



Trinity Topics

From the Rector's Desk . . .

By the Reverend Sherry Deets

There is exciting news on the progress with Thistle Hills. We have found a house that will meet the needs of the Thistle Hills residential program very well. The really good news is that it is a relatively new house, built in 2016, and well-maintained. Because there will not be any substantial renovation involved, the Thistle Hills ministry can now move at a more rapid pace to begin. Stay tuned for ways in which you might be able to assist with your time, talent or financially as the ministry moves forward and identifies areas of need.

There is a book written by the Women of Magdalene with Becca Stevens that outlines a set of spiritual principles for living in community. It is entitled *Find Your Way Home: words from the street, wisdom from the heart*. Magdalene is the name of the very first house that Becca Stevens (founder of what is widely known as Thistle Farms) made a home for women what have survived lives of violence, trafficking, prostitution and drug abuse. The women live together in houses for two years, free of charge. After two years of living in the Magdalene community, the women graduate, not to leave, but to become sisters who are committed to one another for life.

“Out of their experience together, the Magdalene sisters have developed guidelines for living. It is rule of life consisting of twenty-four principles. It is not meant as a rule in the conventional sense of restraining but rather of liberating. Taken as a whole, the rule can be thought of as a set of spiritual practices from which all of us can benefit. The book is an open letter written to friends and strangers, inviting them to keep love alive and to offer it to others.” The Reverend Becca Stevens, the Founding Director of Magdalene prays that in offering this “open letter” we will all find our way home.

One of the first stories in the little book is this: “When I came into Magdalene they gave me a key to the house. I kissed the floor because I knew that someone believed in me. I felt love for the first time in my life and wondered what kind of people were in this place. It made me tingle all over, from the top of my head to the bottom of my feet.”

As we enter into the Lenten season, a time of repentance and renewal, a time of prayer, fasting and meditation, perhaps we might also ‘Find our Way Home’. We are all much more alike than we are different.

May you have a blessed Lent.

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Annual Meeting/Canon Betsy Ivey/Pictures for Directory/On-line Giving Sunday, March 8th!!

Trinity's annual meeting is set for Sunday, March 8th. This year we will have Canon Betsy Ivey, Canon for Support and Growth, with us to preach and celebrate at our regular Sunday service. Afterward, she will be with us for our annual meeting for a Question and Answer session. We will have an election for new Vestry members and Diocesan/Deanery delegates. We will also have a presentation from Chris Haak on a new system that will enable people to give to Trinity electronically. You will be able to set up your pledge contributions to automatically be withdrawn from your checking account, if you wish. One-time contributions for various projects can also be automatically withdrawn.

With this new system, we also have the ability to create and access an "on-line" directory for the church. This directory is private, open to church members only. This will allow you to update your own information if you have a change of email, phone number, address, etc. It will also allow "groups" to be formed which may make it easier for our congregational groups to communicate with each other. Pictures are also part of the directory! Paul Cox, as a ministry leadership project, will be available at the annual meeting to take your picture to be used in our private, on-line church directory. These will not be "formal" pictures, just head shots for the directory. Think Facebook profile pictures. If you are not able to come on March 8th, don't worry, Paul will be contacting you to arrange time(s) for additional picture taking so that we can have pictures for most, if not all, of our membership in this directory.

Coatesville Community Garden News

Coatesville Community Garden is hosting it's Spring Potluck Kick Off on Thursday, March 12th at 5:30 pm in Trinity's social hall.

LAUNDRY LOVE!

Laundry Love works! Trinity is working with Amy Crawford of Episcopal Church of the Good Samaritan in Paoli, and our members Betty Sullivan, Pam Smyth and Donna Fleck have volunteered. We have held two Laundry Love evenings so far, one in January and one in February and they were received very well, both by laundromat owners and by people who need help with the expense of getting their laundry washed and dried.

Who needs this help? Almost everyone who has to use a laundromat. People don't go to laundromats if they have laundry machines conveniently available in their apartment buildings or in their rental apartments or rental homes. Most of them are in lower income rentals which don't provide the machines, and their income isn't nearly high enough for them to save up for a washer and dryer. Some folks end up washing some clothes in a sink just to tide them over until the next payday. (The largest washing machine requires \$6.75 to run!)

