



# Trinity Topics

## From the Rector's Desk . . .

By the Reverend Sherry Deets

Dear Friends,

*I hope you dance!* This month's excerpt is from the book "He Walks Among Us – Encounters with Christ in a Broken World". Renee Stearns shares a chapter entitled, "I hope you dance: God can turn any experience into an opportunity for rejoicing".

Despite many years of childhood ballet lessons, I am not, by anyone's definition, a dancer. But dancing is such an integral part of many cultures that, when we travel, I am often called upon to join in, which is fine, since it breaks the ice and gives those watching a reason to chuckle. In fact, if I listen quietly enough, I believe I can hear people in faraway places still laughing at that funny woman who couldn't seem to put one foot in front of the other.

Although they live in circumstances that would not make me feel like dancing, I encounter girls and boys, men and women everywhere rising up to dance at the slightest excuse for celebration. This is particularly true in Malawi, known to visitors as "The Warm Heart of Africa." In the community of Chingale, a spontaneous conga line formed as women circled a shallow pond where tilapia was being farmed. So great was their joy at having food for their families and a product to sell in the market that they couldn't contain themselves. And they conscripted into their dance several of us whose only experience with tilapia was on a plate at Red Lobster.

Malawi was in the grip of a terrible food crisis due to drought, famine, and government efforts to reduce the country's dependence on agriculture. Children were suffering. But in this little community, a World vision agricultural specialist

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had helped the people start a fish farm, and the dancing women were hardly able to contain their happiness.

Their celebration made me think of King David's reference to dancing in Psalm 30. ...When life is hard, it's easy to get discouraged and overlook the ways God might be at work in our lives. A fishpond may not seem much to get excited about, but the people of Chingale didn't see it that way at all. Rather, they believed God had intervened in their lives in a way that filled them with so much joy they couldn't keep their feet from moving. David felt that way too. God turned the repentant king's mourning into dancing.

What is your response when you hit a bump in the road either of your own making or as the result of circumstances beyond your control? Do you despair, or do you dance? I'm reminded of the country song Lee Ann Womack sings: *Promise me that you'll give faith a fighting chance / And when you get the choice to sit it out or dance / I hope you dance.* When was the last time you went dancing? --Renee

**Family Service with Contemporary Music**  
**Sunday, July 3 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. The music is the contemporary Christian music that you hear on the radio now.

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.

**Vestry Retreat**  
**Saturday, July 9<sup>th</sup> 9:30 a.m. – Noon(lunch)**

Our annual Vestry retreat will be happening on Saturday, July 9<sup>th</sup> beginning at 9:30 a.m. through Noon/lunch at Runnymede (the Bentley's home).

**Pastor Sherry – off a few days**

Pastor Sherry will be taking a few days off in July from Monday, July 11 through Saturday, July 16<sup>th</sup>. Sundays are not affected.

**Veterans Brunch – July 31**

Our monthly Veterans brunch will resume on the last Sunday of the month, July 31<sup>st</sup>, serving the Veterans at 12:30 p.m. in our social hall! This is the first time since the pandemic began that we will be able to welcome our Veterans from 'up on the hill' back for an in-person, home-style meal. Speak with Joe Kirkner about volunteer opportunities!

**FUNDRAISING**

**Hard to believe, but we're quickly coming up on one of the signature events at Trinity.....The Annual Chicken Barbeque! Yes, it's been almost a year since we served up those savory, succulent, sauce-slathered sides of chicken along with the fixin's, and we're ready to do it again.**

**This year's event will be on Sat, Aug 20, so mark your calendars now. Details will follow, but we promise yet another hearty meal, with a couple of changes that you'll enjoy. And there will be a relaxation of pandemic restrictions.**

**If you'd like to help out and be part of "Team Chicken" this year, just let myself or Pat Kirkner know and we'll be grateful for your service. In the meantime, circle the date (Aug 20), tell your family and friends and start gathering your orders.**

**Oh, did I mention that proceeds from this annual event loom large in supporting the needs of our Trinity?**

**Thanks and we'll see you on Aug 20!**

**Vic Shanley  
Chmn., Fundraising**



Molly Beck	4-July
Ian Post	7-July
Margaret Bragg	7-July
Ruth Gardiner	8-July
Scarlett Grubb	9-July
James Anderson	10-July
Kathy Terry	11-July
Violet Cole	14-July
Elinor Barnes	17-July
Noreen Bush	19-July
Sara Smyth	23-July
Michael Crane-Grubb	23-July
Caitlyn Hanna	24-July
Lance Bush	27-July
Ellanore Hurd	29-July

John & Susan Petura	12-July
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# July 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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						SH Rented
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Family Service 11:15 AM	Office Closed			Noon Healing Service Via Zoom		Vestry Retreat 9:30AM-12Noon @Bentley Home
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
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17	18	19	20	21	22	23
				Noon Healing Service Via Zoom	Kitchen Rented	SH Rented
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
				Noon Healing Service Via Zoom  Kitchen Rented		
31						
Vet Brunch 1230pm						



## Readers, Servers and Greeters for July 2022

Date	Readers		Psalm		Prayers	
7/3	Minnie Kirwin		Bill Terry		Betty Sullivan	
7/10	Vic Shanley		Seth Haak		Greg Bentley	
7/17	Erika Haak		Tom Swett		Chris Haak	
7/24	Betty Sullivan		Minnie Kirwin		Bill Terry	
7/31	Greg Bentley		Seth Haak		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

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### Church School

Sundays: 9:15 AM