

**Mission Statement for St. Paul's: To proclaim God's love by word and example
and to seek Christ in one another.**

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**Nov. 27 – Dec. 3, 2016 Upcoming
Events**

(Events are at St. Paul's unless specified
otherwise)

➤ **Thu. Nov 24 Thanksgiving**



The Office is closed.

- **Sat . Nov. 26 We will bake
Christmas cookies at St Paul's
beginning at noon. Everyone is
welcome.**



- **TIME CHANGE THIS
WEEK SUN. NOV. 27 AT 9:00AM Holy
Eucharist with The Rev. Hazel Hunt**
- **Christmas Wreath Workshop Tue.
Nov. 29 @10:00am in the Celtic
Room.**
- **The Office will close at 11:00am on
Dec. 1**
- **Country Store Sat. Dec. 3 from
9:00am to 3:00pm**
- **Sun. Dec. 4 Holy Eucharist 9:00am
Please welcome Rev. Lou Divis**
- **Greening of the Church Sun. Dec.
18 after service.**
- **Longest Night Service Wed. Dec.
21 @ 7:00pm**

- **There will not be a Sunday service
on Sunday, Dec. 25 -- Christmas Day.**

Our Readings this Sunday:

First Reading: Isaiah 2:1-5

Psalm: 122

Epistle: Romans 13:11-14

Gospel: Matthew 24:36-44

This Week's Lay Ministers:

Altar Guild: Sandy Seeger, Marsha Jones &
Esther Welden

Announcements: Nancy Dooling

Camera & Broadcast: Al Leigh

Acolyte: Benjamin Zalewski or Karen

Holgate

Counters: David Calby & Steve Kupscznk

Eucharist Minister: Nancy Dooling

Lector: Vicki Calby

Intercessor: Carol Marker

Greeter/Usher: Sandy Seeger & Marsha
Jones

Readings for the week of Dec. 4

Isaiah 11:1-10

Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19

Romans 15:4-13

Matthew 3:1-12

Site for the lessons and gospel.

<http://www.lectionarypage.net/> Use Track 2

The Reverend Lou Divis to become St. Paul's Priest in Charge

Working with the Diocese, St. Paul's Vestry has called the Reverend Lou Divis to be our part-time Priest in Charge for six months. Rev. Lou, as she prefers to be called, will start Sunday, December 4th, serving St. Paul's, Montrose, as well as St. Peter's, Tunkhannock on alternate days. This is an opportunity for shared ministry that is becoming more prominent in The Episcopal Church. St. Paul's has moved their service to 9:00 and St. Peter's will move theirs to 11:15.

Rev. Lou was ordained Deacon in 2006, and Priest in 2012 and she became the Rector at St. Peter's in 2012. Born in Buffalo, NY, Rev. Lou attended Hastings College in Nebraska and received a BA in Education/German. She also has a Master's in Education from Sacred Heart University, Fairfield, CT, and a Masters in Theology, University of Scranton. Additionally she has a Certificate in Anglican Studies from General Theological Seminary, NY and is currently attending Virginia Theological Seminary, Alexandria, VA for a Doctorate in Congregational Development.

Rev. Lou believes in life-long learning and is sustained by daily prayer, sermon research, silence, reading, as well as laughter, gratefulness, praise songs, and joy. She has been employed as a Trainer for Caregivers at the daycare center at Tobyhanna Army Depot, as a therapist and behavioral specialist for several years with Youth Advocate Programs, Children's Behavioral Health, and Children's Service Center.

Rev. Lou is active as a Biblical Storyteller, and as a member of Rotary, the Wyoming County Chamber of Commerce, and Business and Professional Women. She also serves on Diocesan Council, the Peace and Justice Network, the Tyler Hospital Safety Board, and

helps prepare and serve meals at Seven Loaves Soup Kitchen weekly. She plays the lap or mountain dulcimer for fun several times a month with friends.

Rev. Lou was married and divorced, and remarried to Wayne Divis in 2000. Between them, there are 8 children, 11 grandchildren, and 5 great-grandchildren. Please welcome her to St. Paul's.



CHRISTMAS WREATHS WORKSHOP for COUNTRY STORE

Helping hands are needed to decorate the live wreaths on TUESDAY, NOV. 29th. Please call Carol Marker 570-465-7230 and volunteer. Bring your coffee downstairs to the Celtic room at 10AM Nov 29th!!!!!! This is always a fun time. Thank you.



Baked Goods Needed for the Bake Table at the Country Store on Sat. Dec. 3.

Questions contact Sandy Seeger 570-965-2577 or Marsha Jones 570-278-4673.