We distribute vouchers in various ways, and each voucher brought to us entitles the family to have quarters, detergent and fabric softener sheets provided for two loads, washed and dried. At the first evening, we targeted single mothers, and just a few showed up. However, it was a cold night and several moms phoned to say the kids were sick. We were happy enough to provide the quarters and supplies for a few others who came in without vouchers

For the second event in February, I distributed vouchers at the free lunch offered twice weekly at Jubilee Evangelistic Ministries (920 Lincoln Ave. E.), and then stopped in at ChesPenn Health Services (744 Lincoln Ave. E.) and asked the receptionists for the dental and medical offices to distribute vouchers in Spanish to their patient families.

The Laundry Love period was supposed to last from 4 pm to 8 pm, but at 3:45 pm the laundromat owner called me and said the place was already full of people and the washing machines were filled with dry dirty clothes and were ready to go! Betty Sullivan was there with me, and the place was hopping until about 7:30 pm. Lots of laundry and lots of friendly conversation, and lots of gratitude.

I talked to one fellow who already knows about our church because he's a veteran and he comes often to our Veterans' Brunch and loves the food. He says our meal is better than the buffet food at Shady Maple! (You bet it is!) He also said he knows our church does a lot of good in our community, and that warmed my heart. These are two ways we mean to be a blessing for our Coatesville community.

So, keep those quarters (and checks, and bills) coming, fellow Trinity members! We can make life a little easier for the people of Coatesville.



Stations of the Cross / Compline

When it comes to Lent we are asked to give something up. Here is a suggestion for this year give up 30 minutes each week. Each year during Lent we offer devotions to observe the Stations of the Cross along with Compline on Fridays at 7:00 PM. This year we will be beginning on Friday, March 6th

The Way of the Cross visits places of Jesus' Passion in the Holy Land as done by early Christian pilgrims. The service consists of opening devotions and the Lord's Prayer followed by a short verse and response, a reading, a prayer and a collect at each of the fourteen stations. Concluding prayers before the altar follow the fourteenth station.

The service ends with the reading of Compline, this brief service includes the opening sentences, confession of sins, Psalms and other Bible lessons, canticles and prayers, including a benediction. Compline makes a nice closing to the work week.

Please join us for a moving and rewarding thirty minutes.



Soup Supper & Study

Wednesday Night Lenten Series – Soup, bread and Book discussion

Mark your calendars and make plans to partake in fellowship and lively, heartfelt discussions.

Set aside, these dates and time: Mar. 4; Mar. 11; Mar. 18; Mar. 25; and April 1. 6:00 – 7:30 PM.

The agenda: Share soup and bread from 6:00 – 6:40;

Discuss weekly chapter assignments from our book selection: ***Sailing Between the Stars (Musings on the Mysteries of Faith) by Steven James***, from 6:45 – 7:30.

Chapter selections from the book will be available each Sunday, or contact Pat Kirkner if you need the selection emailed to you.

Why not make your Lenten commitment be a time to share **with** your Trinity family and also share your Trinity family **with others** by inviting your neighbors and friends to join us. Lent is a great time to open the doors of our hearts a little wider.

Volunteers from the Women's Group will take turns supplying two different soups and a few bread choices for each meal. Clean-up will be a group effort.





VETERANS BRUNCH – FEB. 23, 2020

What an interesting brunch we had this month!!

First of all, we had 50 veterans attend, and 25-30 volunteers helped out. This was 25 volunteers who participated on Sunday, and 4-5 behind the scene who contribute most every month.

A special thank you goes out to Paul Cox; Erick Haak's friends who helped prepare & serve: Kristine, Michael, and Emily Harris; Rick and Larry from Advent; "cousin" Bruce Roberts; and "Sister Jackie" who lit the Missing Man candle and said the Grace before the meal. And, as always our regular smiling face 'outsider', Donna Schneider; and a 'welcome back' goes out to Vic Shanley for helping to cut the bread for the meal. (The slices were not according to Brunch standards, but Vic and sharp knives...) And this month a particular shout out to Michael Thompson, who does the back-breaking job of dishwasher, every month, and sticks around until the end; and Joe Lee, who does a wonderful job of setting- up the hall for the brunch. We would be lost without all this generous donation of time and energy!

