



trinity topics

From the Rector's Desk . . .

By the Reverend Sherry Deets

Welcome summer! We ended June with a good St. Cyril's Day celebration – guest preacher, the Rev. Paula Lawrence Wehmiller; Concordia Choral Arts gave a wonderful performance and many enjoyed the historic Graystone Mansion at a reception afterwards. The day reminded me of compassion. I share with you from the book *Love Heals* written by Becca Stevens:

The space between having everything and having nothing isn't vast. The journey between the wilderness and Jerusalem may be shorter than we think. The line that separates the givers and receivers is thin. The connections between all of us are greater than anything that separates us, and when we see them, our brokenness begins to be transformed into compassion for others and even for ourselves. Compassion is one of the most important attributes of love. When we cultivate compassion for others, we can feel the loving kindness God offers to us. In other words, instead of dismissing others' brokenness, we engage suffering with hope. A daily commitment to compassion gives us the ability to feel the joys and sorrows of others and be gentle with ourselves.

When I founded Thistle Farms twenty years ago, I met a woman named Regina, who was living on the streets after experiencing much trauma in her youth. She was a survivor of addiction, prostitution, and trafficking, and she was the mother of three young boys. Yet in small, profound ways, she was the first woman in this community who began to teach me that you can't kill hope in people. You can abuse, jail, sell, and assault people, but you can't kill their hope.

In 1997, shortly after we opened the first house, I stopped by and saw through the window that Regina was dancing. When I went inside and asked her why she was dancing, she said she was having a Holy Ghost party. We laughed then, but after I went back to my car, I sat for a while, crying. I cried because I wanted to believe that in spite of all the pain and brokenness in this world, love is more powerful and forgiveness runs deeper. I cried because I knew my cross—my work with Thistle Farms—was going to take up so much of my life. And I cried because I couldn't remember the last time I had danced with the Holy Spirit. Those tears were a sign of compassion for myself.

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They were healing tears that sprang from seeing Regina's joy and knowing that this work was a way for me to learn to dance with the Spirit again.

Regina went on to help another two hundred women come off the streets. She is now one of the national education directors for the more than sixty communities working to help survivors around the country. For a couple years, she even helped me raise my three young sons.

Regina shows me how it is possible for us to take up our crosses and follow love. Her cross came from trauma that became a life-threatening addiction, and I am so grateful to her that she had enough compassion for herself to bear it. Her full-circle journey helped teach me that there is less pain in bearing our crosses for the sake of love than in not knowing love at all. Regina preaches that when we have compassion for our own stories and brokenness, it is possible to dance with the Holy Spirit and offer compassion to others.

Period Dress-Up Sunday with Period Liturgy (1868)

Sunday, July 15th will be a fun day of dressing up in clothing of the period when our church was begun (1868). The liturgy for the 9:30 a.m. service will be taken from the Book of Common Prayer that was used at that time and there will be a reception following on the front lawn with period lute music played by musician Mark Rimple. Civil war soldiers will also be with us for the day. It should create a scene right out of the late 1800s on our own front lawn!

150th Anniversary Tapestry

If you would like to have one of our special 150th Anniversary Tapestries (Throw/Afghan) as your own, the deadline for orders has been extended in order to ensure all have a chance to order. The tapestry quality is very good and the cost is only \$75. Checks are payable to Trinity Episcopal Church and please indicate "Tapestry 150th Anniversary on the check's memo line.

150th Anniversary Tapestry Order Form

Name _____

Placing order for _____ at \$75.00 each

Make checks payable to Trinity Episcopal Church, indicating "Tapestry 150th Anniversary on the check memo area.

Women's Group

The annual Chicken Barbeque and Flea Market is scheduled for August 18th. Your donations to our flea market are being accepted at the church. We have designated space in the basement for storage, so feel free to bring them in any time the church is open or arrangements can be made with Pat Kirkner or Dennis Dantzler for deliveries at other times. We are looking forward to another successful event fueled by the dedication of Trinity members.

150th Anniversary Events

“150 Years of Faith in Coatesville”

July 15 (Sunday) Period Dress-up Sunday with period liturgy. Service begins at 9:30 a.m. Reception follows on the front lawn with period lute music played by musician Mark Rimple.

