

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

St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 276 Church Street, Montrose, PA 18801

Office 570-278-2954, Mon. to Thu. 8:15am to 1:00pm

stpaulsmontrose@epix.net

<http://stpaulschurchmontrose.org>

<https://www.facebook.com/stpaulsmontrose>

Sept. 17 - 23, 2017 Upcoming Events

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

- Sun. Sept. 17 at 9:00AM Holy Eucharist
with Rev. Robert Criste-Troutman
- Wed. Sept. 20 at 5:30PM Parish/Vestry
Mtg.

This Week's Lay Ministers:

Altar Guild: Vera Dunn & Barb Undercoffler

Announcements: Lynne Graham

Camera & Broadcast: Al Leigh & Andrew
Wurth

Acolyte: Benjamin Zalewski

Counters: Vickie Calby & Sandy Seeger

Eucharist Minister: Nancy Dooling

Lector: Vickie Calby

Intercessor: Carol Marker

Greeter/Usher: Maggie Sock & Nancy Dooling

Readings for this week

First Reading: Exodus 14:19-31

Psalm: 114

Epistle: Romans 14:1-12

Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35

Silence: Grace

Grace speaks to something divine in life. In
silence, an awareness of grace comes and
goes like an ocean lapping at the seashore.
As silence climbs into the very soul of our
awareness, grace and gratitude can flow over
us in an experience that can be described only
as perfect grace.

The Masons Lodge is having a free
Spaghetti dinner at 5:00pm at St. Paul's
this Saturday, September 16th. All are
welcome.



Pub Night this Friday:

This week we will be gathering at Barb and
Tom Undercoffler's home. Most of you know
how to get there but if you need directions, you
can contact either Barb, Tom or me (Vickie.)
We will gather at 6:00 p.m.
Barb is providing pulled pork and meatballs.
Please bring a dish to pass.
Also, please bring your own beverage.

Kitchen Update

The kitchen cabinets have come in and are stored in the parish hall. One damaged one has been replaced. The contract to remove the old door behind the paneling and the existing kitchen walls down to studs, insulate and brick in areas around window and door has been let to Curtis R. Woodford Construction. The removal of the old cabinets and walls will begin Monday, October 9th. The floor contract has been let to Lee and Son of Springville. They are taking the old floor down to the original oak floor and then adding the new one. Removal of old flooring will begin October 11th. The stove and dishwasher have been ordered.



TRI STATE GOSPEL CHOIR

Sunday September 17th at 4PM

Franklin Forks United Methodist Church

A fun time of innovative and inspirational music

Light refreshments to follow the program

Vestry Highlights for September 12, 2017

Bible study/reflection Matthew 18:15-20

The Vestry constructed staggered terms for existing members. We will need to nominate 2 members to be elected at the Annual Meeting in January.

We elected Vickie Calby as Junior Warden and thanked Jane Chandler for her service as Junior Warden.

We discussed options for interim clergy while we prepare to call a rector.

Lynne Graham, Senior Warden

VESTRY MEETING

August 16, 2017

Vestry members present were: Lynne Graham, Vickie Calby, Martha Kupscznk, Jane Chandler, and Treasurer Dave Calby
Guests present were: Maggie and Jerry Sock, Al Leigh, Karen Blye-McAbee, and Margaret Burgh.

Meeting was called to order at 5:44 p.m.

Senior Warden, Lynne Graham welcomed everyone.

Opening Prayer: Senior Warden Lynne Graham.

Approval of Agenda:

Jane Chandler made the motion to approve the Agenda

Lynne Graham seconded.

Motion carried.

Approval of July Minutes:

Maggie Sock noted on page two of the July minutes the sentence reading; *The state also needs lights; should read; The stage also needs lights.*

Martha Kupscznk made the motion to approve the minutes with the correction;

Vickie Calby seconded.

Motion carried.

Bible Study:

This evening we reflected on Acts: 10: 44-48.

Questions for Bishop Sean:

Lynne told the Vestry that she had written the Bishop for clarification on two matters; the first being we have five of seven Vestry members whose terms will be up at the end of the year. Because we are in the process of looking for a new Priest and this falls mainly on the Vestry's shoulders there is concern about continuity.

Lynne wondered if due to the size of our congregation and lack of those willing to serve on Vestry, if there was a special consideration that could be made in order that the term of those leaving could be extended if individuals are willing. Secondly, she wondered about filling the Junior Warden position and who is

eligible. The Bishop's reply was he would need to study the Canons and get back to Lynne. He also said at the minimum we would have to set-up staggered terms.

Change of Vestry Meeting Day:

At July's Vestry meeting we were informed that Sandy Seeger would not be able to attend meetings any longer due to a new job commitment on Wednesday evenings. Previously, the Vestry had changed our meeting night to Wednesday's when Sandy Darde's job commitments changed. Lynne spoke with Sandy Darde and found that her schedule had also changed making Sandy Darde available on Tuesday evenings. We will change our meetings back to Tuesdays at 5:30.

