



trinity topics

From the Rector's Desk . . .

By the Reverend Sherry Deets

In this Spring month of April, this Easter season, I share an excerpt from *In the Sanctuary of Women: A Companion for Reflection and Prayer* by Jan L. Richardson. She writes about Thin Places:

In Celtic spiritual traditions, the fluidity of time extends far beyond the stories of the saints. We encounter it, for instance, in the notion of thin places: spaces where the veil between worlds becomes *transparent*, and heaven and earth meet. In Ireland and elsewhere, the physical landscape offers such places in the form of holy wells, sacred ruins, stone circles, and in the architecture of nature: in forests, fields, seacoasts, hills—places where the lay of the land evokes an awareness of the sacred. These spaces are haunted by the holy. Time runs differently here, and the presence and prayers of generations of visitors have made the veil ever more thin.

The presence of thin places prompts one to wonder whether the Spirit has a particular fondness for some favorite hangouts. Yet our tradition tells us that God stubbornly insists on dwelling *everywhere*, that God pervades the entire creation; and I think God cannot be more *there* in some places than in others, no matter how godforsaken some corners of the earth may seem. Perhaps the mystery of thin places is that when we find ourselves in them, when we recognize them, we become more present to the God who is always present to us. Something in the landscape meets us, inhabits us. The veil that falls away is not external to us; it is within.

BLESSING

That the holy
will haunt you.
That the terrain of your days
will give way to God.
Each moment. Each step.
Each circling and turning.
Every breath an opening
tearing the veil.

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Lectio Divina Continues on Thursday, April 12th at 11 a.m.

The offering of the Lectio Divina experience was well received during Lent. So well received that we are going to continue it! Meg Devereux has agreed to keep us going our reading of holy scripture on Thursdays at 11 a.m. Join us! Feel free to stay for our noon Holy Eucharist with healing in St. Cyril's chapel afterward.

"Lectio Divina is one of the great treasures of the Christian tradition of prayer. It means Divine Reading, which is reading the book we believe to be divinely inspired. This tradition of prayer flows out of a Hebrew method of studying the Scriptures which was called *haggadah*. *Haggadah* was an interactive interpretation of the Scriptures by means of the free use of the text to explore its inner meaning. It was part of the devotional practice of the Jews in the days of Jesus."

This is a time to rest in God and listen for how God speaks to you. Meg will be utilizing the upcoming Sunday's lectionary readings for our Lectio Divina.

Gentle Yoga at Trinity

Nancy Murphy continues to lead us well in gentle yoga at Trinity! Join us on the second and fourth Thursday of the month – April 12th and April 26th – at 12:40 p.m. (after the noon service). No prior yoga experience is necessary. Mats are available; simply wear comfortable clothing (easy to move around in). Free will offering.

Pastoral Care Team Meeting

Our pastoral care team will hold its next meeting on the Third Thursday, April 19th at 12:30 pm (after the noon service).

Vestry Meeting

Vestry will meet on Sunday, April 15th at 11:15 a.m. in the upstairs Sunday School room for its regular third Sunday meeting.

What's Cookin' in Coatesville?

We have come to the conclusion that our free, healthy meal program has run its course and are ending the monthly offering. While the community seems to love the *idea* of it (Facebook posts receive a great deal of attention and highly positive comments), the attendance is not consistently high enough for us to keep this going on a monthly basis. Volunteers have become sparse as well and we do not want to “burn out” the few that are also involved in other ministries. We realize that we began this ministry in 2012! That means we have had a good time cooking and serving (and cleaning up for) the wider community for six years. We have discovered really tasty healthy recipes. We have met some awesome people. This was a good thing. A very good thing. And, who knows, we just may offer a free, healthy community meal on a non-regular basis as the Spirit leads.

Property Update

As you may realize, older buildings require a great deal of maintenance and we have been slowly working to repair, update, etc. our historic and beloved church buildings. Also with older buildings, whenever a contractor begins to work on a space, surprises are often found which require additional time and sometimes additional money. We have a group of great volunteers who also work on projects for our church and for that we are deeply grateful. Thank a property committee member or anyone in our congregation that you see taking the time to spruce up our church space. That is invaluable to the congregation!

Some items that are on the horizon....repairs to the Stone Hall roof; repairs to the exterior stone walls of our Sanctuary (water is coming through due to disintegrating mortar); painting of the newly plastered walls in our Sanctuary; painting of the hallways from the Stone Hall doors to the interior Sanctuary door and new flooring on those same hallways (many thanks to the Women's Group for partial funding of the flooring!); new lighting in Stone Hall and acoustic panels to eliminate the 'echo' in the hall (with many thanks to the Bentleys for this 150th Anniversary gift) and a new stove/oven and hood system in the kitchen.

