

**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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**Aug. 27 – Sept. 2, 2017 Upcoming
Events**

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

- Sun. Aug. 27 at 9:00AM Holy Eucharist
with the Rev. Hazel Hunt
- Wed. Aug. 30 at 5:30PM Vestry Work
Session

Gifts of Silence

Eighth Gift

Playful: In the silence we begin to take
ourselves less seriously. Life lightens up.
Silence and play are showing us life is a
dance.

**St. Paul's Kitchen Renovation
Project Update**

Well, after five years of discussion, planning
and dreaming, our kitchen is finally going to get
renovated. We were originally only going to
replace the ceiling, floor and counter tops but
Vestry has given permission and funds to do a
more extensive overhaul. We are now also
getting new cabinets, a stove and dishwasher.
The project will start in October. The walls will
be taken down to the studs, insulated and new
electric added. We are also going to brick-in a
door to the left of the sink that was paneled
over during the last upgrade. The cabinets are
coming on August 24th and will be stored in
the Parish Hall. We have not finalized where
we will be storing all the "stuff" that is in the
cabinets now. Also, we will try to construct
some kind of temporary ability to continue to
make coffee. There will be some temporary
inconveniences but great rewards. If you have
any questions, ask Dan, John, Martha, Steve
or Lynne.

This Week's Lay Ministers:

Altar Guild: Carol Marker & Vera Dunn

Announcements: Lynne Graham

Camera & Broadcast: Al Leigh & Andrew
Wurth

Acolyte: Benjamin Zalewski & Sean Eckerd

Counters: Tom Undercoffler & David Calby

Eucharist Minister: Lynne Graham

Lector: Karen Blye-McAbee

Intercessor: Maggie Sock

Greeter/Usher: Sandy Seeger & Marsha Jones

Hospitality: Maggie & Jerry Sock

Readings for this week

First Reading: Exodus 1:8-2:10

Psalm: 124

Epistle: Romans 12:1-8

Gospel: Matthew 16:13-20

Vestry Meeting

July 12, 2017

Present: Martha Kupscznk, Vickie Calby, Lynne Graham, Sandy Seeger, Sandy Darde, Jane Chandler, Tom Undercoffler. David Calby, Treasurer. Guests: Canon Anne Kitch, Canon to the Ordinary, Jack and Carol Lasher, Rich and Carol Marker.

Opening Prayer

Lynne Graham, Sr Warden, opened the vestry meeting in prayer.

Approval of the Agenda

Change to the June 14, vestry meeting minutes- Page 1, May Vestry minutes approval- Interfaith- St Paul's will send \$500 to Interfaith for their Easter food basket ministry and \$500 to their Christmas ministry

Vickie Calby made a motion to approve the June 14, vestry meeting minutes with the above change. Jane Chandler seconded the motion.

All approve, motion passed

Bible Study

The vestry held Bible study/ reflection on Acts 10:1-6.

Follow up to parish vision meeting, June 11, with Canon Anne Kitch

The information gathered at the parish vision meeting will be used to create a profile of the congregation.

We need to update our Church website. Does St Paul's Website hit who we are and what we are? The website is the first place to attract Priests. People will be looking for information about St Paul's.

St Paul's will need to make our web site attractive, tell our story.

How a Priest is selected has changed.

The Episcopal Church office of Transition has a website where Priests have their resumes.

Parishes can also create a data base of what we are looking for in a priest.

The Diocese also participates in The Transition ministry conference. Covers the northeast of the United States.

Canon Anne attends and will put in our data in their data base.

The data we have collected will be important to put together information to tell our story. Each parish is different. Different strengths, what is important to us, our traditions, "Our Story".

What attributes do we want in a clergy?

What talents does St Paul's have?

What are St Paul's gifts to the community?

We need clarity about ministries we have passionate about.

Communication

Where are we doing? Activities working on?

Supply Clergy

Times have changed and we just do not have the clergy we once had. The supply clergy list is constantly changing.

During our time of transition, we will have to use more worship leaders.

We also need to be open to something new.

Taking on a new Priest like Susan was, and sharing a Priest is an option.

The Transitional Ministry conference meets 2x a year. Canon Anne stated that in March

2018, will be a great time to make a formal invitation during the conference.

We will be ready to tell our story, have our profile done and our Website will be ready to tell who we are.

Lynne Graham will make a brief overview each week during announcements of what is going on, to keep everyone informed.

New Business

United Methodist Church Soup Kitchen.

Find out what they want/ need for volunteers.

Drug Addiction in our Community

Ask the DA & Sheriff, What are the needs in our community. NA - Narcotics Anonymous has started meeting in our parish house.

Property Report- Dan Graham

The new sign will be turned off from 11PM to 7AM, to save on electric. The temperature will be removed from the sign.

