



Trinity Topics

From the Rector's Desk . . .

By the Reverend Sherry Deets

This month's excerpt is shared from *The One Year Book of Christian History: A Daily Glimpse into God's Powerful Work* by E. Michael and Sharon Rusten. This is February 4th's contribution about a hymn that became a prayer.

Frances Ridley Havergal was born in 1836 to a Christian family in England. She was a very bright child who read well at age three and was writing poetry at age seven. She memorized long passages of Scripture, learned several languages and became an excellent pianist. Her father called her "Little Quicksilver."

Her mother became terminally ill when Frances was only eleven. On her deathbed she told her devastated, sensitive daughter, "Fanny dear, pray God to prepare *you* for all He is preparing *for* you." Fanny took her mother's words to heart and made this her lifelong prayer.

From her teen years she loved to write and sing, desiring to use her gifts to win others to her Savior. She once described her writing process: "Writing poetry is easy for me. Most of the time I just put down in verse a personal experience. Writing hymns is like praying, for I never seem to write even a verse by myself. I feel like a child writing. You know a child will look up at every sentence and ask, 'What shall I say next?' That is what I do. Every line and word and rhyme comes from God."

On February 4, 1874, Frances Ridley Havergal wrote the hymn "Take My Life and Let it Be." Frances was spending five days visiting in the home of some friends that included several unbelievers and lukewarm believers. She felt burdened for them and prayed, "Lord, give me all in this house." By the end of the visit her prayer was answered, and her friends were rejoicing together in the joy of knowing Christ personally. Fanny wrote to her sister of the event, "The last night of my visit I was too happy to sleep, and passed most of the night in praise and renewal of my consecration; and these little couplets formed themselves, and chimed in my heart one after another, till they finished with 'ever—*only*—ALL for thee!"

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*Take my life, and let it be
Consecrated, Lord, to thee;
Take my hands, and let them move
At the impulse of thy love.
Take my feet, and let them be
Swift and beautiful for thee;
Take my voice and let me sing
Always, only, for my King.
Take my lips, and let them be
Filled with messages for thee;
Take my silver and my gold,
Not a mite would I withhold.
Take my moments and my days,
Let them flow in ceaseless praise;
Take my intellect, and use
Every power as thou shalt choose.
Take my will, and make it thine;
It shall be no longer mine;
Take my heart—it is thine own!
It shall be thy royal throne.
Take my love, my Lord, I pour
At thy feet its treasure store;
Take myself, and I will be
Every, only, all for thee!*

Frances considered “Take My Life and Let It Be” to be an expression of her own commitment to Christ. She frequently reviewed the words prayerfully in order to consecrate herself to Jesus anew. She died four years after writing the hymn, at age forty-two, leaving a legacy of many hymns such as “Like a River Glorious,” “Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak,” “I Am Trusting Thee, Lord Jesus,” and “Who Is on the Lord’s Side?”

Reflection: Is it your prayer that God would “take your life and let it be consecrated” to him? Use this hymn as a sincere prayer that God would work in your life today. Romans 6:13: “Give yourselves completely to God since you have been given new life. And use your whole body as a tool to do what is right for the glory of God.”

Gentle Yoga

Nancy Murphy continues to lead us well in gentle yoga at Trinity! Join us on Thursdays at 12:40 p.m. (after the noon service). No prior yoga experience is necessary. Mats available, simply wear comfortable clothing (easy to move around in). Free will offering.

Vestry Meeting

Vestry will meet on Sunday, February 17th at 11:15 a.m. for its regular third Sunday meeting.

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/lenten-silent-retreat/>

Trinity Tea on February 10th Christian Love Theme

On Sunday, February 10th, the Pastoral Care Team will be hosting a Trinity Tea in honor of Valentine's Day with a theme of Christian love. We will be showing the video interviews that were created by Kathy Lozier for our 150th Anniversary celebration. Many of us were not able to view all of the interviews during the display time last year, so this is an opportunity to hear and see what our brothers and sisters at Trinity had to say about Trinity. Join us to share in Christian love! (this is planned as the first of a series of showings) Tea begins after the worship service.

