

**CHURCH OF THE TRINITY**  
**323 East Lincoln Highway**  
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**OCTOBER 2017**

# trinity topics

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

**By the Reverend Sherry Deets**

I have change and risk-taking on my mind lately, especially as we make improvements to the buildings and our new participation in the Coatesville Vintage Grand Prix. To grow personally and as a community requires some degree of risk-taking and change. The Grand Prix presented a wonderful opportunity to participate in an event that brought large numbers of people from outside of the city into Coatesville and helps to change the perception of our Coatesville community. I am so grateful to all who assisted with the Grand Prix "sidewalk food sale" and give you many "kudos" for taking a risk. Taking risks does not come easy for many people. We planned well, knowing that if we invested in low cost, but good food items, and opted for higher production numbers, that the food items could be used the next day for our Veterans Brunch if they didn't sell. Now we have experienced the Grand Prix and know what to expect next year. Overall, it was a success! And if you missed trying that Trinity Pancake (a thick pancake with a cinnamon apple fruit topping), you must bug Kevin Evans (our resident Chef) to make it for another event. 😊

We all know that it is easy to sit back and pick apart what others are doing (you've all heard that Monday morning quarterback analogy), but nothing would ever get accomplished if there weren't people willing to take some risks. As a community, let's agree to take it easy on the negativity. Be gentle with yourself. We are forever a work in progress and we really must keep taking risks to grow, both individually and as a community, because I believe we all, deep down, want to grow and change for the better. We want to grow closer to Christ and have a deeper relationship with God.

I share an excerpt from *Sanctuary: Unexpected Places Where God Found Me* by Becca Stevens. I shared this once before, but it is certainly worth reading/hearing again!

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## A New Song

My husband is a songwriter. My respect for his work is such that I don't watch him write. Instead, every now and then I listen from another room. He has a ritual that began long before I knew him and has continued through various places and stages of our lives. This is how it worked yesterday morning.

After the kids and animals were fed, he fixed himself a cup of coffee and sat in front of his piano and began to play a familiar melodic mantra that always seems to carry his spirit to a place where he can write. I can only imagine what he looks like in that place. The sounds fill the space I am in with great peace and tenderness. It is like listening to a song. Sometimes the chord progressions take him back to one of the thousand songs he has written before. Sometimes he plays a progression over and over; and it sounds like a record skipping. But sometimes, like yesterday, the progression takes off and travels to an unknown place, and I can hear him push the "record" button on the cassette player, and a melody never before sung soars into the air, bringing to life a new creation that blossoms in the morning sun. A quarter century into writing, he still sits there every day, never doubting that a new song will emerge from the infinitely fertile ground of his soul. I want to be more like that. I want to believe that every fading moon will bring a muse to whisper in my ear. Sometimes I think, sitting in the other room sipping my own coffee, that my grieving heart holds on to old familiar melodies so tightly that I don't leave room for new ones. I hold on to loved ones who have died. I want to keep my children small so that I can always hold them.

But this beautiful new melody filling the air reminds me never to grieve what has gone before. The spirit that breathed at the dawn of creation is breathing still. So I take a deep breath and set my coffee down and pick up my pencil and a scrap of paper and write what will be the closest I ever write to a hymn in praise of the Holy Spirit.

## Parish Office News

Jamoca Harkins, our parish administrator, has new hours. She will be in the church office from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. She will also be in the church office one full day during the week, but that day will shift.

## Yoga comes to Trinity!

Nancy Murphy will be coming to Trinity to offer us Gentle Yoga practice for one hour, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays of each month following the noon service 12:45 – 1:45p.m. It will be a time of meditation, gentle stretches, mindful movement, strength building, breath exercises, and Christian spirituality. No prior yoga experience or flexibility required. Mats are available. Our first Gentle Yoga will take place on Thursday, October 12<sup>th</sup> and then again on Thursday, October 26<sup>th</sup>. All are welcome.

## What's Cookin' in Coatesville October 19<sup>th</sup> - Third Thursday of each month

What's Cookin' in Coatesville had a wonderful group of diners in September! We extended a special invitation to our neighbors at the CYWA and wound up with over 50 people, including children. We continue offering this healthy meal on Thursday, October 19<sup>th</sup> with Blackened Tilapia Tac Bowls, Tortilla Chips w/ salsa and Pumpkin Cupcakes with Pumpkin Spiced Cream Cheese Frosting for dessert. We serve dinner at 6 pm. Volunteers are needed for serving and cleaning up –please arrive at 5:45 to volunteer. Join us! All are welcome in this place!

## **Rector Vacation in October**

The Rector will be on vacation, out of the country, beginning Wednesday, October 11 through Sunday, October 22. The Rev. Ned Sherrill, from Church Farm School will be at Trinity to celebrate and preach on Sunday, October 15 and The Rev. Tim Steeves will be with us to celebrate and preach on Sunday, October 22.

## **Vestry Meeting**

Vestry meeting on Sunday, October 8<sup>th</sup> after coffee hour at 11:15 a.m. in the Sunday School room upstairs.

