

**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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July 23 - 29, 2017 Upcoming Events

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

- Sun. July 23 Holy Eucharist 9:00AM
- Wed. July 26 Sleeping Bags
- Sat. July 29 Service at St. Matthews
5:00PM with Comm. Holiman
- Sun. July 30 Joint Service at St. Mark's
New Milford at 11:00AM with Rev. Lou
Divis following by Picnic (NO Service at
St. Paul's)



It's time for a picnic!

We've been invited to join with St. Marks,
Christ Church, and St. Peter's on **July 30th**, at
11:00AM at St. Mark's with Rev. Lou Divis.
There will be Eucharist.
No service at St. Paul's.



Service at St. Matthews on Saturday **July
29th** at **5:00PM** with Commander Holiman.

This Week's Lay Ministers:

Altar Guild: Else Brunner, Carol Lasher & Vera
Dunn

Announcements: Lynne Graham

Camera & Broadcast: Al Leigh & Andrew
Wurth

Acolyte: Benjamin Zalewski

Counters: Tom Undercoffler & David Calby

Eucharist Minister: Brenda Syle

Lector: Rita Leigh

Intercessor: Nancy Dooling

Greeter/Usher: Sandy Seeger & Marsha Jones

Readings for this week

First Reading: Genesis 28:10-19a

Psalm: 139:1-11, 22-23

Epistle: Romans 8:12-25

Gospel: Matthew 13:24-30,36-43

Gifts of Silence

Third:

Awareness.

Simple awareness, empty of everything, just
being present, gives life vitality, peace, and
sense of unity.

IN our ground of being, our awareness can
rest.

Wednesday, July 26th at 1:00 (Room 1
downstairs) Sleeping Bag Ministry with the
children from the Learning Center.
All are welcome.

Vestry News

On July 12, 2017 at our regular Vestry meeting the Vestry met with Canon Anne Kitch. In attendance were Vestry members as well as several members of the congregation. (For the past month or two we have been reminding members during announcements you are welcome to attend Vestry meetings).

We met with Canon Anne to continue our Visioning Process which will give us a clearer picture of who we are and what we are looking for in a new Priest. Canon Anne reminded us that we do not have to look just in the Diocese of Bethlehem for a new Priest; in this more technology-minded era we can use the internet to our advantage. She suggested looking closely at our Website and Facebook pages. These will most likely be one of the first places an interested Priest will take a look at us.

After studying the post-it notes from our parish meeting with Canon Kitch, it was evident St. Paul's has three kinds of ministry we are passionate about and all of them involve the community.

Anne said the Vestry and congregation need to work on a profile for St. Paul's. Which she will then post to two websites other than our own. We also need to define the attributes we are looking for in a Priest.

There is a parish meeting scheduled for August 13, 2017 after church. We encourage everyone to come and make sure your voice is heard as we move forward to make the right decisions for St. Paul's future.

Vickie Calby

Hometown Morning Market Saturdays starting May 20, 8:00 – 12:00 @the White Oak, 416 South Main Street, Montrose. Vendors will sell: locally grown vegetable and flowering plants, locally grown produce, handmade jewelry, fresh eggs, soaps, breakfast sandwiches, fresh coffee and more! Gluten free, dairy free waffles!

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 Cycle of Prayer: Robert & Renee Kimmell; Robert & Janet Kuhn; Steve, Martha & Kyle Kupscznk; Carol & Jack Lasher

Pub Night Friday: This week we will meet at the VFW in Montrose, Rt. 706 at 6:00 p.m.

Picnic in August at Lackawanna State Park with our "sister church" of St. Mark's, Moscow, and St. Peter's and their sister church, Christ Church, Susquehanna on **August 20** at 10:30AM. There will be Eucharist at the picnic. We will not have a service at St. Paul's.

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 Christine Bartron & others who celebrate their birthdays this week. *O God, look with favor, we pray, as Christine & 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.*

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 Kupscznk, Patti, Kimberly, Karen April, Kathy Warriner & Alice.

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!

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

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.

Montrose Summer

A Bluebird is sitting on a phone line and we have an abundance of summer daises. As we enter into the middle of summer, we have had plenty of rain and warm temperatures this week.