CCIU Discover Program at Trinity!

At our last Vestry retreat, we committed to exploring and finding ways to be partners in ministry with the various organizations and groups that already exist with our City of Coatesville. We are pleased to share that a new partnership has been created with the Chester County Intermediate Unit through their Discover program. Discover is a comprehensive work-based learning program that prepares high school students with disabilities to transition from school to adult life, providing them with the

opportunity to explore and experience meaningful work experiences while developing skills for future success.

The program began at Trinity on January 22nd for the new school semester. Two students with an adult trainer/mentor and an adult aide will be on site on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Their primary responsibility will be cleaning and some office work. As the weather warms, they will also do some garden cleanup. If anyone has a project for the church that these students can take on, let us know!

Annual Meeting

Church of the Trinity's annual meeting will be held in March (date to be finalized at Feb Vestry meeting). We elect members to Vestry and Convention/Deanery delegates at our annual meeting. Be thinking about who would be a good vestry member or delegate as our Annual Meeting approaches. We will be seeking nominations.

The vestry is the body within a congregation that, with the clergy, leads and manages the parish. The vestry:

- Helps to discern the vision toward which God is drawing that particular community;
- Articulates and communicates the vision;
- Holds the community accountable for its realization of that vision; and
- Keeps the mission of the Church and that of the individual congregation clearly before the parish community.
- Works on budgeting
- Establishes and enforces policies and procedures
- Establishes action plans
- Maintains property.

The deanery/convention delegates are elected to represent Trinity at our annual Diocesan Convention and vote for people in Diocesan leadership positions, the Diocesan Budget, various changes or new initiatives in our Diocese, etc. Tom Swett was our delegate in 2018 and was glad to be able to attend and experience the convention. Feel free to speak with Tom about representing Trinity! Our convention will be held on Saturday, November 2 at the Cathedral in Philadelphia. Opening Eucharist and social time occurs on Friday evening, November 1. There may also be occasion to attend one or two other meetings in our Brandywine Deanery throughout the year.

Art on the Walls at Trinity

Trinity is working on another partnership with local artists in the community. The concept is to place art, created by local artists, on the walls of our newly redone hallway. The display will change on a regular basis. Stay tuned for more details as this exciting venture unfolds!

Kitchen News!

Our kitchen is now scheduled to be completely renovated. Renovations are to begin on April 1 and may last through the end of the month. You may recall that we received a \$30,000 Growth Development Grant from the Diocese in 2018 toward a new stove/oven and exhaust system. We have been able to raise additional funds through other grants (Clark Associates Charitable Foundation, Diocesan ECW) and a small portion of the Ellis Stern trust distribution. Our kitchen now receives a great deal of community use through the rental of our hall and actual rental of the kitchen itself. Trinity continues to utilize the kitchen on a regular basis for community outreach activities such as the Veterans Brunch, Breakfast with Santa, etc., etc. We do love to cook!

Just a few planned features: We will have a coffee 'station' that will make coffee making and serving more efficient. A dishwasher will be installed to enable Trinity to be more environmentally friendly and cut down on single serve plastics, etc. Our stove/oven will be much safer than the current manual pilot operation we now have. Our exhaust system will actually work (!). The center prep station(s) will have wheels to enable us to change the work space in the kitchen as needed and also to simply wheel out the prepped food. The walls will be a special material that is designed to be easily wiped clean, as opposed to paint that absorbs grease and dirt in a kitchen environment. Our kitchen will meet all Chester County Health Department codes for a commercial kitchen when the renovation is complete and our designated health department inspector is very pleased with the plans.

If you feel moved to contribute financially toward the kitchen renovation, we would be very happy to acknowledge your gift. As you may be aware, there are continuing building maintenance issues that Trinity will be addressing as we move forward, so any contributions toward our building improvement fund are greatly appreciated! Your gift will enable Trinity to continue its ministries for future generations.

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.

Fundraising Committee

Mark your calendars.....

March 2.....5.30-8.00pm

We'll be in touch soon.....





Women's Group Meeting

February 3rd, 2019, there will be a meeting after church of the Women's Group, in Stone Hall. We have much to discuss and decide, so mark your calendars....and bring your calendars so we can make plans for 2019.

