



Trinity Topics

From the Rector's Desk . . .

By the Reverend Sherry Deets

Dear Friends,

I believe most all of us are ready to say good-bye to the year 2020 and usher in the new calendar year 2021. January brings us to the end of the Christmas season (the Twelve Days of Christmas begin on Christmas Day and end on Epiphany – January 6th!) and the beginning of the Epiphany season. Both short seasons come with deeply spiritual themes of new birth and the coming of the light to the entire world. Christ is born in us over and over and over again. The light shines in the darkness and the darkness did not overcome it. Hope!

We have come through a challenging year showing remarkable resilience and capacity for finding the life and light in the midst of the challenges. In an effort to stay true to our mission of bringing Christ to our wider community, we discovered that technology was indeed a way that we could do so. I will never forget those first days in March of 2020 when we first entered into quarantine and managed to climb a steep learning curve to provide access to worship services. I am grateful for the team that came together so that none of us had to do it “alone” which means that we have demonstrated the strength of the Trinity community. We learned to expect the unexpected and have done quite a few things I would not have expected to do over this last year; live-streaming to Facebook on my cell phone is certainly one of them! I am grateful for the volunteers of Trinity who ‘pivoted’ and did an outstanding job of providing our first ever “take-out” Chicken BBQ and outdoor Breakfast “to-go” with Santa experience. I am grateful for the Trinity Cantors that continue to lead us in singing while we have safety restrictions in place. I am grateful for the new live-stream cameras and recently installed sound system and for your patience as we worked through the ‘kinks’ that almost always accompany something new and different. Stay tuned for the introduction of a new style of worship service/experience – contemporary in nature – which will begin once a month, live-streamed at 4:30 p.m. on Sundays. The challenges have also brought opportunities to explore. As our Bishop often reminds the clergy....don’t be afraid to fail, because to fail means that you are trying.

I am grateful for ALL of you, especially for your resilience and patience and efforts to stay connected to one another throughout this pandemic. Trinity is a blessing! I close with

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some words from the new book by Survivors, Advocates and Becca Stevens of Thistle Farms, entitled “Find Your Way” – 20 Practices That Tie Us Together. This excerpt is from chapter 5 *Take the Longer Path*:

Sometimes when God gives us a vision or a plan for our future, we envision a road paved with gold, overflowing puffy clouds, pretty flowers, and abundant sunshine. As we travel on our journey feeling confident of our place, the road becomes rocky, footing unsure, and stones encircle us. It is common for us to question where it is we fit in, or what our place is, or purpose. That’s when God shows up with direction, encouragement, and wisdom. Our job is to listen. It could come through a song, a caring message, or gentle touch from a friend. God has shown me unconditional love through my brothers and sisters to bring healing and transformation. I have learned that it is a gift to be able to move as God leads, to remain open to new things being birthed, and to let go of what it should be or should look like. In doing so, you will be richly blessed. - Maria M. (Survivor Leader, All Hands In, Arlington, MA – Sister

Vestry Meeting

Our next regular Vestry meeting is scheduled for the third Sunday of the month, which is January 17th at 11:30 a.m. via Zoom.

Thistle Farms Products for Sale at Trinity!

We have some amazing, high quality products created at Thistle Farms for sale through Trinity. Thistle Hills and Trinity have partnered to provide this opportunity and when you purchase a product through Trinity, you are helping both Thistle Farms and Thistle Hills whose mission involves transforming the lives of women who have been trafficked and addicted. The profits from the sales will go directly to the Coatesville based Thistle Hills ministry. A product list is available through our website <https://www.trinitycoatesville.org/> and click on the appropriate box for the ability to download a current document listing the products available.

Healing Service via Zoom: Thursdays at Noon

We are offering a Healing Service via Zoom on Thursdays at Noon. The Zoom link is emailed via our Constant Contact email service on Wednesdays along with a copy of the order of service for the week. The order of service is also shared on the screen during the service itself. We commemorate a “saint” from the Episcopal Church utilizing the resource ‘A Great Cloud of Witnesses’ and share a little healing music from a variety of sources.

2021 Trinity Budget

If any parishioners plan to pledge for 2021, but have not yet done so, please let the Trinity office know. I would like to finalize the 2021 budget, but our current level of pledges is not sufficient to meet anticipated expenses. With no revenue from Stone Hall rentals expected for much of 2021, it is going to be a challenging year financially. We may just have to weather a deficit year, but hopefully that will not happen. Thanks to all of you who have pledged. Minnie Kirwin, Treasurer



Kristina Cole **1-Jan**
Diane Izzo **2-Jan**
Liz Hulse **3-Jan**
Robert Baynard Jr **7-Jan**
Donna Anderson **10-Jan**
Mildred Bruce **10-Jan**
Mary Fleck **12-Jan**
David Thompson **14-Jan**
Michael Hanley **18-Jan**
Sabrina Lewis **25-Jan**
Ariel Abbott **25-Jan**
Kevin Evans **31-Jan**

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

January 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
					<u>New Year's Day</u> Office Closed	
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
				Healing Service 12noon Via Zoom		
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
				Healing Service 12noon Via Zoom		
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
	<u>MLK Day</u> Office Closed			Healing Service 12noon Via Zoom		
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
				Healing Service 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

