



trinity topics

From the Rector's Desk . .

By the Reverend Sherry Deets

As we enter into the summer months with graduations happening throughout May and June, I thought I would share an excerpt from the book, *The Fragrance of Kindness* by Cheri Fuller. This story is about encouraging words and instilling hope.

Tommy was in the second grade the year his life intersected with his Aunt Melanie's. His parents had just divorced, and then his dad was shipped to Viet Nam. Tommy's mother was battling mental-health problems and couldn't care for her two boys, so Melanie, a twenty-one-year-old nurse with no children of her own, and her husband agreed to care for Tommy and James while their mother went into treatment.

Melanie noticed that Tommy had an interest in subjects related to science. "Tommy, you'd make a wonderful scientist," she encouraged. At Christmas she bought him a microscope, and for his birthday she got him a science testing kit. The following year their dad came home from Viet Nam and took the boys away. He worked as a trucker traveling around the country so the boys were left alone much of the time. When Melanie offered them a home, they said their dad needed them.

As the years passed, Melanie felt regret for not doing more for the boys. When they were in high school their dad left for good. James traveled with him but Tommy was on his own. He worked in a grocery store and lived without running water. But somehow, against all odds, he supported himself, stayed in high school, and managed to put himself through college. Eventually, he was accepted to a top university, where he completed both a master's degree and a doctorate in microbiology.

After graduating from college, Melanie received a letter from her nephew: "I believed in myself because you believed in me," he wrote. "No matter how tough things got in my life I knew I could succeed because you said I could." Today Tommy is a prestigious scientist with a wife and three beautiful children.

Tommy didn't get a lot of things he needed, but apparently during that brief year, he got the thing he needed most: encouragement—the greatest motivator of all.

Reflection: Make a list of people who encouraged you at the crossroads of your life and helped to point you in the right direction. Recall what they said or did to encourage you. Do you think these individuals realized the impact they had on your life? Perhaps now would be a good time to send them a thank-you note!

Philippians 4:13 "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."

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150th Anniversary Interviews

One of the adventures of our 150th Anniversary is to interview members of Trinity. Kathy Lozier has graciously agreed to spearhead this project. She would like to know if you are willing to share your experiences here at Trinity. If you don't want to come alone, bring your spouse, bring a friend or bring a family member; just come and share! If you prefer to not be on video, we can simply record your voice. Your experiences are important to us.

Contact Kathy Lozier. Her phone number is in the directory and her email address is kathytl06@gmail.com, or contact the church office and we can connect you.

We would like to interview as many people that are willing and Kathy will transcribe as many as she is able before the celebration. We would like to have them in written form, as well as on an SD card, because who knows what kind of technology will be around in the future(!)

Joining the Church St. Cyril's Day/Bishop's Visit – June 25th

Our annual St. Cyril's Day celebration will arrive with a special twist this year. It is the 50th anniversary of the merging of St. Cyril's Episcopal Church with Episcopal Church of the Trinity. Former Presiding Bishop Frank T. Griswold will be present with us to celebrate the Eucharist, preach and confirm/receive new members on June 25th. What a great day to confirm new members!

If you are interested in officially joining Trinity Church, let either Deacon Joan or Pastor Sherry know. We will be holding a session about the Episcopal Church (The Discovery Series: A Christian Journey) on Sunday, June 11 after the church service (a light lunch will be provided). This is a presentation about the Episcopal Church – covering the Roots of Ministry, Episcopal Worship, The Book of Common Prayer, An Instructed Eucharist, What We Believe – Our Creeds, and our Baptismal Covenant. This is open to anyone who is interested. If you would just like a refresher on the Episcopal Church, please join us!

To commemorate the 50th anniversary of the merger of St. Cyril's and Trinity, we will be holding a luncheon after the church service on June 25th. Let's make this a 'homecoming' for those who attending St. Cyril's many years ago. Mark the date on your calendar!

New Alarm System and Entry (Coming Soon!)

Trinity will be upgrading our smoke alarm system to include a burglar alarm system. Along with a new alarm system, we will be obtaining new front doors (the current wooden doors are rotting at the bottom) and a key card or key fob entry system. With an alarm system, anyone who enters the building during non-regular times will need to enter through the new doors located at the center of our plant (by the social hall) in order to deactivate the alarm. Pastor Sherry is creating a list of people who will need new key cards/fobs to get in the building. If you will be in need of getting into the building during "off" times, please give your name to Pastor Sherry or Jamoca Harkins (parish administrator). Our door has arrived at the contractor's facility (Milanese), so now we are working on coordinating times to install the new door with the alarm company.

What's Cookin' in Coatesville?

Our free healthy meal for the community is being served once again on Thursday, June 1 at 6 p.m. Our featured meal this month is Tilapia Taco Bowls. If you would like to volunteer to help serve and clean up, please arrive at 5:45 p.m. or simply join us for a good healthy meal.

Sunday School Recognition Sunday

Our Sunday School Teachers and Youth will be recognized during our church service on Sunday, June 4th.

Confirmation Class/Joining the Church – Sunday, June 11th

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Trinity Tea – June 18th

Our next Trinity Tea will be in honor of Father's Day on Sunday, June 18th immediately following the church service. Join us for a great time of fellowship as we give thanks for all of the men who have touched our lives in meaningful ways.