Property Report:

The Vestry reviewed Dan Graham's Property Report.

Some of the highlights:

- More lighting will be added to certain spots inside due to increased use of our property at night;
- A Redbud tree will be planted in the Memorial Garden in Karen Holgate's memory;
- A mop sink was added to the rear of the kitchen. Shelves will be added;
- Kitchen renovation has been started;
- A broken board was replaced on the stage

New Business:

- Vestry discussed the possibility of helping with the UMC Wednesday night dinners. No resolution was reached.
- Inviting District Attorney Bob Klein to speak was discussed. No resolution.
- Discussion regarding sponsorship to donate bread each month for the MMFP, the cost would be approximately \$250.00. Those present agreed we would like to do this but should take an e-mail vote from those not present. If all agree we will take a second collection each Sunday to cover the cost.

Old Business:

We still have \$1700.00 in profit from the Country Store that we have not distributed. There was discussion on where this money should be donated. Jane Chandler made the motion that the funds be distributed as follows:
\$1,000.00 Interfaith
\$ 250.00 Food Bank
\$ 450.00 Women's Resource Center
Martha seconded the motion.
Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

Lynne Graham stopped at Ventresca's Tax Service hoping to get a price quote from Joe Lubash for doing St. Paul's audit from 2009 to present. Joe gave Lynne a quote of \$1,120.00 along with his apologizes for not getting back to Dave with this sooner. We also have a quote from Vicki Strock CIA, CFE, for an amount not to exceed \$9,950.00. Dave Calby recommended we accept Vicki Strock's bid based on the fact that Vicki is a CIA and CFE. She stated in her bid that she will follow the guidelines of the Episcopal Church Business Manual. Jane Chandler made the motion that we accept Vicki Strock's bid based on Dave Calby's recommendation. Martha Kupscznk seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 6:06 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Vickie Calby

St. Paul's Cycle of Prayer: Dorothy Arrowsmith; James & Elizabeth Bailey; Margaret Baker; Benson, Rachel, Maximus and Lucas Bartron

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

Coats for the Community to Start Distributing Coats in October

For over ten years, the American Legion Gardner-Warner Post 154 has been involved in the Coats for the Community Program. This is a low-key, local program run by local volunteers directly benefits our community. The program distributes coats from October to December at seven locations throughout Susquehanna County. The sites include four churches, Blue Ridge High School, St John Neumann Center and Gardner-Warner Post 154. St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Montrose also keeps a number of coats for urgent situations as needed for a year round distribution.

The program gave out more than 1600 warm coats last year, the majority of which went to children. Coats are obtained by coat drives at a number of sites; donations from the Burlington Coat Factory and the Montrose Interfaith; and financial donations from the Legion, local businesses, St. Paul's and individuals. Donations allowed the purchase of over 625 children's coats at Salvation Army's on half-price Wednesdays this year. The cost per coat averaged under \$4.00.

Donations of nearly new or gently used winter coats that you no longer need are accepted and appreciated anytime. Sites to donate include St. Paul's, the Legion and Pro-Care Physical Therapy. Cash donations likewise are needed and are always welcomed. Your \$20.00 gift buys five children's coats. Questions can be directed to John Finlon at the American Legion.

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

APPEAL FROM SLEEPING BAGS for the HOMELESS MINISTRY

As you do the fall clean out and prepare for winter, please think of this appeal. We are in need of clean BLANKETS, MATTRESS COVERS, and BED SHEETS. Donations need not be new or perfect but only clean and can be picked up at your door or brought to church. A hole here or there does not matter. We meet the second Wednesday and Saturday of the month at 1:00 downstairs in Room #1. All are welcome to join us for an easy and pleasant time together. Any questions please call: Carol Marker 570-465-7230. Many thanks to all who have been working on this very needed ministry.

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 Wed. 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 **September 20 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.

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

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

Our thanksgivings: We give thanks for Esther Welden and Anna D'Andrea who celebrate their birthdays this week. *O God, look with favor, we pray, as Esther and Anna 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.*

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

Pastoral Emergency: call the parish office during office hours. After hours, you may call Lynne Graham at her home 570-934-1160.

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!

5 Photos this week.

Last Sunday's Service

We tried to get a picture of Ben, Sean and The Rev. Davis at last week's service, but Ben had to go to work and got out before I could take the picture. We asked Rev. Davis for a short "bio" and this is what he sent: "I'm a "Cradle Episcopalian" born and raised here in NEPA. I was baptized, received first Holy Communion, confirmed and married at St. Luke's Church in Scranton. I was ordained to the Sacred Order of Deacons on St. Thomas Day (12/21/12) by Bishop Paul Marshall."



It's Choir Time

Well, fall starts officially next week and with fall comes choir practice. Cathy Hammons, our choir director and organist, played a beautiful postlude on Sunday. Both she and the choir are ready for another great year. Choir practice started this week and is on Wednesday at 7:00pm.



A card for an annual dinner held at St. Paul's in 1914.

