

**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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**Mar 11- 17, 2018 Upcoming Events**

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

- DOK Sat. Mar 10 at 10:00AM
- Sleeping Bags Sat. Mar 10 at 1:00PM
- Clocks go ahead 1 hour Sun. Mar. 11  
Daylight Savings Time starts
- Holy Eucharist on Sun. Mar. 11 at  
10:00am with Rev. John Wagner,  
Lenten Bible Study after service
- Tue. Mar. 13 - Stations of the Cross at  
5:00PM, Soup & Salad at 5:30PM, Bible  
Study at 6:00PM
- DOK Retreat at Camp Lackawanna will  
be on June 1, 2 & 3

**Readings for this week**

First Reading: Numbers 21:4-9

Psalm: 107:1-3, 17-22

Epistle: Ephesians 2:1-10

Gospel: John 3:14-21



**Envelopes for Easter Flowers**

are available at the back of the church. Easter  
Lilies are \$20.00. I will need all envelopes to  
the office by Sun. March 25th for Memorials to  
be in the Easter Sunday Bulletin.

**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](mailto: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

**This Week's Lay Ministers:**

Altar Guild: Esther Welden, Barb Undercoffler  
& Carol Marker

Announcements: Lynne Graham

Camera & Broadcast: Al Leigh & Andrew  
Wurth & Amber Crawford

Acolyte: Benjamin Zalewski & Sean Eckert

Counters: Tom Undercoffler & David Calby

Chalice Bearer: Vickie Calby

Lector: Brenda Syle

Intercessor: Vickie Calby

Greeter/Usher: John Finlon & Barb

Undercoffler

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. As we approach the walkabout date, we will ask 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.

### **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.

### **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.

### **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.

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

**Lenten Organ Meditations** at the First Presbyterian Church 367 Church St., Montrose. Come! Refresh! Renew! First Organ Mediation on Wed. March 21st at noon organist Jean Henssler. The Grace of Forgiveness Second Organ Mediation on Wed. March 28<sup>th</sup> at noon organist Johanna Masters, musicians Cathy Hammons & Lee Roseboom, speaker Cheryl Coleman. Both Mediations followed by a free soup luncheon.

**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, Roselyn Bell, Charlotte Eckert, Warren Morgan & Alice Wood.

**St. Paul's Cycle of Prayer:** Anne Shafer; Robert & Elizabeth Smith; Jerry & Maggie Sock; Edward Stark

**Our thanksgivings:** We give thanks for Elizabeth Smith and others who celebrate their birthdays this week. *O God, look with favor, we pray, as Elizabeth & others 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.*

## **FRIDAY NIGHT SOCIAL**

This week we will meet at the Calby's starting at 6:00 p.m. Please bring a dish to pass. Vickie will have a large white garlic pizza with onions and tomatoes from the OIP. Hopefully no storms will pass through!!

**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.

**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.

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

**3 Photos this week**

## **Another Snowy Sunday**

There was more snow on the ground this Friday when we were hit with another storm. Our big one last year was in March also. Let's hope it's the last. But the walks were cleaned by Sunday and the church warm and Fr. John made the drive and celebrated the Eucharist. A great coffee hour was hosted by Martha and Maggie and Jerry and our Good Book Bible study followed. *Be through my lips to the yet un-wakened Earth. The trumpet of a prophecy! Oh wind, if Winter comes, can Spring be far behind?*



## **Ready for Summer**

St. Paul's crafty ladies braved the snow and ice last Saturday to meet and make wreaths for July 4th. These red, white and blue clothespin wreaths looked sharp and are ready for the summer holiday even if winter isn't yet over. A good time was had by all.



## Coffee Hour

Coffee Hour at St. Paul's is something that we all enjoy after the service. If you can, sign up for a Sunday by yourself or with someone else. There are a couple of dates that are open this month. The signup sheet is on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall.

