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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June 17 - 23, 2018 Upcoming Events

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

- > Vestry Mtg. Thu. June 14 at 5:30pm
- Holy Eucharist Sun. June 17 at 10:00am with Rev. John Wagner

This Week's Lay Ministers:

Altar Guild: Vera Dunn & Carol Marker Announcements: Lynne Graham Camera & Broadcast: Al Leigh & Andrew Wurth Acolyte: Benjamin Zalewski or Sean Eckert Counters: Karen Blye-McAbee & Jane Chandler Chalice Bearer: Evie Constantine Lector: Vickie Calby Intercessor: Maggie Sock Greeter/Usher: Maggie Sock & Nancy Dooling Hospitality: Sandy Seeger & Marsha Jones

Readings for this week

First Reading: Ezekiel 17:22-24 Psalm: 92:1-4,11-14 Epistle: 2 Corinthians 5:6-10,[11-13],14-17 Gospel: Mark 4:26-34

Altar Flowers today are from Lynne & Dan Graham In Memory of Elaine Corey.

Centering Prayer Wednesdays from 12 Noon to 12:20

Prayer is not asking. Prayer is putting oneself in the hands of God, at God's disposition, and listening for Love's voice in the depths of our hearts. Mother Teresa



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.

History of St. Paul's

As many of you know, Dan Graham is writing a history of St. Paul's. Entitled *The History of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Montrose 1831-2018,* he hopes to get it published this summer. If you have any pictures or stories you would like to share, please let Dan know.

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

Friday Social Night

We will meet at Tom and Barb Undercoffler's this week beginning at 6:00 p.m. Please bring a dish to pass.

All signs point to it being a lovely evening so bring your lawn chairs if you would like to be outside.

For those who are ill or have requested our

prayers: Margaret Burgh, Brad Darde, Rick Arrowsmith, Sarah Bertsch, Becky Stasko, Kyle, Kathy Warriner, Joe & Esther Welden, Janice, K'ann, Pat, Charles, Charlotte Eckert, Alice Wood, Jean Williams, Charlotte Ellis, Esther McLaughlin, Susan Kamarauskas, Jeanette, Jeanne & Bart Conklin.

St. Paul's Cycle of Prayer: Edgar Warriner; Katherine Warriner; Joe & Esther Welden; Alice Wood

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.

Our thanksgivings: We give thanks for Ben Zalewski, Lynne Graham, John Lasher, Mary Zalewski and Charlotte Ellis who celebrate their birthdays this week. O God, look with favor, we pray, as Ben, Lynne, John, Mary and Charlotte 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.

6 Photos this week

Any Questions?

It is becoming an every Sunday occurrence to hear Fr. John's open invitation to answer any questions we may have about the Homily or the Lessons. A patient man, he knew we would finally come around and participate by asking questions.



Rhododendron in Bloom

Last week, Montrose's rhododendron were in full bloom -- large heavy flowers in pink, white, purple and of course, St. Paul's deep red. The climate here must be perfect for them as they showed us what we waited all winter to see. And it was better than we remembered

Summer is coming!" the soft breezes whisper; "Summer is coming!" the bluebirds sing. Summer is coming - I hear her quick footsteps; Take your last look at the beautiful Spring.





Ready for Summer

St. Paul's property received its late Spring cleanup this week. A new bench seat replaced the broken one on the walkway in the Memorial Garden. The hedges were trimmed, the leaves raked and the mulch areas mulched. Dave has been keeping the grass looking great even with all the rain. Take a walk through the Memorial Garden and take a look. The church always looks nice for July 4th.





