

CHURCH OF THE TRINITY  
323 East Lincoln Highway  
Coatesville, PA 19320



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## From the Rector's Desk . . .

By the Reverend Sherry Deets

*"No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. Matthew 5:15-16"*

Trinity is a wonderful congregation in the heart of Coatesville. I began my journey here on July 8, 2002 as Deacon-in-Charge after graduating from General Theological Seminary and being ordained to the transitional Diaconate on June 22, 2002. My ordination to the Priesthood occurred on May 31, 2003 and I was delighted that many members of Trinity came to that ordination at the Cathedral in Philadelphia. It has been a journey of growth, spiritually and numerically for all of us here at Trinity. It has been a journey of twists and turns, ups and downs, sorrows and joys, endings and new beginnings, discoveries and adventures. All along we have been held in God's hands. We are marking '150 Years of Faith in Coatesville' this year. This is a unique opportunity to let your light shine brightly. Trinity is a warm and welcoming congregation and over these last years I have witnessed the fact that anyone—anyone—who comes through our doors is graciously received. This sense of gracious hospitality leads to the diversity that we have in our congregational family. It is a great light.

As we celebrate 150 Years of Faith in Coatesville, we are taking this unique opportunity to share our light with many others, far and wide. Mailings have gone out to area businesses inviting the opportunity to sponsor our activities or donate to our Historic Preservation Fund for our building maintenance and upkeep. Most importantly we are inviting them to join us for our year-long celebratory events. Our members will also receive this same mailing and we invite you to share the invitation with others – extended family, friends, co-workers, etc. We will have a supply of the mailings available if you would like to pass the information on.

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This is truly an amazing congregation and that reality is worth celebrating! We are called, as Disciples of Christ, to share our light with others, to bring others to Christ and draw them more fully into the life which God intends. We do that when we journey together as a faith community. I have witnessed how we are able to support each other, cry with each other, be joyful with each other, work with each other, the list goes on. Celebrate, truly celebrate, and let your light shine because we are proclaiming '150 Years of Faith in Coatesville'! Let us praise the Lord!

### **Gentle Yoga at Trinity**

Nancy Murphy will be leading us in Gentle Yoga in our social hall on the first and third Thursday of May (instead of the usual 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday) and will NOT be with us in June. Yoga begins at 12:40 p.m., after our noon service, on Thursday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> and Thursday, May 17<sup>th</sup>. No prior yoga experience is necessary. Mats are provided. Free will offering.

### **Vestry Retreat**

Our annual Vestry retreat will be held on Saturday, May 19<sup>th</sup> from 9 a.m. to Lunch at the Bentley home. Our guest will be the Rev. Canon Kirk Berlenbach, Canon for Innovation and Community Engagement.

### **150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Events Open to the Community**

**"150 Years of Faith in Coatesville"**

**May 20 (Sunday) Gail x2 Musical Pentecost Recital 4 p.m. Reception follows.**

**June 24 (Sunday) St. Cyril's Day Concordia Choral Arts Presentation at 3 p.m. Reception following at Graystone Mansion**

**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 12 Historical Displays in the social hall (Stone Hall) regarding the church as well as displays from various organizations throughout Coatesville. Church tours available.**

**September 27 (Thursday) Ross Kershey present 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. Tickets available.**

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

**Bridges out of Poverty  
See Flyer on Next Page**



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## Veterans Brunch – April 29, 2018

The report for our monthly brunch is being provided prior to the actual brunch, but based on previous gatherings, we expect another great turnout by our men and women of the military.

Each month our volunteers come together and prepare a wonderful home-cooked meal. It also allows our church family to provide a social atmosphere for all to come and share time together.

This month’s menu items include eggs, bacon, French toast, meatloaf, parsley potatoes, and many other side dishes, including desserts.

A special thank you goes out to Bill Terry, our senior NCO, and Jacob Furlong, who represented Trinity Church this year at the Voluntary Service Recognition Luncheon held at the Coatesville VA Medical Center on Saturday, April 21, 2018.

If you haven’t experienced our brunch outreach, give it a try. You won’t be disappointed. God Bless our Veterans, our Brunch Bunch, and God Bless America. -The Brunch Bunch



## Harrisburg Trip

Pastor Sherry was asked, and has accepted, to provide the Opening Prayer before the State Senate on May 21, 2018 in Harrisburg. A tour of the Capitol building has been promised by Senator Andy Dinniman while there. A van has been reserved, along with a driver (thank you, Grant Combs), so that the 15 members of Trinity that have already signed up, can attend the session in support of Sherry. If additional members are interested in going, please contact Joe Kirkner by May 4<sup>th</sup> deadline, so we can reserve a second van for this historic outing.



## 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Year! (1868-2018)

This month our Marketing Committee met a number of times to discuss, plan, design, and implement our strategy for introducing our Anniversary achievements to the general public by inviting them to participate in various ways.

First strategy is to become a sponsor of the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary at different levels of giving, or second strategy is to be a Historical Preservation Partner, contributing towards the ongoing upkeep of our beautiful, historical sanctuary and grounds.

All contributors will be displayed in our Anniversary program which will be a central part of our gatherings in October, and will be included in the various artifacts to be placed in our time capsule in November. Many thanks to Vic Shanley, Pastor Sherry, Jim Anderson and Bill Terry for providing their expertise in this phase of the Anniversary process.

Thanks to Nicole McGovern and Erika Haak for sending out our “Save the Date” cards in April.

Thanks to Chris Haak for bringing in the first shipment of Anniversary T-shirts that were given to our volunteers on Clean Up/Earth Day on April 21. All active church members will receive a free T-shirt. A sign-up sheet will be posted soon...asking for your name and required size.

