



Trinity Topics

From the Rector's Desk . . .

By the Reverend Sherry Deets

Dear Friends,

I recently read this on the Contemplative Monk's Facebook page:

"Always pray to have eyes that see the best in people,
A heart that forgives the worst,
A mind that forgets the bad,
And a soul that never loses faith in God."

Yes, yes, yes and Yes! As we continue to move through this strange time in our lives, these are powerful prayers. This is a time when we are called to have 'courageous conversations' around topics such as race and our political environment. While it may be challenging to deeply listen to someone who has a completely different point of view, it is important to enter into these courageous conversations when possible. We have faith that God will find a way through the messes we seem to make of our lives. Good will triumph over evil; there is light in the darkness; love is the most powerful force for change in the world.

One example of that light in the darkness (a blessing in disguise) was the dramatic 'push' into technology for Trinity (i.e. live-streaming services and zoom meetings). We (Vestry and I) realized quickly that our world is forever changed by how we are adapting during COVID-19 and have been working on updating our infrastructure at Trinity. We have new wiring that brings a wi-fi signal into the sanctuary for live-streaming and we have updated our security camera system with wider-angle and clearer video cameras. We also installed a new security camera in our Sanctuary. Our next step is updating our sound system in the sanctuary so that our Mevo live-stream camera can be plugged directly into the sound system and mounted. This will enable our worship team to move about more easily during worship and have better quality sound as you enjoy our worship experience. With these important adaptations, we will still be able to easily share our worship services and events with those who live far and wide long after COVID-19 is no longer an immediate threat to our public health. This is yet another avenue for bringing Christ to the world.

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I am so grateful for the Trinity congregation, and I personally love how many of you communicate with each other during the Facebook Live worship services through your messages. I do miss seeing your faces.... if anyone would like to schedule a Zoom chat with me, just let me know, I'd love to see your face when we talk.

I leave you with this

Holy One of Blessing: Your desire for your people is wholeness and health, and in our afflictions you draw near to us with compassion. You whisper love to our hearts in pain, sorrow and fear; you fill our spirits with hope. Sustain us through this difficult time; be our source of light in the darkness; stand with us in the valley of dry bones; stand with us, helping us to know you more deeply than before. We pray this in the name of Christ the Good Shepherd. Amen.



New Organist and Choir Master

Please give a warm Trinity welcome to Rachel Lee, our new Organist and Choir Master. She begins effective October 1 and her first service will be Sunday, October 4. Rachel is an accomplished and very talented musician and we look forward to her contributions to the life of Trinity. She is able to offer diversity in music that is important to Trinity, from classical to contemporary to soulful. We are again striving to have our inaugural contemporary worship service (to be held monthly) before year end. And while the choir remains on hiatus, Vic Shanley shares that “The Covid Cantors” are looking forward to following the lead of our new director as we enhance our weekly Live Stream service”.

Limited In-Person Worship

Trinity began limited, in-person worship on June 21st following our safety protocols/plan put in place to minimize risk. Our Bishop has made the decision that our Diocese may move into the “green” stage in October. What that means for Trinity is that we can welcome into the sanctuary roughly 50 people with the social distancing guidelines. We will no longer require reservations, but we do still require that masks be worn properly in the sanctuary at all times, no congregational singing and six-foot distance between family units. Communion will still be in one kind – the bread (wafers). We will continue to have a cantor sing the hymns on our behalf.

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.



Church Office Hours for Parish Administrator

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

Thistle Hills Update

September 30 was the official date of settlement for transferring the house to be used for the residential program of Thistle Hills into Thistle Hills, Inc. The board sends a round of gratitude to Trinity for your support and willingness to purchase and hold the house until the County grant was released to Thistle Hills. That time has come. Please know that this all occurred at no financial cost to Trinity. The Thistle Hills inaugural board members are: The Rev. Sherry Deets, Chaya Scott, Joseph P. Kirkner, Jennifer Lopez, Kathleen Price, Elizabeth Swain, The Rev. Richard Morgan, The Rev. Toneh Smyth and The Rev. Joan Wylie. We look forward to a long and fruitful partnership in ministry. The website: www.thistlehills.org

Rental of Stone Hall

At our September Vestry meeting we agreed that we would not open up our social hall (Stone Hall) to event rentals for the rest of 2020. We believe the space is simply too small for a party to effectively social distance and stay safe. We will revisit this decision again in January. We are able to gather small committee meetings, like Vestry, where there are approximately 10 or fewer meeting in the hall.

Coatesville Community Garden News

Pam Smyth has, for 10 years now (!), tended two garden beds for Trinity and donated the produce to the various local food pantries. Pam submitted an application to the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society for the garden and.....drum roll.....**Coatesville Community Garden was awarded a Blue Ribbon in the PHS Public Space Garden contest.** The 2020 Gardening Contest featured over 500 contestants from Pennsylvania, Delaware and New Jersey who shared their gardening efforts through an online competition for Blue Ribbon, Garden of Distinction or Proud Participant recognition. Submissions were made by completing a detailed garden questionnaire and sharing garden photos and scored according to the judging criteria by knowledgeable PHS Members. <https://phsonline.org/for-gardeners/gardening-competitions>. Thank you, Pam!

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 India Archey-Cole 7-Oct
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 Seth Haak 13-Oct
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 Flora Rutledge 14- Oct
 Evans Thompson 16-Oct
 Lon Cross 17-Oct
 Sharon Squires 30-Oct

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

October 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
				Chapel 12noon Via Zoom		
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
				Chapel 12noon Via Zoom		
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
			Boscov's Friends Helping Friends	Chapel 12noon Via Zoom Boscov's Friends Helping Friends		
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
				Chapel 12noon Via Zoom		
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
				Chapel 12noon Via Zoom		

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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