

**CHURCH OF THE TRINITY**  
323 East Lincoln Highway  
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# trinity topics

## **From the Rector's Desk . . .**

### **By the Reverend Sherry Deets**

Happy summer! It's time for a period of relaxation and refreshment as we ended our church program year with a fabulous St. Cyril's Day celebration on June 25. This year marked 50 years since the merger of St. Cyril's and Church of the Trinity and we had a grand time with former Presiding Bishop Frank Griswold. The Bishop had this to say: "I had a great time at Trinity. It is a wonderful manifestation of the body of Christ..." Great thanks to Chef Kevin Evans for the tasty food he made for our reception (with thanks to his meal helpers, Diane Evans and Ray Hulse).

What a great time to have a baptism, confirmation and receptions into the church family and the Bishop dedicated our new organ, blessed our new acolytes, re-dedicated our newly refurbished St. Cyril's chapel as well as blessing the newly gifted icon of St. Cyril of Alexandria that now hangs in the chapel. We once again offer our thanks to the Evans family for their time and effort in renewing the Chapel. We thank the Andersons for the gift of the Icon.

I have a sense of peace after our celebration. We have so much to be thankful for as a church family. We are far from being a perfect group of people, but we do have a sense of respect for each other and I would say a love for each other that transcends our differences. In other words, we strive to see the Christ in each other. We are living into our mission statement, being 'unified in diversity'. That is simply wonderful and a real, sacred gift of being.

Bishop Griswold called his time with us a memorable experience. My prayer is that Trinity continue to be a place of radical hospitality, welcoming all and bringing into existence the incredible kingdom of God in the heart of Coatesville. Next big celebration...150 Years of Faith in Coatesville!

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## What's Cookin' in Coatesville?

Our free, healthy meal offering will be on hiatus for the months of July and August. We'll see you in September!

## Sanctuary Walls

The insulating and plastering of the walls in our historic sanctuary will be taking place this summer! We are very excited about what some insulation in our walls will do to reduce the yearly costs of heating and air-conditioning. And of course, the aesthetics of the walls when we no longer have large cracks, peeling and chunks of wall falling out 😊, will be pleasing. Bear with us during the work period, as we may need to shift where we normally sit and probably have worship in the social hall one or two Sundays this summer.

## The Past Year at Trinity

For the Vestry Retreat on Saturday June 25, 2017, Tom Swett composed a list of some of the significant happenings at Trinity in this past year. See how far we came in one year!

- ❖ We bought and installed a great new organ for \$76,450.00; this is a major commitment to our future in Coatesville.
- ❖ We received a \$15,000.00 grant from the Stewart Huston Charitable Trust for the work of renovating the interior of our historic church sanctuary. Along with numerous donations from our generous members, as of the 2017 Vestry Retreat we have raised a total of \$24,200.00 for the renovations. This allowed the Vestry on Saturday to authorize the letting of contracts so this work can be done in the summer of 2017.
- ❖ Weekly attendance at our Sunday services has increased.
- ❖ When we told Bishop Gutierrez of our proposed project to partner with non-profits in Coatesville, he immediately pledged funding to assist us in grant writing.
- ❖ Bishop Gutierrez asked Pastor Sherry to be one of the Rectors to deliver reports on their churches at the Annual Convention of the Diocese of Pennsylvania.
- ❖ Plans for our 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration in 2018 are well underway and making excellent progress; we are on track for a great celebration.
- ❖ Sherry's outreach to the Coatesville community very recently expanded with her agreement to serve on the Board of Community, Youth and Women's Alliance, Inc. (CYWA, just down the street from our church). Sherry continues to serve as a Chaplain to the Coatesville Police Department, and to lead the successful "What's Cookin' in Coatesville" community meal program at our church.
- ❖ We celebrated the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the integration of the congregations of St. Cyril's Church and Church of the Trinity, which occurred in 1967. We were honored by the presence and blessings of the former Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church of the United States, The Rt. Rev. Frank Griswold. We also dedicated our new Organ and our newly-renovated St. Cyril's Chapel; the renovations were done by the Evans family.
- ❖ We are actively involved in the Second Century Alliance, the group steering the redevelopment efforts in Coatesville.

- ❖ We moved the fencing on the Third Avenue side of the Coatesville Community Garden, next to our church, to help facilitate the Third Avenue Streetscapes Project (scheduled to begin this year).
- ❖ Many, if not all, of the above happenings have caused the Episcopal Church of the Trinity to be recognized as a positive force in the city of Coatesville.

Good job, pilgrims! Wait till next year! ☺

Jim Anderson, Senior Warden

## **TRINITY COLUMBARIUM**

Exciting things are happening at Trinity these days, not the least of which is the ongoing progress being made in preparation for the long awaited columbarium. Bill Terry and I have been quietly researching suppliers, contractors, designs, costs, etc, and now it's time to bring the Trinity congregation into the equation.

