



# Trinity Topics

## From the Rector's Desk . . .

By the Reverend Sherry Deets

Dear Friends,

At this writing it appears we are turning the corner on this pandemic as Covid-19 rates are dropping and restrictions are easing. At our last Vestry meeting, the leadership made the decision that masks are optional in church and we will resume our coffee hours. Of course, it is perfectly acceptable to continue wearing a mask if you are more comfortable being around people with a mask on! At the passing of the peace, it is acceptable to simply raise your fingers in the peace sign, or elbow bump instead of shaking hands or hugging. Our live streaming of services will continue indefinitely because one of the blessings in disguise has been the ability to reach more people with technology. We look forward to seeing more and more of you in the Sanctuary on Sunday mornings!

Trinity has a vibrant, engaged Vestry and I had to smile at our last meeting which took place over a meal, as our group was pleasantly "unruly". It was clear that we had missed being together in person and we were enjoying some wonderful fellowship time. If you have ideas on how we might begin re-igniting our fellowship at Trinity, please feel free to share with me or a Vestry member.

As we enter the season of Lent, one of my disciplines will involve setting aside some sacred time each week to reflect on our long journey through this pandemic. It has been difficult at times, and it has affected us in different ways, but for the most part, we have managed to remain connected as a church community. That says a lot about Trinity as a faith community. May we remain faithful as brothers and sisters in Christ as we continue our journey together through life.

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## **Ash Wednesday Services** **March 2**

The Ash Wednesday liturgy will occur on March 2 at Noon (no music) and at 7 p.m. with Music in the Sanctuary. The 7 p.m. service will also be live streamed. This is a moving liturgy and sets the tone for the church season and spirituality of Lent. Lent is a time of repentance - a word which means "to return". It is a yearly reminder of the daily call to come home to God.

## **Morning Prayer Sunday** **March 13 at 9:30 a.m.**

Pastor Sherry will be taking a "respite" week beginning Monday, March 7 through Sunday, March 13th at the suggestion of the Bishop for all clergy. We will hold a Morning Prayer Sunday on March 13. Morning Prayer is one of the Daily Office traditions found in our Book of Common Prayer. This is a great opportunity to become more familiar with the beauty and tradition of our Book of Common Prayer. It is our hope that you may begin praying the daily office at your home after becoming more familiar. In the front of the book there are orders for Morning Prayer, Noonday Prayer, Evening Prayer and Compline. There is also an entire section of "Prayers and Thanksgivings" beginning on page 809.

## **Annual Meeting** **March 20<sup>th</sup> at 11 a.m. in Stone Hall**

Church of the Trinity's annual meeting will be held on Sunday, March 20. We elect members to Vestry and Convention/Deanery delegates at our annual meeting. Be thinking about who a good vestry member or delegate would be, as our Annual Meeting approaches. We are seeking nominations. Terms expiring this year are: Nora Bush, Chris Haak, Joseph Lee and Vic Shanley. All are eligible to run again.

The vestry is the body within a congregation that, with the clergy, leads and manages the parish. The vestry:

- Helps to discern the vision toward which God is drawing that particular community;
- Articulates and communicates the vision;
- Holds the community accountable for its realization of that vision; and
- Keeps the mission of the Church and that of the individual congregation clearly before the parish community.
- Works on budgeting
- Establishes and enforces policies and procedures
- Establishes action plans
- Maintains property.

The deanery/convention deputies are elected to represent Trinity at our annual Diocesan Convention and vote for people in Diocesan leadership positions, the Diocesan Budget, various changes or new initiatives in our Diocese, etc. Our convention is usually held on a Saturday, at the end of October or beginning of November at the Cathedral in Philadelphia. Opening Eucharist and social time occurs on Friday evening. There may also be occasion to attend one or two other meetings in our Brandywine Deanery throughout the year.

### **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 Sunday, March 6 at 11:15 a.m. 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!

