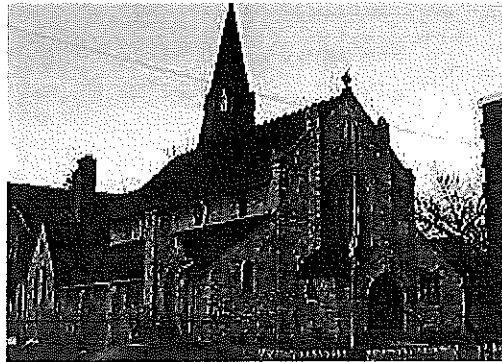


Episcopal Church of the Trinity

2022 Annual Reports



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.

2022 Annual Meeting
Coatesville, Pennsylvania
March 19, 2023

2022 ANNUAL MEETING AGENDA

Sunday, March 19, 2023

Stone Hall

Call to Order

Opening Prayer

Election of Secretary

Report of Nominations

- a. Vestry
- b. Deputies to Diocesan Convention

Appoint Judges of Election

Open Polls

Minutes from Last Year's Meeting

Close Polls

Reports

Presentation from Liz Hulse, Community Engagement Coordinator

Discussion Time

Teller's Report

Adjournment

Annual Meeting
Held March 20, 2022
Episcopal Church of the Trinity

Congregational Annual Meeting 2021 Reporting
Call to Order 10:52am

Presider: Reverend Sherry Deets, Senior Warden: Chris Haak,
Members of the Congregation.

Open Prayer: Rev. Sherry Deets

2022 Elections Report of Nominations

All attendees were given hardcopies of the annual meeting packet which was also available on Trinity's website.

Secretary: Nominated and accepted by Betty Sullivan

Vestry: Nominated and accepted for 3-year term... Nora Bush, Chris Haak, Joseph Lee, Vic Shanley.

Deputies for Diocesan/Deanery: Nominated and accepted for 2022 ...Betty Sullivan, Patricia Kirkner, Bill Terry

Elections completed

Approved and passed 2021 Annual Meeting Minutes

Ministry and Committee Reports

Reports by committee members were submitted. These reports outline our various activities and their provisions, church and secular.

Rev. Deets: From the Rector; Chris Haak: Senior Warden Report 2022; Deacon Joan: Deacon's Report.

Minnie Kirwin: Annual Treasurer's report with balance and budget for 2022.

Choir and Worship: Vic Shanley and Bill Terry; Altar Guild: Nora Bush; Veterans Brunch: Joe Kirkner; Women's Fellowship: Pat Kirkner.

Fundraising: Vic Shanley; Community Garden.

Exchange of views for the purpose of exploring a subject

Chris Haak suggested three topics for discussion: 1) Fundraising; 2) Trinity Community Engagement Coordinator; 3) Family Worship Service

Those in attendance were asked to partake in one discussion group, (choice was personal) limit the discussion to 15 minutes and then share ideas.

Fundraising: this remains an effective outreach program that increase our visibility in the city. Providing funding for church and an invitation to volunteer. First fundraiser may be in May.

Family Worship: reach out to family/ friends to attend our regular and especially our new family service. This service offers contemporary worship and praise music in a less formal setting with traditional gospel message.

Community Engagement: Reevaluate and implement ministries, especially those prior to 2020. Prioritize the need for Community Engagement Manager.

Recognition to Reverend Sherry Deets. The congregation took a moment to recognize Rev. Sherry's commitment and continued hard work to shepherd our church through some very tough years. Thank you for the sacrifice you have made to ensure we grow spiritually, in the name of Jesus. (Round of applause)

Motion to adjourn 11:32

Respectfully submitted: Betty Sullivan

From the Rector



A journey is a common metaphor for life because it reminds us that the destination is not our only goal. It's about what happens along the way. In reflecting for this report, I realize that I began a new journey at Trinity in July of 2002 as Deacon-in-Charge, was ordained to the Priesthood in May of 2003 and became your Vicar. Eventually, Trinity became "self-supporting", in other words no longer receiving funding from the Diocese, and was then called your Rector. It has been twenty years! What a long and winding road, what a fulfilling and life-giving journey. We have weathered some storms together and celebrated many good times together. I am regularly amazed at Trinity's resilience.