At the Annual Meeting in March, we first presented the concept of the columbarium, its function and the benefits as a final resting place of perpetual peace. The columbarium is designed to provide a modern alternative to the cemetery. Simply put, it is a collection of niches designed to house and protect the cremated remains of the deceased. Each niche is inscribed with the name and dates of birth and death of the departed within, and will have the capacity to house two urns. The columbarium will be part of Trinity Episcopal Church and will fall under the purview of sitting Vestry. A Columbarium Committee, approved by Vestry, would oversee operation and maintenance of the columbarium, to include perpetual care.

The cost of a niche historically includes the opening and closing for inurnment, plaque inscription and perpetual care. Related services offered by a funeral home, such as cremation and the urn, are not included. Current and trending costs for a traditional funeral and cemetery plot, etc. (\$8,000 minimum), immediately suggest the practicality of a columbarium.

Now, this is where the members of our congregation come in...we are considering several designs and sizes of columbaria. But a very large part of the final decision is predicated on advance or intended sales of niches, allowing us to move forward towards completion before the end of calendar year 2018. Niches will also be made available to non-Trinity members, as well as through local funeral homes with whom we will publicize the availability of the columbarium to their clients.

That said, it is the wish of the Committee and Vestry to afford the Trinity family the opportunity to purchase a niche(s) at a favored reduced pre-construction cost or at an ongoing cost at time of need as shown.....

**Members:    *Pre-Construction - \$800.00*                      *Ongoing at Time of Need - \$1,000.00***

**Non-Members:    *Pre-Construction - \$1,200.00*                      *Ongoing at Time of Need - \$1,500.00***

We will be distributing a questionnaire in the coming weeks for members to indicate whether they wish to purchase a niche prior to completion of construction or reserve their place now and arrange for payment at time of need. These will be treated in confidentiality and available only to Rev. Sherry, Bill Terry or myself. Our church ministers to the spiritual needs of many from baptism through life and now, via the columbarium, ultimately in death. Please take the time now to consider remaining close to Trinity even as you celebrate new life.

Thank you, Vic Shanley, Chmn., Ad Hoc Committee



## Women's Group

We are working on many ideas for fundraising and fun-having! Also discussing plans for projects that need financing. Stay tuned for updates via Sunday announcements and mailings. God Bless!



## Veterans Brunch

The month of June marks 4 years since we began our highly successful outreach program.

There is no brunch to report on for June, due to our celebration for St. Cyril on June 25, 2017. Our brunch on May 28, 2017 was well attended by 41 veterans and a total of 15 volunteers helped prepare and serve a delicious meal of scrambled eggs, bacon, French toast, hamburgers, hot dogs, German potato salad, baked beans, corn with lime butter & herbs, macaroni salad, coleslaw, deviled eggs, breads, desserts, juice, fruit, coffee, and water.

Our next scheduled brunch is July 30, 2017. God Bless our program, our Vets, and God Bless America. -Brunch Bunch



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

Our next scheduled meeting will be announced this coming Sunday for a date in July.

As of this writing, all of the dates for collecting historical data have been selected by members of the congregation.

This data will be displayed in Stone Hall on a time line presentation.

Our anniversary blanket has been received and was displayed during our recent St. Cyril celebration.

It will be on display at the July meeting, also.

As announced previously, during July's meeting we will discuss hard numbers for our venue.

Our follow-up letter to the Archbishop of Canterbury has been sent by Bishop Gutierrez.

Everyone is encouraged to participate and get involved with our planning for this anniversary celebration to be a success.

Hope to see everyone there!

"150 Years of Faith in Coatesville" -Joe Kirkner, Chair

**Historical tidbit: 1850, March 11 – Women's Medical College of Penn started; 1<sup>st</sup> female medical school.**



Molly Beck	4-July
Peyton Elise Walters	7-July
Ian Post	7-July
Margaret Bragg	7-July
Ruth Gardiner	8-July
James Anderson	10-July
Kathy Terry	11-July
Charles Lewis	12-July
Violet Cole	14-July
Elinor Barnes	17-July
Noreen Bush	19-July
Phyllis Boyd	21-July
Judy Vennell	21-July
Sara Smyth	23-July
Michael Crane	23-July
Caitlyn Hanna	24-July
Lance Bush	27-July
Ellanore Hurd	29-July

12-July	John & Susan Petura
31-July	Robert & Mary Fleck

# July 2017

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



## Readers, Servers and Greeters for July 2017



Date	Readers	Psalter/P-O-P	Chalists	Servers	Torches	Greeters
7/2	Lon Cross	Chris Haak	Pam Smyth	Seth Haak	N/A	TBA
		Jim Anderson	Bill Terry	Bill Terry	N/A	
7/9	Kent Nation	Violet Armstead	Jim Anderson	Zoey McGovern	N/A	TBA
		Pam Smyth	Al Carey	Bill Terry	N/A	
7/16	Bill Terry	Seth Haak	Lon Cross	Jack McGovern	N/A	TBA
	Ebbie Carey		Pat Kirkner	Bill Terry	N/A	
7/23	Craig McGovern	Jim Anderson	Pam Smyth	Jim Anderson	N/A	TBA
	Vic Shanley		Bill Terry	Jim Anderson	N/A	
7/30	Chris Haak	Lon Cross	Jim Anderson	Al Carey	N/A	TBA
	Violet Armstead	Kent Nation	Al Carey	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**