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From the Rector's Desk . . .

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Are you contagious? This month's article comes from the book entitled *He Walks Among Us: Encounters with Christ in a Broken World*, written by Richard and Renee Stearns. So, are you contagious? We have the ability to touch the lives of many people and our touch is powerful. But what does our touch communicate?

A man with leprosy came to [Jesus] and begged him on his knees. "If you are willing, you can make me clean." Filled with compassion, Jesus reached out his hand and touched the man. "I am willing," he said. "Be clean!" Immediately the leprosy left him and he was cured. - Mark 1:40-42

Maheshwari seemed to be a healthy forty two-year-old with a contagious smile when I met her a few years back in Chennai, India. But her body carried a contagious disease. Maheshwari learned she had HIV when her husband died of AIDS. As she spiraled downward into full-blown AIDS, she became emaciated, and she had to beg her parents to take her back in. They did, but fearing her disease, they made her live and sleep outside their small house on a cement porch. Once, when Maheshwari fell going to the toilet and cried for help, her own mother—filled with fear and revulsion—would not touch her. Instead she offered Maheshwari a stick to grab so she could pull her daughter back up. When the unclean leper approached Jesus, He did the unthinkable to the one who was untouchable: "Filled with compassion. Jesus reached out his hand and touched the man." Jesus was not filled with judgment or fear, not with loathing and disgust, not with coldness or indifference—but with *compassion*. It was not the leper's disease that was contagious that day; it was the compassion of Jesus.

One day Christopher, a World Vision program manager, received a phone call: a woman at Maheshwari's address was dying. He went to the house and found Maheshwari moaning and lying behind a door. "I couldn't believe it," he said. "She was just a bundle of cloth and rags." When he bent down and reached out his hand to touch her, she broke down crying. "It was the first time that someone had touched me,

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knowing I'm with AIDS," she told me. Christopher's compassion was contagious too that day.

What about you? You touch the lives of hundreds of people in the course of your daily life, and they each touch hundreds of others. Are you contagious? If so, just what virus are you spreading? Does your touch spread only judgment or cynicism, superiority or disdain, pessimism or indifference? Or is yours the healing touch of the love of Christ, spreading compassion, joy, affirmation, inclusion, encouragement, optimism, and comfort? Our touch always spreads something.

Maheshwari found help and healing in Christopher's touch. She got treatment, and she got well. As she lay recovering, blessed by the tender care of Christian workers, she loved to listen to them singing and praying. "Just watching and listening to these women made me want to live again," Maheshwari told me.

Having felt the touch of Jesus through the compassion of His servants, Maheshwari is paying it forward. Today she works as a counselor, encouraging women who are suffering as she once did. *Filled with compassion*, she now uses her hands to touch others with the same loving touch of Jesus. Maheshwari is contagious again. In fact, she wants to start an epidemic: "I just want to pass on the message of caring for other people." - Rich



The date has been set for our annual Flea Market and Chicken BBQ. Mark your calendars now for August 20th, 2016!! If you want to reserve a table to sell your own wares, the cost per table is \$15.00. You can contact the church office to make your reservation; or talk to Nora Bush or Pat Kirkner about your request. One difference this year...you must bring your own table. (The only long tables we still own will be used by the church women for their table.)

If you have anything you would like to donate to the Women's table, you can bring those items to the church anytime between now and August 13th. (Just make sure it's during office hours, or someone can give you access.) We are storing them in the downstairs room that used to be the 'computer' room.

We are still selling 50/50 tickets!! See any church woman to purchase your lucky chance. Donations are \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00. The drawing is scheduled to follow the St. Cyril's celebration on June 26th.

The latest scheduled fundraiser is set for June 18th.....see the enclosed article entitles "Fete en Blanc." This one is NEW!!! Hope you get as excited as I am about this one!!!

-Pat Kirkner, Women's Group President



VETERANS BRUNCH

May 29, 2016

As of this writing, May's brunch is less than a week away. As usual, we are expecting a great turnout from our local vets and our Veterans residing at the Coatesville Medical Center.