We are always "on the road" and markers on the road, like an annual meeting, remind us to get out our road maps. We can gain wisdom by looking at the places of our hearts where we have traveled during the past year. As we look back over the journey, it is helpful to identify the places that blessed us, affirmed us, enlivened us, and enriched us. We also need to reflect on the situations that challenged us, tested us, discouraged us, or maybe even tried to destroy us.

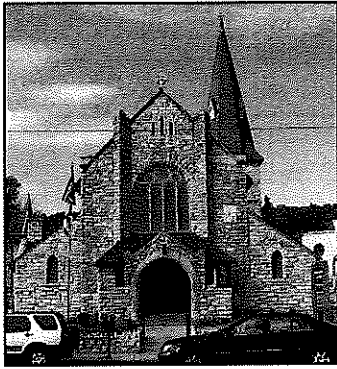
The Strategic Plan, which is updated annually at our Vestry retreats, is included in this packet. These recent years have challenged Trinity to grow by trying new things. This has led to the quarterly Youth Sundays, the exploration of contemporary music and to the hiring of a Community Engagement Coordinator as a practical way of fulfilling our vision of reaching out and serving our neighbors in Coatesville.

I look forward to another year of walking with all of you through this journey called life and continuing to discern how and where God may be calling us as a congregation. I am grateful for Trinity's support of Thistle Hills and it's mission to support women survivors of trafficking, prostitution and addiction as they transform their lives. Trinity is a dynamic, loving congregation, and I continue to be delighted to serve as Rector.

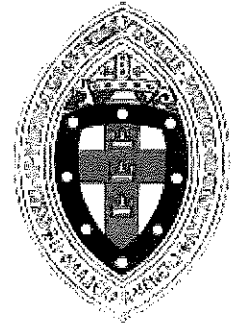
May we all be blessed on the road ahead as we continue to grow in grace and faith!

Shalom,

The Rev. Sherry Deets



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Strategic Plan 2021-2024

Mission Statement

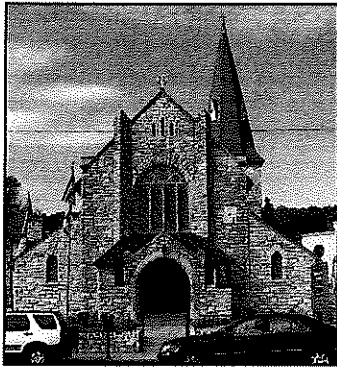
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Vision

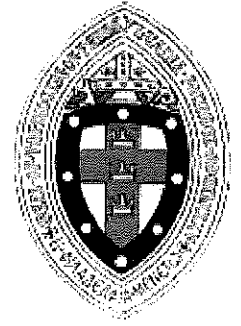
We wish to be seen in the community as a vital contributor to the general welfare of the Coatesville community, as well as a Christ-centered house of worship. To reach this vision, we seek to reach out and serve our neighbors in Coatesville, demonstrating the love of Christ through our actions.

Broad Three-year Goals

1. To support Thistle Hills in it's mission to transform the lives of women involved in trafficking, prostitution and addiction.
Leader: Sherry Deets
Target Date: Continuous
2. To explore and adopt ways to develop and/or enhance community outreach
Leader: To-be-determined
Target Date: June 2024
3. To be open to changing or adding to our worship patterns and improving our use of technological capabilities.
Leader: To-be-determined
Target Date: June 2023



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Strategic Plan
2021-2024

4. To improve the church's sustainable financial footing, making our budget stronger by continuing to raise personnel compensation to realistic levels, as well as other line items, and by starting to save towards property needs.
Leader: Finance Committee
Target Date: January 1, 2024

5. To maintain our liaison with the greater Coatesville revitalization program so as to provide spiritual connections and support.
Leader: Tom Swett and Dennis Dantzler
Target Date: Through 2024