Kitchen

We are taking bids on the kitchen to remove the studs. We hope to have the kitchen done by September 23, when a cooking class will be held in the kitchen.

Work to be done

Emergency Lighting in the Parish House.

The Stage needs work. There is a cracked board. The stage also needs lights.

The window broke in the organ pump room. The window broke from the inside out, which is odd.

New outlet for the electric piano.

New Keypad for the side door.

Money Requested

Jane made a motion to provide up to \$2000 for a utility sink in the kitchen. Vickie Calby seconded the motion.

All Approved, Motion passed.

Treasurer report- Dave Calby

Bids for audit

A R.E.A.L.

A bid for \$9950 for all 8 years.

We have asked for references and have not received them.

CPA firm Johnson Water & Salvage gave a bid for \$36,000. Can start immediately.

Ventresca- Has not gave us a formal bid. They charge by the hour. Dave will go out and talk to them.

Everyone knows them, and has a very good reputation.

Income

Pledge income- We are ahead in our pledges for the year.

Next vestry meeting will be August 9, 2017.

Meeting adjourned, Closing Prayer

Lynne Graham led us in closing Prayer. Meeting adjourned.

Vestry notes Submitted

08/12/2017

Sandra Darde

Our collections for the Food Bank & Women's Resource Center are the first Sunday of every month. Blessings and thanks for your support and participation.

Our thanksgivings: We give thanks for Margaret Burgh, James Earley and Patty Aiken who celebrate their birthdays this week. *O God, look with favor, we pray, as Margaret, James & Patty 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.*

The Vestry will meet to prayerfully discern the qualities we are looking for in a new priest and why. We invite and encourage the parish to join us in this work. We will meet on Wednesday evenings at 5:30 in the Parish Hall. Due to the timing of these meetings, we will provide pizza and salad. Our next meeting will be on **August 30 everyone is welcome to attend**. Thereafter we will meet on each Wednesday evening until we have completed our task.

The Vestry values your input. Please come share your insights as we work through the questions that will help us to submit a profile showing a prospective new priest what our parish has to offer and how much more we want to be able to offer in the future. The Diocese will then post this profile to various sites where prospective new priests will look. The Vestry looks forward to your participation in this important process.

Pub Night: Pub Night will be at the American Legion on the Elk Lake Road. We will gather at 6:00 p.m. See you Friday!

St. Paul's Cycle of Prayer: Thomas & Brenda Syle; April Taylor-Kirkpatrick & Eric Kirkpatrick; Thomas & Barbara Undercoffler; Ralph & Marlene Very

For those who are ill or have requested our prayers: Margaret Burgh, Brad Darde, Joe Welden, Rick Arrowsmith, Jennie Bowen, Sarah Bertsch, Jerry Stahl, Becky Stasko, Sara, Klye, Kathy Warriner & Alice.

Pictures for the Website: If you have any photos of St. Paul's Church or People you would like to have put on our website please give them to Dan Graham or Betty. We can scan them and give them back to you.

The Book of Remembrance is a book in which are written, each year, the names of faithful members of each parish who entered into life eternal and for whom a memorial thank offering has been made. The Book of Remembrance was established in 1938 in loving memory of Ruth May Linderman, treasurer of the Women's Auxiliary of the Diocese of Bethlehem from 1913 until 1938. The Book of Remembrance is placed on the altar for the noontime service on the last day of the Annual Diocesan Convention, and all the names that are entered for the current year are read aloud.

The income from this Trust Fund is given to the United Thank Offering and the Diocesan Scholarship Fund, which is used to support mission and ministry through educational programs and conferences.

Checks for these memorial offerings should be made out to "The Diocese of Bethlehem – BoR (Book of Remembrance)" and sent to the: Episcopal Diocese of Bethlehem, 333 Wyandotte Street, Bethlehem, PA 18015
Deadline for entries for the 2016/2017 Book of Remembrance is September 6th. All names submitted after that date will be placed in the 2017/2018 book.

St. Paul's Altar Flowers: If you wish to reserve, a Sunday please sign-up on the sheet 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 sheet 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 Lynne Graham at her home 570-934-1160.

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

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

2 Photos this week.

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

Picnic Service at Lackawanna State Park

On Sunday, St. Paul's, Montrose, St. Peter's, Tunkhannock, and St. Mark's, Moscow, had a joint Eucharistic Service followed by a picnic lunch at Lackawanna State Park. Chicken, hot dogs, hamburgers, corn and a large array of salads and desserts and other "fixings" fed everyone. The service was jointly officiated by Rev. Earl Trygar and Rev. Lou Divis and the weather cooperated by providing a glorious day. All had a good time.



