



CHURCH OF THE TRINITY
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From the Rector's Desk . . .

By The Reverend Sherry Deets

TRUST (from Anthony de Mello's book "One Minute Wisdom")

The Master would frequently assert that holiness was less a matter of what one did than of what one allowed to happen.

To a group of disciples who had difficulty understanding that he told the following story:

"There was once a one-legged dragon who said to the centipede, 'How do you manage all those legs? It is all I can do to manage one.'

'To tell you the truth,' said the centipede, 'I do not manage them at all.'"

The Vestry had an interesting and positive meeting in October about the concept of restructuring (adjusting how we operate from month-to-month) and about beginning a long range plan for Trinity. We have been in a position where our bare bones budget is balanced and we are no longer receiving aid from another source to balance our yearly expenses. This is wonderful and means that we can focus more of our energies on our mission and ministry as God's church in the world. Hence, a long-range plan. We will be inviting a consultant from the Diocese to assist us in the planning and processing. Stay tuned for more information.

As for restructuring, we are hoping to see increased communication and possible partnerships and new ideas generate from our committees. To that end, we are meeting as a Vestry and as Committees every other month. Vestry met in October, therefore committees would meet in November, Vestry in December, Committees in January, etc.

We created the concept of a large, Parish Life Committee that will be called together for the first time on Sunday, November 15th at 11:15 a.m. (after coffee hour). This committee will consist of at least one representative from every committee or group related to the life of the parish. Consider this your first call to action Women's Group, Altar Guild, Ushers/Greeters, Flower Coordinator, Veterans' Brunch, What's Cookin', Pastoral Care Committee, Worship, Choir, Sunday School Teachers, Fundraising Committee, Marketing/Advertising and any other group I may have missed in this listing! If you feel called or interested in this concept, please volunteer to be your group's representative. Otherwise, I will be calling on the group coordinators themselves or a rep suggested from their group. The function and form of this committee will, more than likely, change as we hear from you all and improve the lines of communication within the congregation. Let's give this a try and TRUST (!)

I am personally excited about what this Parish Life Committee could generate in the way of new energy and new ways of being Trinity Church in downtown Coatesville.

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**The Installation of Bishop Michael Bruce Curry as our new Presiding Bishop
Occurs November 1st at Noon**

The Holy Eucharist with the Installation of the 27th Presiding Bishop of The Episcopal Church, Bishop Michael Bruce Curry, will occur on Sunday, November 1 at noon Eastern at Washington National Cathedral. The Rt. Rev. Michael Bruce Curry, Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of North Carolina, was elected and confirmed as the 27th Presiding Bishop of The Episcopal Church at the 78th General Convention on June 27. According to the Canons of The Episcopal Church, he becomes Presiding Bishop on November 1. Bishop Curry is the first African-American to be elected Presiding Bishop of The Episcopal Church.

The Holy Eucharist with the Installation of the 27th Presiding Bishop will be live webcast.

The service will be reflective of the comprehensiveness of the Episcopal tradition and community. Bishop Curry will preach at the service.

Episcopal, Anglican, ecumenical, and interreligious guests are expected to join bishops, General Convention deputies, Executive Council members, and other leaders, members and guests of The Episcopal Church for the celebration.

Trinity is planning on holding the live webcast in our social hall on Sunday, November 1st. Mark your calendars now to witness this historic event in the life of our church. Food and drink will be provided.

What's Cookin' in Coatesville?



Our first Monday free healthy meal continues on Monday, **November 2** at 6 p.m. Our menu recognizes that November holds the date of Thanksgiving and we will be serving Turkey Breast Wonder, Smashed Potatoes, Corn Casserole (healthy version) and Mini Pumpkin Pies for dessert. If you are able to help serve and clean-up, we would love to see you at 5:45 on Monday, November 2nd !

