



Trinity Topics

From the Rector's Desk . . .

By the Reverend Sherry Deets

The crisp winter chill is in the air and there is a certain electricity in the air this Advent season. I think it's related to anticipation. We were able to gather with others for Thanksgiving and anticipate gathering for Christmas, as we are able after the last two years were greatly affected by the pandemic. This Advent season I am reminded repeatedly of what it means to be grateful and that it often takes intentionality. By intentionality, I mean setting aside some time each day, either in the morning or evening before bed, so review something that I am grateful for. This practice, done on a regular basis, has been shown to make a difference.

I share from the book, *Find Your Way: 20 Practices That Tie Us Together*, Naomi Hagan's words on Gratitude. Naomi is a graduate of Oasis of Northwest Arkansas, a sister organization of Thistle Farms.

I had to "Live in Gratitude". Leaving behind the judgment of others. Accepting the crosses, I have to bear. Realizing I am who I was created to be, instead of trying to find who I should become, set me free. I found humility in gratitude. I found grace and I found mercy. Gratitude is an action. You take care of what you're grateful for. When I say, "I'm grateful for my recovery," you'll see me go to meetings with a sponsor. I take action in my recovery. When I say, "I'm grateful for my home," you'll see me cleaning my house, tending to the yard, making my bed. Taking care of what you're grateful for—my thankful words turned into grateful actions.

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Coatesville Community Ecumenical Holiday Caroling
Sunday, December 4th at 1:45 p.m.

We are invited to participate in an ecumenical Christmas caroling event in downtown Coatesville on Sunday, December 4. We will meet at the steps of Trinity at 1:45 p.m. Caroling begins at 2 p.m. following a route for an hour or two (you may leave at any time). A packet of holiday carols and songs will be provided. Please feel free to bring additional holiday carols, songs, music, jingle bells, small instruments and the like. Special thanks to Peter M. DiMaio for organizing the annual event! Pastor Sherry has participated in this event for several years and she enjoys it. It's a great way to get to know some other member of our wider church community.

Breakfast with Santa, Saturday, December 10th
8:30 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Santa Claus is visiting Trinity from the North Pole on Saturday, December 10th! In honor of this visit we are hosting a Breakfast with Santa in our social hall starting at 8:30 a.m. through 11 a.m. Come on out and enjoy a wonderful breakfast (Eggs, pancakes, sausage, bacon, grits, creamed chipped beef on toast) and time to say 'hello' to Santa as he visits with us from the North Pole! Adults \$10, Children 5-12 are \$6 and Children under 4 are free.

Retirement Celebration for Deacon Joan Wylie
Sunday, December 18

Deacon Joan arrived at Trinity in 2014 and has been a part of the Trinity family for these many years. She retires effective December 31 and our Christmas Eve service will be her last. Therefore, we would like to acknowledge her time with Trinity and wish her well in retirement during a special coffee hour after the church service on Sunday, December 18th.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
Saturday, December 24 at 8 p.m.

Join us for our special Christmas Eve Candlelight Service on Saturday, December 24th at 8 p.m. There will be special music for this service!

No service on Christmas Day. The Christmas Eve service will be live-streamed and stored on the church's Facebook Page and uploaded to our YouTube Channel for viewing on Christmas Day or any time after the service has ended.

Lessons and Carols with Communion
Sunday, January 1, 2023

As is customary, Trinity will be holding Lessons and Carols on the first Sunday after Christmas. This falls on January 1, 2023 this year! Join us for a special service where we get to sing those old favorites during the Christmas season (which doesn't end until Epiphany!).

Church Office Closed
12/25 – 12/31/2022

The church office is closed between Christmas and New Year's (12/25 through 12/31/2022). We will be holding Christmas Lessons and Carols on Sunday, January 1, 2023 at 9:30 a.m.

Vestry Epiphany Gathering
Sunday, January 8th at Noon

Vestry will be gathering at **Beaver Creek Tavern** for our special Epiphany celebration on Sunday, January 8th at Noon.



Jennifer Chance	2-Dec
Jason Saylor	4-Dec
Samuel Haak	4-Dec
Ann Furlong	5-Dec
Bella Baynard	9-Dec
Anne Lutz	13-Dec
William McWilliams	16-Dec
Shane McWilliams	17-Dec
Wayne Hanley	17-Dec
Miranda Croft	21-Dec
Pam Smyth	22-Dec
Chase Crompton	24-Dec
David Rutledge	25-Dec
Bill Terry	25-Dec
Linda Hammond	30-Dec
Elizabeth Sullivan	31-Dec

December 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
				Noon Healing Service Via Zoom		Christmas Parade
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11:15AM Family Contemporary Service 2PM Community Caroling				Noon Healing Service Via Zoom		Breakfast with Santa
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
				Noon Healing Service Via Zoom		
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
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25	26	27	28	29	30	31
Christmas Day No Service	Office Closed	Office Closed	Office Closed	Office Closed	Office Closed	



Readers, Servers and Greeters for December 2022

Date	Readers	Psalm	Prayers
12/4	Greg Bentley	Vic Shanley	Seth Haak
12/11	Chris Haak	Tom Swett	Erika Haak
12/18	Minnie Kirwin	Bill Terry	Betty Sullivan

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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