

# July/August 2015

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### Church Office Summer Hours



Beginning Monday, June 29 the Church Office will be open 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday. The office remains closed on Fridays.

## Mission Philadelphia, Off and Running!

by Kyle Evans



This year's Mission Philadelphia team, composed of 28 youth (including young people for the African Episcopal Church of St. Thomas), 7 young adult interns, and an average of 8 adults (with a total of 18 adults participating), began its week with a moving worship service at the African Episcopal Church of St. Thomas. Drawing from the 1 Samuel story of David and Goliath, our own Jack Glancey preached, sharing a powerful message on faith and love, with a particular focus on the tragic shooting in Charleston-"In the moments following that horrific shooting, those in Charleston did not take up arms but instead turned to prayer, because, as David knew, the LORD does not save by sword or spear. It is our prayers, God's love, and a beacon of hope that will give rise to peace and harmony in South Carolina, across the country, and around the world. Our shared hopes and dreams for the future can outweigh the fears and anxieties from the past. For the love of Christ urges us to look beyond the divisions and stereotypes that move us backward. With divine inspiration and spiritual foresight, churches and communities become active and energized to

### Art of the Barn Tour & Show

Bucks County Audubon Society

Opening Lecture
July 10, 2015
Tour Barns on Private
Properties and Farms:
Saturday, July 11
9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Sunday, July 12
12:00 noon - 4:00 p.m.
For more information, please visit
www.bcas.org.

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make a difference in the neighbors that Jesus instructed us to love unconditionally." There would have been no other place that the Mission Philadelphia team would have wanted to worship, mourning the loss of the 9 fallen brothers and sisters in Charleston and preparing to live out the call for a week of loving partnership in Chester and West Philadelphia.

As I write this article, the Mission Philadelphia team prepares for its second and final day in Chester. The balance of the week will focus on

properties, new and old, in the West Philadelphia corridor. The Chester farm, known as the Ruth Bennett Community Garden, is one created by the Chester Housing Authority and



Urban Tree Connection. This 3.5 acre farm is wonderfully overseen by Terence Brown-Topping, a young, spirited agriculturist who is totally dedicated to bringing fresh, organic produce to the nearby community, while also offering environmental education to the neighborhood youth.

The first day's focus of the Mission Philadelphia team was clearing the vast blueberry beds of high



grass, followed by mulching them; constructing tables in the greenhouse; developing a compost unit; installing a roof and water catchment system on a trellis structure; and, of

course, general weeding and planting. The team worked mightily on the first day, despite high temperatures and limited shade. Young children spilled out onto the farm in the afternoon to lend a hand. While soaking up the attention of all the teenagers, the youngsters discovered worms, mature crops and ripe, juicy raspberries. The Mission Philadelphia work teams left the Chester Community Garden feeling a sense of accomplishment, while also recognizing that much still needed to be completed on Tuesday. Once refreshed with showers and a change of clothes, the group headed off to Wynnewood Bowling Lanes for a night of fun and frolic. Six

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Mary Richardson Miller, Bill Wolf games and 12 pizzas later, the Mission
Philadelphia team returned to Bryn Mawr, closing
the evening with reflections on the day and
Compline. A great beginning to a week of building
community "Inside Out".



In addition to the core group of participants, the Mission Philadelphia team wants to extend special thanks to those parishioners who are able to join in for a day or

more. Heartfelt thanks also go to the many ministries who have produced and delivered meals to the team throughout the week. Please know that you have been instrumental in making the week a success.

Mission Philadelphia has been a life changing experience for countless young people through its 19-year history. Many TYG alumni return to maintain their connection to the weeklong experience. Here are some thoughts from those in attendance this year: "Mission Philadelphia is an opportunity to work with and for others." Amanda Lawn: "The meaning of Mission Philly is striving to serve Our Father and community while learning lessons and creating memories that will last a life time." Kelsey Smith; "Making new friendships and working together!" Austin de Jesus; "Mission Philly is connecting with the community and making something beautiful!" Ryan Sager. Though you may not see this article until we have returned home, please consider being a part of the Mission Philadelphia ministry next year. The partnerships forged and sense of intergenerational team spirit is unlike any other.

Stay tuned-more photographs and narrative on this year's Mission Philadelphia will be shared through an e-blast later in the summer!



**July & August Worship** 

Sunday, July 5 8:00 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist and Healing Prayers

Sunday, July 12 8:00 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Sunday, July 19 8:00 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Sunday, July 26 8:00 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Sunday, August 2 8:00 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist and Healing Prayers

Sunday, August 9 8:00 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Sunday, August 16 8:00 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Sunday, August 23 8:00 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Sunday, August 30 8:00 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

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Centering Prayer Tuesday Mornings 8:00 a.m. in the Chapel

Morning Prayer
Thursday Mornings
7:30 a.m. in the Chapel

# **Trinity Day School Graduation**

by Cindy Bove



Trinity Day School proudly presents its graduating class of 2015! Twenty-two children completed their pre-school education at our Day School and will move on to kindergarten class at New Hope-Solebury and surrounding communities.

