

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



**July 2021**

# Trinity Topics

## **From the Rector's Desk . . .**

**By the Reverend Sherry Deets**

Dear Friends,

We had a very good Vestry retreat in June, starting off with a reflection on the parable of the sower from Matthew's gospel. "What are the seeds that you are planting in your life – joy, optimism, confusion, doubt? In what type of soil have you chosen to, or by default, planted them? What implications does this have for ministry leaders?" What seeds are you sowing in your life?

The Trinity community has been deprived of the nurture of in person communication and fellowship, something that has been so meaningful to us – the energy that exists when we are physically present with each other; the feel of the sacred space of our sanctuary. We have walked through a difficult season in our lives and as the pandemic is coming under control with vaccination rates, we are entering into a liminal space, an in-between space. The uncomfortable space between what has been and what will be. But, we simply do not know exactly 'what will be' looks like. We don't know what to expect. An example I've heard from two other people is that of getting in a boat to cross from one shore to another. We are in the middle of the water and have lost sight of the shore we left and still have not seen the shore we are moving toward. But we are moving toward the land and solid ground.

As we continue coming together physically, we can and we will navigate this liminal space to the best of our abilities. There are often no "right" answers in this space, so let's continue to be gentle with each other as we find our way. It will take time to process the many and varied thoughts and feelings experienced in this last year and a half. Understanding that, we will incorporate some time in our July 11 service to recognize the losses we have experienced in the pandemic. (i.e. Loss of lives – family and friends; job losses/changes; trips that never happened; etc.) Many experienced feelings of anger, fear and frustration because of a difficult political environment and racial tensions. Let's acknowledge that, pray together, light candles, possibly bring something meaningful to the service to place at a designated spot that might represent what was lost, what you might need to let go of, what you might now be making a priority in your life, etc., etc. Let's come together and "mark" this liminal time. It will be a time for lament and movement into the hope and abundant life we know as we live in to Christ's love and call on our lives. There have been blessings even the midst of the chaos.

I have deeply missed your faces and the energy of your presence in Trinity's Sanctuary and social hall over this last year and a half. Let us safely begin re-gathering as the family style

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community Trinity is known for—complete with the occasional arguments—including compassion and care for one another as brothers and sisters in Christ.

With love, Sherry+

### **Healing Service via Zoom Thursdays at Noon**

We continue to offer 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.

Beginning in September, we plan to resume our in person Healing Service on Thursdays at Noon in St. Cyril’s Chapel.

### **Family Service at 11:15 a.m. Sunday, July 4 In person and live-streamed**

As you may be aware, Trinity has been taking advantage of technology and trying something a little different. We have a small group that is willing to experiment with a different style of worship, which is primarily about experiencing a different style of music. We have received positive feedback, and we are now making some adjustments. The service will take place at 11:15 a.m. (instead of 4:30) on the First Sunday of each month and we are naming it our Family Service. The Vestry is supportive of moving forward boldly and our plan is to have a ‘praise band’ with keyboard, guitar and drums. We will have additional musicians and vocals! We have had to purchase an additional music license to cover the music and will be receiving advice on a new keyboard and drum set. If anyone is interested in contributing financially toward this new, important worship ministry, please feel to do so! We are sowing seeds that we hope will grow into additional members of our Trinity community.

Like our regular Sunday worship service, the service is in person and also live-streamed and 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. Look for this to happen on the first Sunday of each month. Check it out! Let your friends know!

**Special Service of Lament and Hope**  
**Sunday, July 11<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m.**

This service will include some time to recognize the various losses—family, friends and other types of losses—we have experienced during this long pandemic. Let us know of people who have passed away that you would like to have named during this special service. In many cases, we have not processed all that has happened to us and around us in the last year and a half (death, job losses, political tensions, racial tensions, etc.) because we have been deprived of the nurture of in-person community and weekly communion. There will also be an area set aside for lighting candle(s) and perhaps bring something meaningful from home to place at this space which represents what has ended, what we need to let go, what we have lost. This is a service to reflect the need to lament ***with the hope of celebration.***