This month's menu items will be the regular breakfast items of eggs and bacon, pancakes; also fresh fruit, chicken and gravy over mashed potatoes or biscuits; and Wegman's offerings. We will also offer casserole and desserts made by our parishioners; breads, juice, coffee, and water.

We will NOT have a brunch in June because of our St Cyril's celebration.

Come out and help us with this worthy outreach! Guaranteed, you will come away feeling tired but happy that you participated.

We are thankful for our Veterans and their sacrifices to our great country. God Bless our Vets; members of Trinity, and God Bless America.

-Veterans Brunch Bunch

What's Cookin' in Coatesville?

Our free, healthy meal is! Our first Monday offering continues on Monday, June 6 at 6 p.m. in our social hall. This month's meal will consist of Turkey Burgers, Sweet Potato Fries and S'more Ice Cream Sandwiches for dessert. Join us! Last month we were serenaded by a fiddler! If you would like to volunteer to serve and help clean up, please arrive at 5:45 p.m.



Pastor Sherry on Vacation

Pastor Sherry will be "out of touch" after the church service on July 17th through Wednesday, July 27th. The Rev. Ned Sherrill from Church Farm School will be with us to celebrate and preach on Sunday, July 24th.



150 Anniversary Meeting “150 Years of Faith in Coatesville”

On May 15, 2016 we held our 3rd meeting to discuss our upcoming celebration. The meeting started off with recap of progress made to date:

- 1) Theme for our anniversary celebration adopted; as seen in the heading above.
- 2) Date established for our celebration weekend of October 5 thru 7, 2018.
- 3) Received confirmation from our new bishop elect, The Rev. Canon Daniel G.P. Gutiérrez, that he would be in attendance.

Discussion at our May meeting was the design of the various logos to be used for banners, literature, paperwork, invitations, etc. Concept centered around angels with trumpets to be incorporated in the design. Discussions led us closer to a final consensus on the logo.

Our next scheduled meeting will be June 19, 2016. Everyone's interest and input has been exciting and we are on our way to having a memorable celebration.

We need help and volunteers to commit to various committees, such as: Advertising, Communications, Fundraising, History, Invitations, Property, Reservations. Please come out June 19, 2016 and offer your help and support.



FUNDRAISING

Things are happening around Trinity! First of all, we're partnering with the Women's Group for this year's Flea Market & Chicken BBQ. The date's been set for Sat, Aug 20, beginning at 9am out on the lawn. While folks are perusing the "treasures" at the tables, we'll be grillin' up our "world famous" Trinity hot dogs into the afternoon.....or while supplies last! Meanwhile, "Chef Al" will be slathering his secret sauce all over the chicken as he grills them to perfection before Pat and her team dispense them in the kitchen. I know Pat's selling market tables already, and we'll be sending out details on the chicken dinners very shortly. So, mark the date.....and come hungry!

Feeling lucky? Ready to start "daubing" again? Yup, in September, we'll be holding another Bingo event in Stone Hall, and if you remember the last one, some folks went home with some pretty heavy pockets. Stay tuned for details as we prepare to put on another fun time that benefits Trinity.

Finally, the creative juices are flowing as the team begins to jot down ideas for the "mega fundraiser" we spoke of last month. You could hear the wheels turning in yesterday's meeting, and I'm confident the end results will be great. And we've got plenty of time to run ideas up the flag pole, as this event will probably occur sometime in April of 2017. You won't want to miss it.....

It's always fun and gratifying when a plan comes together to achieve the stated objectives. And it's especially satisfying to me personally when those objectives involve something beneficial to the life and future of Trinity. Everyone on the Fundraising Team shares my feelings, so I hope you'll get on board by supporting these efforts and contributing to the lifeblood of our church.



Thank you.....

Vic Shanley

Chmn., Fundraising Comm.