**Parish Life Committee Meeting
Sunday, November 15 at 11:15 a.m.**

Our very first Parish Life Committee Meeting will be held on Sunday, November 15th at 11:15 a.m. (after coffee hour). As mentioned in my "From the Rector's Desk" article, Vestry is restructuring and this large committee meeting is an idea that we are going to try. It may or may not work out, and may change form as time goes on, but it is an idea worth pursuing. By Parish Life, we are attempting to bring together a representative from each group/committee/organization within the "life" of the parish for discussion, possible partnerships and simple sharing. For example, we would like at least one representative from the Women's Group, Worship Committee, Fundraising Committee, Pastoral Care Team, Veteran's Brunch, What's Cookin', Marketing/Advertising, Altar Guild, Ushers/Greeters, Sunday School Teachers/Christian Education, Choir, Altar Flower Coordinator and any other group participating in the life of the parish that I neglected to list here. If you are simply curious, interested, or feel called, volunteer to be the representative from the group you spend time with. If you are not involved in one of the ministry groups, but feel called to attend, please attend!

**Thanksgiving Morning Prayer
Thursday, November 26 at 9 a.m.**

Our customary Thanksgiving Day Morning Prayer service will be at 9 a.m. in the Sanctuary.



Veterans Brunch October 25, 2015

Another successful social gathering for our visiting veterans from the Coatesville Veterans Medical Center this month.

We served a delicious meal to 53 of our service members; and also a young mother and her children. Even with a number of our key regular members absent this month, 20 volunteers stepped-up and provided their skills, talents and enthusiasm in the kitchen preparing the meal, and those working in the social hall setting the tables in anticipation for a special occasion.

Our menu this month included scrambled eggs, bacon, pancakes, rotisserie chicken, sloppy joe's, corn, baked potatoes with cheese, chives, sour cream, bacon bits, and butter toppings being offered. Soft rolls, cakes, pies, brownies, fresh fruit, peanut butter dipping sauce with apple slices, juice, coffee and water.

Special thanks go out to Judy Vennell, Cheryl Robinson and Joe from the VA for helping us out this month. Many of our parishioners bring family, neighbors, and friends to share the workload and the feelings of fun and dedication.

And a final thank you to all who come out each month and give of your time, talents, and even out-of-pocket expenses, to make this program such a successful outreach. God Bless Trinity, our Veterans, and God Bless America.

-Trinity Brunch Bunch

"Women of Honor"

Former parishioner and choir member, Jennifer (Crane) Madden, will be featured in a special documentary entitled "Women of Honor" premiering on **November 9 at 8PM** on Lifetime TV.

Community Garden

Our raised beds were very productive this year, allowing us to donate over 100 pounds of fresh produce on behalf of the Chester County Food Bank. The early frost nipped the tender plants, but hopefully, the cool weather crops- collards, kale and cabbage- will continue growing for a while longer.



Pamela Smyth

Transportation Coordinator



There are times in our lives when transportation becomes an issue and we need "a little help from our friends" getting from one place to another. If you are in need of a ride to Trinity Church, Joe Kirkner has graciously agreed to be our Transportation Coordinator. Simply give Joe a call at 610-496-6492. He will do his best to arrange for a ride to and from church for you. If you are willing and able to provide a ride for someone, please let Joe know. Or if Joe gives you a call because you happen to live close to someone who needs a ride, think about saying "yes" to this opportunity to get to know a brother or sister in Christ just a little better.

FUNDRAISING

As you've all heard, we're excited to be holding an event specifically geared towards raising much needed funds for the purchase of a new church organ. While the present organ is still operable, it is showing its age and will someday cost more to repair than would be realistic. Many have already purchased "Gail's Organ Keys" as posted outside the office, but we have a long way to go.

On Saturday, Nov 14 (Vic finally got the date right!!!), bring your family, friends and neighbors to an evening of socializing, gaming, luck and good cheer! Here's what you'll be treated to.....

\$25 ADMISSION INCLUDES...

12 Games of Bingo

One Meatball Sandwich OR Two Hot Dogs

Soft Drink, Chips, Dessert

One Raffle Ticket

Beer and Additional Food Also on Sale

So, for the price of admission, everyone has 12 chances to win valuable Gift Cards of many types, including shopping and dining favorites which will come in handy just in time for Christmas giving.

But that's not all.....there will be "Special Games", a 50/50 Drawing and a Grand Prize Game at the end of the evening!

Take your daubers and mark your calendars now.....Doors open at 5.30pm and the games begin at 6.30pm sharp. Tickets on sale NOW at the church office or from Ray Hulse, Donna Puma, Josh & Kristin Busch or Vic.

You won't want to miss the fun and prizes.....and you'll feel better for it, knowing you're supporting your church and such a big part of the Trinity experience!

Thank you for your support...

