

**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 31 – Jan 6, 2018 Upcoming
Events**

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

- Deacon's Mass on Sun. Dec. 31 at
10:00am with Rev. John Davis
- The Office will be closed Mon. Jan. 1

*Happy
New Year*

Readings for this week

First Reading: Isaiah 61:10-62:3

Psalm: 147

Epistle: Galatians 3:23-25; 4:4-7

Gospel: John 1:1-18

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: Vickie Calby & Sandy Seeger

Chalice Bearer: Lynne Graham

Lector: Richard Marker

Intercessor: Nancy Dooling

Greeter/Usher: Sandy Seeger & Robert Dunn

Hospitality: Barb & Cathy

2018 Pledge Books

Pledge Books for 2018 will be available at the
back of the church. If you did not pledge and
want a book please let the office know.



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
2nd Friday of each month from 11:00 to 5:00.

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

St. Paul's Cycle of Prayer: Lillian Ainey; Carol
Arnold; Dorothy Arrowsmith; James &
Elizabeth Bailey

**For those who are ill or have requested our
prayers:** Margaret Burgh, Brad Darde, Joe &
Esther Welden, Rick Arrowsmith, Jennie
Bowen, Sarah Bertsch, Becky Stasko, Sara,
Kyle, Kathy Warriner, Janice, K'ann, Pat &
Charles.

**Our collections for the Trehab 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 Charles Cesaretti; Scott McAleer & Karen Blye-McAbee who celebrate their birthdays this week. *O God, look with favor, we pray, as Charles, Scott & Karen 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.

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

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

Fourth Sunday of Advent

St. Paul's welcomed back the Rev. Dan Jones who celebrated the Eucharist at the Advent IV service. Because Christmas Eve fell on Sunday night this year, there were two services on Sunday. Dan and his wife Laura are special guests and are welcome at St. Paul's any time.



Silent Night - Holy Night

We did our traditional lighting of candles for the singing of Silent Night during our 7:00 Christmas Eve Service. The church lights are dimmed and parishioner's candles are lit from the Advent candles and the flame is passed from front to the rear. Combined with Richard VanAuken organ music, it set the mood for a perfect Christmas service and a beautiful rendition of Silent Night! Traditions!



Christmas Eve Service

The Prelude to the 7:00 Christmas Eve Service was performed by a flutist trio of Nancy Houck and her two students, Grace and Lydia. Grace also sang a beautiful solo of "O Holy Night", accompanied by Nancy on the recorder.

