



# Trinity Topics

## From the Rector's Desk . . .

### By the Reverend Sherry Deets

An excerpt from *Letters from the Farm: A Simple Path for a Deeper Spiritual Life* by Becca Stevens. This is entitled "Whispered Prayers":

Isaiah 29:4 "Then deep from the earth you shall speak, from low in the dust your words shall come; your voice shall come from the ground like the voice of a ghost, and your speech shall whisper out of the dust."

People usually read alone. Even if we join a book group, we usually bring our solitude of reading into the group and share insights that arose as the voice in our head allowed silent words to speak. Even as I type these words onto a page, there is a very quiet voice in my head reading along as words as close to what I feel are being typed. Reading and writing become a whisper sometimes; my inside voice. I wonder as I write this letter what the whispered voice will sound like to one who picks up this page and translates the silent voice from paper into their own inner voice. This reader/translator could be male or female, prisoner or free. I hope this letter feels like a whispered prayer quiet enough for your heart to hear.

It is the whispered voice we long to hear in the quiet of the night. Those whispers can carry us into the morning. When fears feel loud and shadows dance by moonlight. It is quiet whispers that silence us enough to sleep. Whispers are a means by which prayers rise seamlessly through the loud din of noise. They can be heard in the empty lots where houses once stood. They rise in memory from burial grounds and circle trees like an arctic stream. Whispers are the voices we use when we want to share something intimate and secretive. They are the confessions between God and us.

Standing in a dusty field on the Oklahoma landscape I believe you can hear the echo of prayers that have accompanied farms since the first seed was scattered and the first harvest gathered. Reverberating over the horizon dotted with trees and oil rigs are old prayers from Indian grounds and well-worn farms. When the railroad came through, when the Indians were displaced, when they discovered oil, and when the great dust bowl settled, deep prayers were planted in this sod. As I walk into this empty field with its historic markers, a rookery of ibis sitting nearby along a dry riverbed are turning whispered prayers into shouting. The cacophony of sound from the individual birdsongs coming together like a surging alleluia chorus. We find our ways to deserted farms and dry riverbeds to get quiet

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enough to hear our own thoughts. When we get quiet enough, I swear we can hear the chorus of prayers once prayed. Those prayers linger over us like ozone and when we are silent, truly silent, we can hear them. In all our running around, in our struggle to tend the fields where we toil our whole lives, there are sweet whispers that mark the path of our hearts the whole way. When Israel was exiled and dust filled the mouths and thoughts of the captives, Isaiah had a vision that their voices could rise like a whisper out of that very dust. Isaiah's vision is moving and wondrous. Beyond captivity, pain, or fear, we can still offer a whisper as light as a kite string to carry a hope to the highest mountain. Those prayers sometimes feel powerless and wan, but truly they are light and strong enough to take flight. The more hefty prayers, offered before crowds and recited in unison, may be too heavy to make the trip from exile all the way Sinai. We get to pray our hearts and we whisper our hearts to the heavens. We get to join with thousands of other prayer whisperers as our rookery becomes a din of hope rising from the dust. May we be silent enough to hear those whispers as we walk through this world, as we turn the pages of history, and as we travel to the depths of our own hearts.

Questions for reflection

1. What sacred or remembered place whispers to you?
2. Where has your inner voice found sanctuary or expression?



### **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 meeting on Sunday, October 20<sup>th</sup> after 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.



### **Pastor Sherry Away**

Pastor Sherry will be away from the church from Wednesday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> through Sunday, October 6<sup>th</sup>. The Rev. Anna Waid (former Vicar of Trinity!) will be celebrating and preaching on Sunday, October 6<sup>th</sup>.

She will also be on a short vacation beginning Monday, October 21<sup>st</sup> through Wednesday evening, October 23<sup>rd</sup>.

### **Confirmation Classes**

Our confirmation classes for the youth, Confirm Not Conform, resume on Tuesday, October 15<sup>th</sup> beginning at 5:30 p.m.

### **Church Christmas Trip to Sight and Sound Wednesday, December 4**

*Miracle of Christmas* at the Sight & Sound Theatre in Lancaster, Pennsylvania on Wednesday, December 4<sup>th</sup> at 11 a.m. Betty Sullivan is organizing a trip to the Sight & Sound Theatre's Christmas show for the church. She has reserved a block of seats together. The show begins at 11 a.m. and runs for 2 hours 30 minutes. Ticket price is \$59. Let Betty know, prior to October 31, if you would like to attend. Her number is 919-599-9637 or email at [sullibs@yahoo.com](mailto:sullibs@yahoo.com).

### **Christmas Caroling in Coatesville**

On Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup> there is a second annual Christmas Caroling event being planned. Reserve the date. We will meet and end at the Senior Center.



Joseph Lee	1-Oct
Kermit Good	6-Oct
India Archey Cole	7-Oct
Mary Cathryn Cross	8-Oct
Joan Wylie	9-Oct
Craig McGovern	10-Oct
Linda Irwin	11-Oct
Seth Haak	13-Oct
Tom Hottecker	13-Oct
Flora Rutledge	14-Oct
Evans Thompson	16-Oct
Lon Cross	17-Oct
Bertha Sizemore	25-Oct
Sharon Squires	30-Oct

Stuart & Sherry Deets	8-Oct
Aaron & Mildred Bruce	21-Oct

**Congratulations Corner!!!!**

# October 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
			Sherry-Out	HE Chapel-12noon Kitchen Rented Yoga-1240pm Sherry-Out	Sherry-Out	SH Rented  Sherry-Out
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Rev Anna Waid-Supply  Sherry-Out				HE Chapel-12noon  Yoga 1240pm		
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Women's Group West Chester Railroad Trip		Confirmation Class 530pm	Deanery & Good Sam 630pm	HE Chapel-12noon  Yoga 1240pm		Garden Harvest Celebration 2-4pm in the garden  SH Rented
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Vestry 11:15am	Sherry-Vacation	Sherry-Vacation	Sherry-Vacation	HE Chapel-12noon  Yoga 1240		SH Rented
27	28	29	30	31		
Vets Brunch		Confirmation Class 530pm		HE Chapel-12noon  Yoga 1240		



## Readers, Servers and Greeters for October 2019



Date	Readers	Psalter/P-O-P	Chalists	Servers	Torches	Greeters
10/6	Vic Shanley	N/A	Craig McGovern	Craig McGovern	N/A	TBA
	Jim Anderson	Caroline Bentley	Al Carey	Craig McGovern	N/A	
10/13	Dev Devereux	N/A	Jim Anderson	Zoe McGovern	N/A	TBA
	Betty Sullivan	Bill Terry	Pam Smyth	Jim Anderson	N/A	
10/20	Kent Nation	N/A	Jim Anderson	Jim Anderson	N/A	TBA
	Violet Armstead	Chris Haak	Donna Fleck	Jim Anderson	N/A	
10/27	Greg Bentley	N/A	Al Carey	Al Carey	N/A	TBA
	Seth Haak	Pam Smyth	Bill Terry	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**