**Morning Prayer with Music**  
**Sunday, July 18<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m.**

Pastor Sherry will be on vacation July 12 – 19 and again on August 9 – 16<sup>th</sup>. This is an opportunity for you to experience Morning Prayer, a traditional part of the Episcopal worship experience. Many practice Morning Prayer and Evening Prayer on a daily basis and the services can be found in our Book of Common Prayer. Deacon Joan will lead us on Sunday, July 18<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, August 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Trinity Re-Gathering Celebration**  
**Sunday, September 12**  
**Worship and Fellowship**

The first Sunday after Labor Day has traditionally been known as Rally Day at Trinity. This year we are planning a grand “Re-Gathering” celebration. The Bentleys have graciously offered their beautiful property as the setting for an outdoor worship service and picnic afterwards. (In the event of rain, there is an arena we can use). Place the date on your calendar – fellowship activities and opportunities for FUN are in the works!

**Coatesville Invitational Grand Prix Returns**

The Grand Prix is returning to Coatesville on Saturday, September 18<sup>th</sup>!

## **SUNDAY TRANSPORTATION**

If you were tuned in to Service on June 27, you heard about our new initiative to provide Uber rides for our members who might otherwise be unable to attend live service in the sanctuary. With sincere gratitude for the generosity of a member of the Trinity family, we will soon launch the program that will enable members in need of the service to order an Uber ride from their home to Trinity, as well as return trips back home. You will have the ability to specify a time for pickup at your home as well as at church after enjoying the fellowship and friendship of *Lemonade On the Lawn* or *Coffee Hour*. It's all doable on your cell phone, or someone else can arrange for the rides for you.

In the very near future, we'll be detailing the procedure for ordering your rides. Feel free in the meantime to reach out to me with any pre-launch questions you may have.

Again, we look forward to seeing as many members come through "the big red doors" as possible. Remember, this service is free of charge to our members, thanks to our benefactor who does not want to deny any member the Trinity experience each week simply due to lack of transportation. Stay tuned for the details and we'll see you in church!

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## **FUN-RAISING**

Ya just can't keep a good chicken down!

That's right, as part of Trinity's "re-gathering", our Annual Chicken BBQ is back and we want you to be a part of it. Mark your calendar now for Sat, Aug 21 when we'll be serving up Trinity's signature BBQ'd chicken dinners, complete with half a chicken, potato, veggie, coleslaw and dinner roll. And as we did last year, curbside drive-up service will be available if you're in a hurry.

We'll soon be announcing the details.....cost, ordering procedure, etc.....so keep your ear to the ground, tell your friends and make plans to support Trinity through this annual, highly successful and beneficial fundraiser. And if you'd like to join the team that day and help make it happen, reach out to Joe or Pat Kirkner or myself.....love to have ya.

Who said "Eat more beef"???

Vic Shanley

Chmn., Team Fundraiser



Molly Beck	4-July
Ian Post	7-July
Margaret Bragg	7-July
Ruth Gardiner	8-July
James Anderson	10-July
Kathy Terry	11-July
Violet Cole	14-July
Elinor Barnes	17-July
Noreen Bush	19-July
Judy Vennell	21-July
Sara Smyth	23-July
Michael Crane	23-July
Caitlyn Hanna	24-July
Lance Bush	27-July
Ellanore Hurd	29-July

John & Susan Petura    12-July

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
				Noon Healing Service Via Zoom		SH Rented
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Family Service 11:15 AM	4 <sup>th</sup> of July Office Closed			Noon Healing Service Via Zoom		SH Rented
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Special Service	Office Closed: Sherry/ Jamoca on Vacation	Office Closed: Sherry/ Jamoca on Vacation	Office Closed: Sherry/ Jamoca on Vacation	Office Closed: Sherry/ Jamoca on Vacation	Office Closed: Sherry/ Jamoca on Vacation	Sherry on Vacation
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Morning Prayer  Sherry/ on Vacation	Office Closed: Sherry/ Jamoca on Vacation	Sherry/ on Vacation		Noon Healing Service Via Zoom	Kitchen Rented	SH Rented  Kitchen Rented
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
				Noon Healing Service 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: 5:30-7:30pm

THE EPISCOPAL  
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### Church School

Sundays: 9:15 AM