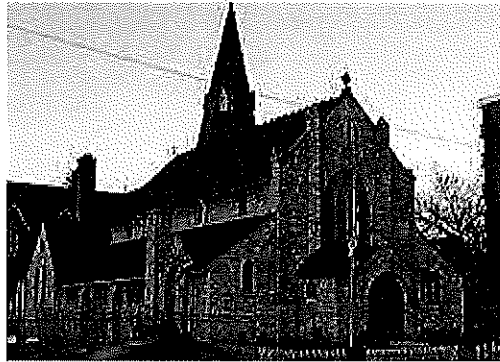


Episcopal Church of the Trinity

2021 Annual Reports



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.

2021 Annual Meeting in Stone Hall
Coatesville, Pennsylvania
March 20, 2022

2021 ANNUAL MEETING AGENDA

Sunday, March 20, 2022

Stone Hall

Call to Order

Opening Prayer

Election of Secretary

Report of Nominations

- a. Vestry
- b. Deputies to Diocesan Convention

Appoint Judges of Election

Open Polls

Minutes from Last Year's Meeting

Close Polls

Reports

Discussion Time

Teller's Report

Adjournment

**March 21, 2021 CONGREGATIONAL ANNUAL MEETING
11:00 AM via ZOOM.**

Presiders: Rev. Sherry Deets and Chris Haak, Senior Warden

Opening Prayer: Rev. Sherry Deets

Approved and passed 2020 Annual meeting minutes.

Volunteer secretary: Pat Kirkner

Elections:

Vestry: There were 4 openings on Vestry and 4 nominees on the ballot. A motion was made by Bill Terry that we invoke Roberts Rules of Parliamentary procedure and accept the 4 ballot nominees as confirmed new members of Vestry. The motion was seconded by Greg Bentley. All voted in favor. The following members were added to Vestry: Jennifer Grubb, Betty Sullivan, Bill Terry and Mike Thompson.

Diocesan delegates: Again a motion was made by Vic Shanley to accept the ballot of 3 candidates that were nominated, as confirmed. This motion was seconded by Michael Thompson. The delegates for 2021 are Pat Kirkner, Bill Terry, and Betty Sullivan.

Elections were completed.

Sherry asked if there were any comments on reports submitted by various committees and responsibilities. Submitted reports were: Rector; Senior Warden; Deacon; Treasurer; Building Improvement Fund; Choir; Worship; Altar Guild; Sunday School; Fundraising; Women's Group; Community Garden; Veterans Brunch; Emergency Preparedness; Parish Administrator.

There being no comments or questions, Sherry asked Minnie Kirwin, Treasurer, to make a few comments about the budget. Minnie stated that at time of reports, we have a deficit budget due to loss of rental incomes and we lost some pledgers. She would like any one to feel free to call her with any comments or questions.

At 11:18 we 'broke out' into various sessions, each headed up by a Vestry member. The group leaders were: Group #1, Vic Shanley; Group #2, Greg Bentley; Group #3, Jim Anderson; Group #4, Chris Haak. Each group was to discuss 2 questions.

- **What should Trinity look like post-COVID?** Summary of responses are: Not hesitant to come back to physical church after vaccines; misses community very much; misses Peace; look forward to returning; choir!; should keep Livestream, so that when people are physically away, they can still attend service. Should continue wearing mask until?; would like to include other churches, somehow, in virtual offerings.

. **What ministries are more critical at this time than others?** Summary of responses: Keep ALL ministries; Community Gardens vital part of community outreach, with a suggestion of possibly a blessing ceremony for spring planting and fall harvest; Veterans Brunch was resoundly suggested by all breakout groups; rentals, with several changes; Livestream events via diocesan offerings; possibly a trash pick-up day between 2nd and 4th avenues; next year, maybe consider an outside Stations of the Cross, using hay bales at each station; maybe move Veterans Brunch outside; celebrate Thistle Hills; utilize our great kitchen for greater community food needs, while utilizing other churches and organizations for volunteers and food; Laundry Love was greatly supported.

At 11:42 we reported back from group breakouts to full annual meeting.

