

CHURCH OF THE TRINITY
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From the Rector's Desk . . .

By the Reverend Sherry Deets

The summer was a full one at Trinity Church! There is much news to share about our building. We are very happy to have the completion of the main entrance door by Stone Hall (at long last) with a new key card entry system. Instructions on disarming and arming the burglar alarm system will be forthcoming for all who need keys to enter during off hours. The insulating of the walls of our beloved Sanctuary is complete. The removal of the old and installation of the new plaster in the Sanctuary is complete and we discovered a slate roof leak (actually the plasterers did) that we were able to have repaired along with having our entire slate roof inspected. A total of 21 slates were replaced and our gutters were cleared. We also had a sewer main backup in our building and the end of August that came through the library bathroom toilet. The clog was cleared and the soiled carpet in the library has been removed, the floors sanitized. The library is only temporarily out of operation until we resolve new flooring and put the library shelves back together again.

It seems amazing that we continue to plug away at bringing our old and historic buildings into better condition. We are certainly getting closer and closer to finishing major repairs and renovations. This is good news, very good news, and I am grateful for the generosity that has been expressed by our beloved members and also by non-members! I share from the little book *Thoughts to Make Your Heart Sing* by Sally Lloyd-Jones & Jago the piece entitled Staircase for Boats:

"When a riverboat needs to go up a hill, it navigates through a lock (which is basically a staircase for boats). The boat enters a sealed chamber. Gradually, the water level is raised, lifting the boat up, until the water inside is at the same level as the river ahead. The gates open and the boat continues on. But from the boat entering the lock—you can't see the river ahead. It looks like a dead end! And the Bible says we can't see everything God is doing in our lives either. But what looks like a dead end is really God lifting you up. Because there are no dead ends with God. Only new beginnings in disguise".

'We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose'. – Romans 8:28 (NRSV)

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Parish Office News

Jamoca Harkins, our parish administrator, will have new hours beginning in September. 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.

On Monday, September 4th the church office will be closed for the Labor Day holiday.

Rally Day on September 10: Blessing of the Backpacks and Teachers and Trinity Tea!

September 10th 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.

Yoga Comes to Trinity!

Nancy Murphy will be coming to Trinity to offer us Gentle Yoga practice for one hour, 2nd & 4th Thursdays of each month following the noon service 1:45 – 2:45p.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. Our first Gentle Yoga will take place on Thursday, September 14th and then again on Thursday, September 28th. All are welcome.

Invite*Welcome*Connect Workshop Mary Parmer to preach at Trinity

Invite*Welcome*Connect and its creator **Mary Parmer** are coming to the **Brandywine Deanery, September 15-17, 2017** for "**Empowering the Laity**." Join in a deanery plenary gathering for clergy and lay leaders involved with evangelism and hospitality. The gathering is Friday night, **September 15th** at **St. John's, Concord** beginning at 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. for an informal, meet and greet with Mary.

On Saturday, **September 16th**, Mary will be offering her full, one-day workshop on **Invite*Welcome*Connect** at **St. James', Downingtown**. Members of the laity are encouraged to attend to learn about all aspects of church hospitality, congregational growth and retention of long-standing members. The day's event begins at 9:30 a.m. and will conclude by 3:30 p.m. Trinity is a sponsoring parish and has 10 complimentary tickets for Saturday's workshop. Members of Trinity are highly encouraged to attend! Please see Pastor Sherry, Deacon Joan or contact Jamoca in the church office to RSVP.

Mary Parmer will conclude her weekend offering in the deanery while preaching Sunday morning, **September 17th** at Episcopal Church of the **Trinity, Coatesville** at our 9:30 a.m. Eucharistic service.

Vestry Meeting

Vestry resumes regular monthly meetings on Sunday, September 17th after coffee hour at 11:15 a.m. in the Sunday School room upstairs.

What's Cookin' in Coatesville **Resume September 21 on the Third Thursday of each month**

What's Cookin' in Coatesville went on hiatus for the summer months of July and August. Based on diner feedback, we are shifting our free community meal to later in the month. We will resume on the third Thursday of each month, beginning Thursday, September 21st serving dinner at 6 pm. September's meal will feature Baked Chicken with Boursin Herb Cheese, Stacked Sweet Potato, Strawberry Spinach Salad and Apple Crumble for dessert. Join us! All are welcome in this place!

