

CHURCH OF THE TRINITY  
 323 East Lincoln Highway  
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## From the Rector's Desk . .

By the Reverend Sherry Deets

We look to a new, fresh year ahead of us, giving thanks for all that has been and all that will be. As a church family, we will be working much more deeply on creating a joyous space and meaningful time for our 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration in 2018. We have been on a journey since the formation of Trinity Church 150 years ago and we will continue down many other roads in our attempt to follow the will of God. Let us step into the future together, knowing that God is with us on our journey. I share with you an excerpt from Frederick Buechner's *Listening to Your Life*.

*The question is not whether the things that happen to you are chance things or God's things because, of course, they are both at once. There is no chance thing through which God cannot speak—even the walk from the house to the garage that you have walked ten thousand times before, even the moments when you cannot believe there is a God who speaks at all anywhere. He speaks, I believe, and the words he speaks are incarnate in the flesh and blood of ourselves and of our own footsore and sacred journeys. We cannot live our lives constantly looking back, listening back, lest we be turned to pillars of longing and regret, but to live without listening at all is to live deaf to the fullness of the music. Sometimes we avoid listening for fear of what we may hear, sometimes for fear that we may hear nothing at all but the empty rattle of our own feet on the pavement. But be not affeard, says Caliban, nor is he the only one to say it. "Be not afraid," says another, "for lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." He says he is with us on our journeys. He says he has been with us since each of our journeys began. Listen for him. Listen to the sweet and bitter airs of your present and your past for the sound of him.*

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## What's Cookin' in Coatesville?

Our free, healthy meal served to the community is cookin' on Thursday, January 5<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 Blackened Tilapia Bowls and Mixed Berry Cobbler.

## The Bishop's Bible Challenge

Join Bishop Gutierrez on a year-long journey through the Bible. As a diocesan family this is something we can do together to help us feel connected. It will produce results in our prayer together, in our worship together and most certainly in our study together.

An ideal time to start the Bible Challenge is January 1, when many people make their New Year's Resolutions. Why not make a spiritual resolution and join with our Bishop and others throughout the Diocese and others here at Trinity Church (including your Rector).

**Recommended Strategies:** We encourage participants in the Bible Challenge to read three chapters of the Old Testament, one psalm and a chapter of the New Testament each day. This will help you read the entire Bible in a year. Reading a chapter of the New Testament and a psalm daily sustains readers through spiritually drier parts of the Hebrew Scriptures. The Diocesan App and the Center for Biblical Studies website ([Thecenterforbiblicalstudies.org](http://Thecenterforbiblicalstudies.org)) offers a schedule of readings for those who want to follow a clear plan of daily Bible reading, which will help you complete your reading in a year's time.

We advocate a devotional approach to reading the Bible as opposed to a purely intellectual or academic approach. We suggest that each reader put him or herself in the presence of God before they start to read. We like the ancient monastic practice of *lectio divina*, where a reader reads the text, meditates on the reading, offers a prayer to God and listens in silence for God to respond. We encourage readers to pause during or after their reading to offer prayers to God.

We encourage participants to skim over long genealogies or dietary codes in order to ensure that you do not get bogged down in tedious sections of the Bible, but continue to read and reach your goal.

Here is what you need to do: Register to participate at the Diocesan online registration sight: <https://diopa.wufoo.com/forms/bishops-bible-challenge/>

If you do not use a computer or smart phone, simply call the Offices of the Diocese at 215-627-6434 and they will register you by phone.

If you need a bible, contact the church office.

A Diocesan App will be released that will have everything you need to read on the go! Once you are registered, you will be notified when the App is available through the App Store.

You may also join the online Facebook group at DIOPA Bishop's Bible Challenge. This is where you can post your own testimonies on the readings in either written or picture response. Check the group page and the hash tags #wordon or #diopabbc to see what other participants are saying!

As a way of providing support and joining together in the challenge, the Bible Study at Trinity on Monday's at 7 p.m. in our social hall, will be devoted to the Bible Challenge!

So, why not make that spiritual resolution for 2017 ☺

### **Vestry Holiday Luncheon**

Vestry will be meeting for a holiday luncheon and brief business meeting on Sunday, January 8<sup>th</sup> at the Beaver Creek Tavern at 11:30 a.m. following coffee hour.

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

The Anniversary Committee meeting will be held on Sunday, January 15<sup>th</sup> following the church service in our social hall.

### **January 1 Church Service**

On Sunday, January 1<sup>st</sup> we will be having a service of Lessons and Carols with communion. Enjoy singing all of those great Christmas carols as we wind down the Season of Christmas.