### **Save the Date- Trinity Autumn House Tour**

by Roger Stikeleather



Trinity Autumn House Tour is excited to be celebrating our 25th Anniversary! Please mark your calendar for October 16th for the Sponsor & Volunteer Thank You Party, and October 17th for the Tour. There are many important ways for you to be involved in this much anticipated community event and major fundraiser for Trinity and we need your active participation and support. We have a terrific line-up of properties; 2 converted barns, a repurposed church, a 19th

We have a terrific line-up of properties; 2 converted barns, a repurposed church, a 19th century historic stone mansion with river views, and a pristine 18th century style estate located on beautiful Meetinghouse Road. Many of these historic structures have been redesigned and decorated for contemporary family living. Additionally, Tim Harrell will be providing a special Trinity Pipe Organ Lecture & Demonstration on the day of the concert at the Church.

Our 25th House Tour is going to a special celebration for us and we are thankful for the leadership and many, many volunteers and sponsors during the years and dedicate this celebration to them. Please plan on being involved in any way you feel called.

#### **Parish Calendar**

Wednesday, July 8 6:30 p.m. TYG Dinner & Meeting

**Tuesday, July 14** 7:00 p.m. Vestry Meeting

Monday, July 20 Mindfulness Meditation 7:00 p.m. Cordus Summer Sing

> Tuesday, August 11 7:00 p.m. Vestry Meeting

Wednesday, August 12 6:30 p.m. TYG Dinner & Meeting

Saturday, August 15
Trinity Tidings Newsletter
Submissions Due

Monday, August 17 Mindfulness Meditation

### **July Birthdays**

1st John Daukas 2nd Rowan Harbert, Kent Malmros, Alexandra Tucker 4th Carlie Zaroff 6th Audrey Sayre 7th Ann Bamford, Jonathan Yandle, Kathryn Yandle 8th Zoey Jopling, Robert Whitley 9th Kathrine Hunt, Angelina Young 10th Laura Huestis, Dylan Trimmer 11th Ali Bove, Michael D'Angelo, Anita Howard 13th Ricardo de Jesus, Trevor Laughlin 14th Grant Christie, Anne Power 15th Jeff Sager 18th Lauren Kennedy, Charles Plebani 19th Whitney Chandor 22nd David Benner, Pamela Smyth 23rd Scott Lesher, Eric Muth 24th Grace Leister, Phoenix Logan 25th Thomas Frazier, Anna Wyman 26th Sally Henriques

### **Hope of the Harvest Charitable Garden**

by Ardith Talbott



Growing fruits and vegetables for local food pantries, the Charitable Garden on Delaware Valley University's campus is a partnership between the Bucks County Opportunity Council, Philabundance, and the United Way of Bucks County. We have lots of volunteer spots still open! Tuesdays through September, and Fridays as well as Tuesdays during July and August. Email Joe at <a href="mailto:jcuozzo@bcoc.org">jcuozzo@bcoc.org</a> to sign up your group or yourself. No tools or special knowledge required, just the will to help bring nutritious food to Bucks County families!

## **News from Spiritual Life**

by Susan Wells

This fall's programming promises a varied and stimulating series of events for Trinity. The acclaimed inter-denominational series "Living the Questions" 2.0 will be offered in weekly installments readily enjoyed by both "regulars" and last-minute attendees! Much more information on this will be in the next Trinity Tidings, as well as online.

"Trinity Reads" will explore Marcus Borg's last book, "Convictions: How I learned What Matters Most". Cannon Theologian at Trinity Episcopal Cathedral in Portland, he was a prolific author and major voice in progressive Christianity. Please read Ginny Sheay's "teaser" in this month's Tidings. This is very accessible summer reading, meaningful but not too heavy going. "Spiritual Life Resources on the Web" will be a one hour presentation/panel on using the web for personal exploration of spiritual practices, recommendations and some "how to" advice. This is used friendly for smart phones, tablets and laptops: plan to bring one (or a notebook)! An hour presentation/panel on the convention and, perhaps, the selection and roles of a bishop is

27th Allen Black, Andrew Wheelan 29th Olivia Black 30th Barbara Corey

#### **August Birthdays**

2nd Elizabeth Young
3rd Diane Ash, George Corey
4th Charlotte Davis-Hup,
Wayne Thomas
6th Jane McNeill

7th Christopher Evans
10th Naudain Sellers
13th Carol Frazier, Michael
Loftus, Morgan Schroeder
14th Gerri Broadbent, Collin
Leister, H. Elizabeth
Schermerhorn, Scarlett Von

Schermerhorn, Scarlett Von Zelowitz 16th Trey Wilson

17th Emory Byrum 18th Trevor Jopling 20th Carol Yandle

21st Phyllis Mathieu, Donna Wheelan

22nd Millena Coffey, Alison McCarthy

26th Maddy MacLean 28th Susan Eavenson 30th Brendan Greer, Barbara Wilson, Michael Yount

