	Jim Anderson Ken Bush	Jodi Bakshas Bill Terry	TBA	TBA
12/6	Greg Bentley Ebbie Carey	N/A Donna Puma	Al Carey Lon Cross	Al Carey Al Carey	TBA TBA	TBA TBA
12/13	Bill Terry Andrew Bentley	N/A Violet Armstead	Bill Terry Donna Puma	Seth Haak Bill Terry	TBA TBA	TBA TBA
12/20	Jim Anderson Craig McGovern	N/A Arthur Busch	Ken Bush Bill Terry	Jack McGovern Bill Terry	TBA TBA	TBA TBA
12/24	TBA TBA	N/A TBA	TBA TBA	TBA TBA	TBA TBA	TBA TBA
12/27	Vic Shanley Pam Smyth	N/A Lon Cross	Al Carey Lon Cross	Jim Anderson Jim Anderson	TBA TBA	TBA TBA



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Community Service Notes



Social Hall Renovations

The renovations to our Social Hall (Stone Hall) are complete. We removed the stage that was at one end of the hall, and used that space for a new storage room and a handicapped-accessible restroom. In conjunction with the access ramp on the outside of the building, our Sanctuary and Social Hall are now fully handicapped-accessible! The Hall also features a built-in sound system with drop-down projection screen and projector. This system can be used for showing movies, and projecting images from laptop computers: the Hall can be used for meetings of up to 100 people, including business meetings. A full kitchen is also available as part of the Social Hall.

This renovated space is available for use by any group in the community; its use is not limited to church functions. It has become very popular for family functions, including re-unions, receptions of several kinds, and parties of many types. Most Saturday afternoon and/or evenings, the hall is booked several months in advance. Sunday afternoon and evening events are also being booked, as well as weekday evening events (usually Friday evenings). We are very pleased to make this space available for Coatesville residents to celebrate the big family events in their lives!

If you would like to use our Social Hall for an event, simply contact the Church Office at 610-384-4771. Linda Flamer, our Parish Administrator, will be happy to assist you.

Here are some photos of the Hall set up for two recent events; the picture in the header is of a recent Veteran's Brunch in the Hall.



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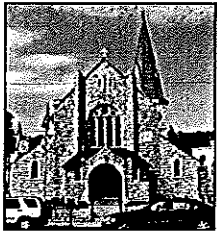
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Coatesville Community Garden

Now in its fifth year of operation, the Garden continues to provide a source of fresh produce for Coatesville residents. Trinity maintains two raised beds in the Garden. From them, we have harvested over 100 pounds of produce that we delivered to the Coatesville Food Coop and the Salvation Army. Lettuce, kale, collards, Swiss chard, cabbage, mustard greens, and assorted peppers have been harvested so far this year. This is just the harvest from our two beds; many other organizations and families also have beds in the Garden and are enjoying fresh produce during the growing season.

What's Cookin' in Coatesville

The "What's Cookin' in Coatesville" program is a free healthy meal, served at the Church on the first Monday of every month, and is open to the Coatesville community. The meal includes a demo of preparing the meal by the head chef. Sponsoring partners are the Chester County Food Bank and the Chester County Department of Health, along with donations from others. All work is done by volunteers. These meals are attended by an average of 45-50 people each month.

Veterans' Brunch

On the last Sunday of each month, our dedicated volunteers provide food, time and money to serve up a varied and plentiful buffet to our local veterans, including many from the Coatesville VA Hospital. This meal is provided free to the veterans. Average attendance is 60 per month.

Fresh2you Mobile Market

From July through November, this program of the Chester County Food Bank visits the Community Garden every Monday morning to sell fresh produce and other healthy foods to Coatesville residents. They also provide cooking and nutritional education.

Balance Workshop

Beginning in September, we are hosting a balance workshop in our social hall. A facilitator from the Chester County Department of Aging Services comes to Trinity to teach techniques and exercises that help in maintaining balance. As we age, balance becomes a more prominent issue in our lives and the fear of falling more real; this seminar is a real help to our older friends and neighbors. This program is free.

Addiction Programs

Trinity is pleased to host the weekly meetings of the Coatesville chapters of Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) and Narcotics Anonymous (NA). AA meets in our social hall on Thursday evenings and NA meets there on Saturday mornings. These programs have been meeting at Trinity for over fifteen years now, and have provided their healing ministry to many Coatesville residents.

Free Food Distribution

Every Thursday afternoon, our friends from Towerville Christian Church use our Social Hall to distribute food to Coatesville residents. Each family receives a box with enough food to feed a family for four to five days; seventy-five boxes are given out each week. This food is provided free of charge by a Christian food bank in Ephrata. Our social hall was chosen as the distribution point because of our central location in downtown Coatesville.

Coatesville Revitalization Project

With all the positive energy flowing and City and County officials involved, things are really looking up for Coatesville! Plans are moving ahead for the train station restoration, the construction of two parking garages, and the streetscape project for Third Avenue (next to our Community Garden). Legend Properties is planning to build a new mixed commercial and residential complex on Lincoln Highway at First Avenue.

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The Reverend Sherry Deets, Rector

Linda Flamer, Parish Administrator

Parish Office Hours

Monday & Tuesday 9 a.m.—2:30 p.m.

Thursday 1-5 p.m.

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 a.m.

Thursdays 12:00 p.m.

Church School

Sundays 9:15 a.m.

Bible Study

Mondays 7:00 p.m.