

**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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Jan 7 - 13, 2018 Upcoming Events

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

- Holy Eucharist on Sun. Jan 7 at 10:00am with Rev. Hazel Hunt
- Vestry Mtg. changed to Tue. Jan 16 at 5:30pm
- Sleeping Bags Wed. Jan 10 at 1:00pm and Sat. Jan 13 at 1:00pm
- DOK Mtg Sat. Jan 13 at 10:00am

Readings for this week

First Reading: Genesis 1:1-5

Psalm: 29

Epistle: Acts 19:1-7

Gospel: Mark 1:4-11

This Week's Lay Ministers:

Altar Guild: Mary & Ben Zalewski

Announcements: Lynne Graham

Camera & Broadcast: Al Leigh & Andrew Wurth

Acolyte: Benjamin Zalewski & Sean Eckert

Counters: Dan Graham & Steve Kupscznk

Chalice Bearer: Esther Welden

Lector: Mary Zalewski

Intercessor: Esther Welden

Greeter/Usher:

Hospitality: Bob & Vera Dunn & Nancy Dooling

Altar Flowers this week are from Robert & Vera Dunn In Memory of Vera's Parents Anikej & Anna Harbienko.

The parish is invited to stay awhile after service on Sunday to put Christmas decorations away for another year. Please feel welcomed to take any remaining poinsettias home.

Thank you to all who made Christmas so meaningful this year at St. Paul's.

Blessed New Year.

Altar Guild

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 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.



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.

**Centering Prayer On Wednesdays
12 Noon to 12:20**

"Prayer is sitting in the silence until it silences us, choosing gratitude until we are grateful, and praising God until we ourselves are an act of praise"

**Craft Class offered Saturday, Jan. 6
(Birthday Cake included!)**

The weather outside will be frightful, but what better way to ignore it than a craft class? Meet up at Karen Blye-McAbee's house at 1 pm Saturday, Jan. 6 where we will make paper star ornaments. Plus we'll celebrate Karen's birthday with cake, ice cream and other goodies.

Bring a pencil, ruler and Elmer's glue. We will provide craft paper, twine, fishing line. If you forget, or don't have all the stuff, don't worry. We have plenty to share.

Karen lives at the corner of Lincoln Avenue and Drinker St., Montrose --- next to Holy Name of Mary Church parking lot and across the street from the pink "gingerbread" house on Lincoln Ave.

For more information, contact Karen or Nancy Dooling.

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: Margaret Baker; Benson, Rachel, Maximus & Lucas Bartron; Naomi Bennett; Karen Blye-McAbee

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 thanksgivings: We give thanks for those who celebrate their birthdays this week. *O God, look with favor, we pray, as they 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.*

2018 Pledge Books

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

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!

5 Photos this week

New Year's Eve Service

New Year's Eve fell on Sunday this year and the Rev. John Davis celebrated the Eucharist. Ben and Shawn assisted.





Old Picture of Church Street

When this picture was taken in 1910, St. Paul's Church was fifty-three years old. At that time, Montrose was still a sleepy, little town. The picture was taken of Church Street looking west toward St. Paul's at the Presbyterian Church, which is on the right. The road was wide enough for two buggies to pass each other.



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Church Street, Montrose, Pa.