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



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# Trinity Topics

From the Rector's Desk . . .

### By the Reverend Sherry Deets

#### Dear Friends,

Happy New Year! I am so happy to begin our new calendar year after a wonderful Christmas Eve service with so many faces in the pews and, even though I couldn't see their faces, souls on the other end of the camera watching the service virtually. We even had a visit from the granddaughter of a former Rector at Trinity, Rev. McCloskey, who served from 1970-1985. She is a professional opera singer and we loved hearing her voice in the pews!

As we move into a new calendar year, let us continue on our faith journey of hope in new opportunities. Your Vestry is wonderfully open and creative in how we continue to deepen our ministry of reaching out to the greater Coatesville community by developing meaningful partnerships. Trinity has been a solid presence in the City of Coatesville for over 150 years (remember 2018!) and I am blessed to be a part of this remarkable journey. I look forward to the opportunities that lie ahead for the Trinity family.

Here is an excerpt from Becca Stevens' new book, *Practically Divine* about 'Lightening at the End of the Tunnel', a phrase coined by her sister, designed to remind us with humor that we're heading into the scary unknown where God knows what might happen:

"Embracing what lies ahead lands us in a bit of divine chaos, but that is where new visions are born. As we move forward, it helps every now and then to glance into rearview mirrors, to remind ourselves we have made it so far with grace. We can't know the outcome, but we can trust the past that has led us right here and believe that is enough to help us keep going. "Lightening at the end of the

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tunnel" captures the apprehension we can feel about what is coming down the pike. ....Often on new adventures, I see the lightening at the end of the tunnel. I have seen it in my work growing a global movement for women's freedom as I walk alongside women committed to healing their communities. I have seen the divine chaos strike like bolts of lightning, as a small group of women sit in a remote village and talk about global markets. I have felt it strike on a midnight flight to Rwanda, not knowing what day it was or how we were going to find the extra hundred thousand dollars to bring desperately needed irrigation to a geranium farming community, when out of nowhere an idea cut through fear and created a solution. These were all things I never could have imagined from the comfort of life on the safe side of the tunnel".

Let's keep moving, step by step, toward the "lightening at the end of the tunnel".

# 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 is cancelled for January due to Covid Join us again at 11:15 a.m. Sunday, February 6 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 keyboard and guitar. 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, January 16<sup>th</sup> at 11 a.m.

Our next scheduled Vestry meeting will be held Sunday, January 16<sup>th</sup> at 11 a.m. in Stone Hall.

#### **Kitchen Angel(s)**

Is there someone in our congregation who would like to share with Trinity a ministry of "Kitchen Angel"? Or Angels? The thought is that someone would take responsibility and visit the church kitchen with intentionality to ensure that the refrigerators are cleared of outdated food items, the dishes are cleaned and put away, the kitchen pots/pans/dishes/etc. are properly stored, that we are supplied with the appropriate cleaning products, dish towels are cleaned, etc. This is a ministry of hospitality that ensures our kitchen is in good order at all times.

#### IT'S UNDIE SUNDAYS TIME AGAIN!

#### (EVERY SUNDAY THROUGH THE END OF FEBRUARY)

PLEASE PURCHASE SOCKS OR UNDERWEAR (ANY SIZE) FOR MEN,
WOMEN OR YOUNG CHILDREN. BRING THEM TO CHURCH AND WE'LL
DISTRIBUTE THEM TO THE THREE SHELTERS FOR HOMELESS PEOPLE IN
COATESVILLE

#### Is it Too Late to Help Victims of the Tornados on Dec. 10-11? No!

The state of Kentucky was particularly devastated by the tornadoes. Fourteen counties have been declared disaster areas by the federal government as of Friday, December 17. Episcopal Relief & Development is partnering with the Episcopal Diocese of Kentucky to provide assistance to people whose homes were damaged or destroyed, unhoused people, immigrants, refugees, first responders and other people who have been affected by the storms.

According to Katie Mears, Senior Director, US Disaster Program, Episcopal Relief & Development, the Diocese of Kentucky is leveraging its churches and connections

throughout the state to respond. They are providing shelter, food, clothing and direct cash assistance to marginalized communities such as people experiencing homelessness, refugees and immigrants. Staff and volunteers have also set up community coffees in Bowling Green to provide a listening ear for those who need it, and meals for first responders in Bowling Green, Murray, Mayfield and Paducah.

"We are still very early on in the relief phase of this disaster," continued Mears. "We remain committed to supporting our partners in building a sustained recovery in the coming weeks. These partners have deep connections in their communities and are well-positioned to serve those in the most need in the coming weeks and months. We are deeply grateful for their ministry."

**And here's what we at Trinity can do:** Please continue to pray for people who have been affected by the recent tornadoes and consider making a donation to Episcopal Relief & Development's <a href="mailto:tinyurl.com/US-Disaster-Fund">tinyurl.com/US-Disaster-Fund</a> to support the organization's response.

### 2022 Budget News

Thanks to everyone who pledged to Trinity's operating fund for 2022. I am very pleased to report that your generosity enabled me to present a balanced budget to the vestry. We are a small but mighty congregation and our continued presence in Coatesville is vital.

THANK YOU! Minnie Kirwin, treasurer

#### **Youth Bible Class**

Youth Bible class will be held during church hours 2nd and 4th Sundays.

Ages 6-10 all kids are welcome .. because Kids Rock!

Starting January 9th 2022...

Thanks. Betty







John & Mildred Coveleski 16th
Wayne & Elizabeth Hanley 17th

## January 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1
						New Year's Day
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
				Noon Healing Service Via Zoom		
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Youth Bible Class				Noon Healing Service Via Zoom		
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Vestry Meeting 11AM	MLK DAY Office Closed			Noon Healing Service Via Zoom		SH & Kitchen Rented
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
				Noon Healing Service Via Zoom		
30	31					
Youth Bible Class				Noon Healing Service Via Zoom		



## Readers, Servers and Greeters for January 2022



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Date	Readers	Psalm	Prayers
1/2	Greg Bentley	Minnie Kirwin	Chris Haak
1/9	Vic Shanley	Tom Swett	Bill Terry
1/16	Minnie Kirwin	Chris Haak	Greg Bentley
1/23	Vic Shanley	Jennifer Grubb	Tom Swett
1/30	Chris Haak	Bill Terry	Minnie Kirwin

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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

<u>Parish Office Hours:</u>

Monday-Friday: 5:30-7:30pm

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**Church School** 

Sundays: 9:15 AM