Sherry asked for any comments: Joan commented about looking forward to meeting of people, whether in kitchen or church...it's what she looks forward to. Joe commented about the Emergency Preparedness Symposium and its revival...stay tuned. Meg commented that the Thursday healing service is a great virtual experience and maybe we could have something similar in a bible study. Pat thanked all participants in the weekly church service.

Chris Haak concluded the meeting around 12:00 Noon, with this comment: "Don't let this be the end of the conversation."

Bill Terry entered a motion to adjourn at 12:04PM

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Kirkner

From the Rector



Trinity has endured two years of challenges brought on by a global pandemic. I remain grateful for ALL of you that make up Trinity's community of faith, especially for your resilience and patience and efforts to remain connected to each other through a very trying time.

There were blessings in disguise for us because of the pandemic. We are now set up to live-stream our services and spread the love of Christ to others in a new way. We learned how to use technology for things like virtual "Zoom" Healing Services and meetings. These learnings and adaptations will enable to continue, long after the pandemic, to stay connected with others that may be challenged to do so physically or geographically.

I look forward to more and more opportunities for us to come together in person as we learn to live with and manage Covid-19. One blessing of the pandemic was a deeper understanding of what human presence means to us. Just a simple hug has more meaning now than ever before as we were not able to hug our extended family members and friends for quite a while.

I look forward to another year of walking with all of you through this journey called life and discerning how and where God may be calling us as a congregation. We are looking to hire a Community Engagement Coordinator to assist us in deeper and wider Coatesville community connections for ministry. I am grateful for Trinity's support of Thistle Hills and it's mission to support women survivors of trafficking, prostitution and addiction as they transform their lives. Trinity is a dynamic, loving congregation, and I am delighted to serve as Rector.

May we all continue to grow in grace and faith!

Shalom,

The Rev. Sherry Deets

Senior Warden's Report Annual Meeting – March 2022

The senior warden's role is to serve as a support person for the rector. He or she can weigh in on issues that the rector is wrestling with or share with the rector issues or concerns that members of the congregation may face. If any members would like to speak with me about concerns, questions, or ideas they may have, I am always happy to talk.

As I think about the past year, I am in awe of the blessings that we as a congregation have received during 2021. We survived another year of the pandemic, hopefully now with COVID cases continuing to retreat, we will be able to further enjoy one another's company.

In 2021, we saw the launch of our monthly family service, held the first Sunday of each month. I am privileged to get a front-row spot, singing harmonies with Jenn, while our gifted choirmaster/organist Rachel and our guitar player/lead singer share contemporary Christian music. If you have not had a chance to experience this service – please do! It's fun to hear a different kind of music echoing through our beautiful sanctuary. I can almost guarantee you'll be tapping your foot, singing along, or *at least* smiling. Plus, the family service is a key piece of our strategy of drawing families and younger people into our fold.

We've learned a lot about technology, live streaming, Zoom, and audio/visual during the past year. With the investments we have made in this space, we intend to continue livestreaming long after COVID is a distant memory. It is certainly a treat to share in worship each Sunday with beloved members who live out of state.

As we celebrate so many things about the past year in the life of Trinity, I'm thrilled that many of our ministries are returning. We had our first Veteran's Brunch in nearly two years. It may have looked a little different, but the "Brunch Bunch" had just as much fun as before. Rentals of Stone Hall have been a brisk business for us, as we enjoy our status as a hub of the community and gain much-needed income for our ministries.

With Coatesville finally seeing some tangible signs of development – not the least of which is the new train station just down the street from us – we have a great opportunity to share our love with our community and invite them to join us. We are recruiting a Community Outreach Coordinator to remain actively engaged with our neighbors.

As I conclude my thoughts for this year, I'm very excited with what 2022 will bring for Trinity. You are all very special to me – thank you for being a part of our church family. And thank you to Sherry, Joan, and the vestry for your commitment to Trinity and to Coatesville.

Respectfully Submitted,
Chris Haak

Deacon's report, 2021-2022

Socks and underwear exemplify "mission" for Trinity Episcopal Church. OK, I'm sort of kidding here, because we do much more than collect and distribute these, but these clothing items are so important, that for me they represent helping the community of Coatesville in very basic as well as in more complex ways.

