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# trinity topics

## From the Rector's Desk . . .

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This month I am sharing a story from the book *Small Miracles: Extraordinary Coincidences from Everyday Life* by Yitta Halberstam & Judith Leventhal. I love small miracles. They cause me to catch my breath and pause in recognition that God is indeed present.

Several years ago, the writer Deborah Wilde\* found herself walking the streets of a small backwater village in England, a place that was obscure and unknown to tourists. Thousands of miles away from her home in New York, Deborah was visiting her in-laws, who lived in the hamlet. The visit had turned into a nightmare—her strife-filled marriage was unraveling, and that day she had quarreled with both her husband and his parents. To escape a volatile situation, she had announced her intention of taking a walk (even though it was raining hard) and had stepped out into the downpour.

"What am I doing in this godforsaken place, anyway?" she thought, dispirited. "Just what is the point of my being here?"

Meanwhile, a man by the name of Richard Wilson\* was walking the streets of the same village, in an equally gloomy frame of mind. He too was from New York, and had come to meet his biological parents, who had given him up for adoption at birth. Many years before, he had embarked on an exhaustive search to find them, and he had finally traced them to this town. He had been in an excited, even exhilarated state when he rang the doorbell of their home, visions of a warm, loving reunion filling his imagination. The reception accorded him, however, had turned out to be quite different. His biological parents had been cold, even hostile, rebuffing all overtures. After fruitlessly trying to break down their reserve, he had finally left with an aching heart. His trip across the Atlantic had been for naught; the dreams that had stretched across years and turned to dust. "God, I feel so terribly alone," he said to himself in despair. "I feel like killing myself!" They were so mean—my own parents, my own flesh and blood. What I wouldn't give right now for one friendly face, one warm smile! Isn't there anyone in the world who would be happy to see me?"

Just then, Deborah and Richard passed each other in the swirling mist. Their eyes locked. They froze. Then Deborah ran toward Richard, enfolding him in a fervent embrace. "Richard!" she shrieked happily. "Oh God, Deborah!" he wept in relief.

The two were cousins and close friends. Deborah's question had been answered. So had Richard's. Simultaneously.

The true purpose of Deborah's presence in this town had finally been revealed. She was there to give Richard solace at a time when he needed it most.

Comments from the writers: Both Richard and Deborah were undergoing variations of the exact same experience: the painful unraveling of lifelong dreams and hopes, the loss of a certain identity, the need for a final, excruciating confrontation with the past. When they "stumbled" upon each other, they were able to give each other the comfort both so desperately needed.

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**Single Parents' Night Out**  
**Thursday, October 6<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm**

Our Single Parents' Night Out continues on Thursday, October 6<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m. This month we will be hosting Coatesville's own fitness expert, Rob Brown. He will share how to begin a healthy lifestyle, exercise tips and the benefits of being fit. Our meal will be Pasta e Fagioli, Grandmother's Corn Bread and Pumpkin Cupcakes. A free healthy meal, free childcare available and a fun presentation! If you'd like to volunteer to help serve and clean up, please arrive at 5:45 p.m.



**Blessing of the Animals**  
**Sunday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> during service**

On Sunday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> (in honor of St. Francis of Assisi) we will have a Blessing of Animals during our regular church service. Feel free to bring your dogs, cats or other pets to church on Sunday for a special blessing during announcement time.



**Jazz Vespers**  
**Sunday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> at 3 p.m.**

On Sunday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> at 3 p.m. we will be hosting a service of Jazz Vespers with the Paulsen group. They were with us back in 2012 and were well-received. It was a wonderful service! Please join us for another great Vespers and for the reception afterward in our social hall. Bring your family and friends!



**Women's Group**

The Women's Group sponsored a Fashion Show at Kismet on Thursday, September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2016. Although we are sad at the closing of one of our favorite consignment shops, we were glad we were able to hold another fashion show there before they closed. Nineteen women were able to attend and enjoy the fashionable offerings. Our models this year were, Erika Haak, Nicole McGovern, Violet Cole, Judy Vennell, and Pat Kirkner. They did an excellent job of strutting the 'runway'. The event added \$170.00 to the Women's Group coffers, but more importantly, it gave us another opportunity to laugh and share in the fun and community. Congratulations to Mary Fleck on winning the door prize, a gift basket of coffee, mug and Starbuck's gift card.

