



CHURCH OF THE TRINITY  
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# trinity topics

## From the Rector's Desk . . .

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It is September! September means schools are back in session and our vacation season is winding to a close. This means that our Vestry meetings will begin again and our choir will resume with anthems and leading us in singing throughout our worship service. With the return of singing, I thought it appropriate to share another hymn story with you from Robert J. Morgan's book *"Then Sings My Soul"*.

This is the story of the Hallelujah Chorus from The Messiah:

His father tried to discourage his musical interests, preferring that he enter the legal profession. But it was the organ, harpsichord, and violin that captured the heart of young George Frideric Handel. Once, accompanying his father to the court of Duke Johann Adolf, George wandered into the chapel, found the organ, and started improvising. The startled Duke exclaimed, "Who is this remarkable child?"

This "remarkable child" soon began composing operas, first in Italy then in London. By his 20s he was the talk of England and the best paid composer on earth. He opened the Royal Academy of Music. Londoners fought for seats at his every performance, and his fame soared around the world.

But the glory passed. Audiences dwindled. His music became outdated, and he was thought of as an old fogey. Newer artists eclipsed the aging composer. One project after another failed, and Handel, now bankrupt, grew depressed. The stress brought on a case of palsy that crippled some of his fingers. "Handel's great days are over," wrote Frederick the Great, "his inspiration is exhausted."

Yet his troubles also matured him, softening his sharp tongue. His temper mellowed, and his music became more heartfelt. One morning Han-

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del received by post a manuscript from Charles Jennens. It was a word-for-word collection of various biblical texts about Christ. The opening words from Isaiah 40 moved Handel: *Comfort ye, comfort ye my people...*

On August 22, 1741 he shut the door of his London home and started composing music for the words. Twenty-three days later, the world had *Messiah*. "Whether I was in the body or out of the body when I wrote it, I know not," Handel later said, trying to describe the experience. *Messiah* opened in London to enormous crowds on March 23, 1743, with Handel leading from his harpsichord. King George II, who was present that night, surprised everyone by leaping to his feet during the Hallelujah Chorus. No one knows why. Some believe the king, being hard of hearing, thought it the national anthem.

No matter—from that day audiences everywhere have stood in reverence during the stirring words: *Hallelujah! For He shall reign forever and ever.*

Handel's fame was rekindled, and even after he lost his eyesight, he continued playing the organ for performances of his oratorios until his death in London, April 14, 1759.



## Single Parents Night Out

Thursday, September 1 at 6 p.m.

Our very first Single Parents Night Out begins on Thursday, September 1 at 6 p.m. with the serving of a free, healthy meal. We will be serving the popular lemon chicken pasta, strawberry spinach salad and mixed berry cobbler. There will be childcare available in our newly renovated nursery and Sunday school rooms upstairs (air-conditioned!) while the single parents are able to benefit from a presentation and/or discussion. This first night out will begin with a survey of the group to determine what sorts of topics they would like to see in the months to come. Topics range from exercise tips, hair styling/cutting, etiquette, free civil legal representation, child safety, e-cigarettes, bullying, sexual violence, being safe on the internet, etc., etc. ! Volunteers to help serve the meal and clean up are needed. Please arrive at 5:45 pm if you are able to be of service.

Rally Day/Healing Service/Trinity Tea  
Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup>

Our first Sunday after Labor Day is September 11<sup>th</sup> and our traditional Rally Day. As September 11<sup>th</sup> is a tender anniversary for many people, we will have a public healing litany and opportunity to come forward for anointing during our worship service. After service the Pastoral Care Team will be hosting a Trinity Tea with Church Jeopardy fun!



FLEA MARKET AND CHICKEN BBQ AND JAGUAR, 2016

Thanks to pre-sales of BBQ tickets, we had a successful fundraiser on August 20th. Foot traffic was very thin this year, resulting in poorer than usual sales for the Flea Market and the hotdog and drinks sales. The Women's Group netted over \$200 for the Flea Market, and the Fundraising Committee recorded less than \$100 in profits for dogs and drinks. We are grateful to all those who bought items, and all those who dedicated many volunteer hours to this endeavor.

The donation to Trinity of a 1998 Jaguar, enabled us to have a successful raffle, adding to the fundraising efforts for building improvements. Thanks to many, many parishioners buying and selling BBQ tickets beforehand, we had the best Chicken Barbeque sale EVER.

When this annual fundraiser first started, it was just the chicken barbeque. After a couple years, the women's group thought it a good idea to hold their flea market at the same time, to turn the day into a fuller community event. And shortly after, we added the hot dog sales as a means to attract or retain foot traffic and patrons. With maybe a lapse of one or two random years, we have been holding this BBQ for 19+ years. So, these three activities have added funds to our fundraising accounts; but just as important, have allowed Trinity to service the needs of our larger community, and be a visible presence.

We sold 182 chicken dinners; that is an 80% increase over last year!! Adding all efforts together, we netted over \$2600.00. Thank you to all who participated, volunteered, and sold tickets.

-Pat Kirkner, Women's Group President; Fundraiser Committee Member



Calling all Parishioners!

