



trinity topics

From the Rector's Desk . . .

By The Reverend Sherry Deets

I have been thinking about coincidences lately and am continually reminded how there seem to be no coincidences. When “serendipity” happens, it is a marvel to behold and I give thanks to our creator God. Serendipity’s definition is: *a "fortunate happenstance" or "pleasant surprise". It was coined by Horace Walpole in 1754. In a letter he wrote to a friend, Walpole explained an unexpected discovery he had made by reference to a Persian fairy tale, The Three Princes of Serendip. The princes, he told his correspondent, were “always making discoveries, by accidents and sagacity, of things which they were not in quest of”.*

I also refer to these instances as “God incidences” or “a God thing”. So this month I share a story from the book **Small Miracles: Extraordinary Coincidences from Everyday Life** by Yitta Halberstam & Judith Leventhal:

Rabbi Abraham Leifer of Ashdod, Israel, who died several years ago, was a celebrated rabbi with many followers. When one of his faithful flock married off a child in Antwerp, Belgium, Rabbi Leifer took an entourage from Israel with him and flew to the wedding. They were nine men in all.

When they were only three hundred miles away from Antwerp, the pilot suddenly announced that the plane was low on fuel and they would have to make an unscheduled stop. They landed at a small country airport.

Everyone deplaned, and the rabbi and his followers decided to look for a solitary spot where they could conduct the evening prayer service. The rabbi approached an airport worker, and asked him if it would be possible to open up a room where they could pray privately. The request was couched in ordinary terms, in English, but the man blanched as if he had been punched. He stared at the rabbi in disbelief and then answered, “I’ll grant your wish. . . provided that you allow me to chant the kaddish (the Jewish memorial prayer for the dead) for my father!”

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Veterans Brunch

April 24, 2016

For those who haven't had the opportunity to participate in our monthly Veteran's brunch, you should try it one time...or two. You will be glad you did. And this month was no exception...we had Violet Cole's daughter, Marcie, helping, and three members from St. Andrew's, West Vincent.

We had 24 volunteers working side-by-side; six+ setting-up in stone hall and the rest in the kitchen, prep-ing and cooking, along with laughing and sharing.

Our theme this month was a combination of Mexican and Italian. Chef Kevin did a masterful job applying his skills and directions for a smooth running operation. Menu items were: scrambled eggs, bacon, French toast, Swiss-sausage casserole, chicken enchiladas, meatballs & sauce, Mexican rice, taco corn bread casse- role, mac-n-cheese, roasted potatoes with peppers and onions, corn & tomato salad with cilantro; home- made cole slaw; potato salad, and a donation from Ross, a dedicated friend and veteran, who made some excellent homemade, salsa, refried beans, guacamole and sopaipilla (a Spanish dessert). We had a variety of breads, wonderful desserts; fruit, coffee, juice and water.

A final note and thanks goes out to the weekly food distribution people who donated chickens last month, and eggs, this month.

Our successful outreach would not be possible, if it were not for all our volunteers who participate each month.

God Bless our veterans, our church members and their friends, and God Bless America.

-Veterans Brunch Bunch



What's Cookin' in Coatesville?

Our First Monday healthy meal program continues on Monday, May 2 at 6 p.m. in the social hall. This month we are serving, in honor of Cinco de Mayo, Blackened Tilapia Taco Bowls, Tortilla Chips and Turtle Brownies. If you would like to participate in this time of fellowship by helping to serve and clean up, please arrive around 5:45 p.m. Dinner is served at 6 p.m.



Ascension Day Combined Service

Ascension, Parkesburg will be hosting a combined service for Ascension Day at 6 p.m. with releasing of the balloons and dessert to follow. This service is organized with Trinity, Coatesville; St. John’s, Compass, St. Mark’s, Honey brook and St. Mary’s, Elverson all coming together in worship. Please join in the experience on **Thursday, May 5th at 6 p.m. at Ascension, Parkesburg!**

Margaret Henson

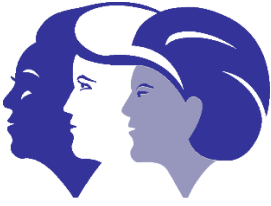
This name may not be familiar to many of you, but she is a part of our Trinity community. Margaret Henson died and because of her love for the church, she directed in her will that a sum of money be set aside in Trust to benefit the future generations that attend and also love this church. The trust was established in 1957 and we have benefited from her generosity for some 59 years now. The trust generates about \$3000 of annual income for Trinity. So send out a little prayer of thanks to Margaret Henson for her generosity and thoughtfulness. And perhaps you too may decide to remember Trinity in your will, either by a direct bequest (the most common way) or through a trust as Margaret Henson did.



FUNDRAISING

“I Hear Music””Music of the Night””The Sound of Music” We are gifted each Sunday morning to have our Choirmaster, Gail Busch, lend so much to our service with her leadership of our choir and her deft mastery of the Trinity organ resulting in the inspiring music that complements the weekly experience. But truth be known, our organ is growing long in the tooth and often presents some challenges and quirks that compromise the output. Due to its age extending beyond 50 years, Gail has strongly suggested.....and documented.....that any repairs or updating would be mere bandaid surgery and an exercise in futility. For this reason, we have initiated an active search for a new instrument for Trinity that will allow the walls of Trinity to resonate with that glorious sound for the next 50 years.

