

trinity topics

From the Rector's Desk . . .

By the Reverend Sherry Deets

I hope you are enjoying the summer months. This is usually a quieter time in the life of the church as we take a break from many of our meetings, the choir takes some time off, etc. I share an excerpt from the book *Thoughts to Make Your Heart Sing* by Sally Lloyd-Jones & Jago. This excerpt is entitled Clouds and Mountains and Stars:

Have you noticed that when it's cloudy you can't see the stars? And that sometimes clouds can hide even mountains from you? For a moment it seems as if there are no stars shining, no mountains standing. Have the mountains moved? Have the stars stopped shining? No. The clouds have just hidden them.

Feelings can be like clouds—they blow in and hide things from us. Sometimes they tell us God doesn't care. Or that God is far away. The writer Amy Carmichael said, "Our feelings do not affect God's facts." Our feelings come and go. But God stays the same. His promises still are shining.

1 John 3:20 "...we know that God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything".

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Changes in the Sanctuary

We have begun the project of blowing insulation into the walls of the sanctuary. This should save us money year after year on gas for heating and electricity for air conditioning. The plaster work will begin in early August. We ask for your flexibility in the appearance of the sanctuary until this work is completed. These are exciting and good changes occurring to improve our sacred worship space.

Alarm System

The new alarm system should begin functioning in August. If you are entering the building Monday through Saturday, please remember to enter through the main door (the brand new brown door). And if you are entering during off hours and you need to unlock the door, you will also need to disarm the alarm system. *You have no need to worry about the alarm system on Sunday mornings for worship.* It should already have been disarmed by Pastor Sherry or Gail, who are normally the first to arrive on Sunday mornings.

Amazon Smile

If you make purchases on Amazon and do not use Amazon Smile, you are passing up contributions that Amazon will pay Trinity. Just log onto [Smile.Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com/smile) and pick Episcopal Church of the Trinity, Coatesville, Pa. as your designated charity. Then whenever you want to make an Amazon purchase, do it through the same Smile website and Amazon will donate .5% of your purchase to Trinity. If you have Amazon Prime, it follows you to Amazon Smile. It is so very easy and could really add up if everyone got on board. Minnie Kirwin

Future of Trinity Scrip Program

As many of you know, Trinity has participated in the Great Lakes Scrip Program for a number of years. This program allows you to buy gift cards at face value with the retailer/vendor donating a percentage of the card's value to Trinity. The donations vary by vendor and range from 2.5% for Amazon and Walmart to 14% for Gap, Old Navy and Banana Republic. Hundreds and hundreds of retailers participate, including Home Depot (4%), iTunes (5%), Barnes & Noble (8%), Chili's (11%), Starbucks (7%) and Bed, Bath, & Beyond (7%). Jim Anderson keeps an inventory of popular cards that are available for purchase on Sundays and also orders other cards from the extensive list of participating retailers. Another option is to link your checking account to the Scrip

Program and make purchases online. You can print out a card, email it as a gift, or use it to make online purchases from the vendor. I use this option all the time for routine purchases and gift cards as presents.

In spite of the obvious merits of Scrip, Jim and I are considering discontinuing the program except for those who use the Scrip Now online option. The shipping cost for physical cards sent to Trinity is \$8.50, regardless of the number of cards in a given shipment. With the current participation level, we are losing money on physical cards. Jim and I are spending an inordinate amount of time generating reports for a program that loses money. It really is a great program and worth checking out. Feel free to get more information from Jim or me. Otherwise, we will be winding down any purchases of physical cards.

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Women's Group

Dear Parishioners,

Our annual Chicken Barbeque and Flea Market are fast approaching. It is scheduled for August 12, 2017 from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM for Flea Market and hot dog sales; and Chicken BBQ will be available from 12:00 noon to 5:00 PM. We count on our church family for help with this event; and here are some of the ways you can participate:

Buy tickets at \$10.00 each for the Chicken BBQ. The dinner consists of ½ chicken; baked potato; green beans; coleslaw and roll and butter. Advance sales are recommended.

Donate items to the Women's Group Flea Market table. You can bring them to the church any Sunday from now until 8/6; or any weekday when someone is in the office. We will be storing and pricing items in the downstairs room, next to the vestry meeting room.

Buy a table for \$15.00 to sell your own items; crafts; jewelry; etc.

Work at one of the many jobs on that day; or leading up to it. Example of workers needed:

*Every Wednesday night from 5 to 7, we will be pricing and sorting donated items for the flea market; that will be on 7/26, 8/2 and 8/9. Should be no less than 3 persons each of these nights.