So, to that point, we've just finished a socks and underwear collection that created a nice big heap of these items at the back of the church. I'll be counting and dividing them up to be distributed to Atkinson and City Gate men's shelters and CYWA women's and children's shelter.

We also, last October, collected 30 pairs of jeans at the request of the Archdeacons of the Diocese. What we collected ended up right here in shelters in Coatesville and West Chester. I was not able to give any to Safe Harbor shelter in West Chester because they'd recently gotten bedbugs from donations. However, St. Agnes Dayroom in West Chester accepted them. (We didn't give anybody bedbugs!)

Our Anti-Racism Book Group continues on, thanks to the safety of Zoom. We encourage anyone to join with us, read, and join in discussion every second Monday evening. Again, what we won't do is ask any possible 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. Please contact Betty Sullivan at sullibs@yahoo.com or Deacon Joan at joanwylie@gmail.com.

We again put together and delivered lunches for the volunteers of Good Works organization in May. They volunteer on Saturdays to repair houses for low-income homeowners who are single parents, elderly, or physically unable to do their own repairs. Various churches take turns preparing lunches. And, we finally got our sandwiches (wraps) to stay together!

Last fall Sherry and I stood on the front steps of Trinity, along with Lt. Ollis of the Coatesville Police Dept. and a young man from a gun safety organization. He brought gun locks which had been provided free of charge by Dick's Sporting Goods, and we were able to give away dozens. The purpose of gun locks is to prevent children from accidentally shooting someone. I have been thinking about the four-year old boy in Coatesville who recently was killed by a gun shot, and wishing there had been a gun lock on that gun.

At Christmas time we collected gifts for the children of inmates and for the children at CYWA shelter. This effort was led by new member Paula Costello.

And last, I have continued as secretary of the board for our Thistle Hills residence and with my work on the Diocesan Anti-Racism Commission

TRINITY ANNUAL MEETING 2022 TREASURER'S REPORT

Trinity did an impressive job of financially weathering a second pandemic year. The operating fund benefited from higher than budgeted pledge income, investment income and Stone Hall income. Expenses were lower than budgeted due to less activity in the church. The operating fund ended 2021 with a net gain of just over \$25,000. Thank you to all the parishioners who pledged and gave so generously. Thank you also to those who gave of their time and talent.

Hurricane Ida did significant damage to our basement and we are still trying to come to a settlement with our insurance carrier. Our boilers were ruined and had to be replaced. Miller Restoration completely cleared out the basement and treated it to remove any mold. You will see a recap of the expenses in the building improvement fund reconciliation that follows. We expect insurance to eventually cover some, but probably not all of the costs. The gain from the operating fund was used to help us cover the costs of hurricane damage. Sherry was able to secure a \$15,000 grant from the Stewart Huston Trust, which also went right to bills related to Ida. Money received from our insurance carrier in 2022 will be used to replenish the building improvement fund.

Thanks to generous pledging, we show a balanced budget for 2022. Please take the time to look over the budgets and statements that follow. Let me know if you have any questions now or at any point during the year.

Minnie Kirwin, Treasurer

	2021 BUDGET	2021 ACTUAL	2022 BUDGET
OPERATING FUND INCOME			
Pledges	138,544	150,978	145,264
Loose Offering	2,000	999	1,000
Special Envelopes	3,000	3,560	2,800
Parish Organizations	1,500	0	2,000
Scrip Proceeds	2,000	0	2,000
Altar Flowers	3,500	3,374	3,000
Investment Income	17,000	22,128	21,000
Technology Income	0	466	0
Misc. Income	350	918	600
Building Cost Sharing	2,500	7,470	8,000
Nonpledge Donations	2,000	4,893	5,000
TOTAL OPERATING FUND INCOME	172,394	194,786	190,664
OPERATING FUND EXPENSES			
PERSONNEL			
Rector Salary & Travel	78,724	80,004	82,483
Supply Clergy	600	200	800
Rector Pension	13,990	13,991	14,667
Rector Dental Insurance	925	921	925
Deacon Expense	2,000	823	2,000
Organist Services	15,850	15,817	17,350
Parish Administrator Salary	7,930	7,930	8,060
Community Coordinator Salary		0	4,966
Event Coordinator	625	799	2,000
Custodian Salary	1,000	615	800
FICA/MEDICARE	1,792	1,805	1,917
Misc. Personnel	2,000	1,132	1,600
PERSONNEL TOTAL	125,436	124,037	137,568
ADMINISTRATIVE			
Office Supplies	1,000	463	500
Office Equipment	1,550	1,054	1,450
Telephone	1,770	1,907	1,950
Advertising	750	154	500
Miscellaneous	0	0	0
Internet	910	980	1,548
Technology	1,100	0	1,450
Postage	750	800	700
Payroll Services	535	490	535
TOTAL ADMINISTRATIVE	8,365	5,848	8,633