September 10<sup>th</sup> is the first Sunday after Labor Day and our annual Rally Day with the Blessing of the Backpacks and Teachers during the church service. If you are attending a school of any kind, young or old, bring your backpack for a blessing and if you are a teacher, come for a blessing! The Pastoral Care Team will be hosting one of our popular Trinity Teas after the church service.

## **Diocesan Convention**

The opening date of the 234<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of the Diocese of Pennsylvania has been set for the evening of Friday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> and continues on Saturday, November 4, 2017. The Convention will be held at the Philadelphia Episcopal Cathedral, 38<sup>th</sup> Street between Market and Chestnut. Eucharist will begin on Friday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 p.m., followed by a reception serving heavy Hors D' Oeuvres. Registration will begin at 7:30 a.m., Saturday, November 4<sup>th</sup>, gathering music at 8:15 a.m. with Morning Prayer beginning at 8:30 a.m.

The theme of this year's Convention is:

"See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are."

-1 John 3:1a (NRSV)

## **Painting Party**

Mark your calendars now for a Potluck Painting Party at the church on Friday evening, November 17<sup>th</sup>. Organized by the Women of Trinity.



## 150th Anniversary Meeting- October 1, 2017

All members of Trinity are invited to attend.

- Please turn in any historic events to begin compiling for our time line.
- Will prepare for our marketing letter that will be mailed out in October requesting the general public's participation.
- General discussion will be on the venue location and other points of interest.

Please come out and get involved with our celebration.

—Joe Kirkner, Chair



## Veterans Brunch- August 27, 2017

Even with a number of our regulars not helping this month, our 15 volunteers prepared and served a wonderful meal for the 40 Veterans in attendance.

Special thanks to Donna Schneider, Ray Hulse, Rachel and Mason Kirkner, Jih Hajar, Sarina Baynard and Greg Bentley for filling in and helping where needed.

Menu this month was scrambled eggs, bacon, cinnamon apple bread pudding, meatloaf, baked potatoes with sour cream and chives, stewed tomatoes, corn casserole, hash brown, sauerkraut and hot dog casserole. Chicken alfredo, coleslaw, potato salad, breads and desserts, coffee, juice and water.

God Bless our veterans and God Bless America.

- Brunch Bunch



Joseph Lee	1-Oct
Kermit Good	6-Oct
India Cole	7-Oct
Mary Cross	8-Oct
Craig McGovern	10-Oct
Linda Irwin	11-Oct
Seth Haak	13-Oct
Tom Hottecker	13-Oct
Flora Rutledge	14-Oct
Evans Thompson	16-Oct
Lon Cross	17-Oct
Bertha Sizemore	25-Oct
Sharon Squires	30-Oct
Mary Bush	31-Oct

Stuart & Sherry Deets	8-Oct
Aaron & Mildred Bruce	21-Oct

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
150 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Meeting	BIBLE STUDY 7PM	CHOIR		HE Chapel- 12Noon		
<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
Vestry Meeting	BIBLE STUDY 7PM	CHOIR	Sherry -Vacation	HE Chapel- 12Noon Yoga 1245-145 Sherry -Vacation	Sherry -Vacation	SH Rented Sherry -Vacation
<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
Sherry -Vacation	BIBLE STUDY 7PM Sherry -Vacation	CHOIR Sherry -Vacation	Sherry -Vacation	HE Chapel- 12Noon Whats Cookin' in Coatesville 6PM Sherry -Vacation	Sherry -Vacation	SH Rented Sherry -Vacation
<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
Sherry -Vacation	BIBLE STUDY 7PM	CHOIR		HE Chapel- 12Noon Yoga 1245-145		SH rented
<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>				
Vet Brunch	BIBLE STUDY 7PM	CHOIR				



## Readers, Servers and Greeters for October 2017



Date	Readers	Psalter/P-O-P	Chalists	Servers	Torches	Greeters
10/1	Chris Haak	N/A	Lon Cross	Zoey McGovern	N/A	TBA
	Lon Cross	Greg Bentley	Bill Terry	Bill Terry	N/A	
10/8	Vic Shanley	N/A	Pam Smyth	Jack McGovern	N/A	TBA
	Caroline Bentley	Kent Nation	Bill Terry	Bill Terry	N/A	
10/15	Craig McGovern	N/A	Jim Anderson	Jim Anderson	N/A	TBA
	Ebbie Carey	Violet Armstead	Pat Kirkner	Jim Anderson	N/A	
10/22	Jim Anderson	N/A	Al Carey	Seth Haak	N/A	TBA
	Seth Haak	Pam Smyth	Pat Kirkner	Pat Kirkner	N/A	
10/29	Seth Haak	N/A	Al Carey	Al Carey	N/A	
	Bill Terry	Jim Anderson	Lon Cross	Al Carey	N/A	

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**Parish Office Hours**  
**Monday – Friday**  
**330PM—530PM**  
**1 Full Day a Week-TBD**

**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**