

Trinity Topics

From the Rector's Desk . . .

By the Reverend Sherry Deets

Dear Friends,

Our current climate is still filled with division and I wonder if that is because we seem to be focusing on how we are different, rather than on the many ways in which we are the same. We are all human beings created in the image of God. This month I share a reflection from *Find Your Way: 20 Practices that tie us together* by Survivors, Advocates & Becca Stevens

Practice Number 14 is "Love Without Judgment"

We love women still walking the streets, the people who have turned away from us, and the people we thought we could not love. This is the kind of radical love that can change the world. That is the kind of radical love that can turn stone hearts to flesh.

We believe that radical love is experienced in how we serve one another. We are called to offer hospitality to every guest, resident, staff member, stranger, and old friend. We remember all of the kindness that people have offered us. We treat everyone as a blessing and offer them something: tea, handmade products, or a story to take on the road.

"I had been invited to host a 'story booth' at a conference. The 'booth' was little more than a camera pointed to a stool with a bedsheet background, and my role was to invite participants from different religious backgrounds from all around the world to tell a story.

One woman sat on the stool and introduced herself by saying, "I'm Carla, and I'm a witch." I had to make a conscious decision to silence my thoughts, so I could simply receive Carla's story. Carla told me she had breast cancer, and she talked about how scared she was and how she worried about her family. Her story had nothing to do with being a witch.

I noticed this pattern time and time again. People would present themselves by saying, "See how I am different." Then they would tell me a story where they would say, "See how we are the same." I experienced empathy as almost a 'two-step' move: First I must walk through the

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doorway of difference and demonstrate non-judging acceptance; only then am I invited to join with the 'unfamiliar other' in a shared and loving humanity". - David Hutchens, *Member of the Board of Directors at Thistle Farms*

I remember well scraping the floors, trying to remove the layers of filth, soaking the walls in bleach to destroy the stench, dragging mildewed bags of clothes, and endless empty bottles to a dumpster.

Sometimes love is the most painful thing I have ever known. Sometimes I can only crawl under its weight. My love for my children is greater than I am and more powerful than anything I have ever experienced. I would have battled the fiercest enemy to protect them. But somehow the dangers of addiction slipped through their doors quietly, waiting unexpectedly in their unguarded hearts and in their blood, in our home and in our small world.

The circle at Thistle Farms showed me that Love goes on, even when you think there is nothing left of you, when you think it has cost you everything. It is pure; it is the essence of who we are. It is the reason for our next breath. Loving without judgment is to know in your bones that there will be a Resurrection, whether or not you will be its witness. - Marlei Olson, *PR, Thistle Farms*

Hospitality is something I try to show by giving a kind word, showing concern, offering a shoulder to cry on, or cooking comfort food. I am trying to give back what has been given so freely to me. This is what hospitality is to me. It would be great to be there for a stranger who isn't that different from me. - Anonymous, *Thistle Farms Resident*

Vestry Meeting

Our Vestry will hold a retreat on Saturday, June 5 from 9 a.m. to Noon. Therefore, the regular May meeting is cancelled.

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 experiencing a different style of music. We are going live again on Sunday, May 2nd 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 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!

Thistle Hills Update

As you may know, Thistle Hills, located in Coatesville, is a newly formed sister organization of Thistle Farms. We offer women, who have been trafficked and addicted, support, love and resources to transform their lives. Our first Executive Director, Kaitlin Joyce, joined us in February and we have *finally* received our IRS determination letter as an approved 501(c)3, which had been delayed due to the pandemic. Also, we have recently established our own on-line donation system. You may now go to our website and donate directly to Thistle Hills! www.thistlehills.org Clicking on the Thistle Hills box on the Trinity website will take you directly to the Thistle Hills site as well. We hope to welcome our first women to their new home this summer and will be creating a "wish list" of items needed to complete the final touches on the home. Many thanks to Trinity for supporting the creation of this mission and ministry and for ongoing support in the years to come!

Anti-Racism Book Group

The Anti-Racism Book Group has completed reading and discussing How to Be an Antiracist by Ibram Kendi. We are now beginning the novel Beloved by Toni Morrison. Ms. Morrison received the Nobel Prize for literature in 1993.

We welcome all who would like to read along with us; we meet every other week on Zoom on Monday evenings (currently) and have been discussing our reading as we go. (Whether you're male or female, you're welcome.) What we won't do is ask any potential black members to explain things to us, to teach us. They have lived with the pain and weight of our history for far too long. It's time for us to educate ourselves.

Come and try this! Please contact Betty Sullivan at sullibs@yahoo.com or Deacon Joan at joanwylie@gmail.com.

