



CHURCH OF THE TRINITY  
 323 East Lincoln Highway  
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# trinity topics

JANUARY 2016

## From the Rector's Desk . . .

By The Reverend Sherry Deets

It is a new calendar year with new opportunities and new life. The community life at Trinity has been filled with much energy and for that I am grateful. We have exciting times ahead of us with the planning of our 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary. New opportunities, new life. This community has long standing roots in the city of Coatesville and we need to celebrate that fact. Frederick Beuchner has this to say about Life:

*Life is With*

The Temptation is always to reduce life to size. A bowl of cherries. A rat race. Amino acids. Even to call it a mystery smacks of reductionism. It is *the* mystery.

As far as anybody seems to know, the vast majority of things in the universe do not have whatever life is. Sticks, stones, stars, space—they simply *are*. A few things *are* and are somehow aware of it. They have broken through into Something, or Something has broken through into them. Even a jellyfish, a butternut squash. They're in it with us. We're all in it together, or it in us. Life is *it*. Life is *with*.

After lecturing learnedly on miracles, a great theologian was asked to give a specific example of one. "There is only one miracle," he answered. "It is life."

*Have you wept at anything during the past year?*

*Has your heart beat faster at the sight of young beauty?*

*Have you thought seriously about the fact that someday you are going to die?*

*More often than not do you really listen when people are speaking to you instead of just waiting for your turn to speak?*

*Is there anybody you know in whose place, if one of you had to suffer great pain, you would volunteer yourself?*

If your answer to all or most of these questions is No, the chances are that you're dead.

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Veterans Brunch, December 27, 2015

Our last brunch of the year was what everyone was hoping for – we had our usual walk-ins and the bus from the Coatesville VA Medical Center arrived on time – we just weren't sure what the turnout would be on a holiday weekend. But we were pleasantly surprised, but well prepared, and fed a delicious meal to 50 hungry and appreciative veterans/guests.

This month our 26 volunteers served up a variety of menu items: scrambled eggs, bacon, pancakes, ham, turkey & gravy, fried chicken, smashed potatoes, mac & cheese, pineapple casserole, sweet potato casserole, corn with lime and butter sauce and herbs, collard greens, deviled eggs, pickled eggs, a large dessert table and large fruit table, and our usual varied selection of drinks.

As a special treat, all our Veteran friends went home with a personal Christmas gift box filled with cookies and candy. New helpers this month were Judy Kile, Jennifer Wayne and her three young adults, Sammi, Joey and Tommy. Another hats-off to Chef Kevin for helping with the food prep in the kitchen.

Hopefully our guests, and all, came away with a feeling of gratitude and wonder as we celebrate the birth of Christ. God Bless us everyone; and God Bless America.




-Trinity Brunch Bunch

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### Sunday School and Nursery Project

You may recall reading and hearing that the Vestry would like to reclaim the upstairs for our Sunday School and a Nursery. It has been cleared out and painting has been in progress. The funding for the repairs to the fire escape has been provided (thank you Bentleys) and there will be new flooring, as well. The space will be incredible! The goal is to have this project completed in order for us to use the space on Easter Sunday. A day that speaks so clearly of new life/birth seems appropriate for an inaugural use of a Nursery.

Donna Puma has agreed to head up a task force to ensure that we have the needed furniture (crib, changing table, etc.) for a new nursery and ensure qualified care provider(s). You may be aware that

Donna is an elementary school teacher in the district and carries all of the requirements/credentials that go along with teaching and caring for young people. We are going to have a  "baby shower" for the church nursery! Stay tuned....

*To all who come and go through these doors and halls*

## **Peace Shalom**

When you enter the doors to Stone Hall, there is a beautiful Triptych, with these words across the top, that greets you.

