

**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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Feb 11 - 17, 2018 Upcoming Events

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

- Holy Eucharist on Sun. Feb. 11 at 10:00am with Rev. John Wagner, Lenten Bible Study after service
- Pancake Supper Tue. Feb 13 at 5:30PM
- Ash Wed. Service Feb. 14 at 6:00PM with Rev. John Davis
- Vestry Mtg. Thu. Feb. 15 at 5:30PM
- Red Cross Blood Drive Thu. Feb 15 from 1:30 to 6:30PM
- Stations of the Cross Tue. Feb. 20 at 4:45PM

This Week's Lay Ministers:

Altar Guild: Sandy Seeger & Marsha Jones

Announcements: Lynne Graham

Camera & Broadcast: Al Leigh & Andrew

Wurth & Amber Crawford

Acolyte: Benjamin Zalewski & Sean Eckert

Counters: Dan Graham & Steve Kupscznk

Chalice Bearer: Vickie Calby

Lector: Lynne Graham

Intercessor: Brenda Syle

Greeter/Usher: John Finlon & Barbara

Undercoffler

Hospitality: Sandy, Marsha & Sean

Readings for this week

First Reading: 2 Kings 2:1-12

Psalm: 50:1-6

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 4:3-6

Gospel: Mark 9:2-9



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 Wednesdays from 12 Noon to 12:20

God speaks in the silence of the heart. Listening is the beginning of prayer.

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

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: Marsha Jones; Glen & Ann Kiefer; Robert & Renee Kimmell; Robert & Janet Kuhn

Friday Night Social

Will be at Cathy Hammons house this Friday at 6:00pm.

Scripture study for Lent and Easter-tide

Forward Movement (a publishing arm of The Episcopal Church), has developed an on-line study of the Gospel of Luke and the Acts of the Apostles. The suggested schedule for reading the Gospel of Luke runs from next Sunday (February 11th), through and including Holy Saturday. During the season of Easter-tide, the readings will be from the Acts of the Apostles. Please do visit www.goodbookclub.org for a more complete description of the program.

I do wish that distance didn't at all influence the amount of time I'm able to spend in Montrose but, realistically, it does. One way to increase out time together is for me to spend some additional time following the Coffee Hour; in discussion and general conversation with members of the community. During the Lenten and Easter-tide Seasons, I'd like to suggest that that time be spent in discussing that which we'll be learning through our reading of Luke and Acts.

So, if you are interested, please do visit www.goodbookclub.org, download the reading schedule, and then plan on spending an hour or so following the Sunday Coffee Hours discussing the Scripture which we will have just read.

Should you have any questions, please do feel free to contact me. The easiest way to do that is by e-mail at frjohn@ptd.net. I do try to respond to e-mail quickly.

Pax!!!

Fr. John

For those who are ill or have requested our prayers: Margaret Burgh, Brad Darde, Joe & Esther Welden, Rick Arrowsmith, Sarah Bertsch, Becky Stasko, 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 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.*

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!

4 Photos this week

Rev. John Wagner

The Rev. John Wagner braved the elements and officiated at Eucharist last snowy Sunday. Next Sunday he will be with us after coffee hour for community Bible study.



St. Brigid's Dinner

Last Saturday's St. Brigid's dinner was a huge success. The Parish Hall was packed. Kicked off with a prayer by Carol Marker and a St. Brigid's poem by Vicki Calby, it was an enjoyable evening. Corned beef and cabbage with boiled potatoes and carrots, Irish soda bread, desserts and coffee rounded out the culinary delights. Live Irish music with audience participation completed the evening. \$800 was collected for the employees of the recently burned OIP restaurant. Kudos to the Daughters of the King for a fun and successful night.



