

# Trinity Topics

## From the Rector's Desk . . .

By the Reverend Sherry Deets

Our Holy Week observance comes later than usual this year, with Easter not arriving until April 21<sup>st</sup>. Easter marks the remembrance of Jesus' resurrection, a grand celebration of new life, or new beginnings. Trinity's leadership has been talking about expanding our discipleship, moving deeper into ministries within the wider Coatesville community, creating partnerships. I often share the writings of Becca Stevens, an Episcopal Priest and founder of Thistle Farms in Nashville, Tennessee. I thought of Trinity as I read the chapter, 'Walk Farther than You Meant' in her book, *hither & yon: A Travel Guide for the Spiritual Journey*. It goes like this:

*There is a story in the Gospels about the Disciples getting into their boat. The story says that Jesus ordered them to go. I believe that Jesus called them into the boat and they felt compelled to do as he asked. The boat took the disciples out farther than they had intended to go. When a storm blew in, the disciples were afraid. Finally, Jesus came to them in their crisis; and they found their faith strengthened by the struggle.*

*This story is a wonderful illustration of the journey we are on. The disciples hesitated even to get into the boat; then it carried them past the point of safety. They never imagined how far the boat would take them; on the water that day or in the days of their ministry.*

*We journey to hither and yon because God has called us. Something within us compels us to answer. So we get into the boat, and we go farther than we had ever intended. We see great sights. We have the wind at our backs. We are pushed by the winds of the world beyond our comfort zone and we hear God's voice. We have dark nights, fears, and visions of death; and if we can risk it all and go out deeper still, we will be able to say, "Oh, my God, I almost didn't go. I was almost too afraid; but I followed my heart, thank God."*

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*As I write these words, I am surrounded by about two hundred fifty men and women in desert camouflage being sent to Iraq. Some probably just signed up for the reserves. Others may have wanted to change their minds after joining. Still*

*others may have mixed feelings about their mission; but now they are in the boat, and I imagine there will be nights of wrestling with fear and demons in the desert. My prayer is that they will find a place where the sea is calm and they can find the strength to keep going.*

*Finally, as Julian of Norwich wrote, "All will be well, and all shall be well, and all will be well." No matter what or where or who we are in our lives, what illness we suffer, or what challenges we face, all will be well. We just have to keep going out farther. The call is to keep sailing, to travel, which means going in at least up past our necks. If we don't go in that deep, we will never know the gift of having faith hold us up. Then, whenever we take a step forward, even though it seems perfectly logical that we will sink, we can feel ourselves begin to float.*

### **HOLY WEEK and EASTER 2019**

<b>April 14</b>	<b>The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday The Liturgy of the Palms; Dramatic reading of the Passion and the Holy Eucharist</b>	<b>9:30 AM</b>
<b>April 18</b>	<b>Maundy Thursday (in Stone Hall) Agape Meal The Washing of Feet The Stripping of the Altar (in sanctuary)</b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>
<b>April 19</b>	<b>The Good Friday Liturgy</b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>
<b>April 20</b>	<b>Holy Saturday Morning Prayer</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>
<b>April 21</b>	<b>Easter Sunday Celebration of the Holy Eucharist</b>	<b>9:30 AM</b>

### **Kitchen Renovations Begin**

A reminder that our kitchen renovation begins on April 1. Please bear with us as we will need to navigate our coffee hour set-up differently than we are accustomed to. We trust that the end result will be a safer, more easily navigated and easier to use, kitchen. This is exciting! Flexibility in the meantime is appreciated.

## Thistle Farms Model Ministry

You may have heard at our annual meeting that Trinity is taking steps toward something new and different in our community. Trinity is pursuing the creation of a program that is modeled after the highly successful Thistle Farms Magdalene House in Nashville, Tennessee. Their program is designed not just to help a subculture of women, but to help change the culture itself. They create opportunities for healing and empowerment for survivors of abuse, addiction, violence and life on the streets. Survivors share a story that has been universal since the beginning of time. It takes communities to place individuals in these situations, and it takes communities to provide healing and empowerment to Survivors. We, also, are this community.

