



Trinity Topics

From the Rector's Desk . . .

By the Reverend Sherry Deets

Dear Friends,

Coincidences, serendipity, small miracles, God incidents. There are many names given to those “wow” moments in life that I like to call “God incidents”. Becca Stevens, in her recent book, *Practically Divine*, writes about being “bound to grace”. When we are bound to grace, it feels like there is more synchronicity in the events unfolding before us, instead of chance.

There is an old story told about a tough weather-beaten, leather-skinned Alaskan, morosely nursing drink after drink in a bar in Anchorage. He tells the bartender, with acrimony in his voice, that he has lost the faith he used to have in God.

“I had a terrible accident in the Alaskan wilderness,” he confides. “My twin-engine plane went down in the tundra, hundreds of miles away from civilization. I lay pinned in the wreckage for hours, believing that God would somehow help me. I cried out to God, I prayed with every ounce of strength I had left. I begged for rescue. But even as I started freezing to death, God didn’t lift a finger to help me. So now I’m done with that charade,” the Alaskan concludes bitterly, “and my faith in God is gone.”

The bartender squints at the Alaskan in puzzlement. “But I don’t understand,” he protests. “You’re here, alive, telling me the story. Obviously, you were saved.”

“Oh, yeah, that’s right,” concedes the Alaskan. “Because finally some Eskimo came along...”

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Sometimes, like the tough Alaskan, we miss these small miracles because the events are not happening the way we want or think they should. These God incidents, as I like to call them, happen to all of us and I am reminded this month to be more aware of the holy and magical moments in our lives so that we can receive them in their fullness when they unfold, with a deepened sense of gratitude and awe. May we all be “bound to grace”.

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.

Weekly Bible Study Bible Study resumes on **Monday, September 9th**. We meet in the Parish Hall from 11:30 am - 1:00 pm. You can bring lunch. Last year we completed a survey of all the books of the New Testament. This year our study group has decided to take a deep dive into the “Letter to the Hebrews” to begin our Bible study. The text we will be using is “Hebrews for Everyone” by Anglican Bishop and world renown New Testament scholar NTWright. It is very readable and only 158 pages long. The paperback may be purchased through [amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com) for \$17.69 plus shipping. You will only need the text and a Bible. If you want to take notes, then bring a notebook and pencil or pen as well.

Our study group is always open to new participants. Consider joining us as we deepen our faith in Jesus through fellowship, prayer, and Bible study.

Dan Hinkle, Facilitator

“What then is faith? It is what gives assurance to our hopes; it is what gives us conviction about things we can’t see. It is what the men and women of old were famous for. It is by faith that we understand that the worlds were formed by God’s word; in other words, that the visible world was made from the invisible.” (Hebrews 11:1-3 NTWright)

Rally Day/Youth Sunday Save the Date! September 15th

Our Rally Day and Youth Sunday worship, lunch and fellowship will be held at the Bentley Farm on Sunday, September 15th beginning with worship at 10:30 a.m. Lunch will be provided. Transportation will be available from the church.

Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John: An Introduction to the Gospels Four Sunday Morning Adult Forums In 2024/2025 (Dates to be Announced)

For us Christians, the Gospels are the heart and pinnacle of the Bible and of our faith. These four New Testament books are the most important books of the Bible, and we read and interpret the rest of the scriptures through their lens. Each of the Gospels tells the same story about our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, but from its own unique perspective.

The four Sunday Morning Adult Forums will take place in the Parish Hall after Sunday morning worship. There will be a Coffee Fellowship followed by the program. The forums will last about an hour and include a brief talk on one of the Gospels, a video presentation by Anglican Bishop and world renown New Testament scholar, NTWright, and conclude with time for questions and discussion.

Plan to attend all four of the forums and learn the unique character and perspective of each of the four Gospel stories. The dates of the forums and the featured Gospel will be announced several weeks in advance so that you can be sure to attend. You may want to read the gospels before participating in the forum.

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“Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.” Amen. (BCP Collect for Proper 28 for the Sunday closest to November 16)

Annual Chicken BBQ – Saturday, August 10



Community Opportunities

First Fridays: Downtown Coatesville celebrates local businesses and entrepreneurs on the first Friday of the month (May-October) from 5-9 pm. Music, food, and fun for all! Rain or shine

Sounds of Summer Music Concert August 2 at 7pm Sounds of Summer Music Series at Gateway Park in Coatesville.

LIVESTRONG: Registration now open for this **free** program at the YMCA for adults dealing with cancer. Call 610-380-9622

Save the Date: August 17th Community Day at the Coatesville Youth Initiative. Fun activities, giveaways, and food. Free school supplies but registration is required for school supplies. For more information call 610-380-0200 or contact Liz Hulse at liztrinity323@gmail.com

Mental Health Survey: Raffle to win \$50 gift card For more information, please call the CC Hospital Wellness Line at 610-738-2300

Smoking Cessation: for smokers, vapors, and chewing tobacco users For more information, please call the CC Hospital Wellness Line at 610-738-2300

Early Head Start Program serves infants and toddlers under the age of 3, as well as expectant mothers. For more information contact the CCIU at 484-473-4583 or HeadStart@cciu.org



John Petura 5-Aug
Susan Petura 7-Aug
Caroline Bentley 24-Aug
Jacqueline Heston 24-Aug
Lisa Hartman 28-Aug
Cheryl Robinson 29-Aug



Joe & Pat Kirner 6-Aug
Bill & Kathy Terry 8-Aug

August 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
				4 th of July Office Closed		SH Rented
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
		AA 7PM		Healing Service 12noon		Chicken BBQ
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
		AA 7PM		Healing Service 12noon		
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
		AA 7PM		Healing Service 12noon		
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
		AA 7PM		Healing Service 12noon		SH Rented

Readers, Servers and Greeters for August 2024

Date	Readers	Psalm	Prayers
8/4	Bill Terry	Seth Haak	Deborah Murray
8/11	Vic Shanley	James Gaddy	Chris Haak
8/18	Paul Shidlowski	Erika Haak	Pat Bush
8/25	Betty Sullivan	Minnie Kirwin	Kent Nation

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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:

Mondays & Wednesdays: 1-3 PM

Tuesdays & Thursdays: 4-7 PM

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Church School

Sundays: 9:15 AM