

**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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**Dec 3 - 9, 2017 Upcoming Events**

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

➤ **Country Store Sat. Dec. 2 from**



**9:00AM to 3:00PM**

- Deacon's Mass on Sun. Dec. 3 at 10:00AM with Rev. John Davis
- Bible Study Tue. Dec. 5 at 5:30PM
- DOK Mtg. Sat. Dec. 9 at 10:00AM
- Dec. 10 Joint Service with St. Mark's in New Milford at 11:00AM – No Service at St. Paul's

**Readings for this week**

First Reading: Isaiah 64:1-9

Psalm: 80:1-7, 16-18

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Gospel: Mark 13:24-37



**BAKED GOODS for COUNTRY STORE**

Many of you may be baking or thinking of items you will be making for the Country Store on December 2, 2017. Fresh baked goods can be brought to the church on Friday, Dec 1. Items that have sold well in the past have been pies, cookies, breads, candies, and cakes (cupcakes have not). Begin your baking now and help St. Paul's out.



**Interfaith Christmas Dinner**

We will be collecting stuffing for the Christmas Dinner for Susquehanna County Interfaith our goal is to collect 50 boxes. We will need all donations by Sunday December 10<sup>th</sup>.



**Jesse Tree**

St. Paul's will be doing 20 toy tags this year for Interfaith Christmas Bureau. All gifts should be approximately \$25.00 and should be unwrapped with attached tags and attached batteries if needed. All items will need to be dropped off at St. Paul's by Sunday December 10<sup>th</sup>.

**This Week's Lay Ministers:**

Altar Guild: Carol Marker, Carol Lasher & Ben Zalewski

Announcements: Lynne Graham

Camera & Broadcast: Al Leigh & Andrew Wurth

Acolyte: Benjamin Zalewski & Sean Eckert

Counters: Karen Blye- McAbee & Jane Chandler

Chalice Bearer: Vickie Calby

Lector: Karen Blye- McAbee

Intercessor: Nancy Dooling

Greeter/Usher: Elaine Petrzala & Stephanie Calby

Hospitality: Stephanie Calby

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



**Montrose Community Chorale Presents  
Annual Christmas Program**

The annual presentation of 'Christmas in Montrose' by the Montrose Community Chorale will be presented on Sunday, December 3, 2017 at 3:00 p.m. in the sanctuary of the First Presbyterian Church, 367 Church Street, Montrose, PA. Thomas Welch is the director and accompanist is Kristen Burkhardt. Jacob Myers, baritone, will be guest soloist. Ellen Torres, cellist, will accompany the Chorale in a holiday number. A beautifully decorated giant, chocolate, rocking horse from Chocolates by Leopold will be this year's raffle item. Raffle tickets are available from a Chorale member or at the door on Sunday. A freewill offering will be accepted and benefit the community. Refreshments will be served in the missionary room. Submitted by Mary Ann DeWitt  
570 278 2791

**Advent Bible Study to Begin**

As Advent is a time of waiting and preparation for the birth of Christ, we will begin to ready our hearts by studying the Scripture lessons offered by the Diocesan congregational resources. Through the rest of November and December we will suspend our parish/Vestry meetings at which we are working on our "parish profile" in readiness for a new rector. Instead, we will meet on Tuesday evenings at 5:30 for Bible study. Soup and salad will be provided.

Please plan to attend on December 5, 12, and 19, the three Tuesdays before Christmas. If we truly seek spiritual growth in the parish, this is a beginning. Come, let us adore Him by filling our hearts and minds with God's word.

**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.



**Poinsettias for the Christmas Altar**

The cost of Poinsettias will remain the same as 2016 at 20.00 per flower. Please remit your check to the office as soon as possible or place in offering plate on Sundays. Envelopes are available at the back of the church. You may designate in memory of or in honor of someone if your wish. Thank you.

**Tri-State Gospel Singers**

The Tri-State Gospel Singers will perform at St. Paul's on Sunday, December 17 at 3 pm after the 10 am service, the greening of the church, and brunch.

**Pledges**

Please return your pledge of financial support, time, and talent. Your pledge acknowledges God's goodness in your life and is important to your well-being and St. Paul's.



**Bread Collection**

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 which is the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of each month from 11:00 to 5:00.

**St. Paul's Cycle of Prayer:** Anne Shafer; Shirley Shingler; Robert & Elizabeth Smith; Jerry & Maggie Sock

## **SLEEPING BAGS FOR THE HOMELESS IN AMERICA**

Thank you to all who have brought in needed articles for the sleeping bag project. At this time, BLANKETS are the most needed. They do not need to be perfect but only clean. In December we will meet on **Wed. Dec. 13 at 1:00pm** in Room #1 downstairs. We can arrange a work table in the parish hall for those who cannot use the stairs. Our sleeping bags are delivered to shelters in three states, PA, NY and NJ where most needed at the time of distribution. Blessings! Carol M.

## **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. Anyone who needs a warm winter coat is welcome to this free event. Coats will be distributed at:

- **St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Montrose**  
**Dec. 19 10:00 am to 4:00 pm**  
**Dec. 20 10:00 am to 6:00 pm**  
**Dec. 21 10:00 am to 4:00 pm**

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

**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.

## **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.

**Our thanksgivings:** We give thanks for Haleigh Quigg, Daniel Graham, Zachery Warriner, Elizabeth Earley, Rodney Stone, Sandra Seeger & James Cain who celebrate their birthdays this week. *O God, look with favor, we pray, as Haleigh, Daniel, Zachery, Elizabeth, Rodney, Sandra & James 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!

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

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

## 5 Photos this week

### Sleeping Bags Blessed

The Rev. Dan Jones blessed the sleeping bags lovingly made by Carol Marker and her band of faithful volunteers. The bags were ready to be delivered for use by our homeless community next week. The group usually meets the second Wednesday and second Saturday of every month in Room Number 1. However, in December, they will only be meeting on Wednesday the 15th. It's a lot of fun and everyone is welcome.



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





### **Puppies**

Martha and Steve's English Springer Spaniel, Ava, had 12, yes 12 puppies last Sunday. Martha dropped by church on the way from the vet where they had their tails docked. They were a noisy bunch and they were obviously missing Ava.



## St. Paul's Delivers Sleeping Bags

Carol, Maggie and Nancy delivered some wool coats and the sleeping bags made by St. Paul's parishioners to My Brother's Keeper this week. Director Flo Wheatley and her husband, Jim, posed with the ladies.