Vic Shanley

Chairperson, Fundraising Team



Advent Chamber Music

Sunday, December 20th at 3 p.m.

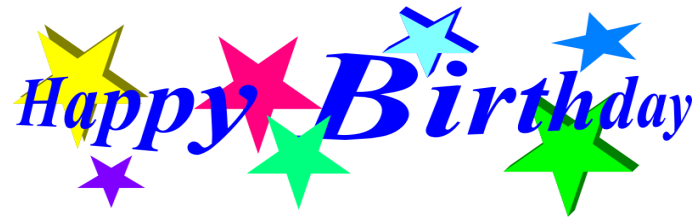


We will once again have the opportunity to enjoy the wonderful sounds of Quintessence during the Advent Season. Mark your calendar now for Sunday, December 20th at 3 p.m. for this popular musical performance. We will also hear from Gail X2 with their amazing piano duet(s) and be able to participate in a song or two as a member of the congregation! A potluck reception follows in the social hall. Bring a favorite dish to share (appetizer, side dish, main dish or dessert) and enjoy great food and fellowship.



Stewardship

In my rush to get the Stewardship letters in the mail while I was still two-handed, I forgot to include return envelopes. Mea culpa! (I wondered why stuffing the envelopes was so easy this year, besides Linda's companionable assistance...) Sorry for the inconvenience! To help remedy my oversight, envelopes will be provided in the back of the church that you can use to place your pledge card in the plate or drop off in the office. For those of you too far away, I am sorry you have to go to the trouble to fill out an envelope yourself! The church's address is: 323 Lincoln Highway, Coatesville, PA 19320. Pledges are due back by Thanksgiving at the latest. If you would like to make a separate donation to help with the bathroom restoration or other project, please make a notation on your check. If you'd like to contribute to the Organ fund, please write that. (And/or come to the bingo fundraiser!)



1-Nov Brendan McWilliams

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3-Nov Nya Lewis

9-Nov Jeanne Miller

4-Nov Donna Puma

5-Nov John S Price

8-Nov Eugene Mulholland

10-Nov Dennis Dantzler

15-Nov Patricia Kirkner

18-Nov Stuart Deets

22-Nov Sarina Baynard

29-Nov Nora Bush

29-Nov Caroline Kirwin



17-Nov Robin & Bill McWilliams

25-Nov Evelyn & Alfred Carey Sr.

November

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Bishop Curry Installation 12 noon in Stone Hall	What's Cookin' in Coatesville? 6 PM	Choir Rehearsal 7:30 PM		HE Chapel-12N Property Meeting 6 PM AA 7:30 PM		NA 10-11:30 SH rented
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	Bible Study 7 - 8:15 PM			HE Chapel-12N AA 7:30 PM	Hall Reserved	NA 10-11:30 Bingo Fundraiser 6:30pm
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Parish Life/ Vestry Meeting 11:15 AM SH Rented	Bible Study 7 - 8:15 PM		Deanery Clericus Noon-Advent	HE Chapel-12N Pastoral Care Team - 12:30 PM AA 7:30 PM		NA 10-11:30 SH rented
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
SH Rented	Bible Study 7 - 8:15 PM			Thanksgiving 9am Prayer SH Rented		NA 10-11:30 SH rented
29	30					
Veterans' Brunch 12:30 PM						

Readers, Servers and Greeters for November

Date	Readers	Psalter/P-O-P	Chalists	Server	Torches	Greeters/ Ushers
11/1	Ebbie Carey Kent Nation	NA Bill Terry	Lon Cross Donna Puma	Seth Haak Bill Terry	TBA TBA	TBA TBA
11/8	Dona Puma Craig McGovern	N/A Jim Anderson	Pam Smyth Bill Terry	Jack McGovern Bill Terry	TBA TBA	TBA TBS
11/15	Violet Armstead Andrew Bentley	N/A Greg Bentley	Jim Anderson Ken Bush	Al Carey Al Carey	TBA TBA	TBA TBA
11/22	Vic Shanley Pam Smyth	N/A Arthur Bush	Al Carey Donna Puma	Jim Anderson Jim Anderson	TBA TBA	TBA TBA
11/29	TBA TBA	TBA TBA	TBA TBA	TBA TBA	TBA TBA	TBA TBA

*Happy
Thanksgiving*



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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, uni-
fied 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.