

CHURCH OF THE TRINITY
323 East Lincoln Highway
Coatesville, PA 19320



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Trinity Topics

From the Rector's Desk . . .

By the Reverend Sherry Deets

Dear Friends,

September is upon us with continued restrictions on how we live our lives. My usual planning for Rally Day, Trinity Teas, Veterans Brunches, Thanksgiving, Advent, and all of those Christmas season activities is requiring some creativity in some cases, and in others the need to accept that our usual gatherings simply will not happen this year. It is appropriate to lament our losses and we will, of course, move through this difficult time in our life's journey. There is a light shining in the darkness.

In the meantime, let us strive to be that light in the world. A simple kindness to another while passing each other in the grocery store, on the road, a phone call, etc. can mean the world to that person on that particular day at that particular time. We can be creative in how we move through this time and seek the courage to walk the path of faith.

I share spiritual principle number 22 in the book *Find Your Way Home: Words from the street, Wisdom from the Heart* by the Women of Magdalene with Becca Stevens:

Pray for Courage

We pray for the ability to hear God's voice and know God's will for our lives. We pray for the courage to walk the path of faith that has been set before us. It is good to listen to God's call. It is good to pray for God's vision. It is even better to pray for the courage to live it out for the rest of our lives.

I pray for courage, which is a profound word for me. It is deep, tall, wide, and long. My journey has taken a mountain of courage, and only courage could have brought me home. I think that courage is teaching me that home is where my heart lies and that my heart needs to lie with God.

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I pray to the Lord, "God, please give me strength to tackle all that lies in my path each day." He answers back, "I've got you covered in my arms each day."

Sometimes it does feel like I can hear the voice of God come quickly like the wind and whisper a passing thought, and then every so often I have the courage to take that passing thought and discern the truth in it. Then once in a while I have enough courage to speak about the truth to others and act upon it. When I have had that kind of courage, it has always brought surprising and abundant results. That must be how the Spirit works when we are brave enough to believe in God's Spirit at all.

Limited In-Person Worship

Trinity began limited, in-person worship on June 21st following our safety protocols/plan put in place to minimize risk. We will continue to limit our attendance on Sundays to 25 or fewer people gathered in the sanctuary until further notice.

It is important to know that coming to church on Sunday morning is completely up to you. There is no pressure to do so until you feel ready. We will continue to live-stream our services.

Please note that we will need you to call the church office (610) 384-4771 or send an email (trinitycoates@aol.com) in order to "reserve" a place in the sanctuary. This is our way to keep our numbers to 25 or less, without having to turn someone away at the door. If you call for a reservation and we happen to have 25 people already reserved, you will be first on the list for the following Sunday.

Church Office Hours for Parish Administrator

Jamoca Harkins, our Parish Administrator, has new office hours. They are Monday through Friday from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

The church office will be closed in observation of Labor Day on Monday, September 7th.

Blessing of the New School Year, Teachers and Parents – Sept 13

There will be a special blessing of the new school year, teachers and parents as the community begins a quite different kind of school year at our Sunday, September 13th worship service. We know this is especially challenging and so our customary blessing will be changed to reflect the new challenges.

Vestry Meeting, Sunday September 20th at 11:30 a.m. via Zoom

Vestry meetings will resume, after an August break, on Sunday September 20th at 11:30 a.m. via Zoom.

Youth Confirmation Recognition Sunday, September 27th

Please join us in congratulating our youth for completing their confirmation class, Confirm Not Conform. Ariel Abbott, Seth Haak, Jack McGovern and Zoe McGovern all participated in a Confirmation program designed to inform our youth about the Episcopal Church in such a way as to encourage questions and discussion. Deacon Joan and Pastor Sherry greatly enjoyed our time with these four, bright youth members. As with most events, COVID will cause a delay in actual confirmation with the Bishop laying hands on them, so we are holding a special recognition on September 27th for their devotion to the church. Tune in for our live-stream worship service with this special recognition on Sunday, September 27th.

Thursday Noon Healing Service via Zoom begins Sept 10

As we continue to be careful with the health and well-being of our community, the usual Thursday noon healing service will return with adaptations. We will Zoom a healing service from St. Cyril's chapel beginning at noon on September 10th. This will be a weekly healing service to provide spiritual sustenance on this journey through COVID.

Thistle Hills Website

Thistle Hills is moving along, and we hope to be able to welcome our first set of sisters (Survivors of trafficking, prostitution and addiction) to their new home by year end. We are eternally grateful to Untuck Design Studio based in Paoli for their donation of time, talent, and energy for branding us and designing our website and marketing brochures. Check out our brand-new website - www.thistlehills.org. We are currently in the process of searching for our Executive Director and preparing to launch a fundraising campaign.

Potential Trinity Book Group: Reading about Race and Racism

If anyone would like to form a book discussion group and do some reading on race and racism in the United States, please call me at 610-357-3269, or email me at joanwylie@gmail.com.

This possibility is offered primarily for white members of Trinity, because we need to educate ourselves, and we don't have the lived experience which black members of our church do. The solution to the need for education is not to ask black members to teach us; they don't have to take on that responsibility. However, anyone of any shade would be welcome to read and discuss with us.

The group should choose some "rules of the road," one possibility being treating each other kindly and not disparaging another's feelings.

If there are enough interested people (perhaps more than two??) I will offer some book titles and we can begin by choosing a book.

Deacon Joan

Meals on Wheels

Meals on Wheels is in need of volunteers for its three Coatesville routes. The basic commitment is one day per month, but doing more is always an option. It is a very rewarding experience and Harrison House does a great job of preparing the meals. Most routes have approximately 10 stops. I have enjoyed this ministry for many years and would be glad to answer any questions. To sign up, you can call Meals on Wheels of Chester County at 610-430-8500. Minnie Kirwin



Erika Haak	2-Sep
Michael Thompson	10-Sep
Alexander Kirwin	13-Sep
Dorothy Pawling	20-Sep
Jennine Bush	21-Sep
Curt Jennings	29-Sep
Dana Harvey	30-Sep

Congratulations Corner!!!!

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
				HE Chapel 12noon Via Zoom		
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Blessing of the New School Year, Teachers and Parents				HE Chapel 12noon Via Zoom		
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
				HE Chapel 12noon Via Zoom		
27	28	29	30			
Youth Confirmation Recognition Sunday						

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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 - Friday: 530-730pm

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Church School

Sundays: 9:15 AM