Even the novice or the uneducated knows that an instrument fulfilling our needs will not come inexpensively, and for this reason, several fundraising efforts have already been presented, augmented by the extreme generosity of some Trinity members. But we’re not home free as yet.....we are still looking at a shortfall towards the proposed cost of the organ in focus. (continued on page 7)



Women's Group

The Women's Group had a well-attended meeting on Sunday, 4/17. Many topics were addressed and some dates for events were set.

We agreed to buy new white tablecloths for use by the veterans' brunch and for various church activities. We are going forward with reorganizing and then locking kitchen cabinets, so that Trinity supply and quality can be preserved.

Secret Sisters will be gathering on Sunday, May 1st at Pam Smyth's home at 5:00 PM, for our reveal party, and pulling of next names. If you can't be there, but want to be a secret sister, please see Pam or Pat for a form.

The women's group is selling 50/50 tickets for a drawing to be held on Sunday, June 26th, St. Cyril's Day. See any woman for tickets. Donations are \$2.00 each and 3 for \$5.00.

We are planning another Fashion Show, and we're working with Kizmet on finding a date.

We discussed wanting to donate something to the church in honor of the 150th Anniversary. One possible consideration is new vases for altar flowers. More ideas and suggestions will be discussed at future meetings.

The annual flea market and Chicken BBQ will be slated for late July or early August. If you know of local events occurring about this same time frame, that might interfere or compliment this fundraiser, please let us know.

(Fundraising cont'd from page 5)

“But we also need a suitable home for this new organ, and our present surroundings are in need of attention and repair. This will require funding, as well. Can we address both of these areas in a common initiative?”

“Yes.....Yes.....and Yes!”

In case you missed the memo, Trinity will be celebrating its 150th Anniversary in 2018. I think we all agree that our beloved church needs to be primed, polished and preened into a shining gem of which we can all be proud at the time of the celebration and its attendant festivities. You needn't be on the Property Committee, but can merely be the casual observer to see that there are several critical areas of our physical facility that demand remedial attention. And there isn't a member of our church family who would deny the obvious or the resources required.

And isn't it logical to say that part of this beautification might also include the installation of a new church organ? Hand in hand, the two visions come together as one, forming the focus for our fundraising efforts going forward, culminating in the grand celebration marking our 150th year as an anchor and source of unity within our community.

Earlier, I tasked the Fundraising Team with conjuring up ideas for an extra special, drop-dead, knock-your-socks-off, gangbuster fundraising event. If you listen closely, you can hear the wheels turning as several folks let their creative juices flow towards coming up with an idea for that unique event.

“Will it happen this month?”.....Not a chance. “Will it be in June?”.....Not hardly. “WHEN WILL IT BE???”..... To achieve our goal and objective, the team must come up with an event.....an experience..... that will be different than others, attractive to all (including those critical non-Trinity members) and of a caliber that suggests and commands a proportionately high return and profit.

Have I piqued your interest? Do you want to know more? Will you step right up to lend your support?

DO YOU SEE THAT SHINING OLD LADY ON 3RD AVE AND LINCOLN HIGHWAY?

CAN YOU FEEL THE NEW LIFE OF THE NEXT 150 YEARS INSIDE?

CAN YOU HEAR THE RICH SOUND INSPIRING US TO RAISE OUR VOICES IN PRAISE???

If you answered “Yes” to all, then stay tuned as we build upon the vision and create the means towards the objective. And don't sit idly by if you have a great idea.....see me or any member of the fundraising team and we'll run your idea up the flag pole.

It's the walls that surround us.....it's the life within them.....it's the music that inspires.....it's us.....it's YOU.....it's TRINITY! Help us make it happen!

Thank you.....

Vic Shanley

Chairman, Fundraising Team



150th Anniversary Celebration

As of our last meeting, on March 13, 2016, progress has been moving along and a number of items have been discussed; and ideas shared by all interested parishioners in attendance. Some issues that have been set and/or established:

1. The date of our grand celebration is scheduled for October 7, 2018, with various other dates throughout the year celebrating our presence here at Trinity, Coatesville.
2. Members were asked to give their ideas on a theme for our celebration and we received 16 suggestions. All those present voted on the options, and the winning entry was submitted by Pam Smyth. Our theme will be, “Trinity Episcopal Church, 150 Years of Faith in Coatesville.” Thank you for all your entries.
3. Our new bishop elect, The Rev. Canon Daniel G.P. Guitierrez, was given a special invitation to attend and officiate, and has responded with a resounding ‘yes!’

Our next scheduled meeting will be May 15, 2016; right after coffee hour. Come on out and hear what is going on. We will need everyone to be involved. We will post the various areas that will need to be discussed and a person, or persons, willing to take on that responsibility.

This anniversary is for all of us to be part of and participate in! Let’s make this a once-in-a-lifetime experience!

