

**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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**Nov 12 - 18, 2017 Upcoming Events**

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

- Sat. Nov 11 at 10:00AM DOK Mtg.
- Sat. Nov 11 at 1:00PM Sleeping Bags
- Sun. Nov. 12 at 10:00AM Deacon's  
Mass with Rev. John Davis
- Tue. Nov. 14 5:30 PM Vestry Mtg.
- UTO Collection Boxes Sun. Nov 19

**Readings for this week**

First Reading: Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25

Psalms: 78:1-7

Epistle: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13

**This Week's Lay Ministers:**

Altar Guild: Mary Zalewski & Ben Zalewski

Announcements: Lynne Graham

Camera & Broadcast: Al Leigh & Andrew  
Wurth

Acolyte: Benjamin Zalewski & Sean Eckert

Counters: Dan Graham & Steve Kupscznk

Chalice Bearer: Jerry Sock

Lector: Dan Graham

Intercessor: Jane Chandler

Greeter/Usher: John Finlon & Barbara

Undercoffler

Hospitality: Carol, Richard & Vera

The **United Thank Offering** has a rich history that is deeply entwined with the history of The Episcopal Church. In the 19th and 20th centuries, women were a prime source of missionary support and funding of the church.. Celebrating its 125th anniversary several years ago, the UTO has supported many missions in the US and throughout the world. The UTO became known for collecting the prayers and grateful offerings of the women in thanksgiving for the many blessings of life. Blue mite boxes, known as "The Blue Box" that collected the offerings would eventually achieve the status as the symbol of the UTO. There have been changes to the UTO over the years, but the ministry of the United Thank Offering has remained the same since its founding... .recognize your blessings, make a thank offering into your Blue Box (or Blue envelope) and it will go to support mission and ministry around the world. The Blue Box is a wonderful idea. Place it where you will see it, on your dresser, on your kitchen counter, in your car or where-ever you may drop a coin to say "thank you God for...." It is a great tool to share with your family. We, at St. Paul's will collect your Blue Boxes, or envelopes with checks donating your thanks, on November 19th. Please count your change and write a check made out to St. Paul's, designating on the memo line UTO. Or put bills in the box and turn it in at collection time. We ask this as it is very time consuming for the counters to count change *UTO Ingathering....Sunday, November 19, 2017..* (collection can also be made on the 12th or 26th).. Give thanks to God for the blessings you receive. The money will be used to fund various ministries. Thank you .

### **Pledge Sunday**

November 19 will be Pledge Sunday. Please look for a letter in the mail and return your pledge of financial support, time, and talent on that Sunday during the service. Your pledge acknowledges God's goodness in your life and is important to your well-being and St. Paul's.



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.

### **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.

### **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.

### **Friday Night Social**

Will be at the Calby's beginning at 6. Please bring a dish to pass. We're starting something new or going back to something old; no main dish, we just each bring a dish and hope for the best! Looking forward to seeing you all Friday night.

### **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:

- St. Marks, New Milford, Nov. 13, 14 and 15
- St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Montrose, Dec. 20 and 21

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

### **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.

**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 Burkhart. 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

**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.

**St. Paul's Cycle of Prayer:** Carol & Jack Lasher; Al & Rita Leigh; George & Mary Beth Mann; Richard & Carol Marker

**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.

**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 Ruth Harrison and Joseph McAleer who celebrate their birthdays this week. *O God, look with favor, we pray, as Ruth and Joseph 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.*

**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!

**2 Photos this week**

## Richard VanAuken

St. Paul's welcomed back Richard Van Auken who was the organist for All Saint's Sunday. He played two traditional hymns for the feast day: For All the Saints and Rise Up, Ye Saints of God.



### Where is that Main Waterline Shutoff?

A couple of parishioners have asked where St. Paul's main shutoff valve is for our water. If you are at church and we "spring a leak", it would be useful to know where and how to turn off the water. The main waterline comes into church from the alley out back, through our parking lot and into the Organ Pump Room off Room 1 in the basement. Just turn off the valve and let Dan or John know.

