

**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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Oct. 8 - 14, 2017 Upcoming Events

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

- Sun. Oct. 8 at 9:00AM Deacon's Mass
with Rev. John Davis
- Tue. Oct. 10 Vestry Meeting 5:30PM
- Wed. Oct. 11 Sleeping Bags 1:00PM
- Wed. Oct. 11 at 5:30PM Parish/Vestry
Mtg.

This Week's Lay Ministers:

Altar Guild: Sandy Seeger & Marsha Jones

Announcements: Lynne Graham

Camera & Broadcast: Al Leigh & Andrew
Wurth

Acolyte: Benjamin Zalewski & Sean Eckert

Counters: Dan Graham & Steve Kupscznk

Eucharist Minister: Lynne Graham

Lector: Mary Zalewski

Intercessor: Vickie Calby

Greeter/Usher: John Finlon & Barbara

Undercoffler

Hospitality: Rita, Al & Stephanie

Readings for this week

First Reading: Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20

Psalm: 19

Epistle: Philippians 3:4b-14

Gospel: Matthew 21:33-46

**Altar Flowers this week are from Vida A.
Kiefer and John and Nancy Finlon In
Memory of Vida Finlon.**

St. Mark's Celebrates 200th Anniversary!

St. Mark's Episcopal Church, New Milford, will
celebrate its 200th anniversary on Saturday,
October 7, with a celebratory service at 5 pm.
In addition to the Celebration of the Eucharist,
the event will include **bring a dish** dinner
following. The Rev. Janet C. Watrous will
preside and preach.

As St. Mark's launches the celebration of two
centuries of ministry in New Milford, we give
thanks for our sister congregations in
Susquehanna, Montrose, and Tunkhannock.
We look forward to welcoming you.



The Vestry has started a Sunday
collection to provide bread for the Montrose
Mobile Food Bank once a month. We expect
that the cost would be around \$250 per month
to provide bread for the monthly distribution.

Mobile Pantry

The Montrose Mobile Panty holds a free
monthly food distribution the second Friday of
each month. This program also addresses the
food insecurity issue that faces some of our
neighbors and friends. Volunteers are needed
the day of the distribution starting at 11:00
through 5:00. To donate, volunteer or to sign
up for yourself please call 571-214-2184.

THE OFFICE IS CLOSED OCTOBER 16 THROUGH OCTOBER 20. The Weekly Update will go out on Thursday Oct. 12 and again on Thursday October 26. No Weekly Update on October 19. Please get articles in no later than Wednesday October 11.

Kitchen Update

We start removing existing kitchen cabinets, sink and dishwasher on Friday, October 6th. First floor bathrooms should be open on Sunday the 8th with a light coffee hour planned. Walls, electric work and flooring removal will start on Monday, 9th. We will have to play coffee hour and first floor bathrooms for Sunday the 15th by ear.

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.

Sign-ups For Christmas Bureau

Senior Citizen Sign-ups Monday, October 9— Friday October 13 (10:00-3:00)

Family Sign-ups start Monday, October 16— Tuesday October 31 (10:00-3:00)

Families and Senior Citizens can sign up from October 16-October 31

Please call for an appointment.

Please bring benefits printouts, proof of income, and I.D. as well as, monthly expenses.

For Information call 570-278-1776 or email director@interfaithsc.org

Friday Night Social

This week we will meet at the American Legion on the Elk Lake Road.

We will gather at 6:00 p.m.

Please let Jane know if you will be there so a table can be reserved.



ENDLESS MOUNTAINS THEATRE COMPANY
presents



Love, Loss, and What I Wore

by **Nora and Delia
Ephron Ephron**

based on the book by Ilene Beckerman

Original New York Production produced by Daryl Roth

Friday, October 13th - 7:00 pm
Saturday, October 14th - 7:00 pm
Sunday, October 15th - 3:00 pm

All shows include dessert!

ST. PAUL'S PARISH HALL

276 Church St, Montrose, PA 18801

\$14 - General Admission **\$12** - Students/Seniors

Supporting member discount of \$2 per ticket

Tickets Available at the Door on Day of Show

www.EndlessMountainsTheatre.org

Funded in part by the Susquehanna County Room-Tax Fund and the Endless Mountains Visitors Bureau.

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. Due to the timing of these meetings, we will provide a light dinner. Our next meeting will be on **October 11 everyone is welcome to attend.** 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.

