

TRINITY TOPICS

JUNE-JULY 2026

Got any plans for this summer?

I keep getting asked that question.

The truth is that I don't: even if Trinity is busy and full of life, there is something about summer that encourages me to slow down and savor each minute of the day.

I think it is because, no matter what my summer plans are, summer is often a change of pace. Whether it is because of the weather or changes in the rhythms of family life, things just seem different in the summer.

Longer daylight hours and warmer weather means more chances to be outside with friends and neighbors, sit on the deck with my dogs, or putter in the yard. The kids are home from school - both a blessing and a challenge. Sometimes, we are able to get away from "normal" life and spend a day or a week at the beach or in a park, enjoying the season.

And God is in it all.

Summer is a time where our relationships and nature all seem to point at a loving God. God invites us to enjoy the sounds of the insects at night or kids playing in the street. God invites us to say hello to our neighbors on their porches in the evening. God invites us to take a walk and really breathe in the scent of honeysuckle.

God also is in each other: This is part of what Jesus taught us when he came to live and die like one of us. When we call someone we haven't seen in a while and ask how their summer is going, when we visit someone who can't make it to church, when we send a card or drop off altar flowers to someone who needs some cheering up, we honor the dignity of every human being. We get to see Jesus in others, and they get to see Jesus in us.

Whether you have elaborate summer plans, or plan to keep it simple this summer, remember that God is in it all. My challenge to you this summer is to look for ways to find Jesus in those around us and God in the summer season. Make a list. Keep tabs. Tell others. And remember: even if you are on vacation, God isn't! We got the AC on and have saved a spot for you on Sundays at 9:30 a.m. Can't wait to see you.

-Rev. Kristen

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FROM THE SENIOR WARDEN

Our Ongoing Transition Period

By Chris Haak

Can you believe that in August, it will have been a full year since Sherry retired from Trinity? This also means, of course, that Kristen's one-year anniversary serving as Trinity's Priest-in-Charge is coming this fall.

Kristen and her family have quickly become beloved members of our family, and it feels almost as if they've been here much longer than eight months. And yet, there are a few things that I would like you to keep in mind going forward about our relationship with Kristen. Namely, both Kristen and Trinity are in the process of discerning 1) whether to call her as rector, and 2) whether if we did, she would accept that call.

Trinity's vestry will participate in a retreat on June 20 with Canon Jane Gober, whom you may recall preached at Trinity last summer. Her job is to help parishes in transition, which we very much are. She helped us in coming to an agreement when we decided to call Kristen as our priest-in-charge and will likewise help us plan for a future in which we hopefully call Kristen as our permanent rector.

The work of transition is not easy. We have seen many changes over these past months, and many more are still to come. I ask you to continue to keep the same open minds that you have gracefully done in changing a few longstanding practices and embracing new ones. We won't grow and make the impact we need to on our Coatesville community if we continue the status quo.

A few things that I mentioned last week during announcements fall into these categories:

We now have a new virtual bookkeeper, and some accounting practices will be changing. One you may notice most immediately is that we will only provide annual giving statements going forward rather than quarterly. Those statements will only be provided to regular givers and those who have pledged. If you aren't sure whether you're current with your pledge, please call the office and leave a message requesting a current statement.

Kristen's sabbath day is Friday. Please hesitate before reaching out to her on a Friday for something that is not a true pastoral emergency (accident, death, serious illness, etc.). If you work a Monday-Friday job, calling Kristen on Friday is like your boss calling you on Sunday. If your matter is not a pastoral emergency, please leave a message on the office voicemail.

With Jamoca's resignation, we have a mix of amazing volunteers doing some administrative work in the office. However, we do not have professional administrative support, now or in the foreseeable future. The church office is closed on Fridays, so any non-pastoral care emergency requests will have to wait for another day. It may take a few days to get a call back.

Finally, I would like to share news that Minnie has asked to retire from her treasurer role in the coming months. She has had an amazing run – a steady and consistent hand on our financial assets, guiding us from being an aided parish and nearly closing to our current state of financial stability.

Please join me in thanking Minnie for all she has done for Trinity during her many years serving us – she's not quite done yet – but also join me in praying for wisdom and prudence as we select our next treasurer. If you have any suggestions, or are interested in the job yourself, please see Kristen or me. You don't need to have accounting experience, but you need some understanding of financial statements.

I have personally learned that the work of a parish transition is challenging. While I assumed we'd be "done" after our new priest's first Sunday, there remains much work to do (and, likewise, much to celebrate having already accomplished in just eight months). Thank you for continuing this journey with us, and with me.

