



Trinity Topics

From the Rector's Desk . . .

By the Reverend Sherry Deets

This month I share an excerpt from the book *He Walks Among Us: Encounters with Christ in a Broken World* by Richard and Renee Stearns. This is entitled "Delivering God's Mail" and is based on Matthew 22:2-4 "The kingdom of heaven is like a king who prepared a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his servants to those who had been invited to the banquet to tell them to come, but they refused to come. Then he sent some more servants and said, "Tell those who have been invited that I have prepared my dinner: My oxen and fattened cattle have been butchered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding banquet."

Mother Teresa once said, "I am a little pencil in the hand of a writing God who is sending a love letter to the world." What a great picture of how God uses us as ambassadors of His great love who deliver His good news to everyone we encounter.

Jim is a guy in his fifties who delivers the mail at World Vision. Every day he swings by my office pushing his cart filled with mail. Jim has always felt pestered by his desire to be a pastor, but life's path took him in different directions. He had worked in logistics at SeaTac Airport for twenty-five years and later for a landscaping firm, driving a truck and doing procurement. Desiring to be part of a Christian ministry, he came to work in World Vision's mailroom seven years ago.

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When his father-in-law became ill and was moved into a hospice facility to live out his last days, Jim and his wife, Cheryl, often went to visit with him and to pray. During those times Jim began to meet some of the nurses as well as some of the other patients. Perceiving that Jim was a man of faith; nurses began to ask if Jim might get more involved. First they asked if he would lead a regular Sunday worship service for the patients who wished to attend. That blossomed into a ministry of one-on-one meetings as more people started to ask for him for prayer and encouragement.

About a year later, Jim found himself at the center of a thriving ministry. He leads a service every other Sunday for between twenty and forty souls, and, by popular request, he is there quite a few nights and weekends to comfort and pray with people facing the end of their life. One thirteen-year-old girl, after her grandfather passed, followed Jim into the hallway. She grabbed his arm and said, "I need to know. Where did Grandpa go?" Jim was then able to share with her the good news of the gospel.

As Jim's life demonstrates, we don't have to have some big title or influential job or official position to make a difference for Christ. God will use us right where we live if we are willing to be used.

Although a hospice center, with its sights and smells, its ambiance of sickness and death, is not a place most of us want to be. Jim told me this: "I feel like I absolutely have to do this. I would rather be here than anywhere else." He never expected to have such a vital ministry at this stage of his life, but he had made himself available and listened to the Spirit's voice. "I'm just a tool in God's toolbox. I want people to know the good news of Jesus Christ before they die."

You see, Jim knows that the King is inviting people to His great banquet—and Jim wants to be the one to deliver that mail. ---Rich

Gentle Yoga at Trinity

Gentle Yoga continues with Nancy Murphy on a weekly basis on Thursdays after the noon service. Gentle yoga practice for approximately one hour, following the noon service 12:40 – 1:40p.m. It is a time of meditation, gentle stretches, mindful movement, strength building, breath exercises, and Christian spirituality. No prior yoga experience or flexibility required. Mats are available. Suggested donation \$7.

Vestry Meeting

Vestry meetings on Sunday, November 17th coffee hour at 11:15 a.m.

Kitchen News

For those who work in the kitchen – there is a "Kitchen Use Manual" in the kitchen designed to give helpful instructions on how to use the kitchen equipment.

Confirmation Classes

Our confirmation classes for the youth, Confirm Not Conform, are scheduled for Tuesday, November 12th and Tuesday, November 26th from 5:30 to 7 p.m.

Christmas Caroling in Coatesville

On Sunday, December 8th there is a second annual Holiday Caroling event in downtown Coatesville. We will begin at the Coatesville Senior Center and follow a walking route assisted by Lt. Audette from the Coatesville Police Department. Please arrive at the Senior Center (250 Harmony Street/Martin Luther King) by 1:45 p.m. Caroling begins at 2 p.m. and goes until 4 p.m. Hot chocolate and cookies will be waiting at the Senior Center. 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. The goal is to bring the local churches together, foster positive outreach, promote the good of our Coatesville community and celebrate the joy of the season. Please come dressed in attire necessary for the time of the year and wear appropriate shoes for walking.

Veteran's Mass

The Episcopal Diocese of Pennsylvania will be holding its annual Veterans Mass on Sunday, November 10th from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. to honor those who served this country in the military. We will honor and hold in prayer all veterans and veterans who are deceased; our veteran brothers and sisters living in our communities; those living with mental/moral injury/physical pain; and those just beginning their journey in the military.