UTO (United Thank Offering)

Our collection for the UTO will be held on **Sunday, November 18, 2017**. If you have not picked up a box to add your thankful coins to, or an envelope, they are at the entrance of the Church.

Placing the box in sight of you, and /or family members is a great way to say thank you to God for all He has done for you.

Our thanksgivings: We give thanks for Nicholas Warriner, Al Leigh, Benson Bartron and April Taylor-Kirkpatrick who celebrate their birthdays this week. *O God, look with favor, we pray, as Nicholas, Al, Benson and April 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, Becky Stasko, Sara, Klye & Kathy Warriner.

St. Paul's Cycle of Prayer: Jane Chandler; Evelyn & Emile Constantine; Sandra Darde; Mary Ann DeWitt

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

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. **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.

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

Security Codes Changed

Well, it's fall and time to change the security codes we added last February. If you currently have a security code to get into the church buildings and haven't heard from anyone, you will need to call Betty to get the new one. If you have any questions, ask Betty.

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



Report on Diocesan Convention 2017

Clergy and lay persons gathered for the 146th Convention of the Diocese of Bethlehem held at the Carbondale Grand Hotel. On Friday, we approved the new Canons after the second reading (read first at last year's convention). Once the new Canons were in place, it allowed for business to be conducted the following day. Friday's keynote speaker was the Rev. Scott Slater, Canon to the Ordinary for the Diocese of Maryland. Scott introduced us to the work of Brene' Brown, researcher, author, and licensed master social worker. Her TED talk--The Power of Vulnerability--is one of the top five most viewed TED talks in the world. She is the author of four #1 *New York Times* bestsellers.

Canon Slater has been trained and certified in Brown's "The Daring Way", a program for helping professionals who want to facilitate Brown's 16 year study of courage, vulnerability, shame, and empathy. Slater led us in table discussions with worksheets on three areas of Brown's work:

- our **arena**: How does *scarcity* show up when you think about the arena of your ministry setting? ("We don't have enough..." "We can't try that because..."); What *comparisons* do you make with other similar ministry settings? (They have more/better...than us.); and Identify areas of your ministry setting in which you can feel *shame*.
- our **values**: What does *connection* look like as an important value at this moment in the history of the diocese?; What does the value of *collaboration* look like within your local ministry setting?; "In my ministry setting, I want to show up and be seen as *courageous* by...(action/behavior/attitude)"; and What tangible support you would like from the diocese/other congregations/others in your ministry setting in order to act courageously?
- our **armory**: Check all boxes that reflect armor that has been employed in your ministry setting:
"That will never work because..."

"We can't afford it."

"No one will come."

"We need one good fundraiser."

"We don't have any young people."

"We've tried that before."

"We've always done it this way."

"We can't survive without this worship space."

"If only...";

and, Choose one to two of the following questions to answer:

What would people think if we decided to merge with another congregation?

What would people think if we stopped all our outreach ministries?

What would people think if we had no music in worship?

What would people think if we got rid of all our pews?

What would people think if we allowed homeless persons to sleep in our church at night?

What is the biggest fear in your ministry setting? How does it prevent you from experiencing joy?

What is your biggest fear about the diocese or the next bishop?

We watched short videos of clarification from Brené Brown on each set of questions. She pointed out that the opposite of *scarcity* is not abundance, but *enough*. I would highly recommend her TED talk as she is truly inspirational.

After elections to Diocesan Council and the Commission on Ministry, the Rev. Charlie Barebo gave the Diocesan Treasurer's Report. The Diocese is in the best financial standing in years. We are operating on a balanced budget of \$1,321,000. Audits have been completed through 2016. Our budget for mission and ministry is up 57% since 2014.

Charlie Barebo gave a report on the New Hope Mission in Kejo Keji. The residents of those communities in which we sponsor schools have moved to Uganda into the old refugee camps. Temporary schools have been built but there is no money remaining. Our Diocese needs to raise \$20,000 to buy books and supplies. I would like to invite Charlie Barebo to give us his presentation on New Hope as the need is dire.

Finally, Bishop Sean addressed convention. By next convention on October 5-6, 2018, we will have elected the new Bishop of our Diocese. The electing convention is April 28, 2018. Delegates to this convention will be elected at St. Paul's annual meeting in January. Bishop Sean stated that we are a

remarkable Diocese and his only fear for us is that we will not think BIG ENOUGH! We thanked Bishop Sean for his exceptional, loving service with resounding applause by standing ovation.