	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET
	2021	2021	2022
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION			
Children's Ministries	150	0	200
Youth Ministries	200	0	150
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION TOTAL	350	0	350
PROPERTY			
General Maintenance	4,250	5,932	4,750
Trash Removal	600	578	600
Snow Removal	350	240	350
Comprehensive Insurance	6,500	6,822	8,000
Custodial Services	4,050	4,030	4,050
Custodial Supplies	300	0	300
Alarm System	410	278	336
Gas Heat	4,000	3,265	5,500
Electricity	2,800	3,844	3,000
Water/Sewer	1,100	659	1,000
PROPERTY TOTAL	24,360	24,648	27,886
WORSHIP			
Altar Guild	350	135	350
Altar Flowers	3,500	3,257	3,000
Music	0	0	0
Special Guest Speakers	1,000	150	1,000
TOTAL WORSHIP	4,850	3,542	4,350
OUTREACH			
Diocesan Giving	10,877	10,877	10,877
Brandywine Deanery	50	50	50
ECS	100	100	100
TOTAL OUTREACH	11,027	11,027	11,027
MISC. EXPENSES			
Stewarship	200	101	200
Misc. Ministry	600	552	650
TOTAL MISC.	800	653	850
TOTAL EXPENSES	175,188	169,755	190,664
NET INCOME (LOSS)	-2,794	25,031	0

TRINITY BALANCE SHEET

	1/1/2021	12/31/2021
ASSETS		
Checking	123,178	66,786
Fidelity Money Market	23,297	22,845
Malvern Money Market	15,047	0
SCRIP Checking	6,494	6,504
Investments	454,453	520,857
Restricted Investments, St. Cyrils	204,304	221,232
Church Building	2,000,000	2,000,000
Furnishings	307,000	307,000
TOTAL ASSETS	3,133,773	3,145,224
LIABILITIES AND FUNDS		
Cares loan payable	13,000	0
Operating Fund	48,747	13,802
Building Improvement Fund	5,872	0
Bear Fund	53	53
SCRIP Fund	6,494	6,504
Music Improvement Fund	3,283	3,784
Memorial Fund	1,025	1,050
Columbarium Fund	5,096	6,395
Rector Discretionary Fund	3,342	4,341
Deacon Discretionary Fund	871	871
150th Anniversary Fund	2,001	0
Fundraising Fund	3,084	5,391
Laundry Love Fund	3,155	3,783
Community Garden Fund	579	261
Funeral Receptions Fund	226	226
Vet Breakfast Fund	10,888	6,526
Mission Program Fund	75	75
Endowment St. Cyril's	7,966	8,184
Special Fund (In & Out)	13,915	12,065
Malvern Bank Money Market	15,047	0
Fidelity Money Market Fund	23,297	22,845
Fidelity Growth Fund	55,426	0
Prosper Bank Stock	0	10,000
Church Foundation Mutual Fund 1	147,510	235,741
Church Foundation Mutual Fund 2	251,517	275,116
St. Cyril's Church Foundation Fund	204,304	221,231
Building Equity Fund	2,000,000	2,000,000
Furnishings Equity Fund	307,000	307,000
TOTAL FUNDS AND LIABILITIES	3,133,773	3,145,224

BUILDING IMPROVEMENT FUND
2021 ACTIVITY

Beginning Balance 1/1/21	\$5,872
Income	
CARES Grant	13,000
Diocesan refund	1,474
Stewart Huston Trust	15,000
Operating Fund Overage	49,810
Misc.	40
Total Income	\$79,324
Expenses	
New boilers	39,212
Miller Restoration-basement	44,216
New hot water heater	1,600
Refund 150 th Anniversary	168
Total Expenses	\$85,196
Ending Balance 12/31/2021	\$0

CHOIR

I'm rereading last year's Annual Report/Choir....."One day soon, our choir will return and we'll be bringing down the house with hymns of great joy."