September 24 – October 10 Historical Displays in the social hall (Stone Hall) regarding the church as well as displays from various organizations throughout Coatesville. Church tours available.

October 4 (Thursday) Ross Kershey presents the “History of Coatesville” . Arrival begins 6:15 p.m. with light fare available, presentation begins at 7 p.m. Enjoy our historical displays before and after the presentation.

September 30 (Sunday) Eugene DiOrio, Historical Advisor for the Graystone Society, presents Episcopal Church of the Trinity history at 4 p.m. Reception follows. Enjoy our historical displays in the social hall.

October 5 (Friday) Coatesville High School Gospel Choir 7 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Reception follows. Enjoy our historical displays in the social hall.

October 6 (Saturday) Anniversary Dinner at the Coatesville Moose 5 p.m. Members are free. Additional guests \$20

October 7 (Sunday) Celebratory Worship service with the Rt. Rev. Daniel Gutierrez presiding and preaching at 9:30 a.m.



Grand Prix 2018.pdf

Episcopal Church of the Trinity 150th Anniversary Celebration

Sesquicentennial Sponsor: \$5,000 Greg, Caroline and Andrew Bentley

1868 Founder Sponsor: \$3,000

- Inside front page of program and display advertising at event(s)
- Featured in newspaper advertising for events
- Featured on website and Facebook page
- 1 reserved table (8) at celebratory dinner (The Moose, Oct 6)

Gold Sponsor(s): \$2,000

- Inside/Outside back cover of program and display advertising at event(s)
- Featured in newspaper advertising for events
- 4 tickets to celebratory dinner (The Moose, Oct 6)

Frankincense Sponsor(s): \$1,000

- Full page ad in program and display advertising
- Featured in newspaper advertising for events
- 2 tickets to celebratory dinner (The Moose, Oct 6)

Myrrh Sponsor(s): \$500

- ½ page ad in program
- Listing in newspaper advertising for events
- 2 tickets to celebratory dinner (The Moose, Oct 6)

Friend of Trinity Sponsor(s): \$50 - \$100


- 1 inch listing in program
- Listing in newspaper advertising for events



Preservation Partner Donation: Amount of your choice

For our community friends who would like to contribute toward our Historic Preservation Fund for ongoing building maintenance and improvements, keeping us active and alive in the heart of Coatesville for at least another 150 years!

- Listing in program
- Listing in newspaper advertising for events

Are you aware of Trinity's community contributions? See other side 

Community Service Notes

- **Veterans Brunch** occurs monthly on the last Sunday of each month. Hospitalized Veterans are bused from the Coatesville VA Medical Center to enjoy delicious home-cooked food and fellowship. This has become popular with the local Veterans.
- **Coatesville Community Garden.** Trinity was the organizer of this community garden which now holds 35 raised beds. We work in partnership with the Chester County Food Bank, who provides much needed assistance in the garden. Garden beds are utilized by local groups (i.e. Coatesville Senior Center, Bright Beginnings, Coatesville Kids to College, Coatesville Library) and local families. The produce from Trinity's beds is given to the local food co-ops.
- **What's Cookin' in Coatesville?** This free, healthy meal served to the community was an outgrowth of the Community Garden and has been a living witness to how healthy food can taste good. We have served for 6 tasteful years!
- **Christmas Gifting Tree.** We provide gifts for under-resourced children in Coatesville at Christmas time. Volunteers deliver the gifts to their homes just prior to Christmas Day.
- **Breakfast with Santa.** Trinity provides one of the best Breakfast with Santa experiences in the area!
- **Coatesville Christmas Parade.** Trinity has become known for selling "the best hotdogs between 3rd and 4th Avenues" as well as hot drinks in conjunction with the Christmas parade.
- **Collection for Coatesville Shelters.** We hold collections on a regular basis for the men and women's shelters in downtown Coatesville, providing clothing, coats, shoes, household items, etc.
- **Collection for Coatesville Food Cupboards.** We regularly collect food for the local food co-ops.
- **Coatesville Police Chaplain.** Our Rector, the Rev. Sherry Deets, serves as a law enforcement chaplain.
- **Addiction Programs.** We are pleased to host weekly meeting(s)
- **Lunch for Good Works Volunteers.** At least once a year Trinity gives the regular Good Works lunch crew a much deserved break and provides lunch to that day's work crews.
- **Musical Offerings.** Trinity provides various music experiences that are open to the community for their enjoyment.
- **Availability of Meeting Space.** Trinity is pleased to be able to offer the use of our meeting space for various community uses. Examples are Family Group Decision Making Meetings, Balance Workshops, Gentle Yoga, Bridges out of Poverty Workshops, etc. Our hall is also available to rent for parties and is used quite regularly for baby showers, wedding showers and birthday parties to name a few.

