

trinity topics

From the Rector's Desk . . .

By the Reverend Sherry Deets

This month, as I continue to reflect on 150 Years of Faith in Coatesville, I share with you from Becca Stevens book *Letters from the Farm: A Simple Path for a Deeper Spiritual Life*. This excerpt is entitled Old Ways, New Visions.

This letter is as close as I can find to a prayer for readers. It's a prayer to remember that most of our faith practices were a gift from older generations. The visions we see and the dreams we dream are formed in the context of old readings, old mountains, and old lore. On the farm, maybe more than any other venue on earth, we learn from those wiser. There is a shrine of wisdom and lore offered to those of us who are novices about what to plant and when; how to keep vermin out, how to space plants and when to water. Farming may be a natural instinct but learning to grow plants is a gift from those willing to pass on the wisdom we are able to take to heart. We listen, we mimic, we absorb, and we improve our skills for the practice. It is especially true when you are using what you grow for healing. It is actually the "old wives' tales" that hold the truth about which plants can be used for which ailments. It was an eighty-year-old farmer who taught me how to make a tea from yellow root to heal a mouth sore. She had learned it from her grandmother, who collected yellow root in the spring when the kids didn't have enough vitamin C in their diets and were suffering. It was an old man down the street who taught me how to lay tobacco leaves on a sting to pull out the pain. It was my grandmother who taught my mom to give me cinnamon to feel better when I ached.

Would that we were so willing to learn from the old teachers concerning our faith! Instead of dismissing old practices like fasting, anointing, and meditation, what if we took them closer to heart? We could listen with an acute sense of the gift and take it to heart enough to practice the old skills. There is an art to practicing our faith just like practicing our farming and our cooking. It is a pilgrim's search for the heart. All the spiritual practices we cultivate are bound up in our longing to find communion with the eternal. We don't have to start from scratch. We can start with a deep pocket of knowledge offered to us by our forefathers and mothers who saw the same world and experienced the same longings.

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Last night a group of thirty women gathered in my living room to talk about the history and purpose of the circle in our Magdalene community. The group was comprised of women survivors who have made their way from the streets and prisons into a healing circle where they have the time and space to find what they need to live into their sobriety. They held hands and wept in gratitude as we closed the evening. One woman said she was just ten days off the streets and, while she was completely lost still, she trusted that her sisters were going to show her the way. Then she said, "I have already learned that a grateful heart will keep me safe." Her tears were a symbol of all the gratitude for all the women who kept the circle going until she could make her way into the center of it. We do not always know how to live deeply into our faith; we do know that many others have kept the faith going until we could find our way into our own truth. Celebrate the old ways, celebrate the old saints, and then see what new visions and dreams arise.

Bishop's Office Hours held at Trinity

The Bishop is holding office hours at various parishes throughout the Diocese in an effort to build relationships; to make it easier for members to meet with him and with the staff. As part of our 150th Anniversary celebrations, the Bishop held office hours at Trinity and we were very happy to host the Bishop and the various Staff members that came out. They were able to visit our historic displays as well as meet with the various people who had arranged appointments. Trinity arranged an appointment with the Bishop and had special visitors from the Coatesville community: Sonia Huntzinger (Coatesville Economic Development Coordinator) and Linda Lavender-Norris (Coatesville City Council President). They came together to speak with the Bishop about the planned development and community building that is happening, and going to happen, in Coatesville. We were so thrilled to hear Linda say Bishop Gutierrez is also "her Bishop"!

Building Improvement Updates

You may have noticed that our hallway has received a facelift! New flooring and paint have made a difference. Special thanks go to the Women's Group who donated \$2000 toward the new flooring and to Pam Smyth, who also contributed toward the floor. Professionally done directional signs will be appearing soon on the walls to assist our visitors in finding their way through. Special thanks the Haaks' for their contribution toward signage. A small group is forming to choose art for the walls to further enhance the hallway appearance.

You will have also noticed the large piece of equipment outside the of the Sanctuary walls. Victorian Heritage has been repairing the disintegrated mortar between our stone. This is being done in order to stop the water damage to the interior of the sanctuary. They have discovered much more damage than initially anticipated, so the cost of repair has doubled. One of the strange blessings of the non-stop rain this summer was in discovering all of the places in which our mortar was an issue. As always, we welcome any contributions toward our building improvement/historic preservation fund.

Our beautiful wood sign, made by our own Maitland Harvey, was recently refinished and is looking much 'healthier' now. And kitchen renovations are planned, but it will be a few months until we see these exciting renovations taking place.

Eternal Light Memorial Gift

At the end of September, we dedicated a new 'Eternal Light' to hang over our Aumbry (where the consecrated elements are stored). The light signifies to those entering the church whether there are consecrated elements in the aumbry or not. If the light is 'on', there is reserved sacrament present, if the light is 'off', there is not. This light was a gift to the church in memory of Bob Fleck and his mother, Esther Fleck, given by their family. Thank you, Fleck family, for the wonderful memorial gift!