### July Anniversaries

1st Mrs. Jennifer Hodges, Mr. & Mrs. Rustat Martini
5th Mrs. Carlie Zaroff
7th Mrs. Alice Kessler
9th Mr. & Mrs. Sam Taylor
10th Mr. & Mrs. Michael Yount
20th Mr. & Mrs. Don Perkins
24th Mr. & Mrs. Rick Boyko, Mr.
& Mrs. Thomas Frazier
29th Mr. & Mrs. Peter Glascott

### **August Anniversaries**

5th Mr. & Mrs. Curtis Ball, Mr. & Mrs. James Wells
13th Mr. & Mrs. John McAdam
16th Mr. & Mrs. Matthew
Summers
17th Mr. & Mrs. Scott Christie
18th Mr. & Mrs. Richard
Henriques
22nd Mr. & Mrs. Norman Bing
29th Mr. & Mrs. Nicholas
Mumford

planned for early in the fall. These events affect us and it's helpful to keep up with the news and views of the denomination.

In December, Spiritual Life will sponsor a bring your own favorite creche/manger/nativity. Please join the parish and new parishioners in this fun event. We also hope to have an hour presentation on Mary and/or Joseph during Advent. Watch the next Trinity Tidings for dates and more information!

### **READ** with Us!

by Helen Montgomery

Some of our Trinity reading enthusiasts have suggested that a book group of faithful readers would like to join together to read and discuss for fellowship and fun.

The proposed format will be for small groups of 8 to 10 to meet quarterly at a member's house to discuss the book which has been selected for all to read. There is no limit to the number of groups, you might ask some friends with the same interest to join with you. Starting in October, the times for these meetings will be at your convenience. We can schedule, morning, afternoon or evening, day of the week whatever is best for you. If you are interested, we need to know the following:

- Your name, email address and phone number.
- 2. What is the best time and day for you?
- 3. Do you have friends who would like to join a group with you?
- 4. Would you like to be a group leader?
- 5. Any comments/suggestions welcome.

Send your answers and comments to Helen Montgomery at <a href="mailto:hlmont17@gmail.com">hlmont17@gmail.com</a> or call and leave a message at 215.794.1870.

I will get back to you before September with the results of this NEW possibility for fellowship at Trinity. Enjoy your summer. It's an excellent time to catch up on your stack of "Want to Reads"!

### **Book Review**

by Rev. Ginny Sheay

Marcus Borg

Convictions: How I

Learned What Matters Most

(Harper Collins Publishers, New York,

NY, 2014)



Imagine what it would be like to go on a spiritual journey with the late Marcus Borg, preeminent biblical scholar, as he reflects on his life's spiritual journey and compare your spiritual journey with his. Imagine pouring through your own memories, conversions and discovering how your life's experiences have shaped your convictions. Imagine what it means to live a life loving what God loves. How you think about God, the Bible, Jesus, and Christianity does matter. Writing this book on the occasion of his 70th birthday shortly before his death in January 2015, Borg's remarkable insight will help deepen your relationship with God. This is good summer reading and will prepare you as the Spiritual Life Ministry plans to use Borg's book for Sunday morning reflections. Watch for the time and place.



To submit an article for the monthly "Trinity Tidings" newsletter, email

communications@trinitysolebury.org.

Deadline for the newsletter is the 15th of each month.

To submit a notice for inclusion in the weekly bulletin and emailed weekly notices, visit

www.trinitysolebury.org/submitnotices.
Deadline for new weekly notices is
Tuesday prior to the Sunday you wish it
to appear.

## **News from the Knitting Ministry**

by Janet Gill

If you are one who is leaving squares at the knitting area, don't stop. I check there every Sunday and we have a good start for our afghans for the needy. Also, there is a lot of yarn in the corner so please help yourself.



We have a good supply of prayer shawls, both knitted and crocheted. Just ask if you need one for a person who is ill, going for surgery or just has the need for this extra comfort. They have been made with love and prayers and blessed by our Rev. Rick. The feedback has been tremendous and brings tears to my eyes and joy to my soul. Comments like: "My prayer shawl has given me so much comfort" or "I took it to the hospital with me and it felt so good to be wrapped around me". One shawl even went to South Africa! I gave one to man before his open heart surgery as I know this situation causes one to be cold. It did and he really used and appreciated it. In one situation we gave one to an ill man who soon after passed away. His wife then used it to comfort herself since it had been around her late husband. Several have gone out of area, even by mail, and the notes we have received have said how much they are appreciated.

We know how wonderful this ministry is and the feedback confirms it. Please contact Janet Gill if you would like to request an item or have any questions.

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# St. Barnabas Move Up Day

by Alicia Cooper



I would like to thank the members of your parish on behalf of the agency and our participants! Please feel free to reach out if you have any questions.





Thanks again!
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