6. To provide awareness of Planned Giving opportunities to our membership.
Leader: Vestry
Target Date: June 2023

7. Strategic Plan Review and Revision: This strategic plan will be reviewed and revised as needed each year by the Vestry at the annual Vestry Retreat. Throughout the year, the Vestry welcomes suggestions and comments on the Strategic Plan from the members of our congregation.
Leader: Sherry Deets
Target Date: June of each year

Senior Warden's Report Annual Meeting – March 2023

I consider it a blessing to have been asked to serve Trinity as its senior warden. My role, serving at the pleasure of the rector, is to be a support person for her. I view myself as a sounding board for both Sherry and my fellow congregants. As always, if any members would like to speak with me about concerns, questions, or ideas they may have, I am always happy to chat!

Looking back on 2022, we have so many things to be thankful for. We have fully reopened and gotten back to many of the in-person activities we enjoyed in the past. Among my favorites are Breakfast with Santa and our second annual Rally Day event at the Bentley property.

Last year, we added to our staff with our first Community Coordinator, Liz Hulse. Liz has been doing an excellent job of outreach to our neighbors in Coatesville, helping our community mission by making connections between Trinity and other organizations in the city. One early success was us providing Christmas gift bags for our neighbors at Coatesville Towers.

In November, we reformatted the monthly family service into a quarterly youth service. At our first one, we had several talented young musicians playing saxophone, trombone, euphonium, and violin for us. The highlight is surely the performances from our youngest members, though, under Donna Fleck's guidance. Nothing makes me smile more than hearing young voices in church!

We've welcomed new members and lost some longtime members. Such is the cycle of life in a living congregation, but I treasure every new relationship as well as every memory I have of friends who have moved away or have passed on. One longtime friend whom we'll miss this year is Deacon Joan Wylie, who is now enjoying a well-deserved retirement from many years of serving Trinity as our deacon.

We are fortunate to have the opportunity to livestream our services on Facebook every Sunday, bringing Trinity's worship and Sherry's inspired weekly message to friends who are unable to leave home, or who have moved out of the local area. For members who don't live too far away and are able to come in person from time to time, we would love to welcome you inside the red doors and join you in fellowship.

None of us knows what is in store for Trinity in 2023 – but one thing I'm confident of is that we will have another thriving year serving Jesus and the people of Coatesville, having fun and loving one another as we do it. Thank you all for sharing your spiritual journeys with me.

Respectfully submitted,
Chris Haak

TRINITY ANNUAL MEETING 2023 TREASURER'S REPORT

Trinity had another sound financial year in 2022. The operating fund ended the year with a net gain of \$11,210. The factors contributing to this gain were a very robust use of Stone Hall, higher than budgeted investment income, and lower than budgeted deacon and community coordinator expenses.

The building improvement fund got a big infusion of funds in 2022 as a result of a large insurance payment to reimburse Trinity for Hurricane Ida damage. Much of that money is unspent as we collect bids and assess priorities. We also received two sizable grants from the Stewart Huston Trust. Reverend Sherry deserves the majority of the credit for all the above. Trinity did not have any major building projects in 2022 but did repair the stucco around the columbarium, begin waterproofing the basement and incur a few other minor expenses.

Trinity investments in the Church Foundation Mutual Fund took a hit in 2022 as the stock market descended. But the church has enough liquid investments to weather this type of fluctuation. As interest rates rise, we hope to be able to once again earn some income on our liquid investments.

Thanks to generous pledging for 2023, we produced a balanced budget. Please take the time to look over the budgets and statements that follow. Let me know if you have any questions now or at any point during the year.

