



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

By The Reverend Sherry Deets

It's exciting around Trinity Church these days!

We have property upgrades occurring: the restrooms are finally being redone, the fire escape will be repaired and the up-stairs will then be reclaimed for Sunday School and a Nursery with new paint, flooring and a licensed care provider. We have an 150th anniversary to plan and look forward to because back in 1859 members of this Coatesville community saw a need for an Episcopal parish. They met in a school house at Third and Main Street (southwest corner) and in private homes until the parish was organized. "The parish was organized in June, 1868 by some sixty (60) communicants and Coatesville, with a population of about 2,000 had just been incorporated as a Borough (1867) and the Coatesville School District established as a unit.

Sunday, October 4, 1868, the first service of the Coatesville parish of the Protestant Episcopal Church was conducted by our first Rector, The Rev. George G. Field." We will continue to work toward raising the funds for a new organ and the renovations needed in our sanctuary, etc. in anticipation of being a place of abundant hospitality now and in 2018 for our grand celebration year and for years to come. I am grateful to be in a community such as Trinity, where we are a warm and caring church community that also lives into God's calling to be part of our wider Coatesville community. With that in mind, the Vestry and Rector are looking forward to working with a consultant to assist us in creating a living, breathing long-range plan for our future together. This plan will include our 150th anniversary celebration. These are indeed exciting times in the life of Trinity Church. Hold on to your hats and enjoy the journey! Prayers of gratitude for those "some sixty communicants" that made the exciting decision to organize as a church family.

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Save the Date: “Thresholds” training Saturday, March 19

“Thresholds” is an educational program taught by trained volunteers to inmates at Chester County Prison, and there will be a one –day training session held on this date. More info will be printed in March Trinity Topics

I want to highly recommend this volunteer opportunity to you; it’s some of the most satisfying work I’ve ever done as a volunteer. Volunteers and inmates get together one-on-one for an hour once a week for six weeks; additionally the inmates have a classroom session once a week with an experienced volunteer. The curriculum uses a variety of methods to teach, step by step, better decision making than the thinking that landed the inmates in prison (which in many cases was a non-thinking reaction to a situation).

Inmates are selected for the program based on their expressing interest and on an interview with a program coordinator. Safety has never seemed to me to be a problem; the meetings with individual inmates are always under the eyes of corrections officers.

The benefit for you is a ministry that is not officially “Ministry.” Chapel and religious visitation are controlled by the prison chaplain; this is different. Inmates are immensely grateful for the opportunity to talk to someone who is not part of the prison or judicial system and is willing to be non-judgmental. You will have a chance to make a difference to a man or woman who has a pretty good chance of benefiting from your help.

Deacon Joan

Veterans Brunch



January 31, 2016

(Writing our monthly report prior to our brunch this month due to publication date versus date of brunch.)

Please join us as we meet monthly to provide a delicious meal to all our veterans from Coatesville VA Medical Center. Sign-up this Sunday, January 24, 2016 to let us know what culinary delight you would like to offer. Our menu theme this month will be “Mardi Gras”.

As a final note, each month we have volunteers, from outside Trinity, who come and offer their time and enthusiasm to help with our wonderful outreach program. This month, we anticipate 5 -6 youths helping from St. Andrews, West Vincent. This is a requirement for their confirmation class program.

Come out and help us thank our Veterans for all they have done. God Bless our Vets; Trinity Church and God Bless America.

-Trinity Brunch Bunch

New Website

Trinity has a new website! Check us out at www.trinitycoatesville.org And thanks Chris Haak for doing this for us!

What's Cookin' in Coatesville?

Our First Monday healthy meal program continues on Monday, **February 1 at 6 p.m. in Stone Hall**. This month we are serving Rustic Balsamic Garlic Chicken with brown rice and red velvet cupcakes for dessert. We usually have a good time serving and cleaning up, so if you would like to join the fellowship and volunteer, please arrive around 6:45 p.m.



Ash Wednesday



The **Ash Wednesday** liturgy will occur on the 10th 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: a season focused on self-examination.

Trinity Tea



The Pastoral Care Team will be holding another Trinity Tea on **Valentine's Day, Sunday, February 14th**. Join us for fellowship after the church service in our social hall. This tea will provide an opportunity to ask the Rector and Deacon anything you thought you should know, but don't or simply anything you want to know about the Episcopal church. For example, what is a chasuble? Why do the colors change on the altar? Anything you want to ask!

THE HEALING MINISTRY

When I first arrived at the Church of the Trinity here in Coatesville, I felt as if I had arrived at a new home. I had recently left my home church of over 70 years to move to Pennsylvania to live with my daughter and son-in-law; one of the hardest parts of the move was leaving Christ Church in Herkimer, NY but I immediately knew that I had found the right place for me to worship.

