

TRINITY TOPICS

SEPTEMBER 2026

Ordinary Time

This time of the year, we are knee-deep in what is known in the liturgical calendar as “Ordinary Time.” Ordinary time, however, is extraordinary: some like to refer to it as the great, green growing season of the church! Our vestments and altar linens are green, and we share stories from sacred scripture of God’s people and how they built up the Body of Christ.

I was drawn to Trinity because it felt much like the church that raised me up for ordination: Large enough that maybe you didn’t know everyone well, but small enough that you knew everyone. Big enough to support a variety of ways of reaching out into the community, but small enough that we took care of each other, too. Not everyone always liked each other (we once had a significant emotional event when we tried to change the time of something by 30 minutes), but we did always love each other. And we tried. Really hard.

There is something really special about a place like that, and that’s why, a year ago, I accepted a call to be your priest-in-charge. We try to be the Body of Christ - to each other, and to the larger community.

That said, we are still considered a church in transition: we know each other better, but we are still figuring things out. We are growing in our Sunday attendance, and we are growing what we have to offer our community. People visit us and they often stick around - they like what they see, and they want to be a part of this praying, striving, loving community.

I was recently reading an article that noted a few things that growing Episcopal churches have in common:

- They follow up on visitors - not just the priest, but members of the church, too. This isn’t about a heavy hand, but making an opportunity for someone to ask questions and make a connection.
- They invite their friends to church

While I follow up with people after they visit us, it means so much more when someone feels like they were noticed by someone else in the

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pews. Creating a connection over a shared season in life or interest helps us build a community grounded in faith, but also stitched together in love.

This fall, I want to challenge each parish member to think of one person they can reach out to and make that call:

- Offer to call someone relatively new to us and try to connect. I can offer you some suggestions if you're nervous about talking to a stranger and pair you up with someone new who has similar interests to you.
- Call someone you have not seen in a while and invite them back home.
- Invite someone to one of our services that are more low-key if inviting someone on Sunday feels like too much.

Here are some upcoming services you can use to start that conversation:

- Rally Day is Sept. 20: This may be the perfect chance to tell someone who is part of the larger Trinity family you miss them and would love to see them there!
- We will honor First Responders on 9/27 at our 9:30 a.m. service. If you have a first responder in your life, bring them so we can thank them!
- Our animal blessing is on Oct. 4 from 4-5 p.m. Dogs, cats and other animal friends welcome – bring a human friend and their animal companion.
- Episcopal Legal Aid will visit us again on the evening of 10/11 from 4-5 p.m., with a supper served by St. Anne's Abington. Invite a friend to come help volunteer to host this event and join us for evening vespers after, or reach out to someone who may benefit from legal help with everything from estate planning to landlord-tenant disputes. It's a low-key way to connect, serve and pray together.

Trinity knows how to be the Body of Christ. I see it in all of you, in our struggles, in our joys, and in our prayers. Let's grow together this fall.

- Rev. Kristen

Back to [Sunday] School!

It's that time of year again- Back to School means Back to Sunday School! We have been working hard cleaning and organizing the rooms - now we are ready for some help decorating!!

Our first official Sunday School will be on September 13th ! We will be discussing participating in Rally Day and continue working on The Lord's Prayer. We also have a fun decorating activity planned too! Hope you can join us!

Sunday School is for children 6 and up!

We need to create a team of Sunday School leaders and, potentially, nursery workers. Do you have your clearances? Have you done Safe Church training? Please speak with Betty S. or Donna F. They are all our children!

- Betty Sullivan and Donna Fleck



Coatesville Library Turns 150!

Coatesville Library celebrated their 150th birthday with a community-focused afternoon of fun and giveaways. The parking lot was filled with families in line for face-painting, lemonade, cotton candy, games, school supplies, etc.

The "biggest" draw was the very talented woman on stilts. She was very patient helping the kids and some adults onto stilts so they could try to walk above ground. Having had 2 broken ankles from walking ON the ground, I refrained from trying to walk on stilts!

This event was a perfect reminder of the importance of the library to Coatesville. It is truly the heart of the community.

- Pat Bush



The SLOTH

Trinity's Jill Hayes is a talented actress who will be performing in a comedy "The Sloth" at a nearby location in October. She has offered to "save" tickets for church members who would be interested in attending.