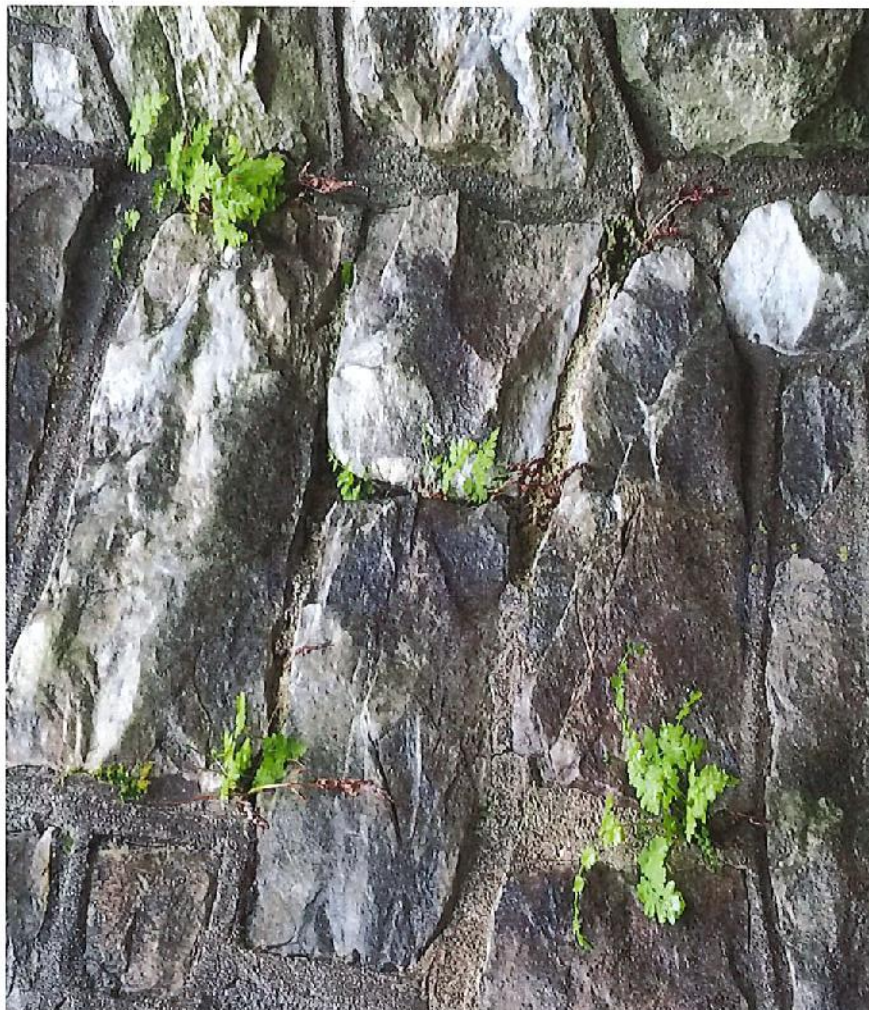
Time to Make the Lunches!



Once again, it's time for us to make lunches for all the people who volunteer a work Saturday for Good Works. Their website is <http://www.goodworksinc.org/>. This Coatesville non-profit organization provides home repairs for vetted low-income families and individuals who are below 200 percent of the federal poverty level and reside in the Good Works service area of Chester County. Most of the homeowners assisted are elderly, single parents, and with physical disabilities. And Good Works just celebrated finishing up on the 1,000th house! That is some ministry!

So, we'll gather in our church kitchen as a crew at about 9:30 am on Saturday, May 8th and assemble lunches, pack them in boxes to deliver to the houses where repair crews are working. More details will be given. We will be finished before 12:00 noon. **AND THE FOOD CREW – THAT'S US – NEEDS YOU!** Ask a friend or neighbor to join you, so they can see how much fun Trinity people are!

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Carl Croft	2-May
Michael Fazio	5-May
Beatrix Kirwin	6-May
Connor McWilliams	11-May
Greg Bentley	12-May
Donald Carron	16-May
Elizabeth Hanley	23-May
Jack McGovern	24-May
Zoe McGovern	24-May
Debra Tillotson	27-May
Kathleen Deets Price	28-May
Beth Fazio	29-May
Al Carey	30-May

John & Minnie Kirwin 26-May

May 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Contemporary Service 430PM				Thistle Hills House Blessing Noon Healing Service Via Zoom		
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
				Noon Healing Service Via Zoom		
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
				Noon Healing Service Via Zoom		SH Rented
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
				Noon Healing Service Via Zoom		
30	31					
	Memorial Day Office Closed					

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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
Coatesville, Pennsylvania
19320-3409

Church School

Sundays: 9:15 AM



Coatesville Community
COVID-19
VACCINATION SITE
THURSDAY May 6, 2021
EVENT TIME: 8:00^{am} to 4:00^{pm}

REGISTER FOR AN APPOINTMENT (Ages 16+)

Call: **JUBILEE EVANGELISTIC 610-380-9601**

Carmen Green 484-401-1446 or Jackie Al-Min 610-563-4026

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