



Trinity Topics

From the Rector's Desk . . .

By the Reverend Sherry Deets

Dear Friends,

November brings with it our annual Thanksgiving celebrations and Advent will begin on December 1, which marks a new church calendar year. For this month of Thanksgiving activities and preparation for the Advent and Christmas seasons, I share from Henri J. M. Nouwen's book *Here and Now: Living in the Spirit*. This excerpt is from pgs. 16-17 and is Part One of Chapter One: Living in the Present.

A new beginning! We must learn to live each day, each hour, yes, each minute as a new beginning, as a unique opportunity to make everything new. Imagine that we could live each moment as a moment pregnant with new life. Imagine that we could live each day as a day full of promises. Imagine that we could walk through the new year always listening to a voice saying to us: "I have a gift for you and can't wait for you to see it!" Imagine.

Is it possible that our imagination can lead us to the truth of our lives? Yes, it can! The problem is that we allow our past, which becomes longer and longer each year, to say to us: "You know it all; you have seen it all, be realistic; the future will be just another repeat of the past. Try to survive it as best you can." There are many cunning foxes jumping on our shoulders and whispering in our ears the great lie: "There is nothing new under the sun...don't let yourself be fooled."

When we listen to these foxes, they eventually prove themselves right: our new year, our new day, our new hour become flat, boring, dull, and without anything new.

So what are we to do? First, we must send the foxes back to where they belong: in their foxholes. And then we must open our minds and our hearts to the voice that resounds through the valleys and hills of our life saying: "Let me show you where I live among my people. My name is 'God-with-you.'"

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I will wipe away all the tears from your eyes; there will be no more death, and no more mourning or sadness. The world of the past has gone”

We must choose to listen to that voice, and every choice will open us a little more to discover the new life hidden in the moment, waiting eagerly to be born.

Weekly Bible Study

Brown Bag Bible Study continues Mondays in the Parish Hall from 11:30 am - 1:00 pm. You may bring a lunch. This year our study group has decided to take a deep dive into the “Letter to the Hebrews”. The text we are 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

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.

Vestry Meeting November 17

Our next regular Vestry meeting is scheduled for Sunday, November 17th at 11 a.m. (after coffee hour).

Praying the Daily Offices With Others Online

*Lord, open our lips.
And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.*

The Daily Offices can be found on page 35 in our present 1979 Episcopal Book of Common Prayer. Along with the Holy Eucharist on Sundays and Holy Days, the Daily Offices, especially Morning and Evening Prayer, are the other authorized public worship services of the Episcopal Church and the Anglican Communion. They are meant to be prayed with others.

You may now pray together online with Trinity Church members and other Episcopalians. This ministry is offered through Trinity Church and a new Episcopal affiliated Christian Community known as “Little Gidding of Penn’s Woods.” The Zoom app is required to pray with us. A free version can be downloaded from your App Store. The Zoom app is all you will need. You also may want to light a candle during our prayers.

We pray together online via Zoom on the following days and times:

- Sunday Nights at 9:00 pm ETUSA – Compline
- Tuesday Mornings at 7:00 am ETUSA – Morning Prayer
- Thursday Evenings at 7:00 pm ETUSA – Evening Prayer

If you would like to pray with us on one or more of the days and times listed above, contact Dan Hinkle at the following email address: adhanaidh@gmail.com. He will then send you a link to join us.

Here are other online Episcopal resources for praying the Daily Offices:

- [dailyoffice.app](#) – An excellent app from the Episcopal Brotherhood of St. Gregory.
- <http://prayer.forwardmovement.org/> – Another good online resource.

*Let my prayer be set forth in your sight as incense,
the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.*

Psalm 141:2

**Matthew, Mark,
Luke, and John:
An Introduction to the Gospels
Four Sunday Morning Adult Forums
First Sunday, November 24**

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 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, NT Wright, 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. The first Sunday is scheduled for November 24. 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)

Tis the Season!

"Oh, By Gosh, By Golly...." it's rapidly approaching so just a teaser here and a note to mark your calendar for the Annual Trinity Christmas Concert on Sunday, Dec 8 at 3pm. Thanks to our own Choirmaster and gifted musician, Rachel Lee Anemone, we'll be treated to a real Holiday gift with traditional Christmas Carols, favorite Christmas songs and more. Adding to the spirit of the event will be Lauren Blackwell at the cello. And to get everyone in the mood, our own Trinity Choir will be in house leading us all into some spirited singalongs. Then plan on joining friends and neighbors at a light reception in Stone Hall for some real Christmas fellowship. We welcome those who'd like to contribute to or participate in the reception.