Chris

ANNOUNCEMENTS



**COATESVILLE
FIRST FRIDAY
SERIES
2026 5PM-9PM**

1

MAY
FIRST FRIDAY FIESTA

5-6

JUNE
JUNETEENTH/STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL

3

JULY
HAPPY 250TH BDAY AMERICA

7

AUGUST
REGGAE & THE ARTS

4

SEPTEMBER
TASTE OF COATESVILLE

2

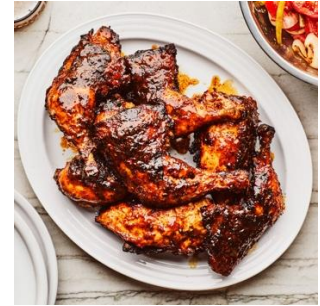
OCTOBER
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Chicken BBQ

By Pat Kirkner



Our Annual Chicken BBQ is fast approaching. Saturday, July 18th, will be the date this year. This is the largest fundraiser for Trinity, and we expect this year to be no exception. If you're new to Trinity and haven't experienced our chicken dinners, you are in for a culinary delight. You'll enjoy a complete dinner including a full Half Chicken (slathered with Al's "secret sauce"), Baked Potato, Corn on the Cob, Cole Slaw and Roll and Butter. Last year the dinners were \$16.00 each. We haven't determined this year's ticket price, yet. Your Fundraising Committee will do everything possible to keep prices down so we'll see what can be done. ALL proceeds benefit Trinity. So, mark your calendars now for Sat, July 18. Also, please consider volunteering for the various jobs that need done. See Pat Kirkner for more information.

READERS FOR JUNE/JULY 2026

Date	First Readers	Psalm	Second Readers	Prayers
6/7	Kent Nation	Paul Shidlowksi	Erika Haak	Vic Shanley
6/14	Deborah Murray	Pat Bush	Chris Haak	Bill Terry
6/21	Greg Bentley	Minnie Kirwin	James Gaddy	Kent Nation
6/28	Vic Shanley	Erika Haak	Paul Shidlowksi	Deborah Murray
7/5	Chris Haak	Bill Terry	James Gaddy	Pat Bush
7/12	Greg Bentley	Greg Kinsch	Minnie Kirwin	Deborah Murray
7/19	Kent Nation	Erika Haak	Paul Shidlowksi	Vic Shanley
7/26	Bill Terry	James Gaddy	Greg Bentley	Chris Haak

COMMUNITY NEWS

Engagement News

By Chris Haak



Penn Medicine Chester County generously provided a free lifesaving AED machine to Trinity in recent weeks. On June 7 after church, provided a free community training on both how to use an AED, how to perform compression only CPR, and how to use Narcan in an overdose.

Community Engagement Opportunities:

There will be a **Community Supper** in Stone Hall on Sunday, July 12, from 4:00 to 6:00 PM. More details, including volunteer opportunities, will be coming soon.

Trinity Paper Pantry Items Needed: We will be opening a paper pantry in July in the small room in the hallway between the sacristy and offices. The purpose of a paper pantry is to provide essential household paper goods and personal hygiene items that cannot be purchased with food stamps or government assistance. It bridges the gap for struggling individuals by supplying everyday necessities.

Items requested include women's disposable razors, laundry detergent, dog and cat food, kitchen sponges, toothpaste, body wash, shampoo, body wash, bar soap, paper towels, and two-ply toilet paper. Contact Rev. Kristen at the church office to arrange drop off or pickup!

Youth Engagement Opportunities:

We are making two significant connections with Coatesville Youth this year. We will have two students between 14-16 yrs old from Coatesville Youth Initiative's Service Corps program. They will be here Mon-Thurs, 9-3, for eight 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!

Announcements

Regular CYWA food bank commitment: See Kent N. if you would like to be part of our small but regular volunteer crew every other Thursday at the CYWA. ***Our next commitment is Thursday, July 9, 11:30-3 p.m.***

WANT PRAYER? Our prayer chain is ready! Place your request in the basket using the form on the credenza by the baptismal font. Give as little or as much information as you want: It is confidential.

Step/Sanctuary Sit and Tide Over Pantry: Did you know we need about 200 items a week for our tide over pantry? Can you help re-stock or sit in the sanctuary to meet the neighbors? It's easy, and a great way to serve our community. Ongoing needs: Items for Tide Over Pantry (shelf stable "complete" meals, shelf stable milk, bread, PB&J, cereal, canned meats and fish, hygiene items); clothes washing from our basement stock.