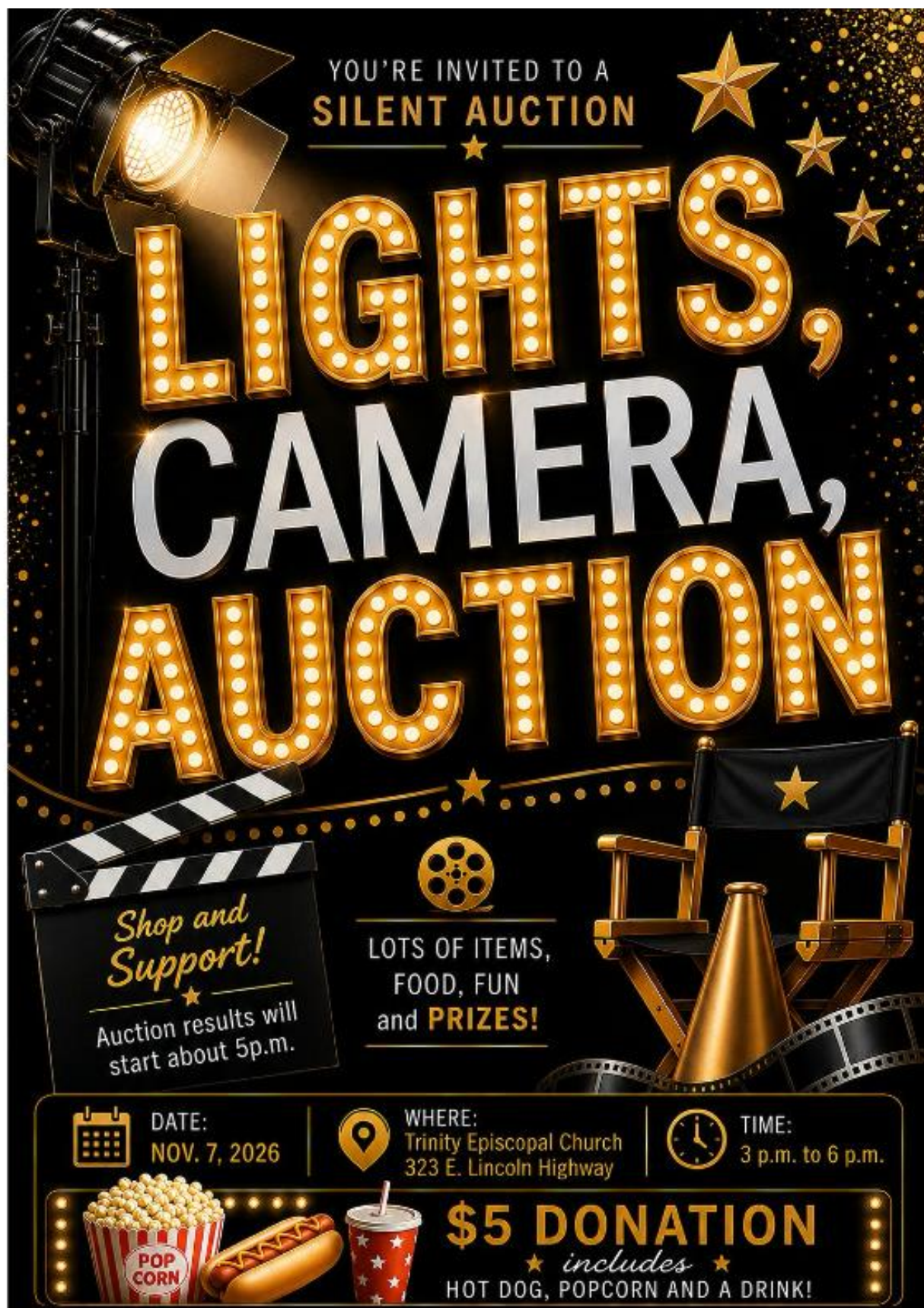
There is no cost for the tickets, a free will offering is optional at the end of the performance. Having seen the rehearsals, I can attest to the comedic nature of the show. Jill also uses her creative talents off stage with set design and wardrobe decisions. As our pastor noted, wouldn't it be great to go to the show as a group to illustrate the sense of community we have at Trinity! Contact Jill if you are interested in attending. The number of tickets for each performance are limited. The address of the performance is [180 Hulnick Rd, Coatesville.](#)



Show Times and Dates

Fridays October 9 and 16 @ 7:00 pm
Saturdays October 10 and 17 @ 7:00 pm
Sunday, October 11 @ 2:00 pm

Nadine Schitzle (played by Jill) faces a baffling situation: a sloth has taken up residence in her tree, and she is certain it is her husband, Herman. When her neighbor calls the local news, the story quickly becomes a sensation, drawing reporters, animal shelter officials, and even a psychiatrist from social services. Soon, no one is sure what to believe, from the judge deciding her competency to her minister. The fate of Herman, the sloth, hangs in the balance.