### **Now the Work of Christmas Begins**

The feast of Epiphany brings the Christmas season to an end. To mark the day, here's a litany called "Now the Work of Christmas Begins" composed by Howard Thurman, an African-American theologian, educator, and civil rights leader.

When the song of the angels is stilled,  
when the star in the sky is gone,  
when the kings and princes are home,  
when the shepherds are back with their flocks,  
the work of Christmas begins:  
to find the lost,  
to heal the broken,  
to feed the hungry,  
to release the prisoner,  
to rebuild the nations,  
to bring peace among the people,  
to make music in the heart.

-Deacon Joan Wylie



I wanted to thank everyone who has given so generously to Trinity over the past year and those who have pledged to give in 2017. It is quite amazing what our small but mighty congregation is able to accomplish and I realize that gifts of time and talent are as essential as those of treasure. I am happy to discuss Trinity's financial statements with any member of our congregation who wishes to see the details, so do not hesitate to ask.

Minnie Kirwin, Treasurer



#### Women's Group

Thank you to all members who supported the Women's Group efforts this December. Between the Christmas parade and Breakfast with Santa, we added over \$500.00 to our treasury. We will be using our monies to improve kitchen conditions and supplies. You should see many of these improvements during January. And thanks to the women who put forth all their energy working at these events and working for Trinity. (And a very special shout-out to Santa!) Your love shows through your works.

-Pat Kirkner, President, Women of Trinity



#### "150 Years of Faith in Coatesville"

Please plan on attending our next schedule planning meeting on January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017. After church and while you are enjoying a cup of coffee, offer your ideas and comments.

We will discuss the various venues for holding our Saturday evening celebration, slated for October 6, 2018. Based on that information, we will make our decision. Thanks to Marshall and Diane for their hard work on this matter.

Upcoming topics/areas to be discussed: communications, advertising, historical information gathering and presentation of such. We will introduce Kathy Lozier, who has volunteered to handle writing biographies on members of Trinity.

Care and repair of the sanctuary, and all aspects of our buildings, need to be discussed also.

See everyone there!

Joe Kirkner, Chair



16-Jan John & Mildred Coveleski  
17-Jan Wayne & Elizabeth Hanley  
19-Jan Bruce & Flora Rutledge

Kristina Rose	1-Jan
Diane Izzo	2-Jan
Liz Hulse	3-Jan
Robert Baynard, Jr.	7-Jan
Donna Anderson	10-Jan
Mildred Bruce	10-Jan
Mary Fleck	12-Jan
Robert Fleck	12-Jan
David Thompson	14-Jan
Maitland Harvey	15-Jan
Michael Hanley	18-Jan
Sabrina Lewis	25-Jan
Ariel Abbot	25-Jan
Kevin Evans	31-Jan

# JANUARY 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
		CHOIR REHEARSAL	KITCHEN RENTED	HE Chapel – 12Noon Whats Cookin in Coatesville- 6PM	KITCHEN RENTED	Sanctuary, SH, KITCHEN Rented
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
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15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	BIBLE STUDY 7PM	CHOIR REHEARSAL		HE Chapel – 12Noon Food Distribution		
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
	BIBLE STUDY 7PM	CHOIR REHEARSAL		HE Chapel – 12Noon		SH RENTED
29	30	31				
VETERAN'S BRUNCH 1230pm	BIBLE STUDY 7PM	CHOIR REHEARSAL				



## Readers, Servers and Greeters for January 2017



Date	Readers	Psalter/P-O-P	Chalists	Servers	Torches	Greeters
1/1	Kent Nation	N/A	Al Carey	Seth Haak	N/A	TBA
	Craig McGovern	Seth Haak	Lon Cross	Bill Terry	N/A	
1/8	Ebbie Carey	N/A	Pat Kirkner	Jack McGovern	N/A	TBA
	Lon Cross	Bill Terry	Pam Smyth	Bill Terry	N/A	
1/15	Caroline Bentley	N/A	Bill Terry	Zoey McGovern	N/A	TBA
	Donna Puma	Jim Anderson	Al Carey	Bill Terry	N/A	
1/22	Chris Haak	N/A	Jim Anderson	Jim Anderson	N/A	TBA
	Violet Armstead	Greg Bentley	Lon Cross	Jim Anderson	N/A	
1/29	Vic Shanley	N/A	Al Carey	Al Carey	N/A	TBA
	Pam Smyth	Kent Nation	Pam Smyth	Al Carey	N/A	

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Jamoca Harkins, Parish Administrator

**Parish Office Hours**  
**Monday – Wednesday**  
**8AM—12PM**  
**Thursday 9AM—12PM**

**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 AM**

**Thursdays 12:00 PM**

**Church School**

**Sundays 9:15 AM**

**Bible Study**

**Mondays 7:00 PM**