A related activity is the work being done to create a columbarium for Trinity. As you have heard, the location is against the front wall of Stone Hall (the wall that has our Episcopal shield) and there will be a lovely sitting area in front. The foundation work we anticipate for the columbarium will also help to alleviate water issues in the basement of the hall.

This is all very exciting and our Property Committee will continue to work hard to prioritize the many building concerns. As our 150th Anniversary year continues to unfold, Trinity is extending the invitation to the wider community to donate to our “Historic Preservation Fund” which will enable us to remain a vital, contributing presence in downtown Coatesville for at least another 150 years!



Veterans Brunch – March 25, 2018

Our monthly brunch coincided with Palm Sunday this year, so along with our enjoying the Liturgy of the Palms, our brunch bunch enjoyed a time of giving, caring, and fellowship as they prepared another delicious meal for our veterans.

Although the attendance was low; 37 veterans this month; our 22 volunteers prepared and served another great meal. The menu included scrambled eggs, bacon, waffles, mashed potatoes, chicken and gravy, turkey corn chili, green beans with bacon, corn bread, cole slaw, potato salad, a large variety of breads and desserts, fresh fruit, juice, water and coffee.

The candle on our missing man table was lite by Bill Terry this month. Thanks go out to our outside members who assisted this month: Coleen Beckershoff, Donna Schneider, Rachel and Mason Kirkner, and their friend, Mason. Our next brunch is April 29th. If you haven't volunteered before, or it's been awhile since you have, try and join us in April.

God Bless our Vets, our volunteers and God Bless America

-The Brunch Bunch



150th Anniversary Year!

Below, is our tentative schedule for April 2018; stay tuned for weekly announcements in church.

- Anniversary meeting April 8, 2018
- Work service project, City of Coatesville on April 21, 2018, Bridge to Bridge clean-up. "Giving back to the community." Congregation participants will wear Trinity 150th T-shirts or sweatshirts for photo-op.
- Memorial Tree recognizing previous members that have passed on; extended families invited to attend.



Women's Group

See the flier included in this newsletter for details for our next Potluck, Paint, and Pinot party scheduled for April 13th, 2018. Tickets will be available from most of the women, and the office will have a few to sell. This will be our last fundraising effort until our big flea market in August....so come on out for the fun and laughter.

-Pat Kirkner, Women's Group President



Potluck, Paint & Pinot Party

Friday, April 13th, 2018

6:00 – 9:00 PM

6:00-7:00– Potluck: Bring a dish to share

7:00-9:00 – Paint: Create your very own masterpiece under direction of local art teacher, Kelly Hewson.

Cost is \$35.00 per person

at Episcopal Church of the Trinity

323 E. Lincoln Hwy., Coatesville, PA

BYOB



Nina Thompson	1-Apr
Evelyn Carey	2-Apr
Lily Fazio	2-Apr
Gail Craven	4-Apr
Ryan Muschelli	6-Apr
Sherry Deets	7-Apr
Diane Evans	7-Apr
Stacey Heston	10-Apr
Al Carey	11-Apr
Robert Baynard, Sr.	14-Apr
Jodi Bakshas	15-Apr
Barbara Combs	21-Apr
Kristin Busch	21-Apr

Victor & Jacqueline Shanley	24-Apr
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APRIL 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Easter Sunday		CHOIR	SH RENTED	CEC Meeting 1030-12noon HE Chapel- 12noon		
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
SH RENTED		CHOIR		Lectio Divina 11AM HE Chapel- 12noon Yoga 1240P	Painting Party 6-9PM	SH & Sanctuary RENTED
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Vestry Meeting SH RENTED		CHOIR		Lectio Divina 11AM HE Chapel- 12noon Pastoral Care 1230PM		Sanctuary Rented
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
SH RENTED		CHOIR		Lectio Divina 11AM HE Chapel- 12noon Yoga 1240P	SH RENTED	SH RENTED
29	30					
Veterans Brunch						



Readers, Servers and Greeters for April 2018



Date	Readers	Psalter/P-O-P	Chalists	Servers	Torches	Greeters
4/1	Chris Haak	N/A	Al Carey	Al Carey	N/A	TBA
	Cathy Renzulli	Pam Smyth	Bill Terry	Jim Anderson	N/A	
4/8	Kent Nation	N/A	Bill Terry	Seth Haak	N/A	TBA
	Vic Shanley	Seth Haak	Donna Fleck	Bill Terry	N/A	
4/15	Greg Bentley	N/A	Bill Terry	Zoey McGovern	N/A	TBA
	Craig McGovern	Jim Anderson	Pat Kirkner	Bill Terry	N/A	
4/22	Caroline Bentley	N/A	Bill Terry	Jack McGovern	N/A	TBA
	Bill Terry	Lon Cross	Al Carey	Bill Terry	N/A	
4/29	Cathy Renzulli	N/A	Jim Anderson	Jim Anderson	N/A	TBA
	Violet Armstead	Chris Haak	Pat Kirkner	Jim Anderson	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