

CHURCH OF THE TRINITY
323 East Lincoln Highway
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From the Rector's Desk . . .

By the Reverend Sherry Deets

'150 Years of Faith in Coatesville'! This celebratory year is turning out to be a very good one, especially because I see relationships developing and deepening. People are getting to know each other a little better as we work side by side on special events and planning. Trinity is becoming more visible and present in the wider community. This is very good.

We have had a shower of blessings in the last few months. We had one of the most remarkable Vestry retreats I have ever experienced and that was because we were able to lay down "fear" for a time. We dreamed large. Things may not turn out just the way we plan and that will be OK. Some may see that as failure, and that's OK. It simply means we shift our focus in a new and different direction in our faithful attempts at following God's will for Trinity Church. Martin Luther is famous for saying, "Faith is taking the first step even when you don't see the whole staircase". Taking the first step(s) is very important, because nothing will happen if we don't try.

Shortly after the retreat, Trinity received word that we are to receive approximately \$300,000 from the final settlement of the estate(s) of Ellis and Madelyn Stern. In a very recent homily on the feeding of the 5000, I said that, in my book, this qualifies as a miracle very much like the feeding of the 5000. We gave thanks for what we had (five loaves and two fishes) and somehow much more appeared. It was unexpected abundance in a land in which we often see only through the eyes of scarcity. God's kingdom is one of abundance, not scarcity.

Vestry has made a very sound decision to utilize a portion of the proceeds toward long-standing building issues and to invest the bulk, applying the income toward our annual budget needs. This won't completely solve our financial struggles, but it is an amazing miracle that leads us in a good direction. For that we give great thanks and praise to our Lord God.

And I'll end this note the same way I ended Sunday's homily regarding the scripture from John 6:1-21 about the feeding of the 5000:

"...it was the greatest day of a little boy's life. If you listen carefully you may hear him saying, "When Jesus touched me I knew He was the One - I gave my whole life to Him - just think, if he can make so much of my lunch what will he do with my life! As Jesus tells us when he walks on the water toward us, "It is I; do not be afraid".

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Bishop Gutierrez to Visit Trinity October 7

Our Diocesan Bishop – The Rt. Rev. Daniel G.P. Gutierrez will be with us on Sunday, October 7th to celebrate and preach for our celebratory worship service in honor of ‘150 Years of Faith in Coatesville’. What a great day to confirm new members! If you are interested in officially joining Trinity Church, let either Deacon Joan or Pastor Sherry know. We will be holding an extended session (The Discovery Series) for anyone who is interested, to take place on a convenient Sunday (or other day/evening of the week) in September prior to the Bishop’s visit, in order to share more about just what the Episcopal Church is. Why we do what we do, why we believe what we believe, different worship styles, etc. This is open to anyone who is interested. If you would just like a refresher on the Episcopal Church, please join us!

Gentle Yoga at Trinity

Nancy Murphy will be leading us in Gentle Yoga in our social hall on the second and fourth Thursday of August. (Thursday, August 9th and August 23rd. Yoga begins at 12:40 p.m., after our noon service. No prior yoga experience is necessary. Mats are provided. Simply wear comfortable, loose clothing. Free will offering.

Pastoral Care Team Meeting

Our Pastoral Care Team will meet on Thursday, August 16th at 12:30 p.m. (after the noon service) to discuss the next Trinity Tea!

Trinity Tea

Our next Trinity Tea will be held on Sunday, September 9th as we return from summer breaks and vacations to a new church program year.

150th Anniversary Events

“150 Years of Faith in Coatesville”

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.

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 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.

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 for non-members who wish to celebrate with us for \$20.

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

“A rock pile ceases to be a rock pile the moment a single person contemplates it, bearing the image of a cathedral deep within.”
-Antoine de Saint-Exupery

The Ladies' Tea Party

Sat Sep 15, 2018 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

St. David's Episcopal Church, 763 Valley Forge Road, Wayne, PA 19087



Sponsored by The Episcopal Diocese of Pennsylvania

For the women who give to their churches, their communities, their families. This tea party is for you. Thistle Farms, which provides opportunities for women survivors of trafficking, prostitution and addiction, will be the beneficiary of the event. #comeandtea with us!

Event tickets are \$10. All proceeds go to Thistle Farms which helps women survivors of trafficking, prostitution, and addiction. For tickets, visit us

at <https://events.blackbirdsvp.com/tea>

Fundraising

It's that time again, when the fleas and the chickens converge upon Coatesville!

It's THE ANNUAL TRINITY FLEA MARKET & CHICKEN BBQ!!!

If you're in the mood for some great bargains and yummy food, mark your calendars now for Sat, Aug 18. Pat Kirkner will be heading up the market tables, loaded with many one-of-a-kind goodies for the taking at "buy me" prices. Then our resident "BBQ Master", Al Carey, will be slaving over the hot coals, slathering those delicious 1 1/2 lb chicken dinners with his magical, mystery sauce. And don't forget old what's-his-name who will be at the grill, hawking his Ball Park All Beef hot dogs to keep your strength up.

The fun starts at 9am, with chicken dinners available from noon on. Don't let the bargains slip by, and make sure you see Pat to reserve your chicken dinner before they run out.

And did I mention that all proceeds go towards the future of our Trinity???

See you there.... Vic Shanley, Chmn, Fundraising Team



Women's Group

It is August! What makes summer go so fast? Hoping everyone is making plans to support our annual flea market, and the Fundraising Committee's Chicken BBQ on August 18th. We have gathered many fine items for sale at excellent prices! If you or someone you know is setting up housekeeping or leaving for college, tell them to stop by and check out our offerings. Here's just a few: a Yamaha keyboard; sewing machine; walkers; knives; bookcases; filing cabinet; storage bins; pictures; cookware.

