

CHURCH OF THE TRINITY
323 East Lincoln Highway
Coatesville, PA 19320



June 2019

Trinity Topics

From the Rector's Desk . . .

By the Reverend Sherry Deets

This June, as we enter into the summer season, I share a reflection from Becca Steven's book *Letters from the Farm: A Simple Path for a Deeper Spiritual Life*:

Cultivating Peace

"For you shall go out in joy, and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall be to the Lord for a memorial, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off." Isaiah 55:12-13

May this small letter be a prayer for the wanderers who have not yet found peace in the wild fields. I have spent the better part of my ministry seeking to understand the great spiritual gifts offered through plants and the rest of creation, immersing my work and community in that knowledge.

I have spent years as director of Thistle Farms learning how to cultivate herbs for distillation, finding the best essential oils from around the globe, and opening a café that serves special tinctures of herbal teas. I have done some of it peacefully, but way too much of it stressed about money, deadlines, and family. I have written books on the healing power of essential oils and the way tea can offer justice and healing for women in the world. But many times I gulp down those "peaceful" cups of tea while answering e-mails. Writing about it for others and trying to live it are two very different things. My writing about peace means that I probably still long for it. Someone once told me that preachers preach what they most need to hear. My guess is that all of us present our lives in public with some care, and beneath that façade hide secret habits, fears, and coping skills that we keep to ourselves and perhaps the few people who know us best. The goal is not to pretend that divided doesn't exist, but to have those two parts in conversation with one another so they live closer together and we can feel more peaceful.

Those two parts of my life came together walking through a tea field.

Thistle Farms was just beginning to expand into the tea industry. It was important to go to the only working tea farm in the United States, in South Carolina, as we decided if we should import or start our own tea farm. The sun was at the apex of its trajectory as it scorched the July day. Weeds were thriving alongside the tea plants; the bugs were so thick they looked like sprinkles on hot doughnuts. I felt the need for water, shelter, and community as thick as the air that hugged my

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lungs. But there was a peace as I walked alone among the weeds and the tea plants.

Tea is the oldest cultivated plant in the world, requiring little tending. Tea is not bothered by sharing the field with pesky weeds and so it all mingles among a variety of plants in this rich land known to produce thirtyfold a season. There were no pickers out in the field at this hour, no tourists, and, thank God, no cell phone coverage. The sound of bugs became white noise as the peacefulness of the field filled me with the hope that one day I might truly be a farmer who knows peace. It wasn't about understanding, but about acceptance. I could imagine all the farmers throughout the state of South Carolina wiping their brows and sitting under trees for shade. I could imagine the farmers out west teaching the next generation about walking among the rows and identifying varieties in plants. I almost could see small rice paddies and coffee farms owned by small farmers in distant lands. Can we learn to live like farmers, whether we are digging up dirt or walking through the world harvesting hope? To be willing to be in thick, hot air and sweat and toil without stressing about the overwhelming noise filling us. We can't intellectualize our way to peace—instead we seek it, we sit in it, and we find it unexpectedly in field and farms where creation is allowed to preach.

Reflection:

What aspects of your life and faith exist in tension with each other?

Where do you seek peace?

Gentle Yoga- Summer Hiatus

Our gentle yoga class is on hiatus for the summer. We will resume again in September.

Art on the Walls

We had a very successful Art Open House (art show) on May 5th. Seven local artists displayed some of their art and art was sold! We also experienced some lively social media attention on Facebook shortly after the event.

Avery Thompson, a Coatesville graduate and currently in college, is our first artist to display on our hallway walls. Avery is displaying examples of his digital art in which he takes a picture and creates, through a computer program, the art that you see on our hallway walls. His contact information is available if you'd like to send him a picture of yourself, your children, grandchildren, etc. for his creative style.

Stay tuned for the next "season" of Art on the hallway ways at Trinity!

St. Cyril's Day – June 30th

Our annual St. Cyril's Day celebration will be happening on Sunday, June 30th. This is a wonderful day set aside to celebrate the merging of St. Cyril's and Trinity and to honor and celebrate the wonderful community that we are today. After the 9:30 a.m. service, please plan to stay for a special luncheon in our social hall. Food will be created by our resident Chef Kevin Evans.

Guest Preacher and Celebrant

On June 8th through the 11th, Pastor Sherry and Deacon Joan will be traveling and attending the national Thistle Farms Conference held in Nashville, Tennessee. This is part of the preparation and training for the creation of a sister program here in Coatesville (Thistle Hills). The Rev. John Carlson, retired Pastor from the Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, will be our guest clergy on Sunday, June 9th. He has been with us before and is looking forward to being with Trinity once again.



