



Trinity Topics

From the Rector's Desk . . .

By the Reverend Sherry Deets

Dear Friends,

Alleluia! Christ is Risen! What a wonderful Easter celebration we had. It was so good to see so many faces in the pews at Trinity and we so enjoyed the beautiful cello contribution from Lauren Blackwell along with our own, very talented, Rachel Lee on piano. The choir is to be celebrated as well. Happy Easter!

I again share a story from Becca Stevens' book *Practically Divine* (p66-p67):

I have never heard a more powerful story about the hard work of uncovering the truth in a big pile of rubbish than I did from Teena.

Teena, a Thistle Farms graduate, was raised in a rural religious cult. She was taught that God was a harsh God, a God of hail, fire, and brimstone. She was never told that God was love. In her life, she'd encountered several people...who'd twisted the sickness of their own power and need into a religion meant to keep you quiet at all costs. When I asked Teena to explain, she wrote:

"I was taught that everything I did would damn me to hell. Girls were to wear long dresses to their ankles, sleeves to their wrists, and buns on the top of their heads. No part of our bodies could show that was worldly, or we would be thrown into the lake of fire. In reality, the cult was a cesspool of pedophiles who had their pick of child brides. One perpetrator after another became normal to me, because it was being taught in the name of God behind the pulpit of the religious cult where I was being raised.

For thirty-two years, it defined my path. I became a victim of trafficking, prostitution, promiscuity, heroin addiction, nameless other addictions, depression, oppression, hopelessness. I was on sinking sand; I was in darkness with no light at the end of the tunnel. I had overdosed more times than I could

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count, and each time, somehow, in some way, I came out of it. I didn't understand. I woke up every day mad at the only harsh God I knew. Why wouldn't He just let me die?

When I came to Thistle Farms, I was so broken—I thought I was beyond repair. I didn't believe the concept that "love heals everybody." How could it? I never knew love to give love. As time has passed, something inside of me has awakened. It's something I can't explain."

Teena had come to find out that the deep and brutal lessons she was taught weren't the truth, and she could claim something else. She could live a more practically divine life by shaking off old lies and stepping into the freeing truth, where she could thrive. She said she is "overwhelmingly drawn to the concept now that maybe, just maybe, love truly does heal everybody, even a worldly sinner like me. In all my brokenness, I will be made whole. And I can't help but believe it was love that led me here"

We are allowed to speak our truth about God without fear of reprisal, and when old, worn-out tactics to keep us fearful don't help you, shake them off.

One day I saw Teena in her job at the café at Thistle Farms, standing with all her coworkers and sister survivors, singing "Happy Birthday" to a customer. ...She was singing, clapping and laughing and I wondered if her freedom and joy came in a whirlwind carrying a feather, which floated on a graceful thought that landed and finally gave her permission to be herself.

Family Service with Contemporary Music
Sunday, May 1 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!

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.

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.



CONTACT FOR SAFETY TRAINING AT TRINITY

Rev. Sherry and I have been in contact with a law enforcement officer that provides training and assessments on buildings around active shooter situations, etc. His name is Jason Madormo of Justice Security Solutions, LLC.

Once a date has been set, we will announce when he is coming; and it is highly encouraged for all members of Trinity to attend, who are able.

More to follow.

-Submitted by Joe Kirkner



VETERANS BRUNCH

This report includes February, March, and April brunch details. Now that we are starting up the program again, we were given the challenge of providing a hearty meal, but only in the take out form. Our veterans at the VA Medical Center are restricted from attending any indoor, off-campus events as a covid era precaution...so we went to them.

This approach required us to provide separate packaging and containers to transport the meals to the VA Center. Each resident received a bag with a main menu item, one or two side dishes; crackers or snacks; fruit and multiple desserts.

Everything was prepared before or during our gathering of volunteers and then an orchestrated assembly-line process was established. At 12:00, noon we lined-up our vehicles in 'convoy' style, loaded up the meals and delivered them by 12:30 to our contact at the center (Brandon Smith).

For the February 27th brunch we served 40 meals of breaded chicken, 3 side dishes, fruit and desserts. March 27th brunch was prepared for 60 residents and consisted of meatloaf, scalloped potatoes, side dishes, fruit, snacks and desserts. April 24th was our latest; we prepared 60 meals for that brunch, also. The meal consisted of lasagna, stuffed shells, meatballs, salad, garlic bread, fruit, snacks and desserts.

A hearty thanks goes out to all our brunch bunch volunteers who continue to come out each month to support this rewarding outreach to the veterans. Special thanks to Pat Kirkner who organizes the process; Wegman's for their continuing donations; Brandon Smith at the VA; and all our dedicated helpers...young and old.

At the time of this writing, May 29th is the next scheduled brunch and may possibly be back to original gathering here at Trinity. Stay tuned for upcoming announcements. God Bless our Veterans, Trinity volunteers, and God Bless America.

The Brunch Bunch



Carl Croft	2-May
Michael Fazio	5-May
Beatrix Kirwin	6-May
Connor McWilliams	11-May
Greg Bentley	12-May
Donald Carron	16-May
Hailey Crane Grubb	17-May
Jack McGovern	24-May
Zoe McGovern	24-May
Debra Tillotson	27-May
Kathleen Deets Price	28-May
Beth Fazio	29-May
Al Carey Sr.	30-May

Jennifer & Joshua Grubb	17-May
John & Minnie Kirwin	26-May

May 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Family Service 11:15 AM SH Rented				Noon Healing Service Via Zoom		SH Rented
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Mother's Day				Noon Healing Service Via Zoom		
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Vestry Meeting 11 AM				Noon Healing Service Via Zoom		SH Rented
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
				Noon Healing Service Via Zoom		SH Rented
29	30					
Veterans Brunch	Memorial Day Office Closed					



Readers, Servers and Greeters for May 2022

Date	Readers	Psalm	Prayers
5/1	Minnie Kirwin	Bill Terry	Betty Sullivan
5/8	Vic Shanley	Chris Haak	Tom Swett
5/15	Greg Bentley	Minnie Kirwin	Erika Haak
5/22	Betty Sullivan	Seth Haak	Bill Terry
5/29	Vic Shanley	Tom Swett	Chris Haak

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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

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Church School

Sundays: 9:15 AM