-Joe Kirkner
Anniversary Chair

“Spring Cleaning” Collection for Coatesville Shelters

Let’s do it again! As we did last year, let’s bring to church cleaning products and other household needs for the three shelters in Coatesville: Atkinson Shelter and City Gate Shelter for homeless men, and CYWA Shelter for homeless women and their children. We’ll collect through June. These are the needs I heard about when I spoke to staff members:

Liquid dishwashing detergent for hand-washing pots and pans

Laundry detergent, liquid or pods, any size except the huge jugs of liquid Pinesol, bleach

Toilet bowl cleaner

Disinfecting wipes

Toilet paper, paper towels and paper napkins

Disposable plates (but please, not the thin type which gets soggy)

Disposable silverware

Disposable cups for cold drinks

Plastic trash bags, 30 gallon or 39 gallon size

There will be boxes placed at the back of the church, or just leave your shopping bags there, and we’ll deliver. **Thank you on behalf of the shelters!**

Lunch-making for Good Works Rehab Volunteers Sat. 5/14

Good Works is a Coatesville-based Christian housing rehab ministry begun in 1988. It offers home improvement assistance to low-income homeowners who are financially unable to afford the work needed. The goal of the ministry is simply to make homes "warmer, safer and drier." Those receiving assistance must own their own homes and have lived in them for two years, with property taxes paid. They are screened and credit-checked. Most of the homeowners who receive the assistance are elderly, single parents, or individuals with physical disabilities. Those who have received help live primarily in Coatesville and West Chester, with some additionally in Honey Brook, Phoenixville, and Parkesburg. If you'd like to know more about this ministry, the web address is www.goodworksinc.org

In 2015 1,777 volunteers performed 40,447 hours of work on homes (and made lunches!), and 172 families/homeowners were helped! And the work on 44 homes was finished in 2015.

So on **Saturday, May 14**, members of Episcopal Church of the Trinity (remember: small but mighty!) will be gathering in the church kitchen to prepare lunch for approximately 60 crew leaders, volunteers, homeowners and homeowner families at probably 5 work sites in the vicinity of

Coatesville. Actual counts of people and work sites will be phoned to me that morning.

We'll need sandwich slapper-togethers, apple-washers, banana bunch-breakers, cup and plate counters, boxer-uppers, and then as many as five drivers to deliver our fine lunches to work sites.

Lunches should be delivered by 11:30 am. I suggest we start at 9:00 am since we haven't tried this before.

Sign up either by e-mail (joanwylie@gmail.com) or phone me (cell 610-357-3269) by

Monday May 2nd. Work might include buying food and supplies (save your receipt and you will be reimbursed), preparing lunches, or driving and delivering. Please leave your e-mail

address and a phone number so I can then contact you.

Thanks!

Deacon Joan



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.





Carl K. Croft	May 2	Jack McGovern	May 24
Michael L. Fazio	May 5	Zoe McGovern	May 24
Beatrix Kirwin	May 6	Kathleen Price	May 28
Connor J. McWilliams	May 11	Beth Cross Fazio	May 29
Greg Bentley	May 12	Alfred Samuel Carey Sr	May 30
Ray Hulse	May 17		



Josh and Kristen Busch	May 11
John and Marion Kirwin	May 26

MAY 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
SH Rented	What's Cookin' in Coatesville? 6:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal 7:30 PM		HE Chapel-12N Ascension Service 6PM Parkesburg		NA 10-11:30 SH Rented
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Happy Mother's Day 	Bible Study 7 PM	Choir Rehearsal 7:30 PM		HE Chapel-12N	SH Rented	NA 10-11:30 SH Rented
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
150th Anniv/ Vestry Mtg SH Rented	Bible Study 7 PM	Choir Rehearsal 7:30 PM		HE Chapel-12N Pastoral Care 12:30 PM		NA 10-11:30 SH Rented
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
	Bible Study 7 PM	Choir Rehearsal 7:30 PM		HE Chapel-12N		NA 10-11:30
29	30	31				
Veterans Brunch 12 Noon	Memorial Day 	Choir Rehearsal 7:30 PM				



Readers, Servers and Greeters for May 2016



Date	Readers	Psalter/P-O-P	Chalists	Server	Torches	Greeters/ Ushers
5/1	Seth Haak Craig McGovern	NA Art Busch	Bill Terry Donna Puma	Seth Haak Bill Terry	TBA	TBA
5/8	Vic Shanley Donna Puma	NA Pam Smyth	Jim Anderson Jodi Bakshas	Jack McGovern Bill Terry	TBA TBA	TBA TBA
5/15	Chris Haak Kent Nation	NA Lon Cross	Al Carey Lon Cross	Jim Anderson Jim Anderson	TBA TBA	TBA TBA
5/22	Greg Bentley Ebbie Carey	NA Bill Terry	Donna Puma Bill Terry	Jodi Bakshas Jodi Bakshas	TBA TBA	TBA TBA
5/29	Violet Armstead Andrew Bentley	NA Jim Anderson	Jim Anderson Jodi Bakshas	Al Carey Al Carey	TBA TBA	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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