



Trinity Topics

From the Rector's Desk . . .

By the Reverend Sherry Deets

“Happy New Year! It’s time, once again, to ring in a new calendar year when many of us at least think about new year’s resolutions or changes we might want to make for the new calendar year. Each day brings with it a new adventure, new challenges, new possibilities. Sally Lloyd-Jones & Jago have written a lovely little book entitled *Thoughts to Make Your Heart Sing*. I share with you two thoughts, interconnected, that may assist you with your possible resolutions for this new year.

No Birds’ Nests!

Sometimes bad thoughts just land in your head from nowhere. Is having an awful thought a sin? When Jesus was tempted in the desert, Satan whispered awful thoughts and lies to Jesus to tempt him away from God. It’s not the thoughts that count; it’s what we do with those thoughts. Jesus didn’t listen to those awful thoughts. He didn’t believe them. He sent them away. An old proverb says, “You can’t help it if birds come and land on your head. But you don’t have to let them build nests in your hair!” *“We take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.” 2 Corinthians 10:5*

Talk to Yourself!

Why are people usually unhappy? David Martyn Lloyd-Jones said it’s because people are listening to themselves instead of talking to themselves. When you wake up in the morning, you can listen to whatever your thoughts are telling you—maybe they are reminding you of something bad you did the day before, maybe they are making you scared of something you have to do tomorrow. You can listen and feel horrible. Or you can talk back. You can remind yourself of what is true, and who you are, and who God is and what he had done. You can say something like: “Why am I discouraged? Why is my heart so sad? I will put my hope in God!” Psalm 42:11 Are you listening to yourself today... or talking to yourself?

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Gentle Yoga restarts January 9th

Our Gentle Yoga sessions took a holiday break. They will resume with Nancy Murphy again on Thursday, January 9th after our noon service, beginning at 12:40 p.m.



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 SECURITY SYNPOSIUM

The upcoming symposium on security and preparedness will be hosted by Trinity Episcopal Church on March 14, 2020. The location of this symposium will be advised, based on response and outcome of feedback from all the houses of worship in Coatesville and surrounding areas.

Local law enforcement and various agencies will conduct the symposium, provide inspections of our facilities and conduct some role-playing scenarios.

As we approach our gathering in March, we will have an informational gathering at Trinity to explain the program, encourage our congregation to attend, and be informed of what to do in the event of an emergency.



VETERANS BRUNCH – NOV. 24, 2019

As we close-out the year with our monthly brunch (no brunch in December), we'd like to note here that we were assisted again by a number of outside folks. From Advent, we had Rick, Larry and Jonathan; Sister Jackie; Mom and daughter team of Eileen and Kelly; Donna Schneider (neighbor of Joe & Pat); Jasmine (caregiver for Judy); and Bruce Roberts (Joe's cousin) who made a generous donation of cutlery, a meat slicer and a toaster oven.

Our veterans in attendance (49) were treated to another delicious Thanksgiving dinner. Our menu items were: scrambled eggs, bacon, baked French toast, baked ham, roasted chicken in gravy, garlic mashed potatoes, corn pudding, sweet potato casserole, collard greens, cole slaw, macaroni and potato salads, pineapple bread pudding, fresh baked biscuits, *world famous* deviled eggs by Joe Kirkner, fresh fruit, desserts, water, juice and coffee.

Before grace was given by Brother John our upcoming newlyweds, Lisa & Eric, were asked to light the candle on the Missing Man Table.

On behalf of Trinity Brunch Bunch, I would like to extend my sincerest thanks to everyone that continues to come out every month and support this wonderful outreach. As you're filling out your 2020 calendars, make sure to write in our brunches on the last Sunday of each month, except June and December. Make this a part of your monthly activities! When you see a veteran, thank them for their service.

God Bless our Veterans, Trinity & family, and God Bless America.