The Montrose Community Chorale will present its twelfth annual **Christmas program** on Sunday, December 4, 2016 at 3:00 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church. 367 Church Street, Montrose, PA. The chorale is under the direction of Thomas Welch. A tribute will be made to past and present members who have contributed to the Chorale. Light refreshments will be served in the Missionary Room. A freewill offering benefits local charities.

Mary Ann DeWitt 570-278-2791



Brackney String Band

presents Christmas Way Back When with Mandy Van Kuren singing traditional carols.

Sun. Nov. 27, 2016 at 3:00pm at First Presbyterian Church of Montrose

Join us for a free Christmas concert of traditional carols, holiday jigs, and reels! Tunes played on fiddles, banjo, keyboard, bass, and guitar. Our program will conclude with a short sing-a-long, followed by a soup and bread supper in Fellowship Hall downstairs. There will be a free-will offering at the supper to benefit the Pine Ridge Reservation Fund. The proceeds from the band's new Christmas CD are to benefit the church's Restoration Fund. CD's will be available for \$10.00.



Organ Mediations for Advent

First Presbyterian Church, Montrose

Wed., Dec. 7, at noon Roberta Rowland Raybold

Wed., Dec. 14, at noon Richard and Evelyn Van Auken

Both Mediations will be followed by a soup and bread luncheon in the Fellowship Hall.



Toy Tags Interfaith Christmas Bureau

St. Paul's will be doing 30 toy tags this year. All gifts should be approximately \$25.00 and should be unwrapped with attached tags and attached batteries if needed. All items will need to be dropped off at St. Paul's by Sunday December 4th. Toy tags are on the Jesse Tree.

CHRISTMAS IS NOT ALWAYS MERRY

At this time of the year, people look for joy and happiness. This can be difficult if a loved one has recently passed away, or if life is not quite as expected during the winter holidays.

St. Paul's Episcopal Church invites you to a Longest Night Service for prayers of healing and peace on Wednesday, December 21, 2016, at 7:00 pm at 276 Church St., Montrose.

This service is especially meaningful to all people who may feel let down during the holidays, or are affected by the short days, or need quiet prayer. Last year, many folks found help and comfort, as well as tears and hugs, at this service. There are prayers, readings, songs, and candle-light to offer a way to express sadness or loss during the hustle and bustle of the season.

Do come. We will be blessed by your presence. For more information, contact St. Paul's at 570-278-2954



COATS FOR THE COMMUNITY

The remaining schedule for coat distribution is as follows: December 14th and 15th at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Montrose. Anyone who needs a warm winter coat is welcome.



Susquehanna County Interfaith Christmas Dinner

St. Paul's goal is to collect 50 boxes of Stuffing Mix for the Christmas Dinner Giveaway through Susquehanna County Interfaith. All Stuffing needs to be at St. Paul's by Sunday December 11th.

The 16th annual FREE Community Christmas dinner will be served on Sunday, December 25, 2016 at 12 noon at the Montrose Square Community Room, sponsored by Endless Mountains Health Systems physicians, employees, volunteers of EMHS and the community. Everyone is invited – no reservations are necessary. Please join us for a wonderful meal followed by singing of carols.

Special favors are being made by students at the Learning Center. Centerpieces donated by Kathy Zaleski are always a big hit. The Senior Center is located at 145 Church Street, Montrose, PA.

Thanksgivings: *Accept, O Lord, our thanks and praise for all that you have done for us, especially during this past week. Amen.*

CHURCH CLOSURES please turn your radio dial to WPEL 96.5 FM. We will announce any closure of our church service on that station.

Pub Night – Friday

There will be no Pub Night this week. Have a blessed Thanksgiving!

Remember the following throughout the week in your daily prayers:

Diocese of Bethlehem: St. Peter's - (Tunkhannock) The Rev. Lou Divis; The Incorporated Trustees

Anglican: Diocese of Kansas - (VIII, The Episcopal Church) The Rt Revd Dean Wolfe

Kajo Keji: Lu'bule Parish, Montongo Parish

St. Paul's Cycle of Prayer: Evelyn & Emile Constantine; Sandy Darde; Mary Ann DeWitt; Nancy Dooling

For those who are ill or have requested our prayers: Margaret Burgh, Brad Darde, Al Leigh, Joe Welden, Rita Leigh, Rick Arrowsmith, Dr. Ellis Rucker, Jennie Bowen,

Sarah Bertsch, Jerry Stahl, Susan Treanor & Becky Stasko.