Minnie Kirwin, Treasurer

TRINITY BALANCE SHEET

	1/1/2022	12/31/2022
ASSETS		
	66,786	218,380
Checking	22,845	23,185
Fidelity Money Market	6,504	6,510
SCRIP Checking	520,857	423,898
Investments	221,232	176,368
Restricted Investments, St. Cyrils	2,000,000	2,000,000
Church Building	307,000	307,000
Furnishings	3,145,224	3,155,341
TOTAL ASSETS		
LIABILITIES AND FUNDS		
Operating Fund	13,802	25,052
Building Improvement Fund	0	142,300
Bear Fund	53	-2
SCRIP Fund	6,504	6,509
Music Improvement Fund	3,784	2,691
Memorial Fund	1,050	1,150
Columbarium Fund	6,395	7,555
Rector Discretionary Fund	4,341	3,410
Deacon Discretionary Fund	871	871
Thistle Hills Fund	0	68
Fundraising Fund	5,391	6,708
Laundry Love Fund	3,783	4,173
Community Garden Fund	261	576
Funeral Receptions Fund	226	226
Vet Breakfast Fund	6,526	5,272
Mission Program Fund	75	115
Endowment St. Cyril's	8,184	6,146
Special Fund (In & Out)	12,065	12,070
Fidelity Money Market Fund	23,297	23,185
Prosper Bank Stock	10,000	13,630
Church Foundation Mutual Fund 1	235,741	187,935
Church Foundation Mutual Fund 2	275,116	222,333
St. Cyril's Church Foundation Fund	221,231	176,368
Building Equity Fund	2,000,000	2,000,000
Furnishings Equity Fund	307,000	307,000
TOTAL FUNDS AND LIABILITIES	3,145,224	3,155,341

	2022 BUDGET	2022 ACTUAL	2023 BUDGET
OPERATING FUND INCOME			
Pledges	145,264	145,943	149,634
Loose Offering	1,000	1,545	1,200
Special Envelopes	2,800	2,266	3,100
Parish Organizations	2,000	0	2,000
Scrip Proceeds	2,000	0	2,000
Altar Flowers	3,000	3,726	3,200
Investment Income	21,000	24,402	23,500
Misc. Income	600	516	3,400
Building Cost Sharing	8,000	16,200	14,000
Nonpledge Donations	5,000	6,060	2,800
TOTAL OPERATING FUND INCOME	190,644	200,658	204,834
OPERATING FUND EXPENSES			
PERSONNEL			
Rector Salary & Travel	82,483	83,805	88,566
Supply Clergy	800	0	800
Rector Pension	14,667	15,055	15,762
Rector Dental Insurance	925	921	1,200
Deacon Expense	2,000	0	0
Organist Services	17,350	17,000	18,050
Parish Administrator Salary	8,060	8,058	8,320
Community Coordinator Salary	4,966	1,584	7,500
Event Coordinator	2,000	1,850	2,000
Custodian Salary	800	1,475	2,400
FICA/MEDICARE	1,917	2,038	2,564
Misc. Personnel	1,600	1,837	1,400
PERSONNEL TOTAL	137,568	133,623	148,562
ADMINISTRATIVE			
Office Supplies	500	970	800
Office Equipment	1,450	756	1,000
Telephone	1,950	1,946	1,600
Advertising	500	125	500
Internet	1,548	1,517	1,900
Technology	1,450	1,536	1,600
Postage	700	609	800
Payroll Services	535	595	675
TOTAL ADMINISTRATIVE	8,633	8,054	8,875

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Children's Ministries	200	0	200
Youth Ministries	150	0	150
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION TOTAL	350	0	350

PROPERTY

General Maintenance	4,750	7,762	4,750
Trash Removal	600	578	600
Snow Removal	350	160	350
Comprehensive Insurance	8,000	7,501	8,500
Custodial Services	4,050	3,720	4,050
Custodial Supplies	300	70	250
Alarm System	336	672	350
Gas Heat	5,500	4,190	5,500
Electricity	3,000	3,955	4,200
Water/Sewer	1,000	969	1,000
PROPERTY TOTAL	27,886	29,577	29,550

WORSHIP

Altar Guild	350	485	450
Altar Flowers	3,000	3,502	3,200
Music	0	0	0
Special Guest Speakers	1,000	385	1,000
TOTAL WORSHIP	4,350	4,372	4,650

OUTREACH

Diocesan Giving	10,877	10,413	11,747
Brandywine Deanery	50	50	50
ECS	100	100	100
TOTAL OUTREACH	11,027	10,563	11,897