Respectfully submitted,
Lynne Graham
Elected Delegate to Convention

WINTER COAT DRIVE AND DISTRIBUTION UNDERWAY



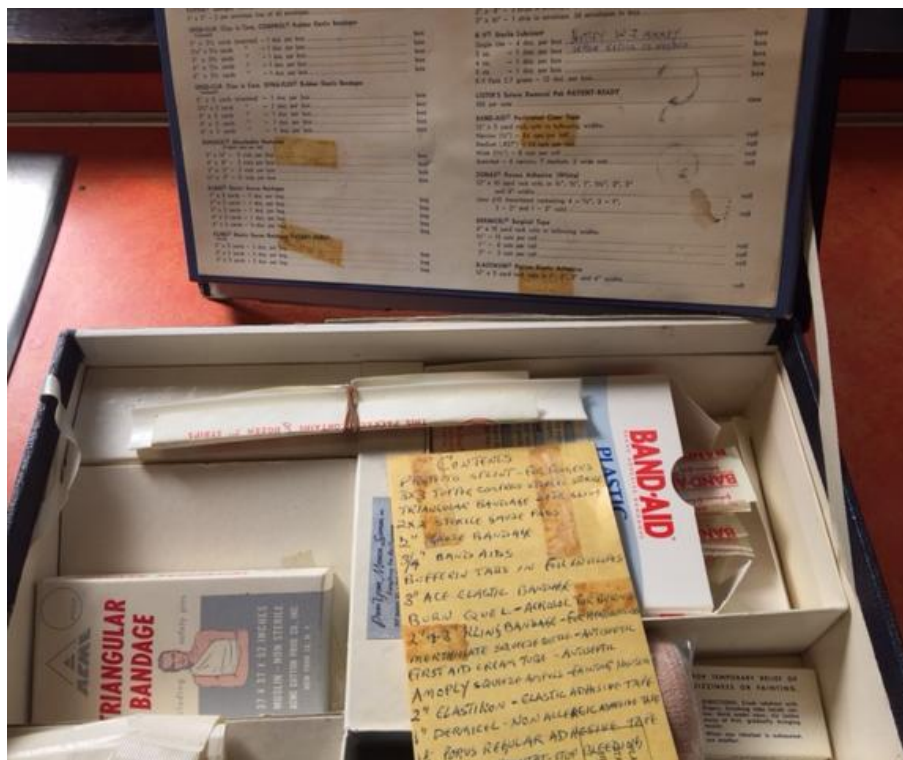
American Legion Post 154 has started collecting winter coats for its annual Coats for the Community program, now in its 11th year. The organization is seeking new or clean, gently used winter coats, hats, gloves, mittens and scarves, along with blankets, to help keep our neighbors a little bit warmer this winter. Children's coats are particularly in demand. Last year, the group gave away more than 1,600 coats. Donations can be dropped off at ProCare Physical Therapy, St. Rt. 706, Montrose, St. Paul's Church, 276 Church St., Montrose, and American Legion Post 154, 14515 State Route 3001, Montrose. Money donations are also welcome and will be collected through November. Anyone who needs a warm winter coat is welcome to this free event. Coats are scheduled to be distributed at the following locations:

- Christ Church, Forest City, October 5, 6, and 7
- Christ Church, Susquehanna, October 13, 14, and 15
- American Legion Post 154, Montrose, October 17 and 18
- Blue Ridge High School, October 20 and 21
- St. John Neumann Center, Choconut, November 3 and 4
- St. Marks, New Milford, November 13, 14 and 15
- St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Montrose, December 20 and 21

You can also call the Post at 570-278-1649 to arrange a pick up or to ask questions.

Old First Aid Kit Found

During the kitchen renovation, we came across an old first aid kit hidden away. In a box with "St. Paul's First Aid Kit" on it, were old patent medicines, yellow Band-Aids and some ammonia smelling salts. Also there was an annotation to notify W.J.Maxey when refills were needed. We will put it out for review.



Adhering Dressings

in envelope, 50 envelopes in box.....
s in envelope, 36 envelopes in box.....
p in envelope, 36 envelopes in box.....

lubricant

doz. per box
doz. per box
doz. per box
doz. per box
grams - 12 doz. per box.....

NOTIFY W.J. MAXEY
WHEN REFILL IS NEEDED

Removal Pak PATIENT-READY

Perforated Clear Tape