COFFEE HOUR DETAILS

Coffee hour progresses to Lemonade on the Lawn during July and August, so sign up for these fellowship times. If you haven't experienced the new church kitchen, yet, let me introduce you to a change. Due to the elimination of cabinets, a "COFFEE HOUR SUPPLIES" container has been created. This storage bin is located on the bottom shelf of the stainless table closest to the fellowship hall, at the pass-through window. It contains everything you should need for your hostessing needs: plates, plastic ware, cold cups, serving trays, tea bags, sugar, sweetener, powdered creamer, napkins, etc. The drawer attached to this table contains extra cutlery and napkins, if need arises during coffee hour. The new coffee station also features a hot water tap, so tea drinkers will finally have that option available to them. We're trying to accommodate any options; if you see a need or have a suggestion for improvement, let Donna Fleck or Pat Kirkner know. *Sincerely, The Women's Group*



FLEA MARKET DONATIONS

Check your garages, basements, closets, and sheds.... it's not too early to bring your donations to the church, for our August 17th annual Flea Market and Chicken Barbeque fundraiser. We have a good start on items, due to unfortunate cancelling of our Spring rummage sale, but can use much more quality offerings. We will store donations in the basement room that has always served as our 'staging' area. Hopefully, the dehumidifier is being emptied on a regular basis, so that the room's environment is more comfortable for people and products. Pricing dates will be scheduled throughout July and early August. If you have any questions, see any member of the Women's Group. -Pat Kirkner, President



VETERANS BRUNCH, May 26th



Sunday, May 26th was the first time we prepared and presented our brunch in the new church kitchen. Through coordination and cooperation of our 21 volunteers, we were able to concoct delicious dishes for our deserving veterans.

Our offerings to the 58 guest who came, were: scrambled eggs, bacon, pancakes, hamburgers, fried chicken, macaroni and cheese, collard greens, green beans, lima bean casserole, cole slaw, potato salad, and fixings for the burgers. Also, we had our vast array of desserts, fresh fruit cocktail, and a variety of drinks. We offer a special thank you to Mike Lemoditis who did a great job grilling the burgers. We were without our usual ringmaster (or is it taskmaster?), Joe Kirkner, but managed to have everything prepared, baked, and ready on time. It is the love and energy of our volunteers that makes this monthly meal a great gift to our brother and sister Veterans. So if you were able to help – Thank You; and if you haven't yet participated, come on out for our July brunch on 7/28. (June is reserved for our St. Cyril's celebration.) Each month we receive kind words of sincere gratitude from our veterans, and that is what it is all about!

Please continue to contribute and support this wonderful outreach, and when you see a veteran, thank them for their service. God Bless our Veterans, Trinity Church, and God Bless America.

-Brunch Bunch

Columbarium

By now, you've all had a chance to see the new Trinity columbarium. Though there are still some finishing touches (landscaping, etc.) to be applied, it is certainly impressive and a beautiful addition to our church.

Soon, we'll be sending out several documents to those members who have already reserved or purchased a niche. These include a Policy Statement, order form, etc. In addition, we will hold a brief meeting following coffee hour shortly thereafter to more fully explain the documents you will have received. The exact date will be announced as we move forward. This meeting will be open to all members who may have an interest in the columbarium.

Please review the materials you will soon receive and attend the follow up meeting. Likewise, don't hesitate to reach out to Rev. Sherry, Bill Terry or myself with any questions.

Thank you, Vic Shanley, Chmn., Columbarium Comm.



Tammy Chiesa	3-June
Nicole McGovern	4-June
Laura Puma	6-June
Ian McGovern	7-June
Marshall Evans	9-June
Marion Kirwin	11-June
Barbara Post	15-June
Cailin Morris	15-June
Cliff Gardiner	18-June
Tom Swett	18-June
Julie Fredd	21-June
John Coveleski	23-June
Tresa Washington	24-June
Clint Bush	27-June
Kimberly Stauffer	30-June

Greg & Caroline Bentley	6-June
Carl & Miranda Croft	14-June
Nick & Kim Stauffer	18-June
Clifford & Ruth Gardiner	18-June
John & Marie Price	19-June
Christopher & Erika Haak	21-June
Lance & Jeziel Bush	

Congratulations Corner!!!!

Congratulations to all high school and college graduates!!! Class of 2019!!

June 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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						SH & Sanctuary Rented
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Trinity Tea		Choir 730pm		HE Chapel-12noon SH Rented		SH & Kitchen Rented
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
SH Rented		Choir 730pm		HE Chapel-12noon		
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
		Choir 730pm		HE Chapel-12noon		SH Rented
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
		Choir 730pm		HE Chapel-12noon		SH Rented
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St Cyril's Day Columbarium Dedication						



Readers, Servers and Greeters for June 2019



Date	Readers	Psalter/P-O-P	Chalists	Servers	Torches	Greeters
6/2	Violet Armstead	N/A	Jim Anderson	Seth Haak	N/A	TBA
	Craig McGovern		Al Carey	Al Carey	N/A	
6/9	Jim Anderson	N/A	Donna Fleck	Jim Anderson	N/A	TBA
	Seth Haak	Chris Haak	Pat Kirkner	Jim Anderson	N/A	
6/16	Vic Shanley	N/A	Pam Smyth	Jack McGovern	N/A	TBA
	Pam Smyth	Caroline Bentley	Jim Anderson	Bill Terry	N/A	
6/23		N/A	Donna Fleck	Craig McGovern	N/A	TBA
	Kent Nation	Bill Terry	Pat Kirkner	Pat Kirkner	N/A	
6/30	Vic Shanley	N/A	Bill Terry	Al Carey	N/A	TBA
	Violet Armstead	Craig McGovern	Al Carey	Al Carey	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
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**Church School
Sundays 9:15 AM**