Set your calendar now, for our annual December events.... we are only 65 days away from the Coatesville Christmas Parade, being held on December 3<sup>rd</sup>. It's always a great day for selling hotdogs, watching the parade, and just plain fun. And then the week after that, December 10<sup>th</sup>, will be our annual Breakfast with Santa! Let's make both events memorable for all!

-Pat Kirkner, President



## FUNDRAISING

*Fall is here.....Can you feel it? Can you smell it? Can the Holiday Season be far behind? As the air turns brisk and the Autumnal colors overtake the greenery of Spring and Summer, our thoughts turn to the traditional holiday foods and the other part of Christmas, the exchanging of gifts. And Trinity is going to kick things off with a special BINGO event that will fit in perfectly with the season and possibly make things a bit brighter for some lucky folks.*

*On Sat, Nov 5, we will be hosting another "Gift Card Bingo", complete with some "comfort food" items, beverages and, of course, an evening of exciting games. Do you remember the last one, where folks were happily walking away with valuable gift cards to no small number of stores, restaurants, service providers and the like? Well, the event on Nov 5 promises to be just as rewarding, if not moreso. And to think it's all possible by doing little more than dabbing a dauber on a card filled with a bunch of numbers!*

*But what made the last event the success that it was? Yes, it was the fantastic attendance, made up of Trinity members and non-members, alike. Yes, it was the hot meatball and roast beef sandwiches. Yes, it was the extra little decorative items that went with each prize. And, of course, it was the prizes. But do you know the single most contributing factor to the evening's success??? Hands down, it was the extreme generosity of so many from our Trinity family and from our many friends in the community without whose support we would not have experienced what we did.*

*So, your Fundraising Committee is again soliciting YOUR help in making Nov 5 another major success in our efforts to maintain the Trinity we know and love and to adding yet another critical building block to its future. "But how can I play a part in the event's success?". Again, the overwhelming majority of the evening's prizes are in the form of gift cards. And the majority of these are donated by supportive members and friends of Trinity. Even the smallest donation goes a long way.....including monetary donations to help defray the cost of food and beverage items. So, if you can find it within your budget, donate a gift card, and buy it through our Scrip Program in the person of Jim Anderson, which will give Trinity an extra little "kick in the coffers". Or, reach out to the merchants you deal with each week and ask them to show support by donating a gift card. Maybe you'd like to whip up a food offering for the night. These are just a few of the ways that will make it a "boffo" fundraising event.*

*I just looked up from my computer at the calendar.....by the time we all read this, there will be little more than a month before Gift Card Bingo. Oh, sure, I'll be blabbing on and on during "Announcements" each Sun about this, but why wait.....show your support for Trinity now with a donation, reach out to all those "others" for their participation and plan on bringing your family and friends for a fun and communal evening. More details will follow, but all you need to know right now is..... the day is Saturday.....the date is the 5<sup>th</sup>.....the month is November. We'll be there.....will you?*

*Vic Shanley... Chmn, Fundraising Team*





## Veterans Brunch – September 25, 2016

This month we celebrated our brunch with an Oktoberfest theme, as we have done in the past. Chef Kevin provided another masterful job of creating menu items to suit the theme.

And as usual, our 21 members of the Brunch Bunch jumped in and without a lot of direction, they chopped, cut, grilled, baked, laughed, prepared, laughed, talked and enjoyed the experience. Thanks to Bob & Andrew Beckershoff who volunteered to man the grill this month, and a special thanks to Joe Lee who handled setting up and supervising Stone Hall operations. (And thanks to Jodi Bakshas for pursuing sign-ups for meals, while I was away!)

