

**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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Sept 23 - 29, 2018 Upcoming Events

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

- Holy Eucharist Sun. Sept. 23 at 10:00am with Rev. John Wagner

This Week's Lay Ministers:

Altar Guild: Barb Undercoffler & Carol Lasher

Announcements: Lynne Graham

Camera & Broadcast: Al Leigh & Andrew Wurth

Acolyte: Benjamin Zalewski or Sean Eckert

Counters: Carol Marker & Sandy Seeger

Chalice Bearer: Esther Welden

Lector: Dan Graham

Intercessor: Vickie Calby

Greeter/Usher: Sandy Seeger & Marsha Jones

Readings for this week

First Reading: Wisdom of Solomon 1:16-2:1, 12-22

Psalm: 54

Epistle: James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a

Gospel: Mark 9:30-37

Altar Flowers this week are In Memory of Loved Ones.

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

Training for laypeople interested in becoming Eucharistic visitors will be offered Sunday, September 23 from 2p.m. to 5p.m. at [Grace Episcopal Church](#) in Honesdale.

Anyone may take the training, with their priest's endorsement. Eucharistic visitors are authorized to take consecrated elements to members of their congregations who are too ill or infirm to attend church. The training is required to be licensed by the bishop for this ministry. The Rev. Ed Erb, rector at Grace, will lead the training. He can be contacted [via email](#).



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.

Social night is at Tom & Barb Undercoffler's Hobo Camp on Friday, September 28 at 6:00 p.m. Come dressed as a hobo- no fancy clothes please! We will be sitting around a campfire enjoying food, fun, and fellowship so bring a dish to pass and your own chair. We will provide hot dogs, beans, buns, s'mores and the cooking utensils. We hope to see you at our campfire at 506 Melhuish Road, New Milford. R.S.V.P. 570-278-7470

A St. Paul's History Class Scheduled

On Thursday, October 11th at six o'clock, Dan Graham will present a discussion on the 180 year history of St. Paul's Church. The presentation will be through the Montrose Area Adult School and the cost is \$5.00.

Registration will be handled through the Adult School. Registration can be accepted at the door on the day of the class. The discussion will be at St. Paul's.

Morning Prayer

If we want Morning Prayer at Meadow View to continue, we need some helpers. Esther and Jane have served in this ministry faithfully for years, but they need some volunteers to share the joy of reading and singing with the residents on the first Tuesday of each month. We begin prayer by 9:30 am and are finished by around 10:15 am.

This monthly event is something the residents really appreciate. It's informal and gives us an opportunity to reach out in a meaningful way to our shut in neighbors. Please prayerfully consider how you may help. If you cannot commit to once a month, we could work out a yearly schedule with several volunteers. Peggy, who works with the residents in the activities room, is a delight and very helpful with our program. She'll welcome you!

Please contact Esther if you would like to be part of this fulfilling ministry.

For those who are ill or have requested our prayers: Margaret Burgh, Brad Darde, Rick Arrowsmith, Becky Stasko, 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 & Steve Kupscznk.

Vestry Highlights, September 13, 2018

- We read Acts 15:1-11 and discussed how we put demands to conform on people rather than be inclusive.
- The signed gas lease has been recorded at the Courthouse by Cabot and St. Paul's received our lease check.
- We will hold a "Christmas event" for the recovery community on Sunday, December 9 at 2 p.m. This will probably be coffee and dessert and a chance for fellowship.
- We will host a luncheon on Sunday, October 7 from 12:30-2 p.m. for the visitors to Artists' Tour weekend. Proceeds will go to a designated ministry.
- We will include two weekly prayers in the Prayers of the People during the Eucharist. One will be for those touched by addiction and the other for our search process for a rector.
- The Vestry accepted an audit report from Vicki Strock for 2011. Because the contract has not been fulfilled for audits through 2017, we voted to terminate the contract and seek a new auditor.
- Our next Vestry meeting will be rescheduled to **Wednesday**, October 10.