150th Anniversary Gift to the Church of Chalice and Paten

Trinity received a beautiful new Chalice and Paten given by the Women's Group in honor of our 150th Anniversary. Our Bishop dedicated this new set when he was present with us for worship at the beginning of October. We are enjoying using this new set for our regular service on Sunday mornings!

Thanksgiving Day Morning Prayer

Thanksgiving Day is November 22 and what better way to begin a day of remembering all that we have to be thankful for by participating in Morning Prayer. We give great thanks to God for all that we have and all that we are! Morning Prayer will be held at 9 a.m. in the Sanctuary. Join us.

150th Anniversary Time Capsule

We will be finalizing the gathering of items to be placed in our time capsule in the next two months. Our anniversary year will end on December 31st and therefore, the capsule will be placed in the original stone altar during our church service on Epiphany (January 6th). Epiphany is the celebration of the manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles as represented by the Magi. The Magi brought gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh to the baby Jesus. Our theme for this anniversary year of giving involved 'gold, frankincense and myrrh'. What better feast day to gift the contents of our time capsule for future generations to discover.

Advent Festival

We are pleased to share that Quintessence will once again be with us for an Advent Festival on Sunday, December 9th. Save the date! This is always a beautiful service of music and is a gift of the season.

Gentle Yoga

Gentle Yoga, led by Nancy Murphy, continues to be held on Thursdays beginning at 12:40 p.m. in the social hall. No prior yoga experience is necessary, mats are available, simply wear comfortable clothing. Free will donation. (No yoga on November 1 and No yoga on Thanksgiving Day).

The Trinity Columbarium

We are moving forward with the Trinity columbarium for the needs of Trinity members, family and friends. A representative of a preferred supplier has met with Rev. Sherry, Committee Member, Bill Terry and Treasurer, Minnie Kirwin to bring us closer to awarding the bid and beginning construction.

Product

The columbarium will be a respectful, tasteful and attractive multi-niche resting place of eternal peace for those who have passed. Each niche will be capable of holding two urns and will be inscribed with the names of the departed within along with dates of birth and passing. An area/garden of peace and reflection will border the columbarium.

PERPETUAL CARE

The columbarium will be a permanent part of Trinity Episcopal Church whose maintenance and operation will be overseen by a Columbarium Committee as approved by Vestry. This will include perpetual care.

Cost

Trinity is offering its family the opportunity to purchase niches at a favored pre-construction cost or at an ongoing cost at time of need. Additionally, space in the columbarium will be available to non-Trinity members of the community, so the number of niches will be limited and available as supply lasts. A pricing schedule for each is shown below.....

- **Members – Pre-Construction - \$800.00**
Ongoing at Time of Need - \$1,000.00
- **Non-Members – Pre-Construction - \$1,200.00**
Ongoing at Time of Need - \$1,500.00

If you are considering purchase of a niche, please fill out the “Niche Reservation Form” and turn it into the church office or to Rev. Sherry, Bill Terry or myself. And don’t hesitate to let any one of us know if you have any questions. Thank you..... Vic Shanley Chmn., Ad Hoc Comm.



Women’s Group

Remember, Ladies, we are having a meeting after church on Sunday, Nov. 4th. If you haven’t already shared your commitments to our December fundraisers, come to the meeting prepared to do so. Your participation is a vital part of successful events.

For many months, I’ve been thinking about organizing a Women’s retreat at the diocese property near Elk Neck River in Maryland. Let’s try to cover some of this topic at our meeting.

Also, we never renewed our Secret Sister assignments; maybe December would be a great time to start anew? I’ll have tables set-up in Stone Hall for the Nov. 4th meeting, as we have much to cover.

Thanks, Pat Kirkner, President



150th Anniversary- October 2018

A year of planning, events, gathering of historical data, meetings, and more meetings has been completed. We discussed and carried out our plans with a renewed purpose and commitment.

Looking back over the year, we all were asked to contribute our time, talents, and money, and everyone should be pleased with their efforts.

We are not done with our celebrating, and Rev. Sherry will highlight our final event in her report. We are also not done, because God wants us to continue to move forward spreading our message of love and forgiveness to our fellow brother and sisters throughout the world; especially during this time of trouble.

I would like to thank everyone who came out and helped make our anniversary weekend a total success. Watching everyone enjoy themselves during and after the weekend was a wonderful experience.

I am asking your help one more time: to any and all who can help gather data, photos and information that was collected this year, and submit it for inclusion in our anniversary book. Please offer your help, if you can.

Let us all continue to serve God and Trinity for future generations to come.

150 years of Faith in Coatesville, Joe Kirkner, Chair



Veteran Brunch – October 28, 2018

There was no scheduled Veterans Brunch for September due to the 150th Anniversary display and celebration.

Our October brunch was estimated to be light, but the turn out proved otherwise. Our 19 volunteers served another delicious meal to our 44 veteran guests, and, as always, they expressed their gratitude with smiles and words of thanks.