JUNE 2026 CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4	5	6
				Healing Service Zoom, 12PM Pantry Restock Day OA and EAA	Coatesville First Friday EAA	NA 10AM Stone Hall Rented
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
9:30 a.m. Worship NARCAN/AED Pantry Restock Day EAA	Kristen – Police Chaplain Training EAA	Kristen – Police Chaplain Training		Healing Service Zoom, 12PM CYWA w/ Kent OA and EAA	Stone Hall Rented (evening) EAA	NA 10AM Stone Hall Rented
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
9:30 a.m. Worship Pantry Restock In-Person Safe Church Stone Hall Rented EAA	Bible Study 11:30-1:00 Book of Common Prayer Basics 6- 7:30 EAA	AA 7PM		Healing Service Zoom, 12PM OA and EAA	EAA	NA 10AM Vestry Retreat 10-2
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
9:30 a.m. Worship Stone Hall Rented Pantry Restock Day EAA	Bible Study 11:30-1:00 Book of Common Prayer Basics 6- 7:30 EAA	AA 7PM Kristen Away The Ven. Phil Geliebter will handle on-call pastoral care until June 27 – number in parish email	Kristen Away	Kristen Away Healing Service, noon on Zoom OA and EAA	EAA	NA 10AM Stone Hall Rented
28	29	30				
9:30 a.m. Worship Stone Hall Rented Pantry Restock EAA	EAA	AA 7PM				

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Nicole McGovern	June 4
Deborah Murray	June 6
Laura Puma	June 6
Ian McGovern	June 7
Marshall Evans	June 9
Marion Kirwin	June 11
Jacob Furlong	June 13
Cailin Morris	June 15
Barbara Post	June 15
Paula Jennings	June 15
Cliff Gardiner	June 18
Tom Swett	June 18
Joseph Randolph	June 20
Julie Fredd	June 21
Tresa Washington	June 24
Clint Bush	June 27
Kimberly Stauffer	June 30

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

Caroline & Greg Bentley	June 6
Mary & Joseph Yevich	June 8
Kristen Ostendorf and Phillip Geliebter	June 10
Carl & Miranda Croft	June 14
Kim & Nick Stauffer	June 18
Erika & Chris Haak	June 21
Jamoca & Anthony Harkins	June 28
Robert & Caroline Dowling	June 30
Lance & Jezel Bush	June ??

COFFEE HOUR SCHEDULE

June 7	Karen & Mary
June 14	Laura & Buster
June 21	Violet Cole
June 28	Laura & Buster
July 5	AVAILABLE
July 12	Laura & Buster
July 19	Betty
July 26	AVAILABLE

JULY 2026 CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 Liz off	2 Healing Service Zoom, 12PM Liz off OA and EAA	3 Coatesville First Friday Liz off EAA	4 Independence Day Liz off 
5 9:30 a.m. Worship NARCAN/AED Pantry Restock Day Liz off EAA	6 Office Closed EAA	7 AA 7PM	8	9 Healing Service Zoom, 12PM CYWA w/ Kent OA and EAA	10 Stone Hall Rented (evening) EAA	11 NA 10AM Stone Hall Rented
12 9:30 a.m. Worship Pantry Restock Community Supper 4-6PM EAA	13 EAA	14 AA 7PM	15 Safe Church Training @ St. Francis, Malvern 5:00-8:00PM	16 Healing Service Zoom, 12PM OA and EAA	17 EAA	18 Trinity Chicken BBQ  NA 10 a.m.
19 9:30 a.m. Worship Pantry Restock Day EAA	20 EAA	21 AA 7PM	22	23 Healing Service Zoom, 12PM OA and EAA	24	25 NA 10AM Stone Hall Rented
26 9:30 a.m. Worship Pantry Restock Day EAA	27 EAA	28 AA 7PM	29	30 Healing Service Zoom, 12PM OA and EAA	31 EAA	

JULY BIRTHDAYS

Molly Beck	July 4
Peter Jennings	July 4
Scarlett Grubb	July 9
James Anderson	July 10
Kathy Terry	July 11
Violet Cole	July 14
Noreen Bush	July 19
Sara Smyth	July 23
Michael Crane-Grubb	July 23
Caitlin Hann	July 24
Lance Bush	July 27
Ellanore Hurd	July 29

JULY ANNIVERSARIES

Susan & John Petura	July 12
Greg & Karen Kinsch	July 19

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.