Lynne Graham

St. Paul's Cycle of Prayer: Jerry & Maggie Sock; Edward Stark; Thomas & Brenda Syle; Thomas & Barbara Undercoffler

It's that time of year again!

The Country Store will be held on Saturday, December 1 and we're gearing up to make it a success. Please start to bring in any items for the New and Nearly New table. Look through your closets and drawers for those forgotten items that you can part with. We gladly accept trinkets large and small, jewelry, ornaments, house wares, linens of the decorative variety, and things unusual and different to name a few. Your "cast off" may be someone else's special "find".

We will need all hands on deck to help prepare for and work at the Country Store. You don't need an invitation—just jump in where you feel you'd like to participate. All proceeds go to local ministries. It's a worthy cause so invite your friends to work with us. We can all have fun together.

Lynne

I am trying to get a Bus trip organized to go to the Sight and Sound Theater in Lancaster Pa. I need to know how many people are interested in going, so I can purchase the tickets. I am hoping for a Friday in the middle of October. If they are sold out, I will try for a Thursday. I need a number before I can begin, I will let you know the date as soon as I get it and then I will need a commitment. The tickets are 69.00 for Friday and 59.00 for Thursday. Please email me by Sept 6th if you are interested. The name of the show is Jesus, and if you have ever been to Sight and Sound you know how magnificent it is. God Bless

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Trehab Feed a Friend Thanksgiving Dinner

last year Trehab fed 733 Households (2,199 people) in Susquehanna County. They are asking again this year for desserts for the dinner. Canned pie filling, box piecrust, box cake mixes and prepared icings. All desserts must be to the church by Sunday November 4th for their giveaway on November 13th.

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.

Flooding? Interfaith Can Help!

Our hearts go out to those who have faced loss during the recent heavy rains. If you know of someone that faced the floodwaters and lost, WE CAN HELP. There are lots of ways that we can assist people - help replace lost medical equipment, personal furniture, rental assistance, energy assistance (we know some of you lost your furnace, or hot water heater). OR maybe you just got done cleaning up and realized that you have no money left to get your kids ready for school. Please call Interfaith, WE CAN HELP! 570-278-1776

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 !!!!!

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

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.

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 thanksgivings: We give thanks for Esther Welden, Edward Stark & Sean Eckert who celebrate their birthdays this week. *O God, look with favor, we pray, as Esther, Edward & Sean 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.

Montrose Mobile Pantry Update:

Since last November, the people of Saint Paul's Church have donated \$250 every month to the Montrose Mobile Pantry to purchase bread as part of the charity's monthly food giveaway.

Last Friday at the September distribution, 249 Susquehanna County households received food.

That means 136 children, 235 adults and 186 seniors in need were helped in a very real way by the generous members of this church.

Thank you, my St. Paul's family.

Several of us also volunteer to help with the distribution.

We have seen firsthand how much this very special program matters to those we serve.

Gratefully, Nancy Dooling

7 Photos this week.

Ordination and Consecration of Bishop Nichols

On Saturday, September 15th, the Reverend Kevin D. Nichols became the 9th Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Bethlehem. Rev. Michael Curry, Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church, Bishop Sean Rowe, Provincial Bishop of the Diocese of Bethlehem, five other bishops, a choir of 80 and almost all of the clergy of the Diocese, along with about 500 people, presided over or witnessed the ordination. The event took place in the First Presbyterian Church of Allentown, which was large enough to accommodate that number of people. The total service took about three hours and everyone was smiling when it was over.



Coats for the Community Distribution Kicks Off

On Friday, the Coats for the Community Program kicked off at St. Paul's. The one-day distribution matched the Montrose Mobile Food Pantry distribution at the Methodist Church. The other distribution sites include: Christ Church, Susquehanna, Christ Church, Forest City, Elk Lake School, Blue Ridge School, St. Mark's in New Milford and back to St. Paul's in December when Interfaith has their Christmas Dinner distribution. Donations of warm winter coats are being accepted.