MISC. EXPENSES

Stewardship	200	0	200
Misc. Ministry	650	3,259	750
TOTAL MISC.	850	3,259	950

TOTAL EXPENSES	190,664	189,448	204,834
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NET INCOME (LOSS)	0	11,210	0
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BUILDING IMPROVEMENT FUND
2022 ACTIVITY

Beginning Balance 1/1/22	\$0
Income	
Insurance payment from flood damage	\$109,988
Stewart Huston Trust	45,000
Misc. donation	450
Total Income	\$155,438
Expenses	
Columbarium wall stucco repair	\$6,340
Basement waterproofing	4,900
Sump pumps	769
Episcopal sign	679
Computer	450
Total Expenses	\$13,138
Ending Balance 12/31/2022	\$142,300

Altar Guild

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our faithful staff for their dedicated services for 2022. At times, we worked very short. Thanks to the help of our congregation, we were able to perform our duties. The sanctuary was ready every Sunday, a few funerals, a baptism and especially at Easter and Christmas.

I also would like to thank all who donated memorial flowers in honor of their loved ones at Easter and Christmas, which made our sanctuary a beautiful place to be and see on live stream.

Thanks to Pat and Joe Kirkner, Joe Lee and Dennis Dantzler, who were the clean-up crew after Christmas. Their help was very much appreciated.

Again, thanks to all

Peace,

Nora Bush

Choir

As we open this new year of 2023, we acknowledge that in 2022, the choir has made a great comeback from the pandemic and fully back on its feet. With 3 sopranos, 1 half-alto (me, Rachel), 2 tenors, and 4 basses, the Trinity choir makes an unending praise together. Anthems are presented every week and various hymns are sung with the congregation. What a joy it is to be able to sing altogether again!

We continue to seek volunteers who would like to partake in the choir: no need to read music, just be able to match pitch and we got you! The Trinity choir practices every Sunday at 8:30am and it does not need to be a weekly commitment. If anybody would like to come and sing with us, the door is always open. If there is an anthem or a hymn that you would like to hear from the choir, I am always happy to listen to your suggestions.

The Trinity choir looks forward to another year full of music in 2023. We hope that our music delivers a valuable message to the Trinity every week.

Best,

Rachel Lee Anemone
Choirmaster

WORSHIP

READERS & SERVERS

It seems to be at the point where the congregation is more attentive to the readings, anxious to hear the varying interpretations as offered by the individual readers. There's nothing quite so uninspiring as a monotonic and blah interpretation of Scripture that offers no takeaway once the reader has left the lectern.

I'm privileged to be part of a cadre of folks who are quick to say that they enjoy standing before the congregation each week, presenting their own style when announcing the Word of God or eliciting the congregation's response in the lyrical Psalms or offering up various intentions in Prayers of the People. Please join me in recognizing our readers, including a couple of additions to the ranks this year.....

Minnie Kirwin

Greg Bentley

Chris Haak

Bill Terry

Tom Swett

Seth Haak

Betty Sullivan

Erika Haak

Deborah Murray

Paula Costello

Last Sunday, we closed our Service with a favorite at Trinity.....*Lift High the Cross*. Special thanks to those who answer the call to do this each Sunday.....

Pat Kirkner

Al Carey

Seth Haak

Sam Haak

On behalf of the Trinity family, your time, effort and talents are deeply appreciated as you contribute so much to the Trinity experience!

Respectfully submitted,

Vic Shanley

Co-Chmn., Worship Committee

FUNDRAISING

In last year's Annual Report, I suggested that we wanted "to ratchet it up in 2022" regarding fundraising events. For whatever reasons, that didn't happen and we actually cut back a bit of our own volition in deeming some events non-profitable relative to the effort and cost.

However, Team Fundraising was hard at work carrying out the signature *Trinity Annual Chicken BBQ*, *Coatesville Vintage Car Gran Prix* and *Breakfast With Santa*....back in Stone Hall after a two year covid-induced outdoor/To-Go stint. At the end of the day, the generosity of the Trinity family and the community contributed north of \$1,300 to the lifeblood of Trinity. For this, we are most grateful.