*Need 4 to 5 people on Friday night, 8/11 from 6:00 to 7:30, to clean and prep chicken; scrub and wrap potatoes; prep kitchen for dinner assembly area.

*Need 5 people at 7:30 AM to set up tables and canopy on front lawn and bring out items for Women's table.

*Need 1 person to collect/sell tickets at door for Chicken Barbeque. This is 11:00 to 4:30.

*Need 4-5 people as kitchen help, to fill takeout trays with dinner, as person arrives. This is from 11:00 to 4:30.

*Need 3 women to sell items at Women's Flea Market table. Ideally, if 3 could start by 8:45 AM, then hopefully we will have enough volunteers, that these 3 could be relieved at Noon by 3 others!

*Need 2 to work with Vic at hotdog sales. This is to be combination of customer service and runner for replenishment needs.

*Need 2 to help with clean-up, maintenance, and all-around helpers, from 3:00 to 5:30.

As you can see, this is a labor-intensive fundraiser, but we all seem to have a ton of fun while meeting friends, neighbors, and customers.

FUNDRAISING

Mark your calendars! Scour the garage and attic for "old treasures"! Search for new ones! Bring your appetite!

It's time again for the Annual Flea Market & Chicken Barbecue at Trinity! Each year seems better than the last and you won't want to miss being a part of it. As we all know, this event is traditionally a very important fundraising effort for Trinity. And as we also know, Trinity's needs are varied and ever present as we continue towards our 150th year as a community presence and look beyond.

Pat Kirkner and her team are already collecting all the great items that will be laid out to catch the eye of the imaginative buyer... our resident "hot dog man" will be grilling those Ball Park dogs... Al Carey will be "slathering" his famous BBQ sauce on the yummy chicken.... the Women will be packing it up along with all the fixins.

Now, what else will you be doing on Sat, Aug 12, from 9am to 5pm??? Come early, snatch up the bargains, browse a while, enjoy a hot dog and grab that chicken dinner any time after noon. And don't miss out.....order your dinners in advance by buying your tickets from Pat and members of the Women's Group or from Vic and the fundraising team. And you're a part of it all for just \$10.00 per dinner (1/2 BBQ chicken, baked potato, green beans, coleslaw, roll and butter).

Remember, it's not all about the market items or the food.....it's about Trinity!

Thanks..... Vic Shanley, Fundraising



Barbara Chatman-Royce	1-Aug
John Petura	5-Aug
Susan Petura	7-Aug
Maureen Evans	16-Aug
Ashlyn Saylor	17-Aug
Marie Price	19-July
Abrielle Butler	23-Aug
Jacqueline Heston	24-Aug
Caroline Bentley	24-Aug
Cheryl Robinson	29-Aug

6-Aug	Joseph & Pat Kirkner
8-Aug	Bill & Kathy Terry
21- Aug	Maitland & Esther Harvey
26-Aug	Dennis & Linda Irwin

August 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
			Jamoca Away	Jamoca Away		SH Rented
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
SH & Kitchen Rented	BIBLE STUDY 7PM Jamoca Away	Jamoca Away		HE Chapel- 12Noon		Chicken BBQ
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
	BIBLE STUDY 7PM			HE Chapel- 12Noon Pastoral Care Team Meeting 1230PM		SH Rented
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
SH Rented 150 th Anniversary Meeting	BIBLE STUDY 7PM			HE Chapel – 12Noon		SH Rented
27	28	29	30	31		
Vet Brunch	BIBLE STUDY 7PM			HE Chapel- 12Noon		



Readers, Servers and Greeters for August 2017



Date	Readers	Psalter/P-O-P	Chalists	Servers	Torches	Greeters
8/6	Pam Smyth	Bill Terry	Lon Cross	Pat Kirkner	N/A	TBA
	Caroline Bentley	Seth Haak	Pat Kirkner	Pat Kirkner	N/A	
8/13	Lon Cross	Ebbie Carey	Pam Smyth	Seth Haak	N/A	TBA
	Greg Bentley	Craig McGovern	Bill Terry	Bill Terry	N/A	
8/20	Vic Shanley	Violet Armstead	Jim Anderson	Zoey McGovern	N/A	TBA
	Kent Nation	Chris Haak	Al Carey	Bill Terry	N/A	
8/27	Jim Anderson	Seth Haak	Lon Cross	Jack McGovern	N/A	TBA
	Pam Smyth	Bill Terry	Pat Kirkner	Bill Terry	N/A	

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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