Joe Kirkner, Brunch Bunch Coordinator



LAUNDRY LOVE

Episcopal Church of the Trinity, Coatesville is beginning a cooperative project with Episcopal Church of the Good Samaritan, Paoli, to benefit Coatesville residents. This project, called “Laundry Love,” will benefit low income/no income families of Coatesville. It began as an Episcopal Church program, but other denominations across the country like it too. What will members of both churches be asked to do? Donate money to feed the machines, donate jars of detergent pods, dryer sheets, one-gallon plastic Ziploc bags for the supplies and quarters and 13-gallon new trash bags for clean, folded laundry. More important: donate four hours of your time, 4pm – 8pm, to be a Laundry Love “attendant”: hand out the laundry supplies and quarters (\$5 worth), meet and talk to the adults doing the laundry (good time to tell your story and tell them how loving our church is), and read storybooks to the children to give their parents a break. We are initially going to one laundromat, once per month, and we’re sharing this work of love with Good Samaritan members.

Benefits to the families receiving the supplies and conversation: meeting wonderful, compassionate YOU! Receiving help with an ongoing expense that really adds up for these families. Helping kids and families feel better about themselves because they have clean clothes (really, this is a “thing” – kids feel ashamed in school when they have dirty and smelly clothes). Experiencing God’s love as embodied by you.

Benefits to you: getting out beyond the walls of our beloved Trinity and loving our neighbors as ourselves. Meeting people where they are in life and helping them.

What to do next: bring in rolls or envelopes of quarters, or bills, and use pre-marked envelopes which will be provided at the back of the church. If you want to give a check, put “Laundry Love” on the memo line. Place the money donations in the collection plate. Bring in jars of detergent pods, boxes of dryer sheets, boxes of one-gallon Ziploc bags, or boxes of 13-gallon white tie-up plastic garbage bags and place them in a designated box at the back of the church.

UNDIE SUNDAYS



Also coming up, Undie Sundays!

In January and February, we will collect brand new underwear in all sizes for men, women and children for the three homeless shelters in Coatesville. Underwear and socks are always needed at shelters.

What to do next: Bring these to church and place them in designated boxes at the back of the church. We did a wonderful job with this last time! Let’s do it again!



Kristina Rosa	1-Jan
Diane Izzo	2-Jan
Elizabeth Hulse	3-Jan
Robert Baynard Jr	7-Jan
Donna Anderson	10-Jan
Mildred Bruce	10-Jan
Mary Fleck	12-Jan
David Thompson	14-Jan
Maitland Harvey	15-Jan
Michael Hanley	18-Jan
Sabrina Lewis	25-Jan
Ariel Abbott	25-Jan
Walter Cheatham	29-Jan
Kevin Evans	31-Jan

John & Mildred Coveleski	16-Jan
Wayne & Elizabeth Hanley	17-Jan

Congratulations Corner!!!!

Nya Lewis

January 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
				HE Chapel- <u>12noon</u>		SH Rented
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Vestry Holiday Gathering		Confirmation Class 530pm		HE Chapel- <u>12noon</u> Yoga 1240pm		SH Rented
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
				HE Chapel- <u>12noon</u> Yoga 1240pm		SH Rented
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Vestry Meeting SH Rented	MLK DAY Office Closed	Confirmation Class 530pm		HE Chapel- <u>12noon</u> Yoga 1240pm		SH Rented
26	27	28	29	30	31	
Vet Brunch				HE Chapel- <u>12noon</u> <u>Yoga 1240pm</u> Town Hall Meeting		



Readers, Servers and Greeters for January 2020



Date	Readers	Psalter/P-O-P	Chalists	Servers	Torches	Greeters
1/5	Craig McGovern	N/A	Jim Anderson	Jim Anderson	N/A	TBA
	Betty Sullivan	Pam Smyth	Paul Cox	Jim Anderson	N/A	
1/12	Violet Armstead	N/A	Donna Fleck	Jack McGovern	N/A	TBA
	Greg Bentley	Jim Anderson	Pam Smyth	Craig McGovern	N/A	
1/19	Vic Shanley	N/A	Al Carey	Zoe McGovern	N/A	TBA
	Dev Devereux	Seth Haak	Bill Terry	Al Carey	N/A	
1/26	Chris Haak	N/A	Pat Kirkner	Seth Haak	N/A	TBA
	Pam Smyth	Bill Terry	Craig McGovern	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 & Wednesday 930am-130pm

Tuesday & Thursday: 330-530pm

Friday: 930am-1230pm

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Church School

Sundays: 9:15 AM