Our menu selections this month were scrambled eggs, bacon, baked French toast, meatloaf, parsley potatoes, mixed green vegetables with bacon flavoring, stewed tomatoes, mac-n-cheese, corn pudding, homemade applesauce, caprese salad, breads, fresh fruit, desserts, juice, water and coffee.

Many of our regulars were unavailable to help this month, and they were greatly missed. A special shout-out to our “dessert Master”, Marshall Evans; a speedy recovery prayer goes out to you from your Brunch Bunch friends. Hurry Back.

God Bless everyone involved with this rewarding outreach; God Bless veterans everywhere and God Bless America.
-Brunch Bunch

ATTENTION-All Veterans & Retired Military

The year 2018 is a year of anniversaries. Not only have we here at Trinity observed our 150th anniversary, but this year marks 100 years since the ending of World War I.

November 11th has been celebrated for many years as Armistice Day and later as Veteran's Day.

Once again on Sunday, November 11th, we will mark this day with a brief ceremony at 11:00AM outside at the flag pole.

We invite all veterans, retired military, their spouses and our members to take part. We also request that you come in uniform (or in any part of your uniform that still fits).

We have included spouses due to the important, and often forgotten, role they have played in our lives.

Hope to see all of you there, MSgt (USAF/ret) Bill Terry

Community Holiday Caroling Event in Coatesville, December 9, 2018 1:45PM-5PM

Your church congregation is invited to participate in the Holiday Caroling eveny in downtown Coatesville. We will start at the Coatesville senior Center (CSC) and follow a walking route. We will be assisted by an officer from Coatesville Police Force. Please arrive at the CSC at 1:45PM. We will start caroling around 2PM and go until 4PM. We will return to the CSC for hot chocolate and cookies. A packet of holiday songs and carols will be provided. Please feel free to bring additional carols, songs, music, jingle bells, small instruments and the like.

Our goal is affirmative. We wish to bring local churches together, foster positive outreach, promote the good of the community and celebrate the joy of the season.

If any congregants are interested in taking part in this event, please contact Peter Dimaio (610-384-4943 or petermpmd@yahoo.com) by December 3, 2018. Please come dressed in attire necessary for the time of year. Please wear appropriate shoes for walking. Thank you. Happy Holidays., Peter M. DiMaio



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| Sarah Heston | 1-Nov |
| Brendan McWilliams | 1-Nov |
| Nya Lewis | 3-Nov |
| Donna Fleck | 4-Nov |
| John Price | 5-Nov |
| Eugene Mulholland | 8-Nov |
| Dennis Dantzler | 10-Nov |
| Pat Kirkner | 15-Nov |
| Stuart Deets | 18-Nov |
| Michael Lemodetis | 19-Nov |
| Sarina Baynard | 22-Nov |
| Nora Bush | 29-Nov |
| Caroline Kirwin | 29-Nov |

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| Kenneth & Caitlyn Hanna | 5-Nov |
| Bill & Robin McWilliams | 17-Nov |
| Al & Ebbie Carey | 25-Nov |

NOVEMBER 2018

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | | | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| | | | | HE Chapel- 12noon | | |
| 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| All Saints Sunday- Baptism Women's Group Meeting | Confirm, NOT Conform 545pm | Choir 730PM | | HE Chapel- 12noon Yoga 1240-140p Kitchen Rented | Kitchen Rented Diocesan | SH Rented Conference |
| 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 |
| SH & Kitchen Rented | | Choir 730PM | | HE Chapel- 12noon Yoga 1240-140p | Kitchen Rented | SH Rented |
| 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 |
| SH Rented | Meeting with VA 10am SH Rented 5-9PM | Choir 730PM | | Thanksgiving Day Morning Prayer 9am Office Closed | SH & Kitchen Rented | SH Rented |
| 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 |
| Vet Brunch | Clergy | Choir 730PM Conference | in Cape May | HE Chapel- 12noon Yoga 1240-140p | SH Rented | |



Readers, Servers and Greeters for November 2018



| Date | Readers | Psalter/P-O-P | Chalists | Servers | Torches | Greeters |
|-------|------------------|----------------|--------------|----------------|---------|----------|
| 11/4 | Vic Shanley | N/A | Jim Anderson | Seth Haak | N/A | TBA |
| | Violet Armstead | Craig McGovern | Al Carey | Bill Terry | N/A | |
| 11/11 | Seth Haak | N/A | Donna Fleck | Pat Kirkner | N/A | TBA |
| | Betty Sullivan | Greg Bentley | Pat Kirkner | Pat Kirkner | N/A | |
| 11/18 | Caroline Bentley | N/A | Pam Smyth | Craig McGovern | N/A | TBA |
| | Bill Terry | Chris Haak | Bill Terry | Bill Terry | N/A | |
| 11/25 | Greg Bentley | N/A | Jim Anderson | Jack McGovern | N/A | TBA |
| | Jim Anderson | Pam Smyth | Al Carey | Jim Anderson | N/A | |

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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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