Well, whadya think? Are we back, lifting our voices and spirits with our favorite hymns, and even some anthems, under the direction of our gifted Choirmaster, Rachel Lee? And are you swingin' and swayin' or tapping your feet as you join us in a lively piece from *LEVAS*? I'll bet some of our members and friends out in TV land are joining in, as well.

It only gets better, as your Trinity choir continues to add to the vitality and spirit of our weekly Service. And if you'd like to add your voice to the sound, let Rachel or any of our choir members know.

2021 is a memory in our rearview mirror.....walk through "the big red doors" and join your Trinity family *live* in song and praise and leave with some music that will resonate with you in the coming week!

Respectfully submitted,

Vic Shanley

Chorister

WORSHIP/READERS/SERVERS

While 2021 changed the way we did no small number of things, one thing that did not change was the dedication of "Team Readers" as our inspirational Lessons, Psalms and Prayers were presented and interpreted each week. I smile each week when a hush falls over the Sanctuary as members listen closely to the words spoken from the lectern. Needless to say, we are always "all ears" for Rev. Sherry's or Deacon Joan's thought provoking sermons, but maybe some of us walk out of church clinging to a phrase or a thought pulled from one of the Readings, as well.

It's my pleasure and privilege to assign the Readings to our team members, and I'd like to acknowledge and thank each of them who regularly stepped up to the plate each Sunday in the past uncertain year.....

Minnie Kirwin

Greg Bentley

Chris Haak

Tom Swett

Bill Terry

Jennifer Grubb

And I'm happy to welcome (back) some 2022 members.....Betty Sullivan, Erika Haak and Seth Haak.

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On the Servers' side, thanks to those whose task it was to *Lift High the Cross* each week.....

Bob Baynard

Pat Kirkner

Al Carey

Seth Haak

And joining the ranks of Crucifers in 2022 is Sam Haak.....Welcome, Sammy!

Finally, personal thanks to all the above who contribute their time, talent and spirit to our Service. You are all a big part of what makes Trinity what it is!

Respectfully submitted,

Vic Shanley

Co-Chmn., Worship Comm.

WORSHIP COMMITTEE / SERVERS

This past year, due to the covid pandemic, we did not have our normal services. As a result we had no chalice bearers or torch bearers.

We did however have crucifers: Robert Baynard, Pat Kirkner and Sam Haak. We thank them for their service.

Hopefully things will get better and we will get back to normal. Anyone who would like to participate when this occurs please get in touch with Pastor Sherry or me. Thank you.

God's Peace,

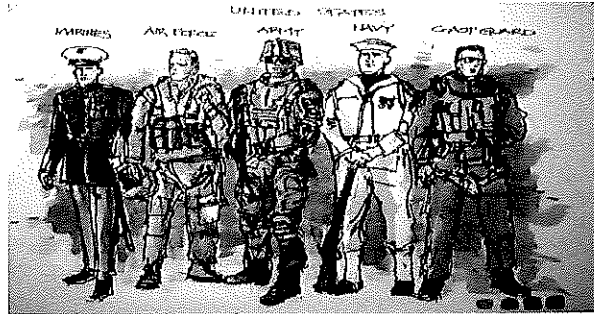
Bill Terry

Co-chair, Worship Committee

Altar Guild

The Altar Guild continues to be an important part of the church services. Due to the pandemic, we were very short staffed, but our dedicated members who were able continued to do their best. Thanks to all who helped at Christmas and Easter to make our sanctuary a beautiful place to be and see on live stream. We are all in this together to make Trinity a wonderful place to be. Our clergy, organist, choir, our members, the parish administrator and our vestry. Thanks to all.