St. Cyril's Day Sunday, June 26th Special Musical Performance by Concordia Choir

Our annual St. Cyril's Day celebration occurs on Sunday, June 26th this year. Our worship service will begin at 9:30 a.m. on this festive Sunday followed by a fabulous lunch catered by our very own Chef Kevin in the social hall (food stations) which is followed by a choral presentation from Concordia Choir beginning at 12:30 p.m. Join us for the celebration which is open to all! Bring your friends and family!



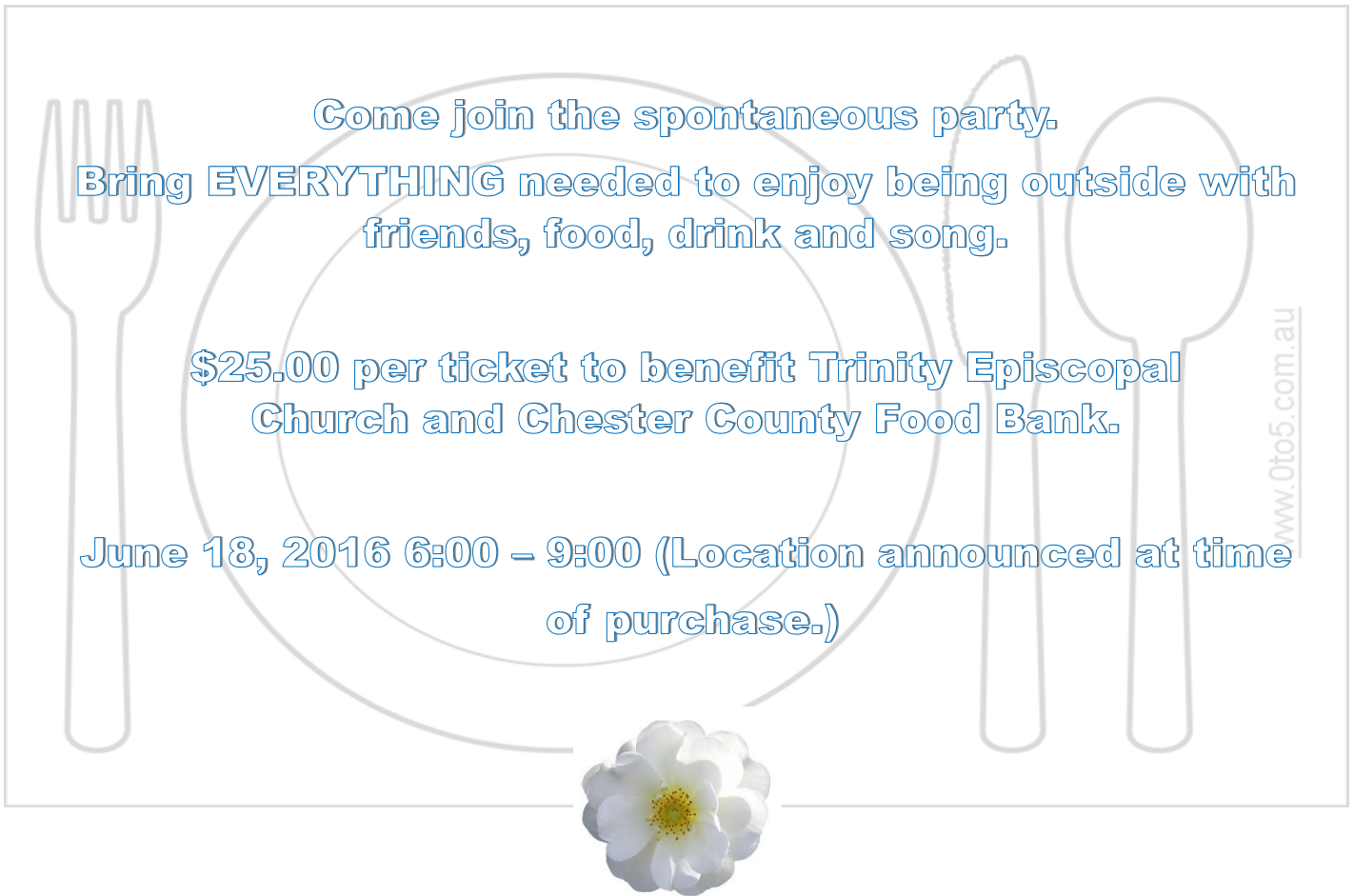
<i>Tammy Shreve</i>	<i>6/3</i>	<i>Cliff Gardiner</i>	<i>6/18</i>
<i>Nicole McGovern</i>	<i>6/3</i>	<i>Thomas Swett</i>	<i>6/18</i>
<i>Laura Puma</i>	<i>6/4</i>	<i>Julie Fredd</i>	<i>6/21</i>
<i>Ian McGovern</i>	<i>6/7</i>	<i>John Coveleski</i>	<i>6/23</i>
<i>Marshall Evans</i>	<i>6/9</i>	<i>Tresa Washington</i>	<i>6/24</i>
<i>Minnie Kirwin</i>	<i>6/11</i>	<i>Paige Carey</i>	<i>6/26</i>
<i>Cailin Morris</i>	<i>6/13</i>	<i>Clint Bush</i>	<i>6/27</i>
<i>Barbara Post</i>	<i>6/15</i>	<i>Kim Stauffer</i>	<i>6/30</i>