Often, the bulb will light up in our head and an idea is born. Such may be the case regarding fundraising events. If your bulb lights up and you've got a great idea, please reach out to Pat Kirkner, Donna Fleck or myself and let's kick it around. It could result in your idea raising much needed funds for the welfare of our church.

Finally, no event is possible without a lot of thought, time and work given by some very dedicated and selfless members of Trinity. There are many to recognize, and you know who you are. And I urge all Trinity members who have attended any of our events to join me in thanking those folks who are committed to making things happen, all for the benefit of Trinity.

Thank you, Team!

Respectfully submitted,

Vic Shanley

Chmn., Fundraising Comm.



VETERANS BRUNCH ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2022

Sunday, March 19, 2023

2022 saw the VA Medical Center still under restrictions for attending off-campus events. So the February, March, April and May brunches were prepared as takeout meals and delivered to the VA. We averaged 60 meals per month.

Our dedicated volunteers prepared and packaged and delivered hearty meals by 12:30 pm on the last Sunday of each of these months. The love and concern of everyone was evident and displayed each month with enthusiastic efforts.

In July, we had a cookout at Trinity!! A return to inhouse brunches; yay. But only 12 veterans were able to attend. The remaining months of 2022 saw our need to repeatedly cancel the monthly brunch.

In January 2023 we completed our last takeout meal to 55 veterans. This outreach program has now been suspended until further review. Many questions need to be asked and answered by Trinity members....how can we better honor our veterans? Do we need to refocus our outreach to other community groups? We are a small congregation, but the efforts we contribute are enormous; where should we direct our energies and love?

God Bless our Veterans; God Bless our members; and God Bless America.

Respectfully submitted,

Joe Kirkner, Brunch Coordinator

IT'S OUR DAY!



WOMEN'S GROUP ANNUAL REPORT

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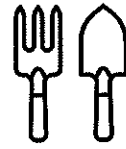
The Women's Group has not met since pre-2020 days. We continue to help the Fundraising Committee with the annual Chicken BBQ and Breakfast with Santa. Connections and calls for volunteers are accomplished through emails, phone calls and text.

The last of the monies in our treasury was spent to buy a new thurifer for incense use during special church services; and a few kitchen and altar guild items. In December we asked our parishioners to consider donating several items needed by the kitchen. This was done via a 'gift' tree, and all 'gift' requests were adopted and delivered to Trinity by Epiphany. Thank you to all for your generous support.

I'd like to use this report, and April's Trinity Topics to extend an invitation. I hope to spend a Lenten "retreat" day at Trinity polishing the brass kneeling rail. I have picked Wednesday of Holy Week for this. The date is April 5th. My start time will be 10:00 am. Won't you join me? If enough members could join in, we could return the shine to this historical portion of our beloved church and maybe shine some other areas...all while sharing and laughing. Maybe this will prove to be the start of a monthly social and fellowship gathering?

God Bless all in their daily struggles and loving efforts. Remember that a Trinity 'sister' is just a phone call away.

Respectfully, Pat Kirkner



Community Garden

The Coatesville Community Garden continues to be well utilized by our friends and neighbors. The garden has been a place to connect with others and we had almost all 35 beds assigned to individuals, families and organizations in Coatesville for their growing pleasure. The Chester County Food Bank is a necessary partner and deserves a huge amount of thanks for all they do to assist us and all gardeners in their gardening efforts throughout the growing season.

FROM THE PARISH OFFICE

It has been my pleasure to serve as the Parish Administrator for the past seven years. I thoroughly enjoy being a part of the Trinity family.

The members, who I have met and have contact with, continue to be kind and resourceful. I appreciate your consistent efforts with submitting articles for Trinity Topics and all other church events.

My office hours are Monday-Thursday from 5:30 pm to 8:00 pm. Feel free to call or email anytime.

I would like to again express my sincerest gratitude to Rev. Sherry and all members of Vestry for fostering a pleasant work environment.

Respectfully submitted,

Jamoca Harkins, Parish Administrator

Milestones~ 2022

Burials

Ruth Gardiner

Marriages

No marriages this year

Baptisms

McKinley White

Adeline Grace Hamburg

Wesley Gordon Hamburg