Coatesville Invitational Vintage Grand Prix **September 23rd**

Second Annual Vintage Grand Prix will be happening on Saturday, September 23rd beginning at 8:30 a.m. through 5 p.m. The start/finish line will be at Third and Lincoln Highway with the announcers across the street from the Community Garden. This was a fun event last year and brought many people from outside of Coatesville to the City. This is actually a fundraiser for the Capital Parks Project Initiative and Trinity is contributing to the festivities of the day by selling breakfast foods, hotdogs and soft pretzels. This year there will be more offerings at Gateway Park of Food Trucks and Family Friendly activities such as a beer garden, featuring Sly Fox Brewery, Pronto Italian Bistro, Wood's BBQ, Nick's Roast Beef, Bassett's Ice Cream, VIDA Eats and MORE! Come out for the event, as we have a great vantage point on our front lawn for the start/finish of each race. Volunteer opportunities are also available for our food sales on the front lawn!

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.



Women's Group

The women of Trinity had a successful Flea Market on Saturday, August 12th. Thanks to the many fine donations from parishioners and friends, we were able to raise \$458.70. The Fundraising Group was also successful that day; they made \$143.60 in hotdog and drink sales and over \$1400.00 in Chicken BBQ sales. It was a great day to be on the lawn of Trinity.

There will be a meeting of the Women on Sunday Sept. 3rd after church. We need to discuss upcoming expenses and fundraisers; so it is important that all women attend. —Pat Kirkner, President



Trinity Wood Shop 101

Do you enjoy working with your hands? Do you like the sound of drills and power tools and appreciate old-time wood working?

Now is your opportunity! By now, everyone has seen all the plugs and polka dots located on the ceilings and side walls throughout the sanctuary. Our insulators are done and the plasterer is finished.

We will begin the finishing phase of covering the plugs in such a way that when complete, it will look as though it was done when everything else was done – 150 years ago.

“ALL” are encouraged to come out (this is an equal opportunity event) and lend a hand when we begin this process.

See Joe Kirkner for details and any questions you may have.

PS: Safe operation of equipment will be instructed and supervised where necessary.



150th Anniversary Meeting- August 20, 2017

Topics covered during our most recent meeting include:

- Pat Kirkner discussed and reviewed exterior banner submissions by Signarama. A design was voted on and selected by Trinity members present.
- Vic Shanley discussed letter to be mailed in September, alerting the general public of opportunity to be involved and part of our upcoming celebration. Follow up letter to be mailed to the public during the 1st quarter of 2018.
- Sherry spoke briefly about Gene DiOrio, a local historian, who would be willing to come and share his knowledge of our history at Trinity, along with that of Coatesville and Lukens Steel.

Announcement made during church service on August 27: our venue, for our October 6, 2018 celebration, will be changed from the residence of Greg and Caroline Bentley, to the Coatesville Moose. Greg and Caroline's son will be getting married that day. Best wishes and congratulations to him and his bride.

Our next scheduled meeting will be Oct. 1, 2017. We will be compiling names and addresses for our marketing letter, requesting and encouraging sponsors for our upcoming programs and expenses.

-Joe Kirkner, Chair



Veterans Brunch- August 27,2017

Our August theme was Mexican and the outcome was exactly as we hoped. Chef Kevin prepared and served up delicious chicken enchiladas covered with his secret chili sauce!

61 Veterans came and were taken good care of by our 17 Volunteers. This month's missing man table was set and prepared by Joe Lee, and the ceremonial candle was lit by our visiting deacon, Toneh Williams. She also provided hands on assistance and provided a lovely grace for the meal.

Our menu selection this month was: scrambled eggs, bacon, baked French toast with bacon, roasted potatoes, grits, Mexican rice, refried beans, taco salad with bacon, bean salad, salsa, tabasco sauce, tortilla chips, fresh watermelon, desserts, coffee, juice and water.

As summer begins to come to a close, please consider assisting in our monthly brunch! In particular, we need help in clean-up; in recent months our cleaning crew has dwindled, requiring longer time to wrap-up. So even if you can't stay after church to help prepare food, set-up the hall, or serve the meal, you could come back at 1:00 and wash and dry pans and dishes, or help breakdown and put away all hall items. We need your enthusiasm and help!

God Bless our Veterans, Trinity Church, and God Bless America.

-The Brunch Bunch.

