

Trinity Topics

From the Rector's Desk . . .

By the Reverend Sherry Deets

Dear Friends,
This month I share some prayers with you. This one, from St. Francis de Sales is one that I keep in my wallet.

Do not look forward to what might happen tomorrow; the same Everlasting Father who cares for you today, will take care of you tomorrow and every day. Either he will shield you from suffering or He will give you unfailing strength to bear it. Be at peace, then, and put aside all anxious thoughts and imaginings.

And a prayer for the Evening adapted from a Dinka prayer, Sudan:

In the Evening

*The Sun has set,
I sit and rest my weary body,
and think of you.
Give my body peace.
Let my legs and arms stop aching.
Let me head stop thinking.
Let me sleep in your arms.*

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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 Meeting

Sunday, February 19th at 11 a.m.

Our next scheduled Vestry meeting will be held Sunday, February 19th at 11 a.m. in Stone Hall.

Ash Wednesday Services

February 22 at Noon and 7 p.m.

The Ash Wednesday liturgy will occur on February 22 at Noon (no music) and at 7 p.m. with Music in the Sanctuary. The 7 p.m. service will also be live streamed. This is a moving liturgy and sets the tone for the church season and spirituality of Lent. Lent is a time of repentance - a word which means "to return". It is a yearly reminder of the daily call to come home to God.

Volunteer Drivers Needed for Thistle Hills

Our ladies at Thistle Hills are regularly in need of rides to various medical appointments, grocery stores and 12-step meetings. If you are looking for a meaningful way to volunteer some time, please speak to Pastor Sherry about this opportunity to serve. Thistle Hills is offering to give a stipend to cover gas expenses. Even just one day a week or month will be helpful!



SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER BUFFET

Episcopal Church of the Trinity, 323 E. Lincoln Hwy. Coatesville

Join us on Tuesday, 2/21, for pancakes, sausage, juices, and homemade desserts.

Come anytime from 6:00 to 7:30 pm.

Cost = \$5.00 for adults; \$2.50 for children ages 4-10; and free for children 3 and under.



VETERANS BRUNCH 1/29/23

After a considerable number of cancellations and rescheduling of our monthly brunch, we held our most recent brunch on 1/29/23 by preparing, boxing and delivering 55 meals to our veterans at the Coatesville Medical Center. A special heartfelt thanks goes out to our 22 volunteers who came out and helped prepare a delicious meal of breaded chicken, homemade mac-n-cheese, black beans with salsa, hash browns, sausage gravy and biscuit, various desserts, fruit cups and snack crackers.

As announced, our monthly brunch will change to a quarterly basis or for special occasions or events. Our events may have changed, but our members' willingness to support this worthy outreach program will never change. God Bless our Veterans, our members and God Bless America.

Joe Kirkner, Brunch spokesperson

Engaging in Community

The Trinity vestry has welcomed me warmly and I am so appreciative of the opportunity to serve as Trinity's Community Engagement Coordinator. My name is Liz Hulse and for those of you that I have not met yet, I wanted to write this article to introduce myself. What does that (Community Engagement Coordinator) mean? Of course, Trinity is already connected to its surrounding community in many wonderful ways so what is new here? I see my role as working to strengthen those connections by attending community meetings and by building relationships with residents and organizations of Greater Coatesville.

I've begun by getting to know the directors at organizations such as Life Transforming Ministries, Bridge Academy, the V.A., and the Coatesville Youth Initiative which hosts a once-a-month Community Coalition

meeting. All community members are welcomed to this coalition meeting. Please let me know if you would like to go with me. I also attended a series of Alliance for Health Equity meetings held in November and December. The Alliance is seeking community member input to help in its aim to address health inequities and remove barriers to health services. Please let me know if you would like to go together, or if you have comments you would like me to bring to the meetings. There are future Alliance meetings planned in the upcoming months. I am excited about all that I am learning and discovering about the resources, opportunities, and potential of the Coatesville community as well as enjoying the people and the fun of working together!

After I attended a Coatesville Area Resource Network meeting (C.A.R.N.), Lakia Toney, resident service coordinator at the Towers who saw me there, contacted me to ask if Trinity could provide 12 Christmas gift bags to our neighbors at the Towers. The Vestry agreed, the congregation stepped up to the plate, and Trinity provided 12 beautiful Christmas gift bags (including an invitation to our Christmas Eve service) to residents of the Towers right next door! Many thanks to all who participated!!

In summary, I am here to serve you, so please let me know how I can be helpful. If you are interested in volunteering, there is a wide variety of opportunities, such as English tutoring, helping children with homework, helping with home repairs, plus many other types of volunteer work. I can help you find the right fit for you. If you are in need of services, I could help you seek the resources you need. I also value your ideas for community connections so please contact me at liztrinity323@gmail.com with any questions or suggestions. You can also call the church office at 610-384-4771 and leave a message. Thank you, Trinity family, for such a warm welcome to me in this new role!



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| Aaron Bruce | 3-Feb |
| Violet Armstead | 9-Feb |
| Michael Magness | 10-Feb |
| Andrew Bentley | 13-Feb |
| Martha Rutledge | 14-Feb |
| Patricia Hendricks | 17-Feb |
| Vic Shanley III | 20-Feb |
| Patricia Vogt | 22-Feb |
| Jamoca Harkins | 25-Feb |
| Kent Nation | 26-Feb |
| Laverne Cheatham | 27-Feb |

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| Craig & Nicole McGovern | 22-Feb |
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February 2023

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| | | | | Noon Healing Service via Zoom | | |
| 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 |
| Youth Sunday SH Rented | | | | Noon Healing Service via Zoom | | |
| 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 |
| Trinity Tea | | | | Noon Healing Service via Zoom | | SH Rented |
| 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 |
| Vestry Mtg. 11AM SH Rented | President's Day | Shrove Tuesday 6PM | Ash Wed Noon & 7PM Service | Noon Healing Service via Zoom | Kitchen Rented | SH Rented |
| 26 | 27 | 28 | | | | |
| Vet Brunch | | | | | | |



Readers, Servers and Greeters for February 2023

| Date | Readers | Psalm | Prayers |
|------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| 2/5 | Deborah Murray | Paula Costello | Erika Haak |
| 2/12 | Tom Swett | Chris Haak | Betty Sullivan |
| 2/19 | Minnie Kirwin | Bill Terry | Greg Bentley |
| 2/26 | Seth Haak | Vic Shanley | Paula Costello |

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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: 130-430pm

**THE EPISCOPAL
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**Church School
Sundays 9:15 AM**