

# trinity topics

## From the Rector's Desk . . . /

By the Reverend Sherry Deets

It is the beginning of a new calendar year, a time when we often look back at what has been and forward to what may be. We may even set some goals, make some resolutions. I share with you some words from Becca Stevens in her book, *hither & yon: A Travel Guide for the Spiritual Journey*. Becca understands “hither and yon” as representative of the destination as well as the journey. It is the ideal of traveling free, to be in the reach of God everywhere. It is not something to be gained; it is simply experienced every now and then by the grace of God.

### The Eternal Timeline

It takes less than a moment to get to hither and yon, but we spend our whole lives making our way there. The best way to get there is to give up thinking about linear time. The mantra “it’s the journey and not the destination” is applicable.

There was a mystic who prayed constantly for visions. After years of praying, he saw an illumined, wooded meadow and realized that he was in the presence of God. As the moment passed, he awoke aching for the vision to return. He said that it was humbling to wait for that moment of communion for so long and then to have it pass so quickly. He spent the next few years praying to return to the place of union with God.

Many faithful pilgrims spend their lives in the work of prayer and meditation and love of their neighbors. Some talk of longing for years to hear God’s voice. A few speak of the absence of God for years. And one speaks of the fear of God’s forsaking him just before his death. It will take our whole lives to see where the journey is headed, and so in the meantime we fill it with right actions and spiritual disciplines that make the traveling lighter.

In hither and yon, time is not a constant. It is relative, depending on where we are standing on the timeline of life. Imagine for a moment a long line segment stretched out. The first point on the line is the moment of our birth; the last point is the time of our death. All points in between are markers—for birthdays, significant events, tragic losses, major decisions. There is a point for this moment. The points around this moment seem to have more space between them than the points ten years ago. In fact, most of the points five years ago have blurred

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together into a single point. Points farther out into the future seem almost impossible to reach. But what if from this present point we can see no others? What if there isn't a line at all—just a dot that is this moment? We can stand on it, completely content that we are not moving forward or backward. We are just resting on a point that is the representation of our lives.

That point is the eternal moment; and if we choose to, we can live in that moment. That is the point I am seeking. Even as I am driving my kids to school and typing these words on a screen, I am trying to stay on the point. The invitation of hither and yon is to stay on the point and fill the moment, knowing that we are standing with God and that is enough.

## Gentle Yoga

Gentle Yoga continues with Nancy Murphy at Trinity on Thursdays at 12:40 p.m. following the noon service. Prior yoga experience is not necessary. Mats are available.

## Lenten Silent Retreat A Contemplative Retreat for Restoration and Renewal

Br. David Rutledge, through St. James Episcopal Church in Lancaster, will be leading a silent retreat at the Mariawald Renewal Center in Reading, Pennsylvania. This is an opportunity to begin the season of Lent in silence, stillness and simplicity. This retreat allows retreatants to take a break from the regular routines of their everyday life – resting, renewing and reconnecting with the God who loves them. The weekend is very spacious allowing participants to notice and choose the ways they desire and feel called to connect with God and themselves. There are opportunities for daily offices, meditation, reading, individual spiritual practices, and walking the nature trails. However, naps and simply resting are encouraged, too! Come and see how the God of refuge longs to care and connect with you!

The retreat begins with registration at 3 p.m. on Thursday, March 14 through Saturday, March 16, 2019  
At the

**Mariawald Renewal Center**  
1094 Welsh Rd, Reading, PA 19607

\$170 per person, includes 2 nights (single or double), 6 meals and snacks.

**Registration deadline:** Monday, March 11

If you are interested, there is a detailed schedule and registration online through the St. James, Lancaster website: <https://www.saintjameslancaster.org/spiritual-growth/retreats-pilgrimages/lenzen-silent-retreat/>

## The Trinity Columbarium

As mentioned last month, we have contracted with a provider for our Trinity columbarium to be built and positioned against the south facing exterior wall of Stone Hall (opposite Rite-Aid). Bill Terry and I will be meeting

with prospective contractors for the foundation work and hopefully break ground while weather conditions permit.

That said, if you are considering the purchase of a niche for yourself or loved ones, keep in mind that the pre-construction cost of \$800 will expire once ground is broken. We will certainly announce that date once determined. And please feel free to discuss with us payment terms that suit your needs and circumstances. Additionally, we will be approaching the several funeral homes in our community, offering space in our columbarium.

