

**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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Apr 15 - 21, 2018 Upcoming Events

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

- Vestry Mtg. Thu. April 12 at 5:30PM
- Blood Drive Thu. April 12 1:30-6:30PM
- DOK Mtg. Sat. April 14 at 10:00AM
- Jennie Bowen Memorial Service Sat. April 14 at 10:30AM with Rev. Charles Cesaretti
- Holy Eucharist Sunday April 15 at 10:00am with Rev. John Wagner
- Bible Study Tue. April 17 at 6:00PM
- Bishop Candidates Walkabout Thu. Apr. 19 at 7:00PM
- DOK Retreat at Camp Lackawanna will be on June 1, 2 & 3

Readings for this week

First Reading: Acts 3:12-19

Psalm: 4

Epistle: 1 John 3:1-7

Gospel: Luke 24:36b-48

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

The heart and soul of Centering Prayer is consenting to God's presence and action within.

Walkabouts

St. Paul's is honored to host a walkabout for the two candidates for the IX Bishop of the Diocese of Bethlehem. On Thursday, April 19, starting at 7:00pm the Rev. Canon Ruth Woodliff-Stanley and the Rev. Canon Kevin D. Nichols will be present at St. Paul's as we host the northern region to meet the candidates, hear them speak, and answer questions. Please submit any questions for the Bishop Nominees in advance to bishoptransitiondiobeth@gmail.com.

It is my understanding that the nominee's introductory remarks will be live-streamed in the sanctuary and then we will break into groups to speak with the candidates individually. The above website is a great place to learn more about the candidates before the walkabouts.

Following the sessions, we will serve refreshments. A signup sheet is on the refrigerator for volunteers to provide finger foods for that time. Before the election of the new bishop on April 28, we will come together as a parish and decide whom we wish our delegate, Maggie Sock, to vote for.

Please plan to attend one of the scheduled walkabouts that are listed on the diocesan website or in the bulletin inserts if you are unable to attend at St. Paul's. This election is a significant occasion for our Diocese and every parish in it.

This Week's Lay Ministers:

Altar Guild: Carol Lasher & Carol Marker

Announcements: Lynne Graham

Camera & Broadcast: Al Leigh & Andrew Wurth

Acolyte: Benjamin Zalewski & Sean Eckert

Counters: Tom Undercoffler & David Calby

Chalice Bearer: Brenda Syle

Lector: Sandy Darde

Intercessor: Nancy Dooling

Greeter/Usher: Maggie Sock & Nancy Dooling

Hospitality: Carol Lasher & Carol Marker



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

Book Group

It has been suggested we should consider starting a Book Group at St. Paul's. If you are interested please let Lynne or Vickie know. We would meet once a month to discuss the book we have been reading.

St. Paul's Cycle of Prayer: John, Else & Molly Brunner; Margaret Burgh; David, Vicki & Stephanie Calby; Jane Chandler

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

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

Concert Benefit

On Sunday, April 15, 2018, at 3:00 p.m., a program will be presented by former students and friends of the late Philippa Follert at the First Presbyterian Church of Montrose, 367 Church Street, Montrose, PA.

Included in the program are selections from "Music Man," 'Brigadoon', 'Carmen 'and the 'Sound of Music, including an audience sing along of 'Edelweiss'. The Chorus is directed by Jake Myers, a graduate of Montrose and a recent graduate of Mansfield University. There will also be a violin solo, Franz Schubert's Opus 137 for violin.

Admission is \$5.00 and the Montrose Mobile Pantry will be the recipient of all proceeds. Philippa's son commented "My Mom was always a big supporter of these things'.

Please join us for an afternoon of fine music with light refreshments.

For those who are ill or have requested our prayers: Margaret Burgh, Brad Darde, Rick Arrowsmith, Sarah Bertsch, Becky Stasko, Kyle, Patti, Kathy Warriner, Joe & Esther Welden, Janice, K'ann, Pat, Charles, Charlotte Eckert, Alice Wood, Jean Williams, Charlotte Ellis & Ryan Hayes.

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.

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.

5 Photos this week

White Altar Coverings

As we moved into the 50 days of Easter season, you may have noticed the altar covering has changed from purple to white. Carol Marker of the Altar Guild sent the following. The Liturgical color White, symbolizes joy, purity and truth, and is used on the Sundays and open days of Christmastide and Paschal tide; on all Solemnities except Pentecost and Holy Cross Day. White is used on celebrations of the Saints, the blessed Virgin, the angels and martyrs. Also, Thanksgiving day, Baptism, Matrimony and optionally for Confirmation and masses for the Dead.



Say What?

Some pictures we take need to have captions, some don't. For the two pictures below, the caption: "Say What? I don't know about that!" seemed to write itself.



First Spring Bulbs

Every gardener knows that under the cloak of winter lies a miracle -- a seed waiting to sprout, the first crocus opening to the light, a bud straining to unfurl. And the anticipation nurtures our dreams. The bulbs we planted in the fall around church are coming up!



1906 Post Card

Joe and Esther Welden found what probably was the first post card of St. Paul's. It is dated when it was purchased: "August 14, 1906." Post cards started about 1905. Local stores would commission a photographer to take a number of pictures and then they would sell them. They are noted in early Montrose newspapers as costing .20. This one says "Cruser Cal. Post Card Co. Montrose Pa." The Historical Society has a number of post cards of the church after 1908 and it is our biggest source of early photographs.