Happy Anniversary

<i>Carl & Miranda Croft</i>	<i>6/14</i>
<i>Clifford & Ruth Gardiner</i>	<i>6/18</i>
<i>Nick & Kim Stauffer</i>	<i>6/18</i>
<i>John & Marie Price</i>	<i>6/19</i>
<i>Christopher & Erika Haak</i>	<i>6/21</i>
<i>Lance & Jezel Bush</i>	

FETE EN BLANC



Come join the spontaneous party.

Bring **EVERYTHING** needed to enjoy being outside with friends, food, drink and song.

\$25.00 per ticket to benefit Trinity Episcopal Church and Chester County Food Bank.

June 18, 2016 6:00 – 9:00 (Location announced at time of purchase.)

What is a Fete en Blanc? (Picnic in White)

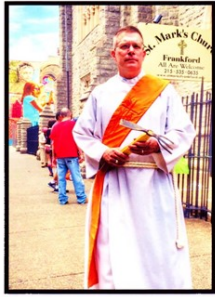
Fete en Blanc is a way to kick off summer in style. It's a new idea for us; let's give it a try.

It started in Paris; Philadelphia now holds it's own, as does Lancaster; time for Coatesville!

It's a celebration of Summer! Shed those heavy, dark clothes! Warm summer white will wash away all memories of the winter. Days are getting longer, the air is getting warmer and things are springing up all over.

You and your friends will dress in white, bring your own food, (main meat course will be provided), table linens, dinnerware, glassware, etc.; and you will not know the outdoor location of this picnic until you sign-up. This is Father's Day weekend, so make a date with your parents! Or celebrate with your husband, before you celebrate with Dads on Sunday.

Yes, it sounds a little crazy, but it will be so much fun and will help us raise money. Only 100 tickets will be sold; so order yours today!



**Wear Orange
Sunday
June 5, 2016
Gun Violence Awareness
Sunday**

Deacon Phil Geliebter, with his orange stole, holding a hoe made from an AK47

- In 2013 over 30,000 people died in the United States from being shot with a gun
- It is against the law for the Center for Disease Control to use federal funds to study gun violence
- Every week two toddlers – children aged 1 to 3 – shoot themselves or others with a gun

The Deacons of the Diocese of Pennsylvania invite the clergy and people of our diocese to wear orange on Sunday, June 5th. In the 80's when AIDS was ravaging the community, many wore red ribbons to bring awareness to this plague. Many of us wear pink ribbons to bring awareness to breast cancer and its victims and survivors and to search for the cure. For this reason we invite you to wear an orange stole, an orange armband, an orange article of clothing or an orange ribbon to bring awareness to a crisis which is killing and injuring our people, especially our young people, in this diocese and in this country.

wearorange.org

The Wear Orange movement has set aside June 2, 2016 as National Gun Violence Awareness Day. This movement was started in 2013 by a group of teenagers in Chicago in honor of their friend, a cheerleader who had participated in the Presidential inauguration, was shot down while trying to find shelter from the rain.