We are honored to have Rev. Dr. Chris Kimmenez (USMC), Chaplain, Philadelphia Stand Down as the guest preacher.

If you would like the name of a veteran/soldier to be placed on the prayer list, please email tsmyth@diopa.org:

- Name as you would like printed (ranking, etc.)
- Branch of the military
- Indicate if the individual is deceased

This is not only a service but a way to build a community of support and friendship. We will serve light refreshments after the mass.

Thanksgiving Day Morning Prayer

Morning Prayer will be offer on Thanksgiving Morning, Thursday, November 28th at 9 a.m. in the Sanctuary. What a wonderful way to begin a day set aside for gratitude to God for all God has done and is doing for us.

2020 Giving

As you prayerfully consider giving to Trinity in 2020 please know that we are grateful for every dollar pledged and will put it to good use. We are losing some faithful pledgers to illness and relocation, so your support could be crucial to balancing a budget for 2020. If you have any interest in taking a look at Trinity's finances, I am always happy to oblige. Minnie Kirwin, Treasurer

Smile for Trinity

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Thanks so much! Minnie Kirwin, Treasurer

ATTENTION – All Veterans & Retired Military

This year 2019, marks one hundred and one years since the ending of World War I, mistakenly referred to as “the war to end all wars” November 11 has been celebrated for many years as Armistice Day and later as Veterans’ Day.

Once again on Sunday, November 10, we will mark the day with a brief ceremony at 1100 hours (11:00 AM) 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.



VETERANS BRUNCH, October 27th



Even though the weather was not enjoyable before the brunch, that didn't seem to dampen the spirits of all the brunch bunch participants who came and helped pull off another great event.

This month we had 27 Veterans attend and 30 volunteers who helped in dozens of ways. Experiencing the laughter and chatter and working side-by-side while preparing a menu of love and nourishment is why we continue to come out and do what we do.

The selections prepared this month were scrambled eggs, bacon, blueberry or chocolate chip pancakes, roasted potatoes with onions and peppers, pork tenderloin with Dijon mustard sauce, sweet and sour beef, buttered egg noodles, kielbasa and sauerkraut, buttered peas and carrots, Penna. Dutch sweet and sour cabbage, corn pudding, macaroni salad, coleslaw, homemade applesauce, fresh fruit, desserts, juice, apple cider, coffee, and water.

Sincere thanks to Larry and Rick from Advent in Kennett Square; friends and family Rachel & Mason, Donna, and Bruce Roberts for all their help. A special hats-off to Paul Cox for taking pictures and for delivering two meals to Ray Hulse, our longtime brunch bunch member who is currently homebound.

Reach out and thank a veteran when you see one; you'll be glad you did. And especially on Nov. 11th, Veterans Day.

God Bless our Veterans, Trinity Church, and God Bless America.

Brunch Bunch



Emergency Preparedness Symposium

Trinity is currently organizing a symposium on emergency preparedness for houses of worship. We will be partnering with many local officials and including their expertise and knowledge in our presentation. A team of Trinity organizers and community experts are having the first organizational meeting on Nov. 12, 2019.

As more details are formulated, we will post date and time and information on the upcoming symposium. We are looking at early 2020 as probable symposium date.



Women's Fellowship

A reminder that 2 great fundraisers are coming up in December: The first is the Christmas Parade on Dec. 7th. There's no greater place to watch the parade than Trinity's front lawn. And, purchase some of our scrumptious hotdogs, coffee or hot chocolate. Then the following Saturday is Breakfast with Santa. We serve the best breakfast around...you should promote this with your neighbors, friends, and family.



A great photo of some of the women that enjoyed our outing on the West Chester Railroad on October 13th. It was a fun trip to see the fall foliage and just get to know each other more. We finished the afternoon with a meal at Appleby's, West Chester.



Last year, Revival Productions of Coatesville, held a great Christmas concert, which we missed out on. This year, they are organizing a community Messiah celebration, to be held at Coatesville Bible Fellowship. It is scheduled for Dec. 20th at 7pm; or 21st at 7pm; or 22nd at 3pm. It will feature Revival's community choir, a live orchestra, and professional soloists. It is a free concert; pay what you will donations. Might be a great way to celebrate the true spirit of the holidays.

And it's not too late to sign up to join the choir.

See their website for more information.



