



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 piece is entitled "Trying So Hard":

As our children were growing up, we—like most parents—tried to communicate to them that we valued *effort* over *outcome*. We wanted to assure them that, regardless of the end result, what was important to us was that they always do their best. It's a simple idea, but as it turns out, it's an idea that's also important to God.

The apostle Paul, in his second letter to Timothy, urged his young friend to do his best. Timothy was encouraged by his father in the faith to work hard to present himself before God as a workman who correctly handled God's Word. Aware of the disputes over doctrine Timothy faced, Paul advised him to act in such a way that he would have no reason to be ashamed.

That advice came to mind as I talked to fourteen-year-old Rith, a young man I met at World Vision's Bamboo Shoots Street Children's Center in Phnom Penh. I asked Rith what he would like teenagers in the United States to know about him. He said he would like them to know that he is "trying so hard." He is doing his absolute best to be a good student, a responsible brother, a person God can use in the lives of others.

Just a year ago, Rith arrived at the center from the streets of the Cambodian capital, where he had lived with his mother and ten-year-old brother, Roth. Although Rith managed to avoid some of the pitfalls of homelessness like alcohol and drugs, his younger brother has not. Only ten years old, Roth refuses to give up his life on the streets. So, trained by World Vision to be a peer educator, Rith goes out to the street to care for him. On the night I visited, Rith was sitting on a busy corner, across from a casino filled with tourists, surrounded by a group of children. He was showing them pictures illustrating the dangers of living on the streets and sharing with them suggestions for keeping themselves safe. One of the children listening at his feet was Rith's little brother.

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Despite the challenges he faces, Rith is doing his absolute best to use the gifts God has given him to do well in school so he can fulfill his dream of becoming a doctor. He is trying hard to rescue his little brother from a destructive life on the streets. And he is doing all he can to convince the boys and girls he mentors twice a week that there is a better life for them at the center. Helen Keller is quoted as saying, “When we do the best that we can, we never know what miracle is wrought in our life, or in the life of another.” When we apply our best effort to all God has given us to serve Him—to our gifts, talents, time and opportunities—we, like Rith, can trust the results to Him. --Renee

Trinity Tea on February 9th

On Sunday, February 9th, the Pastoral Care Team will be hosting a Trinity Tea in honor of Valentine’s Day. Tea begins after the worship service. Join us for a time of fellowship.

Annual Meeting

Church of the Trinity’s annual meeting will be held on Sunday, March 8. We elect members to Vestry and Convention/Deanery delegates at our annual meeting. Be thinking about who would be a good vestry member or delegate as our Annual Meeting approaches. We will be seeking nominations.

The vestry is the body within a congregation that, with the clergy, leads and manages the parish. The vestry:

- Helps to discern the vision toward which God is drawing that particular community;
- Articulates and communicates the vision;
- Holds the community accountable for its realization of that vision; and
- Keeps the mission of the Church and that of the individual congregation clearly before the parish community.
- Works on budgeting
- Establishes and enforces policies and procedures
- Establishes action plans
- Maintains property.

The deanery/convention delegates are elected to represent Trinity at our annual Diocesan Convention and vote for people in Diocesan leadership positions, the Diocesan Budget, various changes or new initiatives in our Diocese, etc. Our convention is usually held on a Saturday, at the beginning of November at the Cathedral in Philadelphia. Opening Eucharist and social time occurs on Friday evening. There may also be occasion to attend one or two other meetings in our Brandywine Deanery throughout the year.

Vestry Meeting

Vestry will meet on Sunday, February 16th at 11:15 a.m. for its regular third Sunday meeting.

Women's Group Meeting

The Women's Group will be holding a meeting on Sunday, February 2 after the church service.

Ash Wednesday Services

Ash Wednesday liturgy with the imposition of ashes will be held on February 26th at noon (no music) and at 7 p.m. with music. Join us for this moving liturgy.

St. Paul's AME

As part of our 150th anniversary, many learned that Trinity's original frame church structure was donated to St. Paul's AME. It was moved from where our sanctuary now sits to Merchant Street and still exists today at 703 Merchant Street. Pastor Emerson Cottrell is the current Pastor and has been leading and working to repair the building. The Vestry has been discussing ways in which we might utilize accumulated income from the St. Cyril's fund and has granted \$1,500 to St. Paul's AME toward work on their heating system. We are now beginning to discuss ways in which we might come together and enjoy fellowship with each other. In particular, we would like to invite St. Paul's to join us for our annual celebration of our Patron Saint, St. Cyril at the end of June. If you would like to join a team to help shape and plan our celebration this year, please let Pastor Sherry or anyone on Vestry know!

Parish Discernment Group

Trinity has two members who are discerning a call to ordination in the Episcopal Church! Discerning a call, especially to the particularities of diaconal or priestly ministry, is a communal work of mutual discernment. Trinity's role in this process now is to form a Parish Discernment Group to meet and discern with each of these members. You may be approached to be a part of this group and if so, we hope you say "yes". This can be a rich, meaningful part of your own faith journey, as you walk with another through discernment.