Your church is in need of more altar guild members. This is a wonderful, fulfilling ministry. It is a volunteer group of the parish whose ministry is to care for the altar, vestments, vessels, and altar linens of the parish. Altar Guild members prepare the sanctuary for services, and clean up afterwards. Altar Guild members frequently supervise the decoration of the sanctuary of the parish with flowers

Duties are usually fulfilled by a team of two, one month per year, with all members sharing the summer months. It's a 'quiet' ministry...you arrive on Saturday morning (or Thursday, or Friday, if those days suit you better), and prepare the communion table for the Sunday service.

There is plenty of training available, so don't feel that you couldn't do it because you don't know enough. It is rewarding and fulfilling. Please consider joining this ministry; talk with existing members. Contact me at any time!

Respectfully, Nora Bush



Veterans Brunch

August 28, 2016

As the summer season begins to come to a close, it seemed fitting to have another barbeque to help celebrate the occasion. All our efforts are always appreciated by our local veterans and veterans from the Coatesville VA Medical Center. This month we served a delicious meal to 43 veterans by our hardworking staff of 27 volunteers.

This month's menu selections were scrambled eggs, bacon, French toast casserole, roasted potatoes with onions and peppers, barbeque chicken thighs and drumsticks, mac-n-cheese, baked beans, cabbage & cornbread, coleslaw, potato salad, pasta salad, Greek salad, tossed salad with dressings, fresh garden grown ripe red tomatoes, deviled eggs, extensive fruit selection, and dessert table. And always an abundant amount of coffee, juices, and water.

A special thanks to Vic Shanley for grilling the chicken (without the benefit of shade from our usual shade tree); and for Colleen and Andrew Beckershoff, and his girlfriend, Kylie, for lending a hand.

Thanks to everyone who makes our outreach a success! God Bless our Trinity family, our Veterans, and God Bless America.

-The Brunch Bunch



150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration

August 14, 2016

Another lively and well attended meeting to discuss our upcoming celebration.

A special thanks to Don Carron for his design contributions for our logo; as displayed on this update. This will become our signature identifying logo on letterhead, programs, memorabilia, banners, etc. A beautiful design. Thank you Don!

As discussed in previous meetings, we will be working hard as a congregation to develop and implement a budget, and establish committees and a memorable program for 2018, by July 2017. A landmark celebration of 150 years will require EVERYONE to be involved. Please come to our next meeting (to be announced soon) and offer your helping hand.

“Celebrating 150 years of Faith in Coatesville”

-Joe Kirkner, Chairperson

# **WOMEN OF TRINITY FASHION SHOW**

**Thursday, September 8, 2016**

**7:00—9:00 PM**

**Door Prizes: Gift Baskets, Etc.**

**To be held at Kismet Consignment Shop,**

**5031 Horseshoe Pike, Downingtown**

**\$10.00 Admission— Tickets available, Sunday 9/4**

**Come see our models:**

**Nicole, Erika, Violet, Judy and Pat**

**Browse— Shop— Fun— Laughter**



# Happy Birthday

**Erika Haak**

**Sept-2**

**Jennine Bush**

**Sept-21**

**Michael Thompson**

**Sept-10**

**Curt Jennings**

**Sept-29**

**Alexander Kirwin**

**Sept-13**

**Dana Harvey**

**Sept-30**

**Dorothy Pawling**

**Sept-20**



**THERE ARE NO ANNIVERSARIES FOR THE  
MONTH OF SEPTEMBER.**

# SEPTEMBER 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
				HE Chapel-12N <b>Single Parents Night Out</b>	SH Rented	NA 10-11:30 AM SH Rented Kitchen Rented
<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
	Bible Study 7 PM	Choir Rehearsal 7:30 PM		HE Chapel-12N		NA 10-11:30 AM SH Rented
<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>Rally Day Trinity Tea</b>	Bible Study 7 PM	Choir Rehearsal 7:30 PM		HE Chapel-12N Food Distribution		NA 10-11:30 AM
<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>Vestry Meeting SH Rented</b>	Bible Study 7 PM	Choir Rehearsal 7:30 PM	SH Rented	HE Chapel-12N Food Distribution	Kitchen Rented	NA 10-11:30 AM <b>City- Antique Car Parade</b>
<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	
<b>Veteran's Brunch</b>	Bible Study 7 PM	Choir Rehearsal 7:30 PM		HE Chapel-12N Kitchen Rented	Kitchen Rented	



## Readers, Servers and Greeters for September 2016



Date	Readers	Psalter/P-O-P	Chalists	Server	Torches	Greeters/
9/4	Chris Haak Pam Smyth	Bill Terry Violet Armstead	Al Carey Pat Kirkner	Seth Haak Pat Kirkner	N/A N/A	TBA
9/11	Vic Shanley Ebbie Carey	N/A Greg Bentley	Lon Cross Bill Terry	Jack McGovern Bill Terry	N/A N/A	TBA
9/18	Art Busch Craig McGovern	N/A Kent Nation	Jim Anderson Lon Cross	Jim Anderson	N/A N/A	TBA
9/25	Jodi Bakshas Seth Haak	N/A Lon Cross	Bill Terry Jodi Bakshas	Jodi Bakshas	N/A N/A	TBA

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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.

**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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