Stay tuned for more details to come, but plan on joining us on December 8 for a Trinity Christmas Concert!

What's Happening in Coatesville

November 15 Support Thistle Hills at Panera: 4-8pm 151 East Swedesford Rd., Exton

Need transportation to VOTE? NAACP is non-partisan but is helping community members get to the polls if they need assistance. Contact them at info@chesconaacp.org

C-town supermarket-Check it out! It opened on Oct. 4 at 245 E. Lincoln Hwy, Coatesville. Phone: 732-421-2362

Need help with oil heat? Contact Orion www.orioncommunities.org 484-341-7354

2nd Century Alliance has a listing of over 40 businesses in Coatesville that can serve our needs on their website at <https://2ndcenturyalliance.org/shop-local/>

ACEs community gathering on Oct. 3rd. I was very moved at this gathering to see how engaged the participants were. I saw a vision for how a community can work together towards a healing future where we are compassionate and supportive of one another. No small thing in this political climate!!!! I hope to see this conversation continue and spread. I have offered my assistance and our fellowship hall to the presenter if we can help to have that conversation continue.

Wellness:

- Suicide Prevention-Call 988
- Elder Abuse - 1-800-564-7000
- Child Abuse - 610-344-5800
- Behavioral Health Crisis - 988 / 610-280-3270
- Drug & Alcohol - [PA Get Help 24/7 - 1-800-662-4357 \(HELP\)](#)



CHRISTMAS MEMORIAL FLOWERS-2024

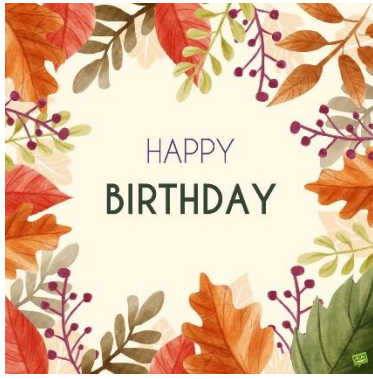
This year again, we will be ordering poinsettias to decorate the church at Christmas. If you are interested in placing memorial flowers in the church, please fill in your name, phone number and how many plants you are ordering along with the name of the person(s) placed in memory of. Make checks payable to Church of the Trinity and return this order form with your check to the parish office no later than December 1st. The suggested donation is a minimum of \$13.00 for each plant ordered.

NAME: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____

NUMBER OF PLANTS ORDERED: _____

NAME OF PERSON(S) PLACED IN MEMORY OF:



Brendan McWilliams 1-Nov

Sarah Heston 1-Nov

McKinley White 1-Nov

Nya Lewis 3-Nov

Donna Fleck 4-Nov

Eugene Mulholland 8-Nov

Dennis Dantzler 10-Nov

Pat Kirkner 15-Nov

Stuart Deets 18-Nov

Michael Lemodetis 19-Nov

Sarina Baynard 22-Nov

Nora Bush 29-Nov

Caroline Kirwin 29-Nov

Kenneth & Caitlyn Hanna 5-Nov

Bill & Robin McWilliams 17-Nov

Al & Ebbie Carey 25-Nov

November 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
						SH Rented
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
SH Rented	Bible Study 1130AM Jan Michener Hall Rental 430-630PM	AA 7PM		Healing Service 12noon		SH Rented
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
	Bible Study 1130AM	AA 7PM		VA Caregivers 8am-3pm Healing Service 12noon		SH Rented
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
SH Rented Vestry Meeting	Bible Study 1130AM Jan Michener Hall Rental 430-630PM	AA 7PM		Healing Service 12noon		SH Rented
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
SH Rented	Bible Study 1130AM	AA 7PM		Thanksgiving Day		SH Rented

Readers, Servers and Greeters for November 2024

Date	Readers	Psalm	Prayers
11/3	Vic Shanley	James Gaddy	Pat Bush
11/10	Greg Bentley	Minnie Kirwin	Erika Haak
11/17	Paul Shidlowksi	Deborah Murray	Bill Terry
11/24	Vic Shanley	Pat Bush	Chris Haak

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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

**THE EPISCOPAL
CHURCH OF THE
TRINITY**

**323 East Lincoln Highway
Coatesville, Pennsylvania
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Church School

Sundays: 9:15 AM