FUNDRAISING

VROOOM!!!!... VROOOM!!!!... VROOOM!!!! Save the date.....Sat, Sept 23.....for the Coatesville Invitational Vintage Grand Prix! In its second year, this event will be featuring some of the sportiest, fastest and loudest motorcars and motorcycles of days gone by, winding their way along a route through the heart of Coatesville. And also for the second year, Trinity will be planted smack in the middle of all the activity as we offer up yummy edibles for the hundreds of spectators. In fact, in its inaugural year, we sold a record number of almost 200 hot dogs from our vantage point on the east lawn.

This year, we've been asked to expand our offerings to include some breakfast items for those hungry early birds. The committee is brainstorming now and preparing to feature items like breakfast sandwiches, wraps and even a variation on the German pancake! And we won't stop there.....at 11:00, the griddle gives way to the grill as our resident "Grill Man" starts putting out the Ball Park hotdogs, Philly pretzels and soft drinks.

"Why are we doing this?"For almost 150 years, Trinity has been a focal point of the City of Coatesville. Over those years, our church has been known as a vital provider and lively participant in events such as the Coatesville Christmas Parade, What's Cookin' In Coatesville, Breakfast with Santa, etc. And this does not go unnoticed as we are now at the top of the list of those asked to contribute to the success of the

Grand Prix. But more importantly, we give of ourselves and our energy so that Trinity benefits from the proceeds realized by our efforts.

And that brings us to “How are we doing this?”As always, when Trinity sends out the call for support in making things happen, our members selflessly step up to the plate and do Trinity proud. The Grand Prix is no exception, as we will be inviting and welcoming anyone who wants to help out in whatever capacity he or she can. We'll be looking for menu ideas, confections from the bakers among us, help in preparing items the night before, and of course, a solid team on the front line the day of the event.

The Fundraising Team is forever grateful for the support it enjoys at each event. Sat, Sept 23 will be no exception, as we showcase Trinity to residents and visitors alike, and garner the residual funds so critical to the continuing life of our church. Let us know how you wish to help.....we look forward to your contribution and efforts.

Peace, Vic Shanley, Chmn., Fundraising

VA Training Here at Trinity on Sept 12: You're Invited

The Coatesville VA is offering, here at Trinity, a training opportunity open to clergy of all faiths and lay leaders in local congregations interested in Veteran related issues. And that means you're invited, because Trinity has a long-established interest in welcoming veterans to our monthly brunch and to our services.

Topics: Comparison of Military and Civilian Cultures, Moral Wounds of War,
and Suicide Intervention Training

Where: Trinity Church, in Stone Hall

When: Tuesday, Sept. 12, 8:00 am - 3:45 pm

Cost: none

Lunch and refreshments will be provided

Registration: Coatesville VA training event

(Space is limited to the first 50 registrants)



Erika Haak	2-Sep
Michael Thompson	10-Sep
Alexander Kirwin	13- Sep
Dorothy Pawling	20- Sep
Jeannine Bush	21- Sep
Curt Jennings	29- Sep
Dana Harvey	30- Sep

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
					SH Rented 230-6pm	
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Women's Group Meeting	LABOR DAY OFFICE CLOSED			HE Chapel- 12Noon		
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
*Blessing of Backpacks & Teachers *Trinity Tea *SH Rented	BIBLE STUDY 7PM	Veteran Training 8AM-5PM		HE Chapel- 12Noon YOGA- 1245-145PM		SH Rented
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
SH Rented Vestry Meeting	BIBLE STUDY 7PM			HE Chapel- 12Noon Pastoral Care Team Meeting 1230PM Whats Cookin' in Coatesville 6PM		Coatesville Grand Prix
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Vet Brunch	BIBLE STUDY 7PM			HE Chapel- 12Noon YOGA- 1245-145PM		SH Rented



Readers, Servers and Greeters for September 2017



Date	Readers	Psalter/P-O-P	Chalists	Servers	Torches	Greeters
9/3	Caroline Bentley	Lon Cross	Jim Anderson	Jim Anderson	N/A	TBA
	Greg Bentley	Chris Haak	Lon Cross	Jim Anderson	N/A	
9/10	Vic Shanley	N/A	Al Carey	Al Carey	N/A	TBA
	Ebbie Carey	Craig McGovern	Pam Smyth	Al Carey	N/A	
9/17	Kent Nation	N/A	Pat Kirkner	Pat Kirkner	N/A	TBA
	Violet Armstead	Bill Terry	Jim Anderson	Pat Kirkner	N/A	
9/24	Jim Anderson	N/A	Al Carey	Seth Haak	N/A	TBA
	Seth Haak	Pam Smyth	Pat Kirkner	Pat Kirkner	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
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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