



Trinity Topics

From the Rector's Desk . . .

By the Reverend Sherry Deets

Dear Friends,

Happy October! This month I share an excerpt from the book by Richard and Renee Stearns entitled *He Walks Among Us: Encounters with Christ in a Broken World*. This excerpt is entitled "Just Show Up!" and is based on Galatians 5:13 "Serve one another in love."

"This morning I received an e-mail inviting me to connect with someone on LinkedIn who would like to "add me to her professional network." Complete strangers offer me online advice via their blogs about recipes I need to try and DIY projects I can tackle to save both time and money. Friends feel compelled to tweet status updates hourly, and people at church text prayer requests during the sermon. There's no avoiding the reach of social networking. But writing on someone's Facebook wall hardly seems the stuff of relationships, and the appeal of sharing my deepest thoughts in 140 characters escapes me.

Something important is missing from our electronic communications, and a woman Rich and I met while traveling in South Africa put her finger on it. At an area development project where World Vision is working, we joined staff members in singing hymns. When the music stopped, this woman made a beeline for our daughter Grace. "I'm so glad you're here," she said. "I'm so glad that a young person like you cares enough to be here and see what it's like to live in this community." In a world where, with the click of a mouse, we can connect with almost anybody, anywhere, sometimes it's important to just show up.

That truth was obvious when we entered the home of a woman dying of tuberculosis. She was very weak, but because of the love and care of our staff, she took comfort in knowing she would not die alone. And in an AIDS hospice in Cape Town run by Fish Hoek Baptist Church, we saw members of the

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congregation demonstrate—simply by their presence—the love and compassion of Jesus Christ.

These people showed up, not because they had special skills or state-of-the-art technology, not because they were smarter than most or more spiritual than others. They showed up because that's what was needed. What the people they ministered to needed most was simply someone's presence: a listening ear, a shoulder to cry on, and hand to hold. And for that, you don't have to be social media-savvy. You just need a tender heart and a willingness to be available to answer God's call.

Not all of us can drill a well or train a farmer or heal a disease. Most of us will never be asked to do so. But as followers of Jesus Christ, we all are called to serve others, even if only by just being there. Jim Elliot, missionary to the Auca Indians of Ecuador, once said, "Wherever you are, be all there. Live to the hilt every situation you believe to be the will of God." In a social media-driven world, take time to be fully present in your community, in your relationships, in your conversations, wherever it might be that God is calling you to show up."

Weekly Bible Study

Bible Study continues Mondays in the Parish Hall from 11:30 am - 1:00 pm. You may bring a 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

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.

Bingo – Postponed Until the Spring

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the October 18 Bingo night has been postponed. For all you Bingo lovers out there –do not despair! We are looking to revive this fun event in Spring 2025.

Vestry Meeting October 20

Our next regular Vestry meeting is scheduled for Sunday, October 20th at 11 a.m. (after coffee hour).

Confirmation Class/Joining the Church Sunday, October 27

If you are interested in officially joining Trinity Church, let Pastor Sherry know. We will be holding two sessions about the Episcopal Church (The Discovery Series: A Christian Journey) on Sunday, October 27 and the following Sunday, November 3 after the church service (or a Sunday that works for everyone). Light refreshments will be provided. This is a presentation about the Episcopal Church—covering the Roots of Ministry, Episcopal Worship, The Book of Common Prayer, An Instructed Eucharist, What We Believe-Our Creeds, and our Baptismal Covenant. This is open to anyone who is interested. If you would just like a refresher on the Episcopal Church, please join us! Our Bishop is scheduled to visit Trinity on Sunday, February 2 when he will confirm and receive those wishing to officially join the Episcopal Church.

Trinity Finances

2024 actual pledged giving is trending lower than budgeted this year. If you are at all able to stay current with your pledge, it would be most helpful for our finances. Third quarter giving statements will be coming out soon, in case you are unsure about your giving relative to your pledge. Of course, a pledge is an intention to give and is not binding in any way. We are most appreciative of everyone who contributes to the life of Trinity in any way. Minnie Kirwin, Treasurer

Community News & Events

There is so much going on!!!! Here is just a taste of some local opportunities.

First Friday-October 4th Celebrating Autumn: Enjoy warm drinks, seasonal treats, and live music. 1st to 3rd Ave on E. Lincoln Highway. DowntownCoatesvillePA.com

Sounds of Summer Music Series also this Friday at Gateway Park 7pm-9:30pm

Job Related

PA CareerLink in Chester County – Exton Office, we're currently hiring for several roles that directly contribute to helping individuals gain meaningful employment and career development:

- Customer Engagement Facilitator
- Youth Career Advisor
- Career Advisor
- Business Services Representative
- Recovery Center Career Advisor

Contact Juan at Cell: 267-978-6433 Off: 610-280-1036

E3 Reentry Program cohort is scheduled to run October 28 - November 27 at the Coatesville Library. For more info contact Jill Stoltzfus at jills@cciu.org or 484-237-5185 or 484-502-9261

Healthy Lifestyle

An Introduction to Trauma & Resilience: Thurs. Oct. 3rd 11:30-1pm at Bridge Academy, 570 Olive St., Coatesville. Learn more about Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs), ways to prevent trauma and build resilience. Contact Chelsea at ckunkel@chesco.org

Alliance for Health Equity event: Free & designed for residents Oct. 17 5:30-7:30 We invite you to share your perspectives on health care access, including your personal needs and

[Plant-Based Eating 101](#)

Mondays, October 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th 6:00 – 7:00 PM Contact Penn Medicine at 610-738-2542

Charles A. Melton Arts & Education Center
Entrance and Parking: 502 E. Market St., West Chester, PA 19380

suggestions. We will have child-care arrangements for children under 11, older children are invited to participate. Food will be provided to those who RSVP.



Joseph Lee 1-Oct
India Archey -Cole 7-Oct
Joan Wylie 9-Oct
Linda Irwin 11-Oct
Seth Haak 13-Oct
Tom Hoffecker 13-Oct
Sharon Squires 30-Oct

Greg & Fida Abbott 5-Oct
Stuart & Sherry Deets 8-Oct
Aaron & Mildred Bruce 21-Oct

October 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
		AA 7PM		Healing Service 12noon		SH Rented
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Sherry Away	Bible Study 1130AM	AA 7PM				SH Rented
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
	Bible Study 1130AM	AA 7PM		Healing Service 12noon		
	Jan Michener Hall Rental 430-630PM					
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
	Bible Study 1130AM	AA 7PM		Healing Service 12noon		SH Rented
27	28	29	30	31		
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Readers, Servers and Greeters for October 2024

Date	Readers	Psalm	Prayers
10/6	Vic Shanley	James Gaddy	Greg Bentley
10/13	Pat Bush	Erika Haak	Chris Haak
10/20	Minnie Kirwin	Paul Shidlowski	Kent Nation
10/27	Deborah Murray	Bill Terry	Chris Haak

CHURCH OF THE TRINITY

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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