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TIME: 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

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2026 Trinity Rally Day at Runnymede

It's almost that time of year again for Trinity's Annual Rally Day at the Bentley home. This event grows every year, so mark your calendars for Sunday, September 20. We'll begin with a beautiful outdoor service at 10:30 AM, including the Blessing of the Backpacks—so have the kids bring theirs for Rev. Kristen's blessing as they start the new school year.

After worship, our friends at Triple Fresh Market & Doe Run Catering will provide a plentiful luncheon buffet. You won't leave hungry.

The afternoon will offer activities for all ages: swimming in the Bentley pool with a lifeguard on duty, a relaxing hayride through the farm with a stop to see the horses, fishing, and a few yard games. All of it set against the beauty of Runnymede—we're grateful to the Bentley family for their warm hospitality.



If you need directions, Joe Kirkner will lead a caravan from Trinity at 9:45 AM. Transportation can be arranged, and carts will be available to help anyone who needs assistance from the parking area to the patio.

Please contact me, Joe, or the Trinity office by September 13 with your RSVP, number attending, and whether you need transportation or

directions. Also share your cell phone or email in case weather requires us to move the event to Stone Hall.

It's a wonderful day for Trinity family and friends to gather for worship, fellowship, and renewal in a peaceful setting.



See you at Runnymede on the 20th!

- Vic Shanley

Original Artwork

Our art on the walls is from our very own Ariel Abbott. Please take a moment to enjoy her incredible talent, which will be on display for the rest of the summer in Trinity's hallway. Interested in owning one of her books? Click on the button in the weekly newsletter to use the order form. There is a limited number, and they are only available until September.

1. **"Phoebe's Mental Health Journey"** - a comic book to support mental health awareness for youth. Moonbeam Bronze Book Award 2021 in the category of The Best Book by Author under 18-year-old & Girl Scouts Gold Award 2021.

2. **Digital illustration print: "Kabuki Otome"** - The Japanese piece. The biography: This artwork is inspired by Ariel's favorite song from the band "Gesu no Kiwami Otome" called Kabuki Otome. Kabuki is a type of traditional Japanese theatre and drama performance, primarily done by only men and characterized by dramatic acting and exaggerated poses. Ariel happened to see a Kabuki performance in Ginza, Tokyo, while she was in the study abroad, and it was one of her favorite experiences. In this piece she wanted to show a woman in a Kabuki outfit and makeup (Kumadori) since the title of the song "Kabuki Otome" means "Kabuki Maiden".

3. **Photography print: "Top of St. Peters Catholic Church"** - Elizabethtown, PA. It was performed at 30th Annual Juried Student Art Show, Elizabethtown College, PA, April 9th - 21st, 2026.

4. **Photography print: "Turn Around Girls"** - Longwood Gardens, PA. It was performed at 30th Annual Juried Student Art Show, Elizabethtown College, PA, April 9th - 21st, 2026.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3	4	5
		Orion 10-2 AA		Healing Service Zoom, 12PM OA	AA	NA 10AM
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
9:30 Worship Pantry Restock AA	AA	Orion 10-2 AA Kristen @ Deanery Meeting 8:00 to 4:00		Healing Service Zoom, 12PM OA	AA	NA 10AM Stone Hall Rented
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
9:30 Worship, with 9/11 remembrance Women's Group Pantry Restock Stone Hall Rented AA	Calendar Meeting Online 6:30 pm AA	Orion 10-2 AA	Kristen at Roots & Wings 3:00 to 5:00 Seed preserving workshop in garden, 5-6 p.m. Pre-convention meeting @ Advent, 6:30-7:30 p.m.	Healing Service Zoom, 12PM OA	AA	NA 10AM Rally Day – No Stone Hall rentals after 6pm
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
10:30 Rally Day @ Bentley Farm AA Stone Hall Rented (late)	Bible Study 11:30- 1:00 AA	Orion 10-2 AA		Healing Service Zoom, 12PM OA	AA	NA 10AM Stone Hall Rented
27	28	29	30			
9:30 Worship, First Responder Service Pantry Restock AA Stone Hall rented Vestry meeting after service and coffee hour	Bible Study 11:30- 1:00 AA Kristen @ Retreat	Orion 10-2 AA Kristen @ Retreat	AA Kristen @ Retreat			

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Pat Bush Erika Haak Michael Thompson Liam Hana Alexander Kirwin Jeannine Bush Curt Jennings Dana Harvey	September 1 September 2 September 10 September 10 September 13 September 21 September 29 Septmeber 30
	Pat & John Bush Pete & Paula Jennings COFFEE HOUR SCHEDULE September 6 Buster and Laura September 13 Deborah and Karen September 20 RALLY DAY September 27 Mary Y. and Jill H. w/potluck help