A most important item to mention here is that you be mindful of the physical dimensions of the niche when choosing an urn. This is especially so if you are considering a companion urn providing a resting place for you and a loved one, etc. The niche measurements are..... 13 L x 11 7/8 H x 11 7/8 W

If you are considering more than one urn per niche, please reach out to Bill, Rev Sherry or myself as we have access to a few urn styles and sizes in which you may be interested.

We are excited to be moving forward with this venture and part of the Trinity experience. And we want to be sure to comfortably accommodate the needs of the Trinity family and members of our community.

Thank you, Vic Shanley, Chmn., Columbarium Committee



### Women's Group

As 2018 comes to a close, we are very grateful to all members, friends, and family who contributed to our many and varied fundraisers this year. Our December events: the Christmas parade hotdog and food sales, and our Breakfast with Santa, were not as profitable as last year, but still helped us to contribute toward the many needs at Trinity. Let's plan a tentative meeting for Jan. 13<sup>th</sup> to discuss our next purchase item(s); and other orders of business. Happy New Year, Ladies

-Pat Kirkner, President



### 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – “Celebrating 150 Years of Faith in Coatesville”

As our anniversary year comes to a close, we will be offering our thanks and well wishes to our “future” brother and sisters when they open our time capsule in 2068.

Please contribute a well wish or congratulatory card, note or letter, along with a photo, for inclusion in the time capsule.

We will finalize the celebration on January 6, 2019; Epiphany; as we open the great altar and place our artifacts inside and designate it as our time capsule. Everyone will be asked to come up to the altar with their offering and remain there until the conclusion of the presentations.

Please try to attend this final historical giving of ourselves, and our thanks as we begin the next 150 years of faith in Coatesville.

-Joe Kirkner, Anniversary Committee



Kristina Rose Cole	1-Jan
Diane Izzo	2-Jan
Liz Hulse	3-Jan
Robert Baynard, Jr.	7-Jan
Donna Anderson	10-Jan
Mildred Bruce	10-Jan
Mary Fleck	12-Jan
David Thompson	14-Jan
Maitland Harvey	15-Jan
Michael Hanley	18-Jan
Sabrina Lewis	25-Jan
Ariel Abbott	25-Jan
Walter Cheatham	29-Jan
Kevin Evans	31-Jan

John & Mildred Coveleski	16-Jan
Wayne & Elizabeth Hanley	17-Jan

# January 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
		New Year's Day	Joe Kirkner w/Youth 6pm	HE Chapel- 12noon 1240 Yoga		SH & Kitchen Rented
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
				HE Chapel- 12noon 1240 Yoga		SH & Kitchen Rented
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
	Confirmation Class			HE Chapel- 12noon 1240 Yoga	SH Rented	SH Rented
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
	MLK Day Confirmation Class			HE Chapel- 12noon 1240 Yoga		
27	28	29	30	31		
Vet Brunch				HE Chapel- 12noon 1240 Yoga		



## Readers, Servers and Greeters for June 2018



Date	Readers	Psalter/P-O-P	Chalists	Servers	Torches	Greeters
1/6	TBD	N/A	Al Carey	Al Carey	N/A	TBA
	TBD	N/A	Donna Fleck	Al Carey	N/A	
1/13	Caroline Bentley	N/A	Pat Kirkner	Pat Kirkner	N/A	TBA
	Chris Haak	Pam Smyth	Pam Smyth	Craig McGovern	N/A	
1/20	Seth Haak	N/A	Bill Terry	Bill Terry	N/A	TBA
	Kent Nation	Jim Anderson	Jim Anderson	Jack McGovern	N/A	
1/27	Betty Sullivan	N/A	Al Carey	Al Carey	N/A	TBA
	Greg Bentley	Violet Armstead	Donna Fleck	Zoey McGovern	N/A	

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**Jamoca Harkins, Parish**  
**Administrator**

**Parish Office Hours**

**Monday & Wednesday:**

**9-1030am & 1-215pm**

**Tuesday & Thursday: 515-630pm**

**Friday: 8am-3pm**

#### **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**

**Church School**

**Sundays 9:15 AM**

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