

**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 19 - 25, 2017 Upcoming Events**

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

- Sun. Nov. 19 at 10:00AM Deacon's  
Mass with Rev. John Davis
- UTO Collection Boxes Sun. Nov 19
- Pledge Sun. Nov. 19
- The office will be closed Thu. Nov. 23.



- Jesse Tree Sun. Nov. 26
- Country Store Sat. Dec. 2

**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: Maggie Sock & Richard Marker

Chalice Bearer: Lynne Graham

Lector: Richard Marker

Intercessor: Jane Chandler

Greeter/Usher: Maggie Sock & Nancy Dooling

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 26th).. Give thanks to God for the blessings you receive. The money will be used to fund various ministries. Thank you.

## Readings for this week

First Reading: Judges 4:1-7

Psalm: 123

Epistle: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Gospel: Matthew 25:14-30



## 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. As in past years, you can bring in items that can be frozen and place in the big freezer downstairs ahead of time. 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.



## 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.*

## 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.



## 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.



## 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

The Jesse Tree will be coming November 26<sup>th</sup>. We will have toy tags for Interfaith Christmas Bureau. St. Paul's will be doing 20 toy tags this year. 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 10th.

## 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.

### Vestry Highlights November 14, 2017

- Our Bible study was on Matthew 15:21-28, the story of the Canaanite woman and how her persistence prevailed in having Jesus heal her daughter of demons.
- We reviewed advertising for the Tri-State Gospel Singers who will perform at St. Paul's on Sunday, December 17 at 3 p.m after the 10 am service, the greening of the church, and brunch.
- The Vestry voted to give \$1500 to the New Hope project in Kajo Keji for supplies and books for the temporary schools in the refugee camp.
- We will schedule Karen Holgate's memorial service on a Saturday in January in the church rather than at the site of the tree planting.

The next Vestry meeting will be Tuesday, January 9, 2017 @ 5:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend.



### You Can Help Us With The Country Store!!

Sat. Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup> will be here before we know it. **Now** is the time to prepare for our success. All proceeds go to outreach missions.

Please consider donating the following:

- New little items that can be sold at the **"Elves Workshop"** as children's stocking stuffers. See a great bargain in your shopping travels?? Please pick a few up for the Country Store.
- New or gently used items for the **"New and Nearly New"** table. Bring in those trinkets that have been stuck away in your drawers. How about last year's presents that you want to re-gift. Like it, but just plain tired of it? – bring it in for someone else to buy at the Country Store.
- Monetary donations for the purchase of our **"Raffle Baskets"** items. Donations of wine, liquor, and Happy Hour accessories for our Basket of Cheer should be placed in the office.
- All kinds of **baked goods/candies** will be sold at the Country Store. Please consider baking ahead and freezing your contributions to bring in on December 2<sup>nd</sup>. Pies sell especially well.

*All donated items except alcohol may be placed in the big Christmas box under the coat rack in the Parish Hall. Thank You for helping.*

### Friday Night Social

Will be at the Calby's beginning at 6. Please bring a dish to pass.

This will be the last one until January. Look forward to seeing everyone there!

## **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. 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:

- **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 9:00 am to 4:00 pm**

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

**St. Paul's Cycle of Prayer:** Joel & Suzi Maxey; Glynis Morgan; Warren Morgan; William Newlin Jr.

**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.

**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.

## **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 Brenda Syle, Dorothy Arrowsmith and Alexander Warriner who celebrate their birthdays this week. *O God, look with favor, we pray, as Brenda, Dorothy and Alexander 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!

**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.

**3 Photos this week**

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

### **Brett Hagstrom**

Brett Hagstrom, of BH Lawn Care & Snow Removal is going to shovel St. Paul's walks again this winter. He is also going to be doing our plowing. Brett shoveled last year and we are happy to have him back. He was here for the big snow last March. If you see him working say hello.





### Old Picture of St. Matthew's Found

An old picture of St. Matthew's was found with Ellie McKeage's church material. It is probably earlier than 1895 as the glass windows in the top front of the church had not been put in yet. Also, note the shed to the left of the church that is no longer there for horses.