FUNDRAISING





TRINITY KITCHEN GOING GREEN

Single use plastics are a large contributor to ocean pollution and landfill waste. 335 million tons of plastic are produced each year. 13 million tons enter the ocean each year. At this rate, there will be more plastic than fish in the oceans by 2050. 50% of plastics used are single use. So, to do our part in trying to reduce this trend, Trinity has purchased and will now use real cutlery, ceramic mugs and sturdy tumblers in place of plastic ware, Styrofoam cups and plastic drinking cups. We have also purchased a beautiful drink dispenser for water and tea, which will replace plastic water bottles.

Reducing our consumption of these single use plastics will help reduce the grey energy rates. Grey energy is the energy used for production and disposal of these plastics. 1 kilogram of plastics equals 6 kilograms of CO2 emission. We may seem like a small contributor to the total pollution problem, but if every “small” participant took these steps, we could save our children the heartache of environmental decay. Every change starts with me.

So a special thank you to the Women of Trinity, and especially Pam Smyth, who have made this change possible.

-submitted by Pat Kirkner, Women of Trinity member



SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER BUFFET

Episcopal Church of the Trinity, 323 E. Lincoln Hwy. Coatesville

Join us on Tuesday, 2/28, for pancakes, sausage, juices, and homemade desserts.

Come anytime from 6:00 to 7:30 pm.

Cost = \$5.00 for adults; \$2.50 for children ages 4-10; and free for children 3 and under.



VETERANS BRUNCH – JAN. 26, 2020

Began our 2020 season with a light turnout of Veterans, but their enthusiasm never changes. All 31 veterans appreciate our efforts and thoroughly enjoy the home cooked meal prepared by our 19 volunteers.

Speaking of volunteers, our mess sergeant Kevin Evans sat this month out recovering from surgery and bronchitis. Get better Kevin; we'll see you in February!

This month's menu items included scrambled eggs, bacon, regular French toast and apple caramel French toast, fried chicken, roasted pork tenderloin (seasoned with special ingredients by Pat Kirkner), mashed potatoes, brown gravy, sauerkraut, bacon flavored green beans, mac n cheese, toss salad, potato salad, applesauce, breads, fruit, desserts, juice, coffee, ice tea and water.

This month we changed over from plastic to regular glasses, mugs and silverware. (See separate report.) We also started using the dishwasher.

We encourage all of our church family to participate in Veteran Brunches whenever possible. You don't have to be a veteran to be involved. It is a very rewarding sacrifice of your time and talents.

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

-Brunch Bunch



FAITH BASED PREPAREDNESS SYMPOSIUM

Episcopal Church of the Trinity will be hosting this very important symposium on March 14, 2020 for the leadership of all the houses of worship in Coatesville and surrounding areas, at the Chester County Public Safety Training Campus, 137 Modena Road, Coatesville, PA 19320, 9:00 AM – 12:15 PM.

We will be in partnership with Chester County Dept. of Emergency Services, City of Coatesville Police, South Coatesville Police and the Pennsylvania State Police.

This event will cover: a) All hazards approach to preparedness; b) Active threats; c) Awareness Training; d) Breakout sessions; e) Tools and resources for preparedness.

Our plan is to host this event for the leadership of the houses of worship, and then have a similar event conducted at Trinity for our church members.

We are looking for volunteers to help host the March 14, 2020 event; such as Greeters; registration table; refreshment table; set-ups and take-down. If you're interested, see Pastor Sherry, Bill Terry or Joe Kirkner



Aaron Bruce	3-Feb
Violet Armstead	9-Feb
Andrew Bentley	13-Feb
Martha Rutledge	14-Feb
Patricia Hendricks	17-Feb
Victor Shanley III	20-Feb
Josh Busch	20-Feb
Patricia Vogt	22-Feb
Jamoca Harkins	25-Feb
Kent Nation	26-Feb
Laverne Cheatham	27-Feb

Craig & Nicole McGovern	22-Feb
Walter & Laverne Cheatham	25-Feb

Congratulations Corner!!!!

February 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1
						SH Rented
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
		Confirmation Class 5-7pm		HE Chapel- <u>12noon</u> Yoga 1240pm	Kitchen Rented	SH Rented
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Trinity Tea SH & Kitchen Rented	Sherry Away	Sherry Away	Sherry Away	HE Chapel- <u>12noon</u> Yoga 1240pm		
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Vestry Meeting		SH Rented		HE Chapel- <u>12noon</u> Yoga 1240pm		
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
Vet Brunch		Shrove Tuesday	Ash Wednesday 7pm	HE Chapel- <u>12noon</u> Yoga 1240pm		



Readers, Servers and Greeters for February 2020



Date	Readers	Psalter/P-O-P	Chalists	Servers	Torches	Greeters
2/2	Jim Anderson	N/A	Jim Anderson	Jim Anderson	N/A	TBA
	Craig McGovern	Betty Sullivan	Paul Cox	Jim Anderson	N/A	
2/9	Vic Shanley	N/A	Donna Fleck	Craig McGovern	N/A	TBA
	Violet Armstead	Greg Bentley	Pam Smyth	Craig McGovern	N/A	
2/16	Dev Devereux	N/A	Al Carey	Jack McGovern	N/A	TBA
	Seth Haak	Chris Haak	Bill Terry	Al Carey	N/A	
2/23	Pam Smyth	N/A	Pat Kirkner	Seth Haak	N/A	TBA
	Bill Terry	Jim Anderson	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