



Trinity Topics

From the Rector's Desk . . .

By the Reverend Sherry Deets

Dear Friends,

Welcome to the Fall season! I look forward to celebrating with our wonderful Trinity community on Rally Day/Youth Sunday on September 15 at a beautiful location. It is our hope that almost all of us can come together in person for a special outdoor service, catered lunch, pony rides, hayride, games and fellowship. (See more details in another section of this newsletter).

This leads me to share a daily meditation entitled "Today" from Frederick Buechner's *Listening to Your Life*.

It is a moment of light surrounded on all sides by darkness and oblivion. In the entire history of the universe, let alone in your own history, there has never been another just like it and there will never be another just like it again. It is the point to which all your yesterdays have been leading since the hour of your birth. It is the point from which all your tomorrows will proceed until the hour of your death. If you were aware of how precious it is, you could hardly live through it. Unless you are aware of how precious it is, you can hardly be said to be living at all.

"This is the day which the Lord has made," says the 118th Psalm. "Let us rejoice and be glad in it." Or weep and be said in it for that matter. The point is to see if for what it is because it will be gone before you know it. If you waste it, it is your life that you're wasting. If you look the other way, it may be the moment you've been waiting for always that you're missing.

All other days have either disappeared into darkness and oblivion or not yet emerged from them. Today is the only day there is.

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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 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

“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)

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)

TRINITY YOUTH RALLY DAY AT RUNNYMEDE

On Sunday, Sep 15, we will be celebrating Trinity Youth Rally Day at Runnymede! This anticipated event will once again be held at the home of The Bentleys, Runnymede Farm, for which we are most grateful.

Our outdoor service begins on the grounds at 10.30 am and will feature readings by some of our young folks who have shown interest, assisted by Betty Sullivan. And Rev. Sherry will also be blessing the kids' school backpacks as in past years. We want to see as many of those children and grandchildren as possible come and enjoy the celebration.

Following our usual service, we'll be enjoying a yummy buffet including a variety of items prepared by our friends at Triple Fresh Market.....you won't go hungry! And the afternoon will wrap up with activities for the young (and the rest of us!) like pony rides, cornhole, a hayride around the farm and up to the barn to visit the horses and more.

And for those who tune in each week for our livestream service, what a wonderful change of pace for you to join us at this live event.

Don't let getting there keep you from coming.....directions will be available and/or transportation will even be provided, courtesy of Greg and Caroline. Vans will be leaving from Trinity at 9.45am and returning on demand. But you **MUST** let the church office or Vic Shanley know if you will need a ride and you should be standing outside Trinity at 9.45. And if you require assistance once at the property, you'll be motored from your car to the seating area, as well.

So, you know the date to mark on your calendar...you know we'll transport you there and back...you know what will be happening.....you know lunch will be offered.....you know there'll be fun things to do in the afternoon.....and you know you'll be welcomed at the beautiful Bentley home.

Now **WE** need to know whether you'll be attending, how many of you will there be, how many young'uns you'll have in tow and whether you'll require transportation. Joe Kirkner will be calling Trinity members to ask you (and you know how cranky Joe gets when you say "No"), or you can let the office know or email/call me ("vjs3brpaws@aol.com") ...610-389-0715. The weather has always been spectacular for this and we see no exception this year, but there are provisions for Plan B. See you all at Runnymede!!! -Vic

Join us at
Camp Do Good.

Give Blood.



American
Red Cross



Blood Drive
Episcopal Church of the
Trinity

Fellowship Hall
323 E Lincoln Hwy
Coatesville, PA 19320

Thursday, September 12, 2024
1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: ECT to schedule an appointment.

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an appointment.

Be part of something big. Make an appointment.

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Annual Chicken BBQ- A Big Success!

The rain clouds finally parted on Saturday, August 10 in time to give Trinity's Annual Barbeque perfect weather and a solid crowd of hungry customers. Preparations began well before the date with widespread promotion, including assistance from Coatesville's City Hall, the Made in Coatesville Incubator, the Midway Arts Center and numerous parishioners spreading the word.

Friday and Saturday a dedicated "Kitchen Crew" headed by Pat Kirkner put together complete meals including barbecued half-chickens with special sauce, baked potatoes, corn on the cob, coleslaw, a roll, bottled water and a dessert. As the afternoon went on, a team of cooks continuously roasted the chickens on grills in the front yard of the church to keep up with demand. The \$15 price for this full meal drew plenty of hungry Coatesville residents, and more than 120 chicken dinners flew out the doors. Preliminary figures indicate the event was a successful fundraiser, with something over \$1,000 netted after costs. Many thanks to Pat and Joe Kirkner, Al Carey, Vic Shanley, Rev. Deets and a host of other volunteers and parishioners for a successful effort!



Bingo is Back!!!



Friday, October 18

Bingo is back at Trinity!

Save the Date!
Watch for more details



Erika Haak	2-Sep
Michael Thompson	10-Sep
Liam Hana	10-Sep
Alexander Kirwin	13-Sep
Jeannine Bush	21-Sep
Curt Jennings	29-Sep
Dana Harvey	30-Sep

Peter & Paula Jennings 28-Sep

September 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	Labor Day Office Closed	AA 7PM		Healing Service 12noon		
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
		AA 7PM		Blood Drive 1-7pm Healing Service 12noon		
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Youth Sunday Rally Day		AA 7PM		Healing Service 12noon		
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
		AA 7PM		Healing Service 12noon		
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Readers, Servers and Greeters for September 2024

Date	Readers	Psalm	Prayers
9/1	Greg Bentley	Deborah Murray	Bill Terry
9/8	James Gaddy	Chris Haak	Vic Shanley
9/15	Pat Bush	Paul Shidlowski	Erika Haak
9/22	Minnie Kirwin	Kent Nation	Betty Sullivan
9/29	Deborah Murray	Greg Bentley	Bill Terry

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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
19320-3409**

Church School

Sundays: 9:15 AM