Mission Statement for St. Paul's: To proclaim God's love by word and example and to seek Christ in one another.

St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 276 Church Street, Montrose, PA 18801 Office 570-278-2954, Mon. to Thu. 8:15am to 1:00pm <u>stpaulsmontrose@epix.net</u> <u>http://stpaulschurchmontrose.org</u> <u>https://www.facebook.com/stpaulsmontrose</u>

Oct 21-27, 2018 Upcoming Events

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

- Holy Eucharist Sun. Oct. 21 at 10:00am with Rev. John Wagner
- Coat Giveaway Thu Oct 25 & Fri Oct 26 from 3:00pm to 6:00pm

Readings for this week

First Reading: Isaiah 53:4-12 Psalm: 91:9-16 Epistle: Hebrews 5:1-10 Gospel: Mark 10:35-45

Altar Flowers this week are from Dan & Lynne Graham in Memory of Robert Blye.

This Week's Lay Ministers:

Altar Guild: Sandy Seeger & Marsha Jones Announcements:

Camera & Broadcast: Al Leigh & Andrew Wurth

Acolyte: Benjamin Zalewski or Sean Eckert Counters: Maggie Sock & Richard Marker

Chalice Bearer: Jerry Sock

Lector: Nancy Dooling

Intercessor: Nancy Dooling

Greeter/Usher: Maggie Sock & Nancy Dooling

Hospitality: Naomi Bennett



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 <u>Sunday November</u> <u>4th</u>.

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

Vestry Highlights, October 10, 2018

- We read Luke 7:18-35 and discussed how we need to trust that God is capable of all things and we need to trust in that before waiting until all else fails before we turn to God.
- Pledge Sunday will be November 18 along with the ingathering of the United Thank Offering boxes. Tom Undercoffler has agreed to chair a Stewardship Committee for next year while mentoring someone to take over the following year.
- We will hold a "Memory Luncheon" for the recovery community on Sunday, December 9 at 12:30 p.m.
- In the Spring, we will review whether to host a luncheon for the visitors to Artists' Tour weekend next year.
- The Vestry will seek bids for audits for 2013-2017.
- Our next Vestry meeting will be Thursday, November 8, 2018.

Lynne Graham

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.



Stuffing Mix

Susquehanna County Interfaith is collecting Stuffing Mix for the Christmas Dinner Giveaway. Our goal is 50 Boxes. We need them by <u>Sunday December 9th.</u>

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.

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 !!!!!

Thanksgivings: Accept, O Lord, our thanks and praise for all that you have done for us, especially during this past week. Amen. For those who are ill or have requested our prayers: Margaret Burgh, Brad Darde, Rick Arrowsmith, Becky Stasko, Kathy Warriner, Joe & Esther Welden, Charlotte Eckert, Alice Wood, Jean Williams, Charlotte Ellis, Esther McLaughlin, Jeanette, Jeanne & Bart Conklin Steve Kupscznk, Fr. Paul Towers & Marian.

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 Rachel Bartron & Robert Smith who celebrate their birthdays this week and next. O God, look with favor, we pray, as Rachel & Robert 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.

St. Paul's Cycle of Prayer: Dorothy Arrowsmith; James & Elizabeth Bailey; Margaret Baker; Benson, Rachel, Maximus & Lucas Bartron

St. Paul's Altar Flowers: If you wish to reserve, a Sunday please <u>sign-up on the sheet</u> <u>at the back of the church</u>. Then fill out an <u>Altar</u> <u>Flower Card</u>. Please use one card for each request, <u>enclose your check for \$36.00</u> with the card in the envelope provided, and place it in the offering plate or send it to the parish office <u>prior to the week that you are doing flowers</u>. For those wishing to <u>supply your own flowers</u> 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!

Send Communications: minutes, special events etc. to the office, for the parish office to disperse.

Pastoral Emergency: call the parish office during office hours. After hours, you may call Lynne Graham at her home 570-934-1160.

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

5 Photos this week.

The 147th Convention of the Diocese of Bethlehem

One of the highlights of this year's Convention was the Welcoming and Seating of Bishop Kevin Nichols. The Bishop stood outside the Cathedral doors and knocked three times with