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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Aug 5 - 11, 2018 Upcoming Events

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

- Sleeping Bags Wed. Aug 8th and Sat Aug. 11at 1:00pm
- Holy Eucharist Sun. Aug 5 at 10:00am with Rev. John Wagner
- DOK Mtg. Sat Aug 11 at 10:00am

This Week's Lay Ministers:

Altar Guild: Esther Welden & Carol Marker Announcements: Lynne Graham Camera & Broadcast: Al Leigh & Andrew Wurth Acolyte: Benjamin Zalewski or Sean Eckert Counters: Dan Graham & Steve Kupscznk Chalice Bearer: Jerry Sock Lector: Karen Blye McAbee Intercessor: Rita Leigh Greeter/Usher: Sandy Seeger & Stephanie Calby

Readings for this week

First Reading: Exodus 16:2-4,9-15 Psalm: 78:23-29 Epistle: Ephesians 4:1-16 Gospel: John 6:24-35

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



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.

SLEEPING BAG MINISTRY REQUESTS:

NEEDED items are: warm hats, gloves and scarves. Fabric yardage, 1 yard minimum blankets and flat sheets (no fitted sheets please) sample size soaps, shampoo, tooth paste mini size tissues Items need not be perfect, only Clean.

We are OVER STOCKED with toothbrushes, socks, and neckties.

Thank you to everyone who works to make this ministry possible and all are welcome to join us on the second Wednesday and second Saturday of each month downstairs in Rm. #1. No sewing, ' only need to tie a knot !!!!!

Vestry Highlights, July 26, 2018

- We read Matthew 26:69-75 and discussed Peter's (and our) denial of Jesus.
- We welcomed Fr. Charles Cesaretti who presented the report on small congregations from General Convention. 61% of the parishes in the Episcopal Church are small parishes.
- We reviewed a letter from Todd Moffett, Senior Warden at Christ Church, Susquehanna, to Bishop-elect Kevin Nichols. This letter, from the Sr. Wardens of Christ Church, St. Mark's, and St. Paul's, requests a meeting with the Bishop to engage in conversation about how we and the Diocese could work together to further our ministries.
- The Vestry was updated on the planning meetings for the August 31 event on the Montrose Green for International Overdose Awareness Day. Posters were available for distribution. The Vestry approved purchase of a banner to hang across Public Ave. to advertise the event.
- We chose to speak with LaRue's Farm on 706W about holding our Harvest Festival service there on Sunday, September 23.
- The Vestry accepted audit reports from Vicki Strock for 2009 and 2010.

Lynne Graham

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

Centering Prayer Wed. 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

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.

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.

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: John & Nancy Finlon; Scott, Mari, Emma & Cora Finlon; Lynne & Graham; Marsha Jones

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.

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.

3 Photos this week.

Service at St. Matthew's

Last Saturday, we had our annual service at St. Matthew's in Stevensville in Bradford County. The evening service replaced our usual Sunday service and the weather was perfect. St. Matthew's was built in the early 1820's and was consecrated by Bishop White in 1826. Its interior structure was duplicated by the builders of St. Paul's first church at the corner of Chestnut and Cedar Streets in 1832. The Eucharist was officiated by Commander William Holiman, who is a Navy Chaplain. Having a service there is a little bit like going back in time!