After a few weeks I was asked to join the choir... I had sung in our church choir at Herkimer since I was a child. Soon Pastor Sherry came to visit me in my new home, and one of her first questions was “what ministry would you like to be involved in?” That startled me a bit because I had just completed the first course of study for the Order of St. Luke, the Physician, which prepares people to be involved in a healing ministry that included the “Laying on of hands and prayer” by lay ministers in the church (meaning they were not ordained ministers). I had not even had a chance to practice this ministry before I moved down here, yet to my own amazement, I responded to Sherry’s question with “I would like to be in the healing ministry.” I know now that the Holy Spirit gave me that answer... and there was no way to back out of it! We decided that the 3rd Sunday of each month would be the best time to have folks come for this new ministry. So...with much doubt and trepidation, I started laying hands on people and praying for healing in mind, body and spirit for each one that came to me. It has been an amazing journey for the past ten years. The rewards are tremendous, not just for the individuals that I pray for, but for me as well. I often feel such a connection with those who come. It has been the most rewarding ministry I have ever been involved in. I had been on the Vestry in my home church and had been very active in Sunday School as a teacher and especially when my own three children were growing up. But this ministry far exceeds anything I had done previously, because it is led by the Holy Spirit; He directs my prayers and He is the Healer (not me!).

I invite anyone who would like to have prayers for Healing to come up on the 3rd Sunday of the month after receiving Communion, and experience the wonderful mystery that God has provided.....*Elinor Barnes*

Annual Meeting and 150th Anniversary

Church of the Trinity's annual meeting will be held on **Sunday, March 13th in Stone Hall after the service**. Please join us as we vote to elect members to vestry and as convention/deanery delegates. Be thinking about who would be a good vestry member or delegate as our Annual Meeting approaches. Our theme/discussion will be focused on our 150th Anniversary celebration.

Successful Winter Clothing Drive



Winter clothing for the men, women and children of the homeless shelters in Coatesville seemed to pour in the church doors in November and early December. Here's what all of you brought. Additionally, \$80 in cash was given, which I spent on additional clothing items at Kmart in Thorndale and these are included below:

For men: 105 pairs of socks (!), 7 pairs of shoes/boots, 23 shirts, 3 pair of pants, 5 sweatshirts, 4 sweaters, 5 hats, 2 coats, and a lot of brand new underwear

For women and children: 13 coats, 35 sweaters and sweatshirts, 5 pairs of boots, 4 pair of gloves, and 5 hats

...and a partridge in a pear tree! On behalf of the shelters, thank you, everyone.

Deacon Joan

Pancake Supper



On **Tuesday, February 9th, 2016**, the Trinity Church Women will be hosting the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper. Before we begin our journey into the season of Lent, let's gather together for this fun evening meal to enjoy the sweets and conversations. Bring a friend, or two, or six! Join us for pancakes, sausage, juices, and homemade desserts. Come anytime from 6:00 to 7:30 pm.

Cost = \$5.00 for adults; \$2.50 for children ages 4-10; and free for children 3 and under.

("Shrove" is derived from the Old English word "shrive," which means to "confess all sins.")



ooPS!!!

The following **January** Birthdays were not posted in the January Trinity Topics—LF

Maitland Harvey	Jan 15
Michael Hanley	Jan 18
Ariel Abbot	Jan 25
Sabrina Lewis	Jan 25



February Birthdays

Aaron Bruce	Feb 3	Martha Rutledge	Feb 14
Paige Olson	Feb 8	Patricia Hendricks	Feb 17
Violet Armestead	Feb 9	Victor Shanley III	Feb 20
Michael Stephen Magness	Feb 10	Josh Busch	Feb 20
Fida Abbott	Feb 11	Patricia Kathleen Vogt	Feb 22
Irma Bailey	Feb 11	Dennis Irwin	Feb 24
Andrew Bentley	Feb 13	Kent Nation	Feb 26

February Anniversaries

Craig and Nicole McGovern—February 22

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31	1	2	3	4	5	6
Veterans Brunch 12:30 PM	What's Cookin' in Coatesville? 6:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal 7:30 PM		HE Chapel-12N	SH Rented	NA 10-11:30 SH Rented
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
	Bible Study 7 PM	Shrove Tuesday Pancake Sup- per 6-7:30 PM	Ash Wednesday Noon (no music) 7 p.m. with music	HE Chapel-12N		NA 10-11:30 SH rented
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Trinity Tea after Services SH Rented	Bible Study 7 PM			HE Chapel-12N		NA 10-11:30 SH Rented
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Vestry Strategic Planning Meeting w/Consultant SH Rented—2:30	Bible Study 7 PM			HE Chapel-12N		NA 10-11:30 SH Rented
28	29					
Veterans' Brunch 12:30 PM	Bible Study 7 PM					



Readers, Servers and Greeters for February 2016



Date	Readers	Psalter/P-O-P	Chalists	Server	Torches	Greeters/ Ushers
2/7	Donna Puma Chris Haak	N/A Bill Terry	Jim Anderson Ken Bush	Jodi Bakshas Jodi Bakshas	TBA	TBA
2/14	Violet Armstead Greg Bentley	N/A Arthur Bush	Al Carey Donna Puma	Al Carey Al Carey	TBA TBA	TBA TBA
2/21	Andrew Bentley Jim Anderson	N/A Craig McGovern	Pam Smyth Bill Terry	Seth Haak Bill Terry	TBA TBA	TBA TBA
2/27	TBA TBA	TBA TBA	Donna Puma Bill Terry	Jack McGovern Bill Terry	TBA TBA	TBA TBA

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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.