-Pat Kirkner, President



Veterans Brunch – January 27, 2019

Since June of 2013 we have had a number of brunches that stand out that we like to reflect on, as being a great experience, or a not-so-great experience, for various reasons. Our brunch this month was one of those occasions.

We had 31 volunteers come out and offer their help, and were given various food prep tasks from Chef Kevin in the kitchen, or table and buffet set up tasks from Pat Kirkner in the hall. Even though, at times, it seemed a little cramped in the kitchen, the menu items were handled and prepared and cooking to perfection, and ready to be served to our Vets, 10 minutes ahead of schedule.

Our Italian theme menu this month, which included the usual breakfast items of scrambled eggs, bacon, and raisin bread French toast, also had offerings of: spaghetti, chicken parmesan, meatballs in sauce, homemade marinara sauce, meat lasagna, vegetable lasagna, garlic bread, tossed salad, potato salad, cole slaw, 3-bean salad, desserts (which included sugar-free options this month), fresh fruit, juices, coffee and water.

A special salute goes out to our youth group members, Seth and Sam Haak, and their friends, Pearse and Garrett, for their participation.

In addition, we were joined by Rev. Greg Wilson from Advent in Kennett Square and one of their parishioners, Larry. They have expressed an interest in participating either monthly, or periodically, with us. We look forward to their involvement in this wonderful outreach.

As we begin the 2019 year, if you have not yet offered your help to our program, we invite you to come out and give it a try; you won't be disappointed.

God Bless our Veterans, our Brunch Bunch members and God Bless America. -Brunch Bunch



150th Anniversary Committee

Our last and final project that we need to complete, will be the compiling, sorting, arranging, and publishing our Anniversary book.

We will take ideas and suggestions on how we should present everything that was accomplished since we began preparing in 2016. This will be a book to look back on and enjoy for years to come.

See Joe Kirkner if you're interested in being a part of the publishing phase of this celebration.

Celebrating 150 Years of Faith in Coatesville, Joe Kirkner, Chair

Happy
Birthday



Aaron Bruce	3-Feb
Violet Armstead	9-Feb
Michael Magness	10-Feb
Andrew Bentley	13-Feb
Martha Rutledge	14-Feb
Patricia Hendricks	17-Feb
Vic Shanley III	20-Feb
Josh Busch	20-Feb
Patricia Vogt	22-Feb
Dennis Irwin	24-Feb
Jamoca Harkins	25-Feb
Kent Nation	26-Feb
Laverne Cheatham	27-Feb

Craig & Nicole McGovern	22-Feb
Walter & Laverne Cheatham	25-Feb

February 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
				HE Chapel-12noon Yoga 1240pm	SH Rented	SH Rented
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Trinity Tea				HE Chapel-12noon Yoga 1240pm		
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Vestry Meeting 11:15am				HE Chapel-12noon Yoga 1240pm	SH Rented	SH Rented
24	25	26	27	28		
Vet Brunch				HE Chapel-12noon Yoga 1240pm		



Readers, Servers and Greeters for February 2019



Date	Readers	Psalter/P-O-P	Chalists	Servers	Torches	Greeters
2/3	Bill Terry	N/A	Pat Kirkner	Pat Kirkner	N/A	TBA
	Vic Shanley	Craig McGovern	Pam Smyth	Seth Haak	N/A	
2/10	Caroline Bentley	N/A	Bill Terry	Jim Anderson	N/A	TBA
	Pam Smyth	Chris Haak	Jim Anderson	Jim Anderson	N/A	
2/17	Kent Nation	N/A	Al Carey	Al Carey	N/A	TBA
	Jim Anderson	Greg Bentley	Donna Fleck	Al Carey	N/A	
2/24	Violet Armstead	N/A	Pat Kirkner	Pat Kirkner	N/A	TBA
	Betty Sullivan	Bill Terry	Pam Smyth	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

Monday - Friday: 130-430pm

**THE EPISCOPAL
CHURCH OF THE TRINITY
323 East Lincoln Highway
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**Church School
Sundays 9:15 AM**