We enjoyed the company of 48 Veterans this month; and even though take-outs are no longer available, no one left hungry. Our menu items were scrambled eggs, bacon, plain and blueberry pancakes, roasted chicken, sauerkraut & kielbasa, german noodles, red cabbage, cabbage with rice & kielbasa, baked mac-n-cheese, bratwurst, hot dogs, kielbasa soup, potato salad, cole slaw, fried corn, breads of all kinds, desserts, fresh fruit, juices, water and coffee.

Our volunteers are the reason for this successful outreach! God Bless everyone, our Veterans and God Bless America.

-Joe Kirkner for The Brunch Bunch



## 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Anniversary plans are up and running, and even though we meet every other month, progress is being made.

Thanks to Marshall and Diane Evans, who have visited a number of locations for consideration for our Saturday evening celebration. They will be checking another locale when they return from vacation. We will be sending a non-refundable deposit of \$250.00 to the Moose in Coatesville, in order to hold our date in October 2018. More info will be provided at our next meeting.

We have received some merchandise samples from Vistaprint, with our logo on them, and will be sharing them at the meeting.

Don Carron has provided some wonderful design ideas for our banner, and these will be shared with everyone. Thanks Don! Job well done.

We need to start focusing on communications, history, advertising ideas, and work projects, to prepare for our celebratory year of 2018.

Our next meeting is October 16, 2016, after church; see you ALL there.

-Joe Kirkner, Anniversary Chair



# Happy Birthday

Joseph Lee	1-Oct	Seth Haak	13-Oct
Kermit Beyer Good	6-Oct	Flora Fay Rutledge	14-Oct
Ellis E. Stern Jr.	7-Oct	Evans V. Thompson, Jr.	16-Oct
India Archey Cole	7-Oct	Lon Cross	17-Oct
Mary Cathryn Cross	8-Oct	Bertha Sizemore	25-Oct
Craig Gerald McGovern	10-Oct	Sharon Squires	30-Oct
Linda Strite Irwin	11-Oct	Mary Elizabeth Bush	31-Oct
Tom Hottecker	13-Oct		



8-Oct Stuart & Sherry Deets

21-Oct Aaron & Mildred Bruce



# OCTOBER 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 NA 10-11:30 AM SH Rented
2	3 Bible Study 7 PM	4 SH Rented Choir Rehearsal 7:30 PM	5	6 HE Chapel-12N Single Parents Night Out	7	8 NA 10-11:30 AM SH Rented
9	10 Bible Study 7 PM Kitchen Rented	11 Choir Rehearsal 7:30 PM	12	13 HE Chapel-12N Food Distribution	14	15 NA 10-11:30 AM SH Rented Kitchen Rented
16 150 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary meeting SH Rented	17 Bible Study 7 PM	18 Choir Rehearsal 7:30 PM	19	20 HE Chapel-12N Food Distribution Pastoral Care Team - 12:30 PM	21 Kitchen Rented	22 NA 10-11:30 AM SH Rented Sanctuary Rented
23 Jazz Vespers 3 p.m.	24 Bible Study 7 PM	25 Choir Rehearsal 7:30 PM	26	27 HE Chapel-12N	28 SH Rented	29 NA 10-11:30 AM SH Rented
30 Veterans' Brunch	31 Bible Study 7 PM					



## Readers, Servers and Greeters for OCTOBER '16



Date	Readers	Psalter/P-O-P	Chalists	Server	Torches	Greet-ers/
10/2	Jim Anderson Caroline Bentley	N/A Donna Puma	Jim Anderson Pat Kirkner	Al Carey Al Carey	N/A N/A	TBA
10/9	Violet Armstead Bill Terry	N/A Chris Haak	Al Carey Bill Terry	Seth Haak Bill Terry	N/A N/A	TBA
10/16	Vic Shanley Greg Bentley	N/A Pam Smyth	Lon Cross Pat Kirkner	Jack McGovern Pat Kirkner	N/A N/A	TBA
10/23	Kent Nation Ebbie Carey	N/A Art Busch	Jim Anderson Jodi Bakshas	Jim Anderson Jim Anderson	N/A N/A	TBA

10/30	Seth Haak Lon Cross	N/A Jodi Bakshas	Al Carey Jodi Bakshas	Jodi Bakshas Jodi Bakshas
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