AFRICAN-AMERICAN MUSEUM in Washington, DC

Our parishioner, Cheryl Robinson, is organizing a bus trip to the African-American Museum in Washington, DC on May 9, 2020. The total cost for bus and museum admission is \$50.00. A \$20, non-refundable deposit will hold your seat for you. The bus will leave the Old Kmart parking lot at 6:45 AM and return at 5:00 PM. Cheryl can be contacted on any given Sunday, after church; or call 610-470-5103 for more details.

Church Farm School Requests Gently Used Winter Clothing for Teenage Boys

Church Farm School, located in Exton, is an Episcopal college preparatory boarding school for 190 young men, many of whom come from low-income families. With cold weather coming, we urgently request donations of gently used or new clothing, appropriate for teenage boys.

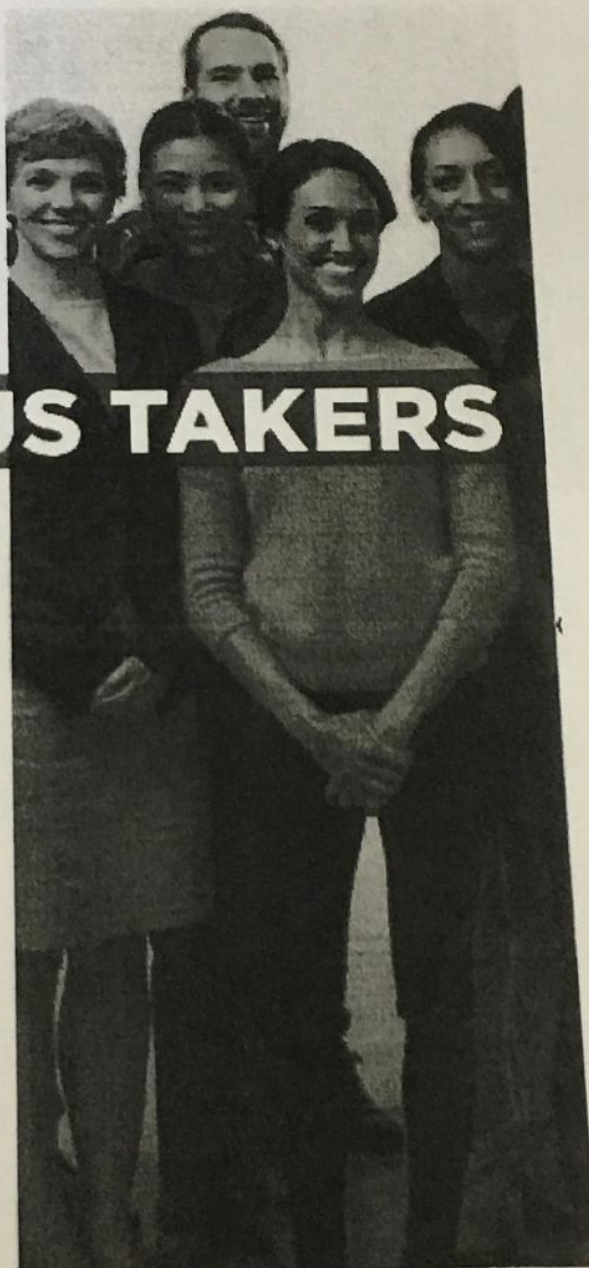
Greatly needed at this time are:

- Men's sweaters (S, M and L) – These are greatly needed!
- Men's winter jackets (S, M and L)
- Belts (black and brown, size 32, 34, 36 and 38)
- Ties
- Winter Hats
- Winter Gloves
- Dress Shoes

Please drop off your donated items at Church Farm School, 1001 East Lincoln Highway, Exton (we are happy to have you stay for breakfast or lunch) or contact Suzette Baird (sbaird@gocfs or 610.363.5383) to arrange a pick-up at your church.