Thanks to our church members who signed-up and performed their first “Give Back” commitment on Earth Day. See full “Earth” report in this Topics.

#### **Upcoming Anniversary dates and events:**

- May 6, 2018 = Anniversary Meeting, after church service, in Stone Hall.
  
- May 20, 2018 = Gail X2 Musical Pentecost Recital, 4:00PM.  
Followed by:
  - Celebration of the 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Ordination to the priesthood of Pastor Sherry.
  - Light meal provided by Chef Kevin and Women’s Group

Historical artifacts are needed for our Hall of History slated for Sept/October.

Many thanks to everyone who has contributed to our Anniversary; and to those who have not yet....but will!!  
-Joe Kirkner, Anniversary Chair *“150 Years of faith in Coatesville”*



### **EARTH DAY – BRIDGE to BRIDGE CLEAN UP -April 21, 2018**

Our first service project to give back to the community was scheduled to coincide with Earth Day, and as a personal commitment for our 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration.

Our project of picking –up trash in Coatesville started at 9:00 AM in the church’s front yard. Our group of volunteers was separated in two, with half heading east and half heading west, with special emphasis given to the parking lot across the street and the community garden.

By lunch time, a total of 20 large trash bags were filled and picked up and disposed of in our onsite containers. The balance was taken to a local landfill on Monday.

Our volunteer pickers included: Margaret Bragg, Barbara Combs, Betty Sullivan, Esther and Dana Harvey, Laverne and Walter Cheatham, Dennis Dantzler, Pat and Joe Kirkner, Meg Devereux, Joe Lee, Pam Smyth, Jim Anderson and Pastor Sherry Deets.

Our volunteer cooks were Nora Bush and Judy Vennell, who fed hotdogs, chips, drinks, and desserts to the workers at the end of their efforts.

Thank you to all these who helped Trinity be a visible force in Coatesville. Our 2<sup>nd</sup> personal give back project will be conducted in the fall of 2018. Details will be announced at that time. *“Keep American Beautiful”*



## Women's Group

We had another fun evening of painting and fellowship on April 13<sup>th</sup>, when 28 women, men and children gathered to create their masterpiece. We added \$200 to our coffers, so we are now in a great position to order anniversary gifts for the church. And once the hallway is deemed ready, we will be contributing toward the cost of new laminate flooring, to be installed from Stone Hall doors to choir robing area.



## Reveal Gathering

A tentative date has been picked for our annual Secret Sister Reveal and new picking. Please plan on being at Pat Kirkner's home on Thursday evening, May 10<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 pm. We will share a meal together then reveal who our sister was during the past 12 months. And start the fun all over again! Hopefully this date, time and place will fit into your schedules for May.



## Spring Cleaning = Keep your church in mind!

Now that the weather is finally warming up, you may be starting your spring cleaning efforts. As you sort through your possessions, clutter, storage and knick-knacks, please remember that the Women's Group

sponsors a Flea Market every August. We depend on your donations to increase our offerings on this day. This year the annual Chicken BBQ and Flea Market is set for August 18<sup>th</sup>. We have a room in the basement where we can start collecting your gifts. So before you toss that dresser, table, teapot, toaster, picture, shoes, clothes, etc.....consider if it is worthy to us. See Pat Kirkner for more details.



Carl Croft	2-May
Michael Fazio	5-May
Beatrix Kirwin	6-May
Connor McWilliams	11-May
Greg Bentley	12-May
Donald Carron	16-May
Ray Hulse	17-May
Elizabeth Hanley	23-May
Jack McGovern	24-May
Zoe McGovern	24-May
Debra Tillotson	27-May
Kathleen Price	28-May
Beth Fazio	29-May

John & Minnie Kirwin	26-May
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**MAY 2018**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
		CHOIR		Lectio Divina-11AM HE Chapel-12noon Yoga-1240PM	SH RENTED	SH& Kitchen RENTED
<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>
		CHOIR		Lectio Divina-11AM HE Chapel-12noon		Good Works Lunch Prep  SH RENTED
<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>
		CHOIR		Lectio Divina-11AM HE Chapel-12noon Yoga-1240PM	Kitchen Rented	Vestry Retreat 9A Lunch@ Bentleys  Kitchen Rented
<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>
Gail X 2 Musical Recital 4PM	Harrisburg Opening Prayer	CHOIR		Lectio Divina-11AM HE Chapel-12noon		SH RENTED
<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>		
Veterans Brunch	<b>Memorial Day</b>  <b>Office Closed</b>	CHOIR  Kitchen Rented	Kitchen Rented	Lectio Divina-11AM HE Chapel-12noon Bridges out of Poverty Training-SH 6-9PM  Kitchen Rented		



**Readers, Servers and Greeters for May 2018**



Date	Readers	Psalter/P-O-P	Chalists	Servers	Torches	Greeters
5/6	Chris Haak	N/A	Al Carey	Al Carey	N/A	TBA
	Cathy Renzulli	Pam Smyth	Bill Terry	Jim Anderson	N/A	
5/13	Kent Nation	N/A	Bill Terry	Seth Haak	N/A	TBA
	Vic Shanley	Seth Haak	Donna Fleck	Bill Terry	N/A	

5/20	Greg Bentley	N/A	Bill Terry	Zoey McGovern	N/A	TBA
	Craig McGovern	Jim Anderson	Pat Kirkner	Bill Terry	N/A	
5/27	Caroline Bentley	N/A	Bill Terry	Jack McGovern	N/A	TBA
	Bill Terry	Lon Cross	Al Carey	Bill Terry	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**