

CHURCH OF THE TRINITY
323 East Lincoln Highway
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Trinity Topics

From the Rector's Desk . . .

By the Reverend Sherry Deets

Dear Friends,

This October sharing is from Joyce Rupp's book *May I Have This Dance?: An invitation to faithful prayer throughout the year.*

Instruments of God

A small, wooden flute,
an empty hollow reed,
rests in her silent hand.

It awaits the breath
of one who creates song
through its open form.

My often-empty life
rests in the hand of God;
like the hollowed flute,
it yearns for the melody
which only Breath can give.

The small, wooden flute and I,
we need the one who breathes,
we await one who makes melody:
and the one whose touch creates,
awaits our empty, ordinary forms,
so that the song-starved world
may be fed with golden melodies

--Joyce Rupp

I cannot make the melody of God happen by myself. Just as a flute needs someone's breath in order to have musical life, so too, I

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need God to breathe a melody of goodness through me as I go about my busy days. I must be receptive if God's song is to be sung through me.

Imagine how differently we might live our lives if, each day when we awakened, we envisioned ourselves as an instrument of God. We would know each day that we were not alone. We would draw comfort and joy from the divine musician making a melody of goodness with our gifts and talents.

We would know that God's understanding and compassion were being sung through us when we were with people who were sick or troubled. In our place of work, we would sense Divine guidance and wisdom begin played through our tasks. In the grocery store, we would be aware of God's quieting presence playing a song of harmony amid the rush of shoppers. At lunch, we would hear the song of God's companionship. We would remember to be the music of God's patience in trying to discipline unruly children. When listening to the painful story of someone with many struggles, we would find God's kindness being played through our own listening hearts.

During the month of October, you are invited to be an instrument of God's goodness. Develop your awareness each day of how God makes music through you. Discover anew how Divine love touches others' lives because of your availability and openness to the divine musician's presence. Enjoy the song that God plays through you.

Reflect upon your life as an instrument of God. What kind of instrument would you be? A flute, a piano, a drum, a violin, a clarinet? What draws you to see yourself in this way? What kind of music is God playing in your life now? A golden oldie, a spirited march, a dissonant piece, a dirge, a lullaby, a rock song, a ballad? What song title sums up the way God has been a part of your life? At the end of each day, pause and reflect on the kind of music that played through your life. You may want to record this so you can have an overview at the end of the month. You may see a significant pattern in the music that you hear.

Congregational Forum
Sunday, October 1 during coffee hour

Join us for a special congregational forum during coffee hour with special guests, Amber Little-Turner, of 2nd Century Alliance and Roberta Cosentino, Asst. City Manager. Hear about all that is happening in downtown Coatesville. This is a great opportunity to ask questions. Join us!

The Jazz Sanctuary
Wednesday, October 4, at 7pm at St. Francis-in-the-Fields

St. Francis will host *The Jazz Sanctuary* and their live concert ensemble. This is a free event, but donations will be encouraged. All proceeds beyond expenses will go to support the ministry of **Thistle Hills** in Coatesville. Light snacks and drinks, including wine, will be served.

Weekday Bible Study Group
Resumes Wednesday, October 4 at 7 p.m.

Please join us as we continue to learn how to read and interpret the Bible and make it a part of our devotional life as Episcopalians and Christians. Facilitator: The Rev. Daniel Hinkle, retired Priest

2 Required Texts:

1. "A More Christlike Word: Reading Scripture the Emmaus Way" by Bradley Jersak. He is the Dean of Theology & Culture at St. Stephen's University in New Brunswick, Canada. You can purchase a Paperback copy of this text from Amazon.com for \$24.99, or an online version for Kindle for \$18.99.

2. Bring your favorite Bible. "A Bible, preferably one that includes the Apocrypha."

"The New Oxford Annotated Bible: New Revised Standard Version with the Apocrypha" is recommended. A Paperback copy of the recommended Bible can be purchased from Amazon.com for \$39.49, or an online version for Kindle for \$9.90.

Synopsis: Here is the synopsis of the text and study:

"The Scriptures are an essential aspect of the Christian faith. But we have often equated them with the living Word Himself, even elevating them above the One to whom they point. In doing so, we have distorted their central message and our view of God. Tragically, this has caused multitudes of people unnecessary doubt, confusion, and pain in their encounters with the Scriptures... Your journey on the Emmaus Way will open up to you the fullness of the Scriptures, and, most important, lead you to the God who deeply loves and welcomes you."

(From Amazon.com)

Homework for October 4: Read Gospel of Luke through chapter 7. Read “A More Christlike Word” through Part 1, chapter 8.

Healing Service via Zoom Thursdays at Noon

We continue to offer a Healing Service via Zoom on Thursdays at Noon. (No healing service on October 5) 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.

Calling together a Mural Committee

At our last Vestry meeting it was agreed that we might explore the possibility of a mural on the exterior wall of Stone Hall (the East wall next to the Towers). It needs some updating with paint and we thought why not take this opportunity to showcase a mural for our Coatesville community to enjoy. Shanina Dionna (an artist from Coatesville – www.shaninadionna.com) has graciously agreed to paint the mural for us. Vestry would like a small committee to get together with Shanina and discuss what the mural would look like. Any who are interested, please contact the church office 610-384-4771 (leave a message if no answer) or speak to Pastor Sherry.