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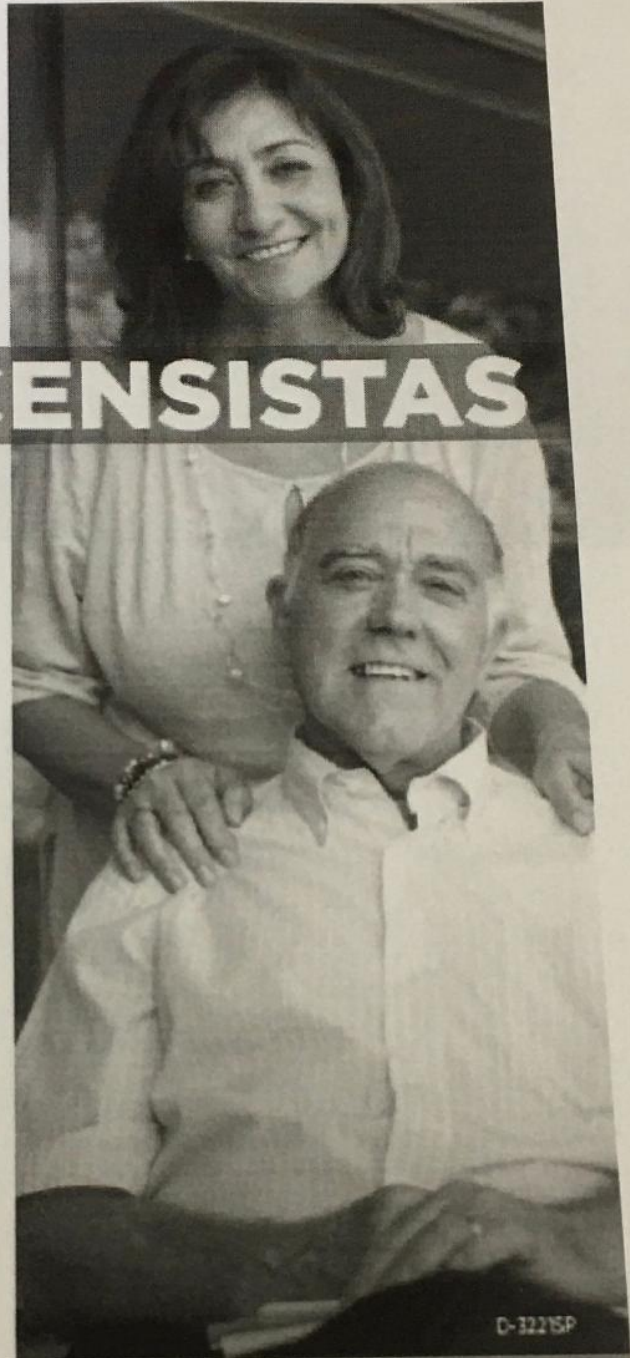
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Brendan McWilliams	1-Nov
Sarah Heston	1-Nov
Nya Lewis	3-Nov
Donna Fleck	4-Nov
John Price	5-Nov
Eugene Mulholland	8-Nov
Dennis Dantzler	10-Nov
Pat Kirkner	15-Nov
Stuart Deets	18-Nov
Michael Lemoditis	19-Oct
Sarina Baynard	22-Nov
Nora Bush	29-Nov
Caroline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

Kenneth & Caitlyn Hanna	5-Nov
Robin & Bill McWilliams	17-Nov
Alfred Sr. & Evelyn Carey	25-Nov

Congratulations Corner!!!!

November 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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						Diocesan Convention all day in Phila. SH Rented
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
SH Rented	Kermit Good Memorial Svc 11am Visitation 10-11am Thistle Hill Meeting 2pm	Election Day		HE Chapel-12noon Yoga 1240pm		SH Rented
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Veteran's Mass 2-3pm	Veteran's Day Office Closed	Confirmation Class 530-7pm		HE Chapel-12noon Yoga 1240pm		SH Rented
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
SH Rented				HE Chapel-12noon Yoga 1240		SH Rented
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Vets Brunch		Confirmation Class 530-7pm		Thanksgiving Day Morning Prayer 9am SH Rented	SH Rented	SH Rented



Readers, Servers and Greeters for November 2019



Date	Readers	Psalter/P-O-P	Chalists	Servers	Torches	Greeters
11/3	Vic Shanley	N/A	Pat Kirkner	Seth Haak	N/A	TBA
	Craig McGovern	Dev Devereux	Paul Cox	Pat Kirkner	N/A	
11/10	Betty Sullivan	N/A	Pat Kirkner	Pat Kirkner	N/A	TBA
	Chris Haak	Bill Terry	Pam Smyth	Pat Kirkner	N/A	
11/17	Seth Haak	N/A	Craig McGovern	Craig McGovern	N/A	TBA
	Violet Armstead	Kent Nation	Bill Terry	Craig McGovern	N/A	
11/24	Pam Smyth	N/A	Al Carey	Jack McGovern	N/A	TBA
	Caroline Bentley	Jim Anderson	Jim Anderson	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 & Wednesday 930am-130pm

Tuesday & Thursday: 330-530pm

Friday: 930am-1230pm

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Church School

Sundays: 9:15 AM