It was only when I was sitting in the entryway being the cashier for Breakfast with Santa that I really focused for the first time on the triptych in its entirety. On the left panel, it says:

*In former times to this age, many have found here common ground, Godly learning and fellowship, love and joy....*

On the right one:

*In time to come, others yet unborn, or unknown, will find here nourishment of body, mind and spirit.....*

And on the bottom of the middle panel:

## **Amen**

*To the end that humankind may know themselves brothers and sisters to be related to one another, through God the Father's paternity.*

*This has been placed to Gods glory by family and friends of  
Hannah T Johnson*

For the first time I really focused on the entire triptych and its beautiful message of love and hope. This is an example of the many treasures of Trinity that I hope we unearth and celebrate as we prepare for our 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

I also think it is one reason why I have come to appreciate the word Shalom. It is a Hebrew word richer in meaning and connotation than Peace alone. It can be used to greet people or bid them farewell, and can also mean completeness, wholeness, health, welfare, tranquility, prosperity, perfectness, rest, and harmony. It is, indeed, a wonderful and powerful word.

Pam Smyth

## What's Cookin' in Coatesville?



Our free, healthy meal served to the community is cookin' on Monday, January 4<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m. If you would like to help serve and clean-up, please arrive at 5:45 p.m. Our meal this month features Chinese food: Easy Lo Mein made with whole grain pasta, Baked Egg Rolls with homemade duck sauce and Fortune Cookies.

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## 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee

Joe Kirkner is chairing our 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee (2018 marks 150 years!) and our first meeting will be held on Sunday, January 17<sup>th</sup> at 11:15 a.m. This is an exciting time for Trinity and we want to make this a grand celebration. If you are interested, please come to the meeting in the social hall on January 17<sup>th</sup>.



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## Restrooms

The new calendar year will bring with it newly renovated restrooms! They are being worked on at this writing and some of you have already experienced having to bypass the restrooms to use the new one in the social hall. The renovation is sorely needed and thanks to a \$5000 grant from the Society for the Advancement of Christianity and monies contributed to the Building Improvement Fund, we have been able to move forward.





Diane Izzo	Jan 2
Liz Hulse	Jan 3
Robert Baynard Jr.	Jan 7
Donna Anderson	Jan 10
Mildred Bush Bruce	Jan 10
Mary K Fleck	Jan 12
Robert R Fleck	Jan 12
David Thompson	Jan 14



Nora & Kenneth Bush	Jan 12
Mildred & John Coveleski	Jan 16
Elizabeth & Wayne Hanley	Jan 17
Flora & Bruce Rutledge	Jan 19

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>
					SH Rented	NA 10-11:30 AM SH Rented
<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
SH Rented	What's Cookin' in Coatesville? 6:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal 7:30 PM		HE Chapel-12N		NA 10-11:30 SH Rented
<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>
	Bible Study 7 PM			HE Chapel-12N		NA 10-11:30 SH rented
<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
150th Anniversary Committee Mtg 11:15 AM SH Rented	<b>Martin Luther King Jr Day</b>			HE Chapel-12N Pastoral Care Team - 12:30 PM		NA 10-11:30 SH Rented
<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>
	Bible Study 7 PM Rector Away	Rector Away	Rector Away	Rector Away	Rector Away	NA 10-11:30 SH Rented
<b>31</b>						
Veterans' Brunch 12:30 PM						



## Readers, Servers and Greeters for January 2016



Date	Readers	Psalter/P-O-P	Chalists	Server	Torches	Greeters/ Ushers
1/3	Kent Nation Donna Puma	N/A Chris Haak	Pam Smyth Donna Puma	Jodi Bakshas Jodi Bakshas	TBA	TBA
1/10	Ebbie Carey Bill Terry	N/A Greg Bentley	Bill Terry Jim Anderson	Al Carey Al Carey	TBA TBA	TBA TBA
1/17	Andrew Bentley Violet Armstead	N/A Jim Anderson	Ken Bush Al Carey	Seth Haak Bill Terry	TBA TBA	TBA TBA
1/24	Arthur Busch Craig McGovern	N/A Pam Smyth	Lon Cross Donna Puma	Jack McGovern Bill Terry	TBA TBA	TBA TBA
1/31	Vic Shanley Lon Cross	N/A Kent Nation	Pam Smyth Bill Terry	Jim Anderson Jim Anderson	TBA TBA	TBA TBA



*Happy New Year*

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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.