Our thanksgivings: We give thanks for Haleigh Quigg and others who celebrate their birthdays this week and next. *O God, look with favor, we pray, as Haleigh and others begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their life. Amen.* We give thanks for those celebrating wedding anniversaries this week. *Grant o God, in your compassion, that those celebrating wedding anniversaries this week may live out the covenant they have made. May they grow in forgiveness, loyalty and love, and come at last to the eternal joys which you have promised through Jesus Christ our Lord; and may the blessing of God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be with them this day and forever. Amen.*

SEND COMMUNICATIONS: minutes, special events etc. to the office, for the parish office to disperse.

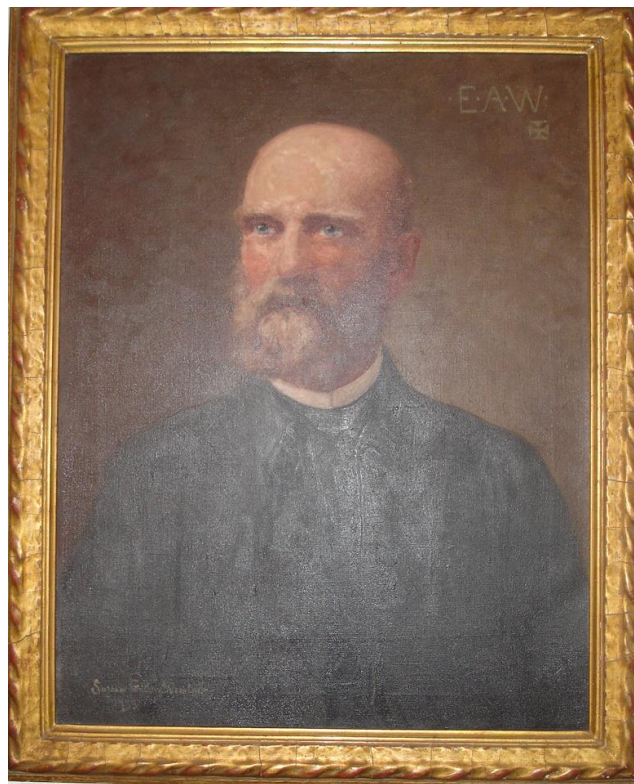
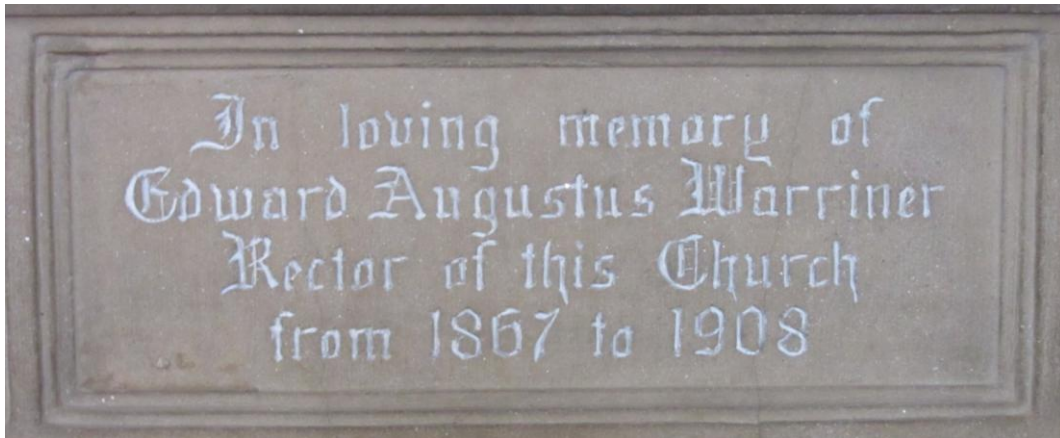
St. Paul's Altar Flowers: If you wish to reserve, a Sunday please sign-up on the chart at the back of the church. Then fill out an Altar Flower Card. Please use one card for each request, enclose your check for \$36.00 with the card in the envelope provided, and place it in the offering plate or send it to the parish office prior to the week that you are doing flowers. For those wishing to supply your own flowers please sign up on the chart at the back of the church and fill out an altar flower card indicating you will do your own flowers. Thank you!

Pastoral Emergency: call the parish office during office hours. After hours, you may call John Finlon at his home 570-965-2722.

3 Photos this week.

Fireplace Dedication Gets Highlighted

Rev. Edward Augustus Warriner was the rector of St. Paul's for almost forty years and his portrait hangs in the Guild Room. Our current parish hall was given in his honor. The fireplace in the main floor of the parish hall has a dedication to him that was carved into the stone mantle. The problem was, due to age and lettering style, you could no longer read it. We had the inscription painted with a grey/white paint to highlight the lettering and we can now all see his name.



St. Paul's new sign was put into place on Friday November 18. Still some more work before the sign will be operational.

