

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



October 2021

Trinity Topics

From the Rector's Desk . . .

By the Reverend Sherry Deets

Dear Friends,

We had a beautiful day and a good turnout at our Rally Day at the Bentleys last month. Again, many thanks to the Bentleys for hosting us and to Triple Fresh Catering for good food! It was an opportunity for us to talk to and see those we have not been able to see in a long time. There is now talk of making a parish picnic an annual event.

If you were not already aware, I'm excited to share that we have new people attending our church services, both in-person and online. We welcome them into our community of faith! Hospitality is about being present to others, an offering of the heart. It is about taking time and being intentional.

At our Vestry retreat this summer, we updated our Strategic Plan and that updated version is included in this newsletter. With a light at the end of the tunnel for managing Covid-19, we are looking toward the appropriate timing for once again hosting our popular Veterans Brunches, and also new ways that we might engage the larger community. There is a program/organization called Angel Tree that you will be hearing more about as the Christmas season approaches.

Things have been moving along with Thistle Hills, which has its own board and Executive Director. We will be welcoming our first woman/women very soon. If you would like to help out with gifts cards for the women's needs when they arrive, Thistle Hills could use them for Giant, Acme, Walmart, TJ Maxx and Kohl's. The website is www.thistlehills.org

Thistle Hills is a sister organization of Thistle Farms, based in Nashville, Tennessee and founded by Becca Stevens (an Episcopal Priest). Becca has a new book out, entitled *Practically Divine*. I share a piece from her Introduction:

"Initially, it seemed a bit ridiculous to me to think that by starting a small community, we could somehow change the world, but now, it seems more ridiculous to me to think that somehow the world will change if we *don't* do something. Now, I can see that one loving gesture is practically divine. We have to do small things and believe a big difference is coming. It's like the miraculous drops of water that seep through mountain limestone. They gather themselves

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into springs that flow into creeks that merge into rivers that find their way to oceans. Our work is to envision the drops as oceans. We do our small parts and know a powerful ocean of love and compassion is downstream. Each small gesture can lead to liberation. The bravest thing we can do in this world is not cling to old ideas or fear of judgment, but step out and just do something for love's sake."

In the words of Becca Stevens, we are all "practically divine". Let us know if you feel called to a particular ministry or have an idea to share that would enhance an already existing ministry!

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.

Family Service with Contemporary Music at 11:15 a.m. Sunday, October 3 In person and live-streamed

Join us for a different style of service on the first Sunday of each month at 11:15 a.m. It is our Family Service with Contemporary Music. We will have a 'praise band' with keyboard and guitar this month. The service is informal and family/child friendly. 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 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!

Vestry Meeting Sunday, October 17th

Our regular Vestry meetings continue on the third Sunday of the month. That means, Sunday, October 17th at 11:00 a.m. The meeting will be in person, with social distancing, in Stone Hall (and also available on zoom for those who are not comfortable with an in-person meeting).

A Trinity Forum after service on Sunday, October 24th at 11 a.m. in Stone Hall Community Engagement for Veterans and Service Members

Join us for an in-person Trinity Forum led by Sharda Wescott, LCSW from the Coatesville VA Medical Center. Sharda Wescott is the Community Engagement Partnership Coordinator and is looking forward to meeting us and sharing information. For our Covid-19 protocols, we will have chairs socially distanced, and masks are encouraged.



Episcopal Church of the Trinity
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Strategic Plan – 2021



Mission Statement

The 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 reenergizing Coatesville community.

Vision

We wish to be seen in the community as a vital contributor to the general welfare of the Coatesville community, as well as a Christ-centered house of worship. To reach this vision, we seek to reach out and serve our neighbors in Coatesville, demonstrating the love of Christ through our actions.

Broad Three-year Goals

1. To support Thistle Hills in its mission to transform the lives of women involved in trafficking, prostitution and addiction.
Leader: Sherry Deets
Target Date: Continuous
2. To explore and adopt ways to develop and/or enhance community outreach
Leader: To-be-determined
Target Date: June 2024
3. To be open to changing or adding to our worship patterns and improving our use of technological capabilities.
Leader: To-be-determined
Target Date: June 2023

4. To improve the church's sustainable financial footing, making our budget stronger by continuing to raise personnel compensation to realistic levels, as well as other line items, and by starting to save towards property needs.

Leader: Finance Committee

Target Date: January 1, 2024

5. To maintain our liaison with the greater Coatesville revitalization program so as to provide spiritual connections and support.

Leader: Tom Swett and Dennis Dantzler

Target Date: Through 2024

6. To provide awareness of Planned Giving opportunities to our membership.

Leader: Vestry

Target Date: June 2023

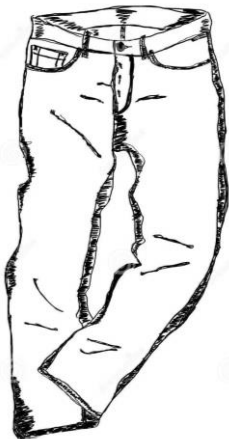
7. Strategic Plan Review and Revision: This strategic plan will be reviewed and revised as needed each year by the Vestry at the annual Vestry Retreat. Throughout the year, the Vestry welcomes suggestions and comments on the Strategic Plan from the members of our congregation.

Leader: Sherry Deets

Target Date: June of each year

Blue Jeans Collection

Deacons in the Diocese of Pennsylvania are collecting **BLUE JEANS**, gently-used or new. We will bring them to our Diocesan Convention (Oct. 22nd & 23rd) where they will be sorted and distributed to those who need clothing.



Men's, women's and children's jeans will be welcomed. If gently-used, please wash them as needed and safety pin on a label with size and gender.

IDEA: visit a Goodwill Store (in Thorndale, at 3231 E. Lincoln Highway, near Giant Foods), select several pair in great condition and at a great discount; wash and label as above, and bring them to church. It's a win-win - Goodwill supports the employment of people with disabilities.

You can bring the blue jeans to the basket in the back of the church on Sundays, or to the office on weekdays. **THANK YOU!**

Small Children and Guns are a Disastrous Combination

Do you, or a relative, have young children in the home? Episcopal Church of the Trinity has one last box of gun locks which enable gun owners to lock their guns with a key so that they cannot be fired accidentally. These are free to you, first come, first served. Phone the church office at 610-384-4771 and request one and it will be set aside for you to pick up there.



Joseph Lee	1-Oct
India Archey-Cole	7-Oct
Joan Wylie	9-Oct
Craig McGovern	10-Oct
Linda Irwin	11-Oct
Seth Haak	13-Oct
Tom Hottecker	13-Oct
Flora Rutledge	14-Oct
Evans Thompson	16-Oct
Lon Cross	17-Oct
Sharon Squires	30-Oct

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

October 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Family Service 11:15 AM SH Rented				Noon Healing Service Via Zoom		SH Rented
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
				Noon Healing Service Via Zoom		SH Rented
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Vestry Meeting 11AM				Noon Healing Service Via Zoom		SH Rented
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Forum 11AM SH Rented				Noon Healing Service Via Zoom		SH Rented
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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