

**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 30 – Aug. 5, 2017 Upcoming
Events**

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

- **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)
- **Wed. Aug. 2** Meeting with Vestry
5:30PM



It's time for a picnic this Sunday! 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.

Readings for this week at St. Matthews

First Reading: 1 Kings 3:5-12

Psalm: 119:129-136

Epistle: Romans 8:26-39

Gospel: Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

Gifts of Silence
the fourth

God: Silence gives us our own personal
experience beyond believing or discussion.
The gifts of silence, like God, are beyond
words. God IS.

Pub Night Friday: is at Marsha Jones's house
at 6:00pm. Please bring a dish to pass and
byob. Directions 68 Horseshoe Lane,
Montrose: Across from the old Montrose
Hospital take Bank St. at the bottom of Bank
St. go right (artesian well is on left). Take
Turnpike Road for 9/10 of a mile, then take
Horseshoe Lane on your right. 1st house on the
right, white ranch house with green shutters.
Home # 570-278-4673. All are welcome.

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 first meeting will be on **August 2**; the next session will be on **August 16** immediately following a brief Vestry meeting which **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.

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.

St. Paul's Cycle of Prayer: Al & Rita Leigh; George & Mary Beth Mann; Richard & Carol Marker; Joel & Suzi Maxey

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.

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

Dear Friends at St. Paul's,

I watched the 4th of July parade from in front of St. Paul's, and during that time had a chance to see the improvements made in the church. The new arrangement of the Chancel is wonderful!! It really puts the altar "at the front" and makes it the central focus.

The rearrangement of the choir pews is also an improvement. The whole space looks less cluttered and more focused. These changes express a theology that welcomes everyone and draws each person in. Architecture and "interior design" express ministry, and I am so glad to see the ministry you are expressing and the vision of the kingdom of God you are extending.

New signs seem to be contagious in our church! St. Mark's has one too! So glad we are letting people know when the doors are open! It really is great to see the vitality at St. Paul's!

May God continue to bless your life in Christ together, for the work and purpose of the Kingdom.

Faithfully, Janet Watrous

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.

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.

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.

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.

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

Our thanksgivings: We give thanks for James Bailey & others who celebrate their birthdays this week. *O God, look with favor, we pray, as James & 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.*

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!

3 Photos this week.

Mahjong Anyone?

The Adult School has been having Mahjong classes in our parish hall twice a week. It's an old game but a lot of fun.



Sleeping Bag Helpers

Children from the Learning Center were excited to help make sleeping bags for the homeless this week. They enjoyed it so much that they decided they would like to join us next week! Come and catch their enthusiasm and join the fun.



Kitchen Floor

Did you ever notice you have to step up to get into the kitchen. Well, we just figured out why. The floor has no less than five levels: a pine sub-floor, 3/4 oak boards, a linoleum floor, 3/4 inch 4x8 sheeting and the current vinyl floor. Wow!