Vestry Retreat

Our annual Vestry Retreat is slated for Saturday, June 24th beginning at 9 a.m. through lunch.

It's a Wrap!

On Saturday, May 13th, a dedicated group of folks prepared and delivered lunches for Good Works housing rehab volunteers. Erika and Seth Haak, Lon Cross, Pam Smyth, Joe and Pat Kirkner, Dave Thompson, Vic Shanley and I gathered and made wrap sandwiches and included fruit, beverages, cookies and chips. We boxed it all up and delivered it to four homes where there were supposed to be a total of 42 hungry volunteers working. As it turned out, it was a very rainy day and two crews of teenaged volunteers had left one location – digging outdoors in the rain had just become impossible. But we think those lunches went to good use otherwise, for the homeowner families or their neighbors.

This has been our third year to volunteer for lunches (which gives a regular lunch crew a break on that Saturday). It's so amazing what we can do when we get together in our kitchen!

Deacon Joan



Women's Group

The Women of Trinity will be meeting after church on Sunday, June 11th. We will be discussing and planning fundraisers for the rest of 2017. So bring your calendars! Also, on the table will be upcoming expenses; and discussions on what we would like to donate to the church in honor of next year's 150th Anniversary.

If you are a woman – you are a member of the women's group. Please make plans to attend this meeting.



Veterans Brunch –May 28th

Since reports for Trinity Topics are due, sometimes, before the actual brunch, this is a report on what will be. For May's brunch, we will be returning to our summer menu of grilled items. Hamburgers and hotdogs will be grilled on the front lawn. Along with the usual breakfast offerings of eggs, bacon, and French toast, we have volunteers supplying macaroni salad, baked beans, deviled eggs, German potato salad, corn, and fresh fruit. The brunch occurs during Memorial Day weekend, so it's a great opportunity to thank those who served, while we remember those who gave the ultimate sacrifice. Join in! God Bless America.

There will not be a brunch in June due to St. Cyril Celebration on that day.

-The Brunch Bunch



150th Anniversary Update

Plans are moving along and there are a lot of areas that we are working on and need to work on yet. We have interviews being conducted for our church members who bring their history to light, along with the church history. We are in need of one person to research the timeline of 2001 to the present. All the prominent historical events from 1776 to the present, and Trinity events, will be laid out on a timeline and displayed on the east wall of our social hall throughout 2018.

Our venue is selected and finalizing the costs is forth coming. We've purchased hangings and they are on display in the hall; 2-3 more will be coming. We are working with a vendor to make a memorial afghan to hang in the hall. Once this is received and hung, we will take orders for individuals who want one as a keepsake.

Please see Joe Kirkner if you want to get involved. No meetings until July. Stay tuned.

-150 years of faith in Coatesville



Tammy Shreve	3-June
Nicole McGovern	4-June
Laura Puma	6-June
Ian McGovern	7-June
Marshall Evans	9-June
Marion Kirwin	11-June
Cailin Morris	15-June
Barbara Post	15-June
Cliff Gardiner	18-June
Julie Fredd	21-June
John Coveleski	23-June
Tresa Washington	24-June
Cathy Jensen	26-June
Clint Bush	27-June
Kimberly Stauffer	30-June

6-June	Greg & Caroline Bentley
14-June	Carl & Miranda Croft
18-June	Nick & Kim Stauffer
18-June	Clifford & Ruth Gardiner
19-June	John & Marie Price
21-June	Chris & Erika Haak
June	Lance & Jeziel Bush

June 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
				HE Chapel- 12Noon What's Cookin' in Coatesville- 6PM		
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	BIBLE STUDY 7PM	CHOIR REHEARSAL		HE Chapel- 12Noon		SH Rented
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Confirmation Class	BIBLE STUDY 7PM Rev. Sherry Away	CHOIR REHEARSAL Rev. Sherry Away	Rev. Sherry Away	HE Chapel- 12Noon		SH Rented
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Trinity Tea	BIBLE STUDY 7PM	CHOIR REHEARSAL		HE Chapel – 12Noon Pastoral Care Team Meeting 1230PM	SH & Kitchen Rented	Sanctuary Rented
25	26	27	28	29	30	
St Cyril's Day/ Bishop Visit Vet Brunch	BIBLE STUDY 7PM	CHOIR REHEARSAL				



Readers, Servers and Greeters for June 2017



Date	Readers	Psalter/P-O-P	Chalists	Servers	Torches	Greeters
6/4	Vic Shanley	N/A	Lon Cross	Jim Anderson	N/A	TBA
	Greg Bentley	Chris Haak	Pat Kirkner	Jim Anderson	N/A	
6/11	Violet Armstead	N/A	Pam Smyth	Al Carey	N/A	TBA
	Pam Smyth	Kent Nation	Bill Terry	Al Carey	N/A	
6/18	Seth Haak	N/A	Jim Anderson	Pat Kirkner	N/A	TBA
	Ebbie Carey	Lon Cross	Al Carey	Pat Kirkner	N/A	
6/25	Vic Shanley	N/A	Lon Cross	Al Carey	N/A	TBA
	Bill Terry	Craig McGovern	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.

THE EPISCOPAL
CHURCH OF THE TRINITY
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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