Peace,
Nora Bush



VETERANS BRUNCH ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2021

Sunday, March 20, 2022

There were no brunches held through all of 2021. As the pandemic still threatened too many of our citizens, the Veterans Administration decided that their residents should not leave the Medical Center for any extracurricular indoor activities.

We kept in touch with our contacts at the Coatesville VA, throughout 2021, to make sure they knew our desire to start up again, as soon as their regulations allowed. We even offered to supply takeout meals and deliver them to the VA.

At the time of this writing, Brandon of the VA Medical Center in Coatesville, took us up on that offer and we successfully prepared and delivered 40 meals on February 27, 2022. This effort was so graciously received that they now have 60 clients signed-up for March's meal. You'll be getting a call to help us make the March 27th takeout brunch another exciting meal.

I can't thank our volunteers enough, for making this outreach so very successful as we dedicate our time and culinary skills to America's Veterans. Your love and concern is evident in the enthusiasm and efforts that you donate.

-Respectfully submitted,

Joe Kirkner, Brunch Coordinator



Women's Fellowship

WOMEN'S GROUP ANNUAL REPORT – March 20, 2022

The Women's Group held no meetings through all of 2021. Although we are no longer a fundraising part of Trinity, we did help the Fundraising Committee with three events in 2021...the Chicken BBQ, Christmas Parade, and Breakfast with Santa.

We were able to contribute to the beauty of our church and weekly service. We purchased a new altar cloth in March and had the brass gospel book cover repaired, polished and sealed by Ball and Ball in April.

We still have some money in our account, that will be distributed soon, after we have a vote on possibilities. Perhaps we can plan a meeting and fellowship soon. I personally would like to see a renewal of our social gatherings.

Many of us maintained our connections through calls, cards, and visits. We mourned the loss of our members, Judy Vennell in 2021; and Velda Baynard in 2022. God Bless all in their daily struggles and loving efforts.

Respectfully, Pat Kirkner

FUNDRAISING

Remember us? We're the guys who presented regular events throughout the years to raise needed funds for the lifeblood of Trinity. While somewhat silent in 2021 for obvious reasons, the team did come through for a few toned down offerings such as The Annual Chicken BBQ, participation in and food sales at the Coatesville Vintage Car Gran Prix and Christmas Parade and, for the second year in a row, Breakfast To-Go With Santa. Proceeds were diminished, but Trinity's spirit was not.

As you've seen and heard, your Fundraising Team wants to ratchet it up in 2022 with some of our traditional, tried-and-true events, as well as some new fun ideas. We welcome your feedback as well as your participation in making things happen. Reach out to any of us with your ideas so we can give them the light of day.

Sincere thanks to all who put forth so much time and effort in 2021 to pull off the events that we had instead of throwing up their hands, saying we couldn't do it. Hats off to this dedicated team!

Respectfully submitted,

Vic Shanley

Chmn., Fundraising Team

Community Garden

The Coatesville Community Garden continues to be well utilized by our friends and neighbors. The garden was especially welcome as a place to connect safely with others throughout the pandemic and we, once again, had all 35 beds assigned to individuals, families and organizations in Coatesville for their growing pleasure. The Chester County Food Bank requires a huge amount of thanks for all they do to assist us and all gardeners in their gardening efforts throughout the growing season.

As you are aware, Pam Smyth, stepped back from many years of tending 2 raised beds on behalf of Trinity and taking the bounty to local food banks. Let the church office know if you are feeling called to a similar ministry!

FROM THE PARISH OFFICE

It has been my pleasure to serve as the Parish Administrator for the past six years. I thoroughly enjoy being a part of the Trinity family.

The pandemic has limited my interactions with some members of the congregation. However, the lifting of restrictions has brought more of the general public into the office. As the country continues to return to “normal”, I look forward to seeing more of everyone within the church and out in the community.

My office hours remain Monday-Friday from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm.
Feel free to call or email anytime.

Thank you to Rev. Sherry and all the members of Vestry for fostering a pleasant work environment.

Respectfully submitted,

Jamoca Harkins, Parish Administrator

Milestones~ 2021

Burials

Walter Cheatham

Judy Vennell

Marriages

Pamela Harkins to Alfredo Carlisle

Baptisms

Scarlett Grubb

Nathan Patrick Spotts