Pastor Sherry on Vacation

Pastor Sherry Deets will be on vacation beginning Monday, October 2 through Monday, October 9, returning to the office on Tuesday, October 10th.

Diocesan Convention

Our Diocesan Convention will take place on Friday, October 20 (Opening Eucharist in the evening) and Saturday, October 21st.

Thistle Hills
Join us for our second annual fundraising dinner!

When: Thursday, November 2nd, 5:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Where: Episcopal Church of the Advent, 401 N. Union Street, Kennett Square, PA 19348

What: Dinner, Presentation(s) and Silent Auction!

Presentations:

Hear from Thistle Hills residents

Experience a Sound Bath

(short demonstration with Crystal Singing Bowls)

Silent Auction gift baskets of various themes also available to bid on throughout the evening. Thistle Hills pottery, created with love, will also be available for purchase! Start your Christmas shopping early. Chef prepared dinner.

Cost: \$100 per person

Please go to Thistle Hills website to register – www.thistlehills.org

2023 Trinity Finances

I am humbled by the generosity of Trinity parishioners and am mindful that a pledge is an intent to give, but in no way binding. That being said, Trinity's operating fund showed a bit of a deficit year-to-date at the end of August. This is a gentle reminder for Trinity parishioners to become current with their pledges if they are able.

Thanks so much, Minnie Kirwin, Treasurer

Trinity and our Community from Liz Hulse

As Trinity's Outreach Coordinator, I attend various community meetings and talk with many people in the Coatesville area. I would like to let you know how the church is contributing to the community, and some ways you may want to get connected. I would also like to help if you are looking for services or volunteer opportunities. If you have questions or suggestions, please email me at liztrinity323@gmail.com or call the church office and ask for Liz at 610-384-4771.

One way Trinity is offering care and support in our community is through the Veteran's Caregiver Support office of the V.A. We have opened our fellowship hall to them for 2 events for caregivers, one on June 15th and one Sept. 28. The opportunity to have a few hours of respite is so beneficial for them!

Volunteer Opportunities in the Community: I am meeting representatives from a variety of agencies that could use volunteers. If you have a few hours to give let me know and I would be happy to help you find the right fit for you

Social Services: where to get help in a crisis

Suicide Prevention Lifeline 9-8-8

Chester Co, Crisis Intervention Hotline: 610-280-3270

Trainings available in mental health first aid:

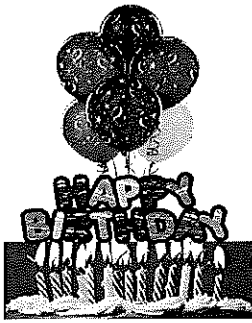
<https://chestercountysuicideprevention.com/index.php/trainings/>

YMCA is offering lots of fun and healthy programs for all ages. Contact Christian Christopher at 610-380-9622 x 2426 or view website <https://www.ymca.org/locations/brandywine-ymca>

Brandywine Valley Active Aging center (formerly known as the Coatesville Senior Center: October 6th I will be meeting with Erica Sanchez, Activities Coordinator, to help connect Trinity to seniors in our area.

How to finance college: Open Hearth will have an online workshop on 10/25 6-8pm
Call Tel: [610-792-9282](tel:610-792-9282) for details.

This is just a short snapshot of some of the growing relationships Trinity is building. Please contact me if I can be of further service to you.



Joseph Lee	1-Oct
India Cole	7-Oct
Joan Wylie	9-Oct
Craig McGovern	10-Oct
Linda Irwin	11-Oct
Seth Haak	13-Oct
Tom Hoffecker	13-Oct
Flora Rutledge	14-Oct
Evans Thompson	16-Oct
Sharon Squires	30-Oct

Stuart & Sherry Deets	8-Oct
Aaron & Mildred Bruce	21-Oct

Readers, Servers and Greeters for October 2023

Date	Readers	Psalm	Prayers
10/1	Minnie Kirwin	Paula Costello	Bill Terry
10/8	Vic Shanley	Seth Haak	Betty Sullivan
10/15	Pat Bush	Greg Bentley	Chris Haak
10/22	Tom Swett	Erika Haak	Deborah Murray
10/29	Vic Shanley	Bill Terry	Paula Costello



October 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Congregational Forum w/ Amber & Roberta 11AM	Sherry Away	AA 7PM ***** Sherry Away	Bible Study 7PM ***** St Francis in the Fields Jazz Sanctuary 7PM ***** Sherry Away	No Healing Service ***** Sherry Away	Sherry Away	SH Rented Sherry Away
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Rev Dan Hinkle- Guest Celebrant & Preacher ***** Sherry Away	Sherry Away	AA 7PM	Bible Study 7PM	Noon Healing Service via Zoom		SH Rented & Kitchen
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Vestry Meeting 11AM		AA 7PM	Bible Study 7PM	Noon Healing Service via Zoom		Diocesan Convention ***** SH Rented
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
		AA 7PM	Bible Study 7PM	Noon Healing Service via Zoom		SH Rented
29	30	31				
		AA 7PM				

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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-Thursday: 530PM-8PM

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Church School

Sundays 9:15 AM