



Episcopal Church of the Trinity

323 East Lincoln Highway
Coatesville, PA 19320

Community Service Notes: 1st Quarter 2017



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"Celebrating 150 Years of Faith In Coatesville"

What's Cookin' in Coatesville

Our "What's Cookin' in Coatesville" program continued on the first Thursday of each month. At these events we serve a healthy meal that is open to everyone in Coatesville. We also have a free child-sitting service during the meal, utilizing our nursery service.

This program is provided free of charge courtesy of many generous donations from Trinity members, friends of Trinity, and St. Andrews Episcopal Church in West Vincent.

Collection for the Shelters

During the first quarter, we collected 52 pairs of women's and children's underwear and 48 pairs of women's and children's socks for the CYWA homeless shelter. For men in the City Gate and Atkinson shelters, we had 30 pairs of men's underwear and 78 pairs of men's socks donated. And everything was brand new! Many thanks to all our members who donated these much-appreciated gifts!

Thresholds Program

We presently have a member working in this program at Chester County Prison. In this program, volunteers and inmates meet one-on-one for an hour once a week for six weeks. Additionally the inmates have a classroom session once a week with an experienced volunteer. The curriculum uses a variety of methods to teach, step by step, better decision making than the thinking that landed the inmates in prison. We also pray as a community every Sunday, in the public Prayers of the People, for our imprisoned sister in Christ.

Veterans' Brunch

On the last Sunday of each month, our dedicated volunteers provide food, time and money to serve up a varied and plentiful buffet to our local veterans, including many from the Coatesville VA Hospital. This meal is provided free to the veterans.

Coatesville Police Chaplain

We are quite pleased to have our Rector, Rev. Sherry Deets, serve as one of the Chaplains to the Coatesville Police Department! Sherry is the second from the right in this picture, taken after a recent meeting of the five chaplains to the police.



Narcotics Anonymous

Trinity is pleased to host the weekly meetings of the Coatesville chapter of Narcotics Anonymous (NA). NA meets in our social hall on Saturday mornings. This program has been meeting at Trinity for over sixteen years now, providing their healing ministry for many Coatesville residents.

Coatesville Community Garden

The Garden has started its seventh year of providing a source of fresh produce for Coatesville residents. Trinity maintains two beds in the Garden; we harvest a large amount of produce that we deliver to the Coatesville Food Coop and the Salvation Army. Many other groups and families have beds in the Garden and enjoy fresh produce during the growing season.

150th Anniversary Celebration

Planning continues to make headway, and a number of interesting ideas to involve the wider Coatesville community are being worked on. Stay tuned for more info on our year-long "party" in 2018!



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Moving into the future: Trinity buys a new organ!

In the first quarter, the Vestry reviewed the funding on hand towards a new organ (cost about \$76,000.00) and decided it was finally time to move ahead! We had been collecting funds for this project for three years. Thanks to a \$20,000 grant from the Stewart Huston Charitable Trust and a generous donation from the Estate of Elizabeth Thompson as well as the contributions from many members and friends of Trinity Church we had enough to order the organ. We signed the contract with Grafton Piano & Organ Company (located in Souderton) in January, along with the down payment. Our new Allen "Bravura" L-324e organ was delivered and installed in late April. We now look forward to hosting concerts of organ music, to increase the available cultural and recreational opportunities available to residents in downtown Coatesville. Stay tuned!

This is a picture of the new organ in our church! It sounds great!



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