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



June 2022

# Trinity Topics

From the Rector's Desk . . .

#### By the Reverend Sherry Deets

Dear Friends.

I can't believe it's June already! I am looking forward to some quieter moments enjoying the outdoors and walking some trails this summer. This month I share some spiritual insight from the book *Hither & Yon: A Travel Guide for the Spiritual Journey* by Becca Stevens. It is entitled "Can't See the Spider For God"

"I walked on a trail in November. The fall had been late in coming, and I had almost stopped looking for the trees to change. October had been dry, and so it made sense that fall had been less than spectacular. As I walked, something sparkled on the periphery of my vision; and I turned my head to see what it was. There, suspended among the leaves, was a spider web glistening in the sunlight.

The web was a tatted masterpiece. It was beautiful and made me feel alive. I almost couldn't see the leaves for that web; but then they, too, came into focus, and I saw the star-shaped leaves of the gum tree making a gorgeous pattern around the web. I almost couldn't see the trees for the leaves, but then I noticed the golden auras of those trees standing tall and holy. I almost couldn't see the forest for the trees, but then I stepped back a little and took it all in. In that moment the forest became an ode to the last days of fall, and I wanted to hold it like a wilting bouquet.

I almost couldn't see the owl for the forest; but then I spotted him staring at me, awake and perched in the middle of that glorious day. The owl is a sign for wisdom, so I sat and watched him to see if he would offer me an insight; and so I almost couldn't see the sky for the owl, but then I finally lifted my head up and saw all the hues of the rainbow blended into the clear expanse. I almost couldn't see God for the beauty of that sky; but when I finally did, I felt at peace and thought that if I died later that day I would recognize heaven. Then I went back to see the web, but the sun in the heavens had moved so the web had become invisible. I couldn't see the spider for God.

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The spiritual journey calls us always to remember the sacredness of the web, even when we get to see God. The web leads us along the path of God, and we are wise not to lose sight of it. I think it is possible for visions of God to get in the way of seeing the beauty before us."

## Family Service with Contemporary Music Sunday, June 5 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!

## St. Cyril's Day Celebration Sunday, June 26<sup>th</sup>

Our annual St. Cyril's Day celebration is planned for Sunday, June 26<sup>th</sup> with guest preacher, Pastor Emerson Cottrell from St. Paul's AME. We are thrilled to have Pastor Cottrell preach again and we hope for this to be a joint service with a luncheon afterward in fellowship with our neighbors of St. Paul's AME. We will probably be adjusting our service time to begin later in the morning to facilitate a joint worship experience and luncheon. Stay tuned!

#### 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.

#### Need a Ride?

As the pandemic was softening a bit last year, we were welcoming the return of our members to live Sunday Service at Trinity. Little by little, attendance began to increase. Eventually, singing resumed and even Trinity's signature exchange of the Peace. Yet something was missing.....a few of our members wanted to attend but were finding it difficult to come to church due to a lack of transportation.

Problem solved! You may recall last Summer my speaking of an initiative to provide rides to and from church for those needing it. Thanks to the tremendous support and generosity of one of our members, we will soon be offering Uber rides for those requesting it in order to attend on Sundays without having to rely on a ride from someone else who may or may not be available. The car will pick you up at your residence at a time of your choice and also arrive at Trinity following service and coffee hour to drive you home. And the best part is that this service is at no cost to our members.

We're finalizing the account setup with Uber and will be formally launching it shortly. If you're reading this and are among those for whom this would be helpful, please let me know so I can review the steps required to reserve the ride(s). And once we're ready to flip the switch, we'll publish a "cheat sheet" with those steps for ordering.

Trinity is most grateful to the donor for making this possible, and we look forward to providing the means to welcome back those who want to seize the opportunity to return to their church and really exchange the Peace with fellow members.

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Vic Shanley Coordinator



#### **Emergency Preparedness at Trinity Church**

Please mark your calendars for June 19, 2022 for this important event at Trinity.

Our guest speaker will be Jason Madormo and the session will be "Civilian Response to Active Threat."

The presentation will start immediately after church and will run for an hour to an hour and a half; including time allowance for questions and answers.

Shootings are becoming more and more common in our society today, and it's important to hear from our professionals on what we need to do.

On behalf of Pastor Sherry and our Vestry, ALL members of Trinity are encouraged to attend this session. -Joe Kirkner



#### **Veterans Brunch**



#### May 29, 2022

If all goes as expected, we will be back "in house" this July with our monthly brunch. So this was our last takeout meal for our veterans at the VA Center.

This month we cooked, packaged and delivered 60 meals to them. We were able to handle all this because of our 23 dedicated brunch bunch members. A special thanks to Stuart Deets who responded to our emergency call to come and relight one of our ovens.

Our menu this month was oven baked pork loin, mac n cheese, oven roasted potatoes with peppers and onions, cole slaw, roll and butter, fruit, snacks, and desserts.

No brunch in June, but we will return July 31st with a Cookout theme.

Please be mindful of this holiday weekend as we give thanks for the men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice for our country and freedoms. "All gave some; some gave all."

God Bless our Veterans, our volunteers and God Bless America.

-The Brunch Bunch







Caroline & Greg Bentley	6-June
Carl & Miranda Croft	14-June
Kim & Nick Stauffer	18-June
Clifford & Ruth Gardiner	18-June
Chris & Erika Haak	21-June
Anthony & Jamoca Harkins	28-June
Lance & Jezel Bush	

### **June 2022**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
				Noon Healing Service Via Zoom		
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Family Service 11:15 AM				Noon Healing Service Via Zoom		SH Rented
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12	13	14	15	16	17	18
SH Rented			CYWA Board Meeting 5PM	Noon Healing Service Via Zoom		SH Rented
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
SH Rented	Juneteenth Office Closed			Noon Healing Service Via Zoom	Sanctuary & SH Rental	
26	27	28	29	30		
St Cyril's Day				Noon Healing Service Via Zoom SH Rented		





#### **Readers, Servers and Greeters for June 2022**

Date	Readers	Psalm	Prayers
6/5	Minnie Kirwin	Erika Haak	Greg Bentley
6/12	Seth Haak	Betty Sullivan	Bill Terry
6/19	Vic Shanley	Chris Haak	Tom Swett
6/26	Greg Bentley	Tom Swett	Erika 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