Our menu selections this month were scrambled eggs, bacon, Peach pancakes, roasted potatoes; Ritz creamy chicken, hamburger gravy, buttered noodles, glazed carrots, homemade bake beans, collard greens, super delicious deviled eggs, Asian coleslaw (homemade), breads, desserts, fresh fruit, ice tea, ice water, orange juice, and coffee.

We have a special need and request to all Trinity and Brunch bunch members: The success of this outreach is because so many folks enjoy the experience and are supportive of our Military members. We need to equal out (spread out), in some way, the number of volunteers that help prepare, serve and clean-up. Clean-up! If we can have more help in that area, it would allow all of us to get home sooner.

God Bless our Veterans, our Trinity Brunch Bunch, and God Bless America. -Brunch Bunch



FAITH BASED PREPAREDNESS SYMPOSIUM

Episcopal Church of the Trinity will be hosting a very important symposium on March 14, 2020 at the Chester County Public Safety Training Campus, 137 Modena Road, Coatesville, PA 19320 from 9:00 AM to 12:15PM.

Pastor Sherry, Bill Terry and Joe Kirkner have been meeting and planning this symposium with the help of local law enforcement – including the Pennsylvania State Police and the Chester County Dept. of Emergency Services—for many months.

This symposium is being offered to all the leadership members of houses of worship in the City of Coatesville and surrounding neighborhoods. A total of 50+ organizations were notified via letter and RSVP request.

This event will cover a) All-hazards approach to preparedness; b) Active threats; c) Awareness training; d) Breakout sessions; 3) Tools and resources for preparedness.

We are currently seeking volunteers to assist in various tasks, including refreshment offerings, the day of the symposium. Pat Kirkner will be coordinating these volunteers. -Joe Kirkner



Happy
Anniversary

Caroline Puma	3-Mar
Antonio Wilson	6-Feb
Christopher Haak	7-Mar
Mildred Coveleski	9-Mar
Paul Cox	10-Mar
Esther Harvey	14-Mar
Michelle Butler	20-Mar
Meg Devereux	26-Mar
Joseph Kirkner	29-Mar
Robin McWilliams	29-Mar
James Shreve	29-Mar

Ray & Liz Hulse	31-Mar
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Congratulations Corner!!!!

March 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
		Confirmation Class 530pm	Lenten Services 6-7:30pm	Bishop Office Hours for clergy- all day HE Chapel-12noon Yoga 1240pm	Stations of the Cross 7pm	SH Rented
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Annual Meeting Canon Ivey-Guest			Lenten Services 6-7:30pm	HE Chapel-12noon Yoga 1240pm CCFB Potluck 530-730pm	Stations of the Cross 7pm	Emergency Preparedness Symposium 830am-1pm SH Rented
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
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22	23	24	25	26	27	28
SH Rented			Lenten Services 6-7:30pm	HE Chapel- 12noon Yoga 1240pm	Stations of the Cross 7pm	SH Rented
29	30	31				
Vet Brunch		Confirmation Class 530pm				



Readers, Servers and Greeters for March 2020



Date	Readers	Psalter/P-O-P	Chalists	Servers	Torches	Greeters
3/1	Jim Anderson	N/A	Jim Anderson	Jim Anderson	N/A	TBA
	Vic Shanley	Craig McGovern	Paul Cox	Jim Anderson	N/A	
3/8	Eric Hartman	N/A	Al Carey	Al Carey	N/A	TBA
	Betty Sullivan	Dev Devereux	Donna Fleck	Al Carey	N/A	
3/15	Greg Bentley	N/A	Pat Kirkner	Seth Haak	N/A	TBA
	Seth Haak	Chris Haak	Craig McGovern	Pat Kirkner	N/A	
3/22	Violet Armstead	N/A	Pam Smyth	Mike Lemoditis	N/A	TBA
	Bill Terry	Pam Smyth	Bill Terry	Bill Terry	N/A	
3/29	Craig McGovern	N/A	Al Carey	Craig McGovern	N/A	TBA
	Jim Anderson	Betty Sullivan	Paul Cox	Craig McGovern	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