



# Trinity Topics

## From the Rector's Desk . . .

### By the Reverend Sherry Deets

Dear Friends,

As I read over last year's Trinity Topics articles for April, which was near the beginning of what has now been a yearlong adjustment to our lifestyles, I recognize that most of us did not expect this to last so long. How long, O Lord?, we may still be lamenting. With spring and Easter season upon us, we have tangible signs of hope with the vaccination process moving along. We have been, and probably still are, adapting to new and different ways of life, taking each day as it comes. The good news is that Jesus is walking with us through this stressful time. Continue to look for those moments and events that are evidence of God's hand at work in our world.

Trinity held its annual meeting via Zoom technology on March 21 and we had 26 people in 'attendance' virtually. The feedback has been positive about the organization of it and the breakout rooms were effective. As a church community we seem to be heading in the same direction with our ministries supported and focused on community outreach of various forms and styles. Our newly elected Vestry members are: Jennifer Grubb, Betty Sullivan, Bill Terry and Michael Thompson. Our newly elected Diocesan/Deanery delegates are: Pat Kirkner, Betty Sullivan and Bill Terry.

You may access the various annual reports by going to the church website: [www.trinitycoatesville.org](http://www.trinitycoatesville.org) and clicking on the box labeled Trinity Annual Meeting Reports for 2020. Please check them out! Trinity managed to pivot and adapt several ministries during this last year, which is something to celebrate as it is evidence of the Spirit's movement within our community.

As we continue to move slowly and safely toward fully opening our church buildings, we will continue to offer worship service by utilizing Facebook Live through the Episcopal Church of the Trinity's Facebook page to stream the services. We have picked up people from all over the country in this way and we welcome this new way of sharing the good news of Jesus Christ.

We will continue our journey as a faith community *together* and I look forward to the day when we can once again gather together for worship and shared meals. Let's start planning

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now! What a celebration we will have! Late summer/early fall? A potluck? What do you think? In the meantime, take good care, stay safe and be well. God loves you with an everlasting love!  
Peace and much love,  
Sherry +

### **Coatesville Community Clean-Up Day** **Saturday, April 17<sup>th</sup> 1 p.m. – 3 p.m.**

Join in a Coatesville Community Clean-Up Day organized by AHHAH (Arts Holding Hearts and Hands). Meet at 1 p.m. at the Coatesville Community Garden at 3<sup>rd</sup> and E. Lincoln Highway for an opportunity to help with a spring clean-up day in the downtown area around Trinity! Wear a mask. Bags, gloves, etc. will be provided. Rain date, Sunday, April 18<sup>th</sup>. What a great opportunity to chat and meet safely with others outside while helping to keep our City looking good.

### **Vestry Meeting**

Our next regular Vestry meeting is scheduled for the third Sunday of the month, which is April 18<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 a.m. via Zoom.

### **Thistle Farms Products for Sale at Trinity** **10% discount during April**

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 document listing the products available. We are running a sale for the month of April in anticipation of re-stocking items that have been sold out. Take advantage of the discount!

### **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.

## Contemporary Service at 4:30 p.m. on Sunday, May 2

Trinity is taking advantage of technology and trying some a little different. We have a small live-stream crew that is willing to experiment with a different style of worship, which is primarily about experience a different style of music. We are going live again on Sunday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 4:30 p.m. Like our regular Sunday worship service, the videos will find a home on our Trinity Facebook page and YouTube channel for you to check out later. This is one way we are seeking to reach new people who may prefer a different style of music. The current plan is to offer this worship experience on the first Sunday of each month at 4:30 p.m. (we did not hold a contemporary service on April 4<sup>th</sup> as it was Easter Sunday) We had some positive feedback after our trial experience....give us look **or** if you would like to assist by singing, playing guitar, etc. please let Rachel or Pastor Sherry know!

### ***A Reflection from *Find Your Way: 20 Practices that tie us together**** **By Survivors, Advocates & Becca Stevens**

Practice Number 13 is **“Remember Your Ditch”**

We do not share the same experiences, but we all have been in need sometime in our lives.

We stay grateful for when someone lifted us out of the ditch and offered us food, clothing, or shelter.

We offer those same gifts to others with no strings attached when we can remember clearly the ditch we were in.

“I will be celebrating my fifth-year clean EVER in a few weeks. I am so proud because I have been trying to recover for twenty years. I also just purchased my own home. On my 5<sup>th</sup>-year-clean date, I will be marrying the love of my life, all because I have never forgotten MY ditch.

It doesn't seem that long that I was broken, homeless, jobless and penniless. I walked back into Thistle Farms, suffering. Five hard-working years later, I am able to work alongside residents. I greet, encourage, laugh, and cry with my survivor sisters. I share my struggles and my faith and belief in them daily and always remember when it was me. By remembering MY ditch, I am here to be a ray of hope and help to my fellow survivors. I know what can and will happen IF you accept help, love and healing. I never forget my ditch, as my ditch is a constant reminder of where I can still return. My ditch helps me to be grateful for today, the next day, and the next day after that”.

- Angela Willis

Case Coordinator, 2006 Thistle Farms Graduate



**Nina Thompson**                    **1-Apr**  
**Evelyn Carey**                    **2-Apr**  
**Lily Fazio**                         **2-Apr**  
**Gail Craven**                      **4-Apr**  
**Sherry Deets**                    **7-Apr**  
**Diane Evans**                    **7-Apr**  
**Stacey Heston**                  **10-Apr**  
**Alfred Carey Jr**                 **11-Apr**  
**Robert Baynard**               **14-Apr**  
**Jodi Bakshas**                   **15-Apr**  
**Barbara Combs**                 **21-Apr**

**Victor & Jacqueline Shanley III**    **24-Apr**

**April 2021**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
				<b>Noon Healing Service Via Zoom</b> <hr style="width: 50%; margin: 0 auto;"/> <b>Maundy Thursday Service 7pm</b>	<b>Good Friday Service 7pm</b>	
<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>Easter Sunday</b>				<b>Noon Healing Service Via Zoom</b>		
<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>Vestry Meeting 1130am via Zoom</b>				<b>Noon Healing Service Via Zoom</b>		<b>Community Cleanup Day 1-3 PM (meet @ garden)</b>
<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>
				<b>Noon Healing Service Via Zoom</b>		
<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	
				<b>Noon Healing Service Via Zoom</b>		

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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**

**THE EPISCOPAL  
CHURCH OF THE TRINITY  
323 East Lincoln Highway  
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**Church School**

**Sundays: 9:15 AM**

