



Trinity Topics

Spring is often a time for housekeeping: cleaning out those closets, emptying the garage, vacuuming the car. It's also a great time to do some soul-care and take care of the personal business we sometimes want to put off, like making a will or taking care of registering to vote!

In a world that feels so scary, we have the Easter hope that death is not the end. But that doesn't mean we won't die, or we don't have real responsibilities here on Earth. When I prepare people for baptism or marriage, I ask them if they have wills: one way we can take care of those we love even when we are not with them is to make sure we have our wills and other important directives in place.

These can be cost prohibitive, however, for people without unlimited means. Episcopal Legal Aid will be here on April 19 to help with that! In their "estate planning clinic" they will offer free wills and other important documents, like advanced directives. If you don't have one, please consider speaking with them after our regular service. Phil and I had our wills done by an organization that provides free wills to first responders and their spouses, alleviating the financial burden of hiring an attorney. What I thought would be scary was a simple process, and it brought us peace knowing that we could face death with our affairs in order.

In addition, the NAACP will be on hand that Sunday to help you register to vote. It's easy, quick, and your civic duty! We have so many prayers for civic life in the Book of Common Prayer because who we are as Christians matters everywhere we go: at home, at church, at the grocery store, and in the voting booth!

In the coming months, stay tuned as we roll out more education opportunities: we have a rich tradition that can guide us through every step of life, from how to live faithfully, live as Christians engaged in our larger community during times of civic challenges, prepare for joyful things like baptism and marriage, as well as harder things like health crisis and death. We are a people who rejoice in the Risen Christ, in good times and bad. And together, as a Christian community, we prepare each other for the challenges that lie ahead.

Faithfully,
Kristen

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COMMUNITY NEWS from LIZ HULSE

There is a lot going on at Trinity and in the community. First, Trinity was given a new AED machine through Penn Medicine. We will be having a training on **Sunday, June 7th after coffee hour** for Hands Only CPR + AED use and Narcan administration. If someone is experiencing cardiac arrest, seconds count. Narcan can save someone from dying from a drug overdose. Please plan to attend the training!

Community Engagement Opportunities:

On **April 16 6-7:30** at the Brandywine Center, 744 E. Lincoln Hwy, Coatesville. I (Liz) will be attending a Penn Medicine Community Health Advisory group meeting. Your input is strongly encouraged. Penn Medicine is interested to learn about our community health needs. Please join me that evening or let me know beforehand if there is information you would like me to present when I am there.

May 12 1pm-4:30 Faith & Wellness event at Trinity. This is an opportunity to connect church clergy and lay people with community resources for a variety of services from health to housing, etc.

Youth Engagement Opportunities:

We are making two significant connections with Coatesville Youth this year. We will have 2 students between 14-16 yrs old from Coatesville Youth Initiative's Service Corps program. They will be here Mon-Thurs, 9-3 for 8 weeks beginning **June 22nd**. It would be great if you have any time to mentor these young folks and introduce them to Trinity, especially this summer. Even part of one day, a morning or afternoon, would be a huge help. This is one way we can grow our church!

On **April 20th starting at 4pm** Kids to College will be helping with cleanup of Trinity's community gardens. Come and join the fun!

Health educational opportunities through Penn Medicine:

April 14th 6-7:30 Reversing Prediabetes on Zoom: Learn more about prediabetes. Most people don't know they have it. Get the tools to reduce your risk. Registration required, call 610-738-2300

April 22nd 6-7pm Bones & Joints: The Shoulder on Zoom: A board certified orthopedic surgeon will educate participants about surgical and non-surgical treatments for shoulder pain. You can register in advance to receive the link by calling 610-738-2300

If you have questions or need additional information, contact Liz Hulse at liztrinity323@gmail.com



The library is a community hub providing much needed services. Last month, the Youth Services programming department (organized by Erika Haak) hosted a magic show. Close to 100 children and adults attended! This record attendance speaks to the need and importance of this library and matches the library's mission to build community and enrich lives. In addition, patrons from other parts of the county bring their children to Coatesville's Storytime because of the inspirational teacher, Miss Pattie, who instills a love of books and reading to her young audience. Meanwhile, the library's outreach coordinator, Erin Berg, is busy every week providing off-site literacy programs to area day care centers, elementary schools, and the YMCA.

Throughout the month of April the library is selling raffle tickets for a 50/50 drawing. Tickets are available for sale at the library, on their [website](#) or at Trinity's coffee hour on April 19th.

For 2026, the library must raise \$48,000 in donations and fundraising efforts to supplement its operational expenses. Please support your local library!

Submitted by Pat Bush, Trinity vestry member and library treasurer



Evelyn Carey 2-Apr
 Gail Craven 4-Apr
 Diane Evans 7-Apr
 Stacey Heston 10-Apr
 Al Carey 11-Apr
 Robert Baynar 14-Apr
 Jodi Bakshas 15-Apr
 Barbara Combs 21-Apr
 Joshua Grubb 28-Apr

Meg & Dev Devereux 12-Apr
 BJ & Sarina Baynard 13-Apr
 Vic & Jacqueline Shanley 24-Apr

Readers, Servers and Greeters for April 2026

Date	First Readers	Psalm	Second Readers	Prayers
4/5	Greg Bentley	Minnie Kirwin	James Gaddy	Kent Nation
4/12	Paul Shidlowski	Erika Haak	Deborah Murray	Vic Shanley
4/19	Pat Bush	Chris Haak	Bill Terry	Greg Bentley
4/26	Minnie Kirwin	James Gaddy	Kent Nation	Paul Shidlowski

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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.**

Weekly Schedule:

**Holy Eucharist,
Sundays: 9:30 AM**

**Bible study, Mondays,
11:30-1 (bring a lunch)**

**Healing Service
Thursdays via Zoom:
12:00 PM**