Our 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.

Sponsor / Donor Form



Episcopal Church of The Trinity
"Celebrating 150 Years of Faith In Coatesville."

[Organization Name]

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Donor Information (please print or type)

Name

Address

City, ST Zip Code

Phone

Email

I (We) would like to sponsor the 150th Anniversary as:

1868 Founding Sponsor \$3,000 _____

Gold Sponsor \$2,000 _____

Frankincense Sponsor \$1,000 _____

Myrrh Sponsor \$500 _____

Friend of Trinity Sponsor \$50 - \$100 _____

I (We) wish to be a Historical Preservation Partner by contributing

_____ \$5,000	_____ \$3,000	_____ \$1,500	_____ \$1,000
_____ \$500	_____ \$250	_____ \$100	_____ (dollar amount of your choice)

Acknowledgement Information (Deadline for ad copy is July 31, 2018. Ad copy may be submitted electronically to trinitycoates@aol.com) Your generosity will be remembered in 2118 at the opening of our time capsule.

Please use the following name(s) in all acknowledgements: _____

I (we) wish to have our gift remain anonymous.

Signature(s)

Date

Please make checks or other gifts payable to:

323 E. Lincoln Highway
Coatesville, PA 19320
610-384-4771



Molly Beck	4-July
Ian Post	7-July
Margaret Bragg	7-July
Ruth Gardiner	8-July
James Anderson	10-July
Kathy Terry	11-July
Violet Cole	14-July
Elinor Barnes	17-July
Norren 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

John & Susan Petura	12-July
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JULY 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
			Office Closed	HE Chapel-12noon		SH Rented
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
				HE Chapel-12noon		SH & Kitchen Rented
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Period Dress Day	Volunteer English Program 6-9PM		Volunteer English Program 6-9PM	HE Chapel-12noon		SH Rented
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
	Volunteer English Program 6-9PM			HE Chapel-12noon	Kitchen Rented	SH Rented
29	30	31				
Vet Brunch 1230 PM						



Readers, Servers and Greeters for July 2018



Date	Readers	Psalter/P-O-P	Chalists	Servers	Torches	Greeters
7/1	Vic Shanley	Pam Smyth	Donna Fleck	Craig McGovern	N/A	TBA
	Chris Haak	Kent Nation	Bill Terry	Bill Terry	N/A	
7/8	Seth Haak	Violet Armstead	Jim Anderson	Seth Haak	N/A	TBA
	Cathy Renzulli	Craig McGovern	Pam Smyth	Bill Terry	N/A	
7/15	Jim Anderson	Bill Terry	Al Carey	Zoey McGovern	N/A	TBA
	Caroline Bentley	Greg Bentley	Pat Kirkner	Pat Kirkner	N/A	
7/22	Vic Shanley	Seth Haak	Pat Kirkner	Jack McGovern	N/A	TBA
	Pam Smyth	Chris Haak	Bill Terry	Bill Terry	N/A	
7/29	Kent Nation	Cathy Renzulli	Jim Anderson	Jim Anderson	N/A	TBA
	Violet Armstead	Jim Anderson	Donna Fleck	Jim Anderson	N/A	

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Mission Statement

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Service Schedule

Holy Eucharist

Sundays 9:30 AM

Thursdays 12:00 PM

**Jamoca Harkins, Parish
Administrator**

Parish Office Hours

Mondays 10am-2pm

Tuesdays & Thursdays 10am-1pm

Wednesdays 530-630pm

Fridays 8am-12noon

**THE EPISCOPAL
CHURCH OF THE TRINITY
323 East Lincoln Highway
Coatesville, Pennsylvania
19320-3409**

**Church School
Sundays 9:15 AM**