Wearorange.org has many partners, including Bishops United Against Gun Violence and Episcopalians United Against Gun Violence. For this reason, Episcopalians across the country will be wearing orange on Sunday, June 5th to honor those who have died due to gun violence and to bring awareness to this crisis.

For more information:

Bishop Curry speaks out on gun violence at General Convention
<http://youtu.be/PsfpldMlaio>

PBS Townhall on Faith and Guns with Shane Claiborne
<https://youtu.be/fyEk0YiiRwQ>

Ceasefire is an coalition of Mayors, Police Chiefs, Faith Leaders and people in Pennsylvania organized to take a stand against gun violence <http://www.ceasefirepa.org>

Lunch for Good Works Volunteers – Done!


On Saturday, May 14th a bunch of Trinity members got together in the kitchen and put together meat and cheese sandwiches, fruit, homemade cookies, hummus and chips for three work crews working on houses in Coatesville (as well as homeowners and their families). We took along ice, gallon jugs of tea and lemonade and delivered it all to the work sites.

This is what we heard back: “The efforts of you and the other group members who served us in this way is so appreciated by staff, work crew leaders, volunteers and home owners. You stepping in gave our regular lunch staff a much needed break. I heard back from Bob Beggs, our executive director, who said that the lunches were really good and that you provided some very healthy side items.”

And, as we have found many times, it's fun working together on projects. Many thanks to Caroline Bentley, Diane Evans, Mike Lemodotis, Joe Kirkner, Pam Smyth, Ebbie Carey, Jodi Bakshas, Gerry and Diane Cousins and a friend, and Vic Shanley.

Can do!

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
				HE Chapel-12N		NA 10-11:30 <i>Diane Umile Concert</i>
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
	What's Cookin' in Coatesville? 6:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal 7:30 PM		HE Chapel-12N		NA 10-11:30 <i>SH Rented</i>
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
	Bible Study 7 PM	Choir Rehearsal 7:30 PM		HE Chapel-12N	SH Rented	NA 10-11:30 <i>SH Rented</i>
19	20	21	22		24	25
 Happy Father's Day! 150th Anniv. Committee Mtg.	Bible Study 7 PM	Choir Rehearsal 7:30 PM		HE Chapel-12N		NA 10-11:30 <i>SH Rented</i>
26	27	28	29	30		
St Cyril's Day	Bible Study 7 PM	Choir Rehearsal 7:30 PM		HE Chapel –12N		



Readers, Servers and Greeters for June 2016



Date	Readers	Psalter/P-O-P	Chalists	Server	Torches	Greeters/ Ushers
6/5	Art Busch Craig McGovern	N/A Kent Nation	Al Carey Lon Cross	Seth Haak Pat Kirkner	N/A N/A	TBA TBA
6/12	Vic Shanley Seth Haak	N/A Lon Cross	Jim Anderson Bill Terry	Jack McGovern Bill Terry	N/A N/A	TBA TBA
6/19	Chris Haak Pam Smyth	N/A Bill Terry	Al Carey Lon Cross	Jim Anderson Jim Anderson	N/A N/A	TBA TBA
6/26	Ebbie Carey Violet Armstead	N/A Greg Bentley	Bill Terry Jodi Bakshas	Jodi Bakshas Jodi Bakshas	N/A N/A	TBA TBA

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Parish Office Hours

Monday & Tuesday

9:00 AM—2:30 PM

Thursday 1-5 PM

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.

Service Schedule

Holy Eucharist

Sundays 9:30 AM

Thursdays 12:00 PM

Church School

Sundays 9:15 AM

Bible Study

Mondays 7:00 PM

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