### **Community Engagement Manager Part-time Position Available**

Trinity is seeking a people loving person as our new part-time Community Engagement Manager to work 8 hours weekly for an hourly rate of between \$18 to \$20 an hour, based on experience. Trinity cares deeply about our relationship with the community, both internal and external. We are seeking a person to help us maintain and nurture these relationships in our wider Coatesville community. If you, or someone you know, might be interested in an engaging ministry with plenty of opportunities to connect with others, let us know. The complete job description is available in the church office and on our website.

## FUNDRAISING

At this month's Vestry Meeting, we discussed our gradual and *definite* return to normalcy at Trinity. This would include more members returning to live service, resumption of our signature "Exchange of the Peace", coffee hour (yes, with all those homemade goodies we've missed!) and, of course, Fundraising events.

Remember the fun we had at Italian Night, with all that yummy food? Or how about Bingo Night where a lot of lucky winners took home some great prizes? Well, it's time that we start talking about things like this again. But when we take stock of the amount of effort put forth and money spent to carry an event out, we have to wonder how many will attend. Will it be the same supportive large attendance that we've enjoyed in the past, made up of both Trinity members and those of our community? Or will we be expending efforts for a small turnout and, in fact, suffering a loss.

That said, I'd like to ask those who are reading this to let us know if you would attend a Fundraiser in the near future if we offered it, with all precautions taken. You can email or call me.....[vjs3brpaws@aol.com](mailto:vjs3brpaws@aol.com)....610-389-0715.....contact the office or corner me after service.


Unlike the line in *Field of Dreams*....."If we build it, they will come.".....I have to ask....."If we plan it, will *you* come?".

Thanks for your comments and for your continued support of our Trinity.

Vic Shanley Chmn., Fundraising Committee

# Women Veterans

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## WHAT MATTERS TO YOU?

**Join our focus group**  
and share your perspective on how to improve the services we provide.

Participate in person or virtually.

**March 24, 2022**  
**4:30pm to 5:30pm**  
Episcopal Church-Trinity  
323 Lincoln Hwy E  
Coatesville, PA 19320

**VA**  U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs  
Veterans Health Administration  
Coatesville VA Medical Center

learn more at [www.womenshealth.va.gov](http://www.womenshealth.va.gov)

If you are interested in participating, please contact:  
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<b>Caroline Puma</b>	<b>3rd</b>
<b>Antonio Wilson</b>	<b>6th</b>
<b>Christopher Haak</b>	<b>7th</b>
<b>Mildred Coveleski</b>	<b>9th</b>
<b>Esther Harvey</b>	<b>14th</b>
<b>Michelle Butler</b>	<b>20th</b>
<b>Meg Devereux</b>	<b>26th</b>
<b>Joseph Kirkner III</b>	<b>29th</b>
<b>Robin McWilliams</b>	<b>29<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>James Shreve</b>	<b>29th</b>

# March 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
			Ash Wed Service Noon & 7pm	Noon Healing Service Via Zoom		SH Rented
<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>
Family Service 11:15am	Sherry Away	Sherry Away	Sherry Away	Sherry Away	Sherry Away	SH Rented Sherry Away
<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>
Morning Prayer Sunday  SH Rented  Sherry Away				Noon Healing Service Via Zoom		
<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>
Annual Meeting 11AM Stone Hall				Noon Healing Service Via Zoom  SH Rented		SH Rented
<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>					
Vet's Brunch						



## Readers, Servers and Greeters for March 2022

Date	Readers	Psalm	Prayers
3/6	Greg Bentley	Jennifer Grubb	Bill Terry
3/13	Vic Shanley	Tom Swett	Minnie Kirwin
3/20	Bill Terry	Chris Haak	Greg Bentley
3/27	Jennifer Grubb	Tom Swett	Vic Shanley

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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  
CHURCH OF THE TRINITY  
323 East Lincoln Highway  
Coatesville, Pennsylvania  
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**Church School**

**Sundays: 9:15 AM**