Still looking for volunteer sign-ups, too. This is Trinity's annual event; we need to make it a success and be visible in the larger community. Also, if you know someone who wants to have their own table at the market, we are still taking reservations for that too.



CHICKEN BARBEQUE

Get your \$10.00 tickets for the Chicken BBQ from any member of the Women's Group or Fundraising Group for our August 18th sale. For only \$10, you will get a meal that includes: half a chicken, baked potato, green beans, coleslaw, roll, and butter. The church office will have some available, also. Buy yours' early; help us make this another successful event.

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.

Flea Market



9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.

Chicken Barbeque



12:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

Price: \$10.00 per meal

Meal includes: half a chicken, baked potato,
green beans, coleslaw, roll, butter

Hot dogs and cold drinks

For sale from 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Bring your neighbors and friends for some good bargain shopping and good food

Saturday August 18, 2018

Episcopal Church of the Trinity

323 East Lincoln Highway

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Home of the Coatesville Community Garden



VETERANS BRUNCH – July 29, 2018

With the summer months in full swing, the number of Veterans that attend the brunch usually fluctuates. And, the available volunteers reflect vacations and other commitments, also. This month we had 35 Veterans and 19 volunteers.

Our menu selection was well received by our guests, and thoroughly enjoyed. This month we prepared scrambled eggs, bacon, plain & raisin bread French toast, hamburgers, hot dogs, chicken marsala, buttered noodles, mac-n-cheese, corn on the cob, pasta salad, potato salad, bean salad, tomato and corn salad, coleslaw, variety of breads, desserts, fresh fruit, juice, water and coffee.

Special thanks this month to Stuart Deets of Beaver Creek Tavern for donating the bacon and eggs! Also, a heartfelt thanks to John Rieder and members of the congregation of St. Andrews, West Vincent for their generous donation of a \$500.00 gift card towards future purchases for our brunch.

When you see a veteran, thank them for their service.

God Bless our Veterans, members of Trinity and St. Andrew's, and God Bless America. - Brunch Bunch



150th Anniversary Celebration – July 15th, 2018 report

Our regular scheduled monthly meeting for July 8th was cancelled due to special Vestry Meeting.

On Sunday, July 15, 2018 members of Trinity participated in our dress-up Sunday service. Pastor Sherry and Deacon Joan dressed in plain black cassocks with white yokes, instead of the usual chasuble and stoles. The liturgy used for the service was in the tradition of the 1868 Book of Common Prayer.

A large percentage of the congregation wore period dated outfits. The ladies wore long dresses, or skirts, or hoop skirts; and many wore hats or bonnets. The men wore suits, tradesman outfits and Civil War uniforms. Mike Lemodetis dressed as a dignitary of the time – our 16th governor of Pennsylvania, the Honorable John Geary. A special THANKS to Betty Sullivan, our talented dressmaker, who fashioned and sewed dozens of the women's skirts.

Special guests in attendance for our service were Emerson Cottrel, pastor of St. Paul's AME Church, who currently owns and uses our original building; Chaplain Thomas Behling, Chief Chaplain, Coatesville VA Medical Center, and Francine Fulton, reporter for the Community Courier, who wrote a wonderful article about our celebration.

Following the service, a reception was held in our social hall with musical entertainment by Mark Rimple who played lute music.

Keeping with tradition and popular foods of 1868, a light meal of sandwiches of deviled ham or dilled cucumber was served; followed by desserts of cherry strudel and corn bread.

Our next scheduled meeting will be Aug. 5, 2018



Barbara Chatman-Royce	1-Aug
John Petura	5-Aug
Susan Petura	7-Aug
Maureen Evans	16-Aug
Ashlyn Saylor	17-Aug
Marie Price	19-Aug
Abrielle Butler	23-Aug
Jacqueline Heston	24-Aug
Caroline Bentley	24-Aug
Cheryl Robinson	29-Aug

Joe & Pat Kirkner	6-Aug
Bill & Kathy Terry	8-Aug
Maitland & Esther Harvey	21-Aug
Dennis & Linda Irwin	26-Aug

AUGUST 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
				HE Chapel-12noon		SH Rented
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
150 th Anniversary Meeting				HE Chapel-12noon Yoga 1240		SH Rented
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
SH Rented				HE Chapel-12noon Pastoral Care Team Meeting		Chicken BBQ & Flea Market
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
				HE Chapel-12noon Yoga 1240		SH Rented
26	27	28	29	30		
Vet Brunch 1230 PM				HE Chapel-12noon		



Readers, Servers and Greeters for August 2018



Date	Readers	Psalter/P-O-P	Chalists	Servers	Torches	Greeters
8/5	Craig McGovern	Greg Bentley	Al Carey	Al Carey	N/A	TBA
	Bill Terry	Caroline Bentley	Pam Smyth	Al Carey	N/A	
8/12	Vic Shanley	Chris Haak	Pat Kirkner	Pat Kirkner	N/A	TBA
	Seth Haak	Pam Smyth	Bill Terry	Pat Kirkner	N/A	
8/19	Cathy Renzulli	Violet Armstead	Jim Anderson	Craig McGovern	N/A	TBA
	Jim Anderson	Kent Nation	Bill Terry	Bill Terry	N/A	
8/26	Greg Bentley	Craig McGovern	Pat Kirkner	Seth Haak	N/A	TBA
	Caroline Bentley	Bill Terry	Donna Fleck	Pat Kirkner	N/A	

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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.

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

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**Church School
Sundays 9:15 AM**