A community based on the motto “love heals” provides:

- A two-year residential program that provides housing, food, healthcare, therapy and education without charging residents
- Residents and graduates of the residential program are employed in one of the supporting social enterprises. Here the women can learn new job skills and make a living wage to support themselves.
- A lifelong sisterhood of support. Similar to an alumni network, after the women leave the program, they still have access to counseling, education opportunities and emergency financial assistance.

The program advocates living gracefully in community with one another. New residents are given a key and are offered the necessary resources to maintain recovery, heal from childhood wounds, become physically healthy and find employment. Residents, graduates, staff and volunteers share daily tasks, offer hospitality, build upon each other’s strengths and provide compassionate, disciplined support.

### ***What is needed?***

--A house in which the women will live. In the words of one of the first residents of Thistle Farms Magdalene House, they need “a place to call home”. We want, for the women who seek a new beginning in life, the same as we would want for ourselves - a safe, comfortable place to call home.

--A social enterprise where our Survivors can learn job skills and earn income. The profits from the social enterprise would assist in funding the mission/residential program. Some examples of social enterprises from sister organizations are: making candles, T-shirts, jewelry, honey and granola, coffee shops, art studio, and/or selling products of other artisans.

The social enterprise could be in partnership with the City of Coatesville and/or the County of Chester. Community members with a record that are having difficulty finding employment could also work in the social enterprise developing job skills and creating a history of stable employment that would encourage other employers to hire them.

### ***Next steps***

The creation of an Ad Hoc committee and/or Board to set up the framework and set the plan into action. Partnerships and relationship building are integral to a healthy community. There are many areas of overlap with community services in providing assistance to the residents. What a wonderful opportunity to bring community engagement to life.

There will be a congregational meeting held after Easter to talk further about the details of this new venture. In the meantime, if you have questions or think you may be interested in any of the various aspects of this forming ministry, please see Pastor Sherry or Deacon Joan.

## Coatesville Community Garden

Where has the time gone? In the Spring of 2010, our collective vision for a Community garden in the empty lot next to our church came to fruition, and it has grown and prospered ever since.

I have been responsible since the beginning for planting, maintaining and harvesting the two beds that Trinity sponsors. In the intervening years, we must've donated 800+ pounds of fresh, organic produce to local organizations here in town.

As some of you know, I am hoping to sell my house and move about forty minutes east. When that happens, I will need to hand off, or at the very least, share, responsibility for the garden. Sometimes, Nature does all the work, and watering isn't necessary. Other times, the garden needs to be watered several times a week. It ALWAYS needs weeding, and multiple times a year the crops must be harvested and prepared for donation.

Working in the garden is a very rewarding ministry. You get to know your fellow gardeners and the passersby. Watching the fruit of your labors grow into healthy, bountiful crops is very satisfying, as is donating them to people who don't always have the opportunity to eat fresh food.

Let me know if you are interested in learning more. (I can write a community service letter for any young people who want to help and need the hours!)

Pam Smyth

## Columbarium

By now, you've heard.....*AND SEEN*....the exciting news, that we have broken ground for our long awaited columbarium! The vision is soon to be reality.

As you know, we have been offering a pre-construction cost for a niche at \$800.00. It was indicated that this figure would increase once ground was broken. We were just informed on Mar 22 that the contractor chosen will begin work on the foundation sooner than expected (week of Mar 25). Obviously, our intent was to give due notice of this phase in advance, in order to provide our members with a final opportunity to take advantage of the lower rate. That is now not the case, so we are extending the "pre-construction" price through May 31. Non-member rate schedule will remain as stated.

If you still wish to reserve a niche at the discounted rate, please make your intention known to Bill Terry, Rev. Sherry or myself at your earliest opportunity. In deference to our own Trinity members, I'm holding off on publicizing the availability of the columbarium to the rest of the community (churches, funeral homes) in order to give you priority.

Thank you for your support during this entire venture and join me on the road to completion!

Peace,

Vic Shanley  
Chmn., Ad hoc Comm.



## Veterans Brunch

Several times a year, the brunch happens so late in the month, that Trinity Topics is printed before it happens. That is the case for the report in April for the March Brunch. We are planning on the main course to be breaded, oven baked fish, with side dishes of corn pudding, rice, and sweet potato fries. If you can join us with a helping hand for the brunch....that would be great.

April's brunch will occur on April 28<sup>th</sup>. Understanding that the kitchen will be under construction for most of the month of April, we have decided to have the brunch be a potluck celebration. So put your thinking caps on, get your recipe books out, and plan on contributing to the smorgasbord of home cooking for our veterans. The meat for April will be fried chicken. Looking forward to the family of Trinity making the veterans enjoy their time with us.

-Joe Kirkner, Brunch Bunch



## Women's Group

I have tentatively reserved the artist, Kelly Hewson, for another Potluck, Paint, and Pinot at Trinity. The date is May 3<sup>rd</sup>. Contact me if you are interested in tickets for this fun night. It will be \$35.00 each; same as last times. We will be painting a picture with a summer theme.

May 17<sup>th</sup>!!!! This is the date we have picked to have an indoor/outdoor flea market. (Or is it a rummage sale? I don't know the difference??). Anyway, we have already received donations for this sale date; the downstairs room is slowing filling up...so check your garages, basements, and attics for saleable items that you can donate to Trinity. If you or a friend are interested in reserving a table at this sale, to promote/sell your own items, the cost is \$15.00 per table. See me if need more details.

-Pat Kirkner, Presidents



## EASTER MEMORIAL FLOWERS 2019

This year again, we will be ordering a variety of flowers to decorate for Easter. If you are interested in placing memorial flowers in the church, please fill in your name, phone number and how many flowers you are ordering along with the name of the person(s) placed in memory of. The suggested donation is a minimum of \$12.00. Make checks payable to Church of the Trinity and return this order form with your payment to the parish office by April 7th.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

NUMBER OF PLANTS ORDERED \_\_\_\_\_

NAME/S OF PERSON/S PLACED IN MEMORY OF \_\_\_\_\_

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Nina Thompson	1-Apr
Evelyn Carey	2-Apr
Lily Fazio	2-Apr
Gail Craven	4-Apr
Ryan Muschelli	6-Apr
Sherry Deets	7-Apr
Diane Evans	7-Apr
Stacey Heston	10-Apr
Al Carey	11-Apr
Robert Baynard, Sr.	14-Apr
Jodi Bakshas	15-Apr
Barbara Combs	21-Apr
Kristin Busch	21-Apr

Vic & Jacqueline Shanley	24-Apr
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# April 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	<i>Kitchen Renovations to Start</i>  <i>SH Rented</i>	Choir 730pm		HE Chapel-12noon  Yoga 1240pm	<i>Stations of the Cross 7PM</i>	
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
		Choir 730pm		HE Chapel-12noon  Yoga 1240pm	<i>Stations of the Cross 7PM</i>	
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
<i>The Sunday of the Passions: Palm Sunday</i>		Choir 730pm		<i>Maundy Thursday 7PM</i>  HE Chapel-12noon  Yoga 1240pm	<i>The Good Friday Liturgy 7PM</i>	<i>Holy Saturday Morning Prayer 9AM</i>
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
<i>Easter Sunday</i>		Choir 730pm		HE Chapel-12noon  Yoga 1240pm		
28	29	30				
<i>Vet Brunch</i>		Choir 730pm				



## Readers, Servers and Greeters for April 2019



Date	Readers	Psalter/P-O-P	Chalists	Servers	Torches	Greeters
4/7	Seth Haak	N/A	Al Carey	Al Carey	N/A	TBA
	Vic Shanley	Chris Haak	Jim Anderson	Al Carey	N/A	
4/14	TBD	N/A	Pat Kirkner	Pat Kirkner	N/A	TBA
	TBD	TBD	Donna Fleck	Pat Kirkner	N/A	
4/21	Bill Terry	N/A	Bill Terry	Seth Haak	N/A	TBA
	Dev Devereux	Kent Nation	Al Carey	Jim Anderson	N/A	
4/28	Violet Armstead	N/A	Pat Kirkner	Jack McGovern	N/A	TBA
	Craig McGovern	Greg Bentley	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**