

**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 18 - 24, 2018 Upcoming Events

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

- Vestry Mtg. Thu. Feb. 15 at 5:30PM
- Red Cross Blood Drive Thu. Feb 15
from 1:30 to 6:30PM
- Holy Eucharist on Sun. Feb. 18 at
10:00am with Rev. John Wagner,
Lenten Bible Study after service
- Stations of the Cross Tue. Feb. 20 at
4:45PM



Bread Collection Update

As you know, St. Paul's started a second collection on Sundays to provide money to buy bread for the Montrose Mobile Food Pantry once a month. We expected the cost to be about \$250 a month and that has been our goal. The monthly distribution takes place on the second Friday of each month.

We have been doing a great job although we slipped a little in January due to the inclement weather causing cancellation of the January 7 Sunday service.

These are the amounts we have collected each month:

Oct 259.96

Nov 264.02

Dec 243.00

Jan 183.00

Thank you for your generosity. The recipients of the Food Pantry services are depending on us.

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

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: Maggie Sock & Richard Marker

Chalice Bearer: Jerry Sock

Lector: Karen Blye McAbee

Intercessor: Brenda Syle

Greeter/Usher: Maggie Sock & Nancy Dooling

Readings for this week

First Reading: Genesis 9:8-17

Psalm: 25:1-9

Epistle: 1 Peter 3:18-22

Gospel: Mark 1:9-15

Lenten Bible Study

A long honored tradition continued this Tuesday evening when our Lenten Bible Study kicked off. A light meal of soup, salad and bread started the evening. The lay-led study group (leadership rotates weekly) decided to meet in addition to the Sunday Bible Study. Supper at 5:30 and study at 6:00. Lessons are self contained, all welcome.

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 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

Friday Night Social

This week we will gather at the American Legion on the Elk Lake Road.

We will meet at 6:00 p.m.

Please let Jane Chandler or Vickie Calby know before 1:00 p.m. on Friday if you plan on coming so reservations can be made.

Centering Prayer Wednesdays from 12 Noon to 12:20

God speaks in the silence of the heart.

Listening is the beginning of prayer.

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

Friday Night Social

St. Paul's Cycle of Prayer: Steve, Martha & Kyle Kupscznk; Carol & Jack Lasher; Al & Rita Leigh; George & Mary Beth Manns

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, Roselyn Bell & Charlotte Eckert.

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.*

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!

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.

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.

4 Photos this week

Winter Storm

On Wednesday February 7, we were hit with a winter storm. The picture was taken at 9:00 just as the snow was starting and the plow had just come through. The church, built in 1856, has seen over 160 winters--bad ones and mild ones. Winter after winter our doors remain open.



New Audio Visual Member

The St. Paul's Audio Visual Team just got a new trainee. She's Amber Crawford, a freshman at Montrose High. Andrew Wurth is a senior this year and will be going off to college. If you see her, give her a St. Paul's welcome.



Friday Social Night

St. Paul's Friday Social Night is alive and well. Last Friday, Cathy Hammons hosted social night at her house. Good conversation, good food and good fellowship. Check the Weekly Update for host and place. All welcome.



Sunday Bible Study

Father John Wagner prepared us Sunday to begin our Good Book Bible Study by offering tips on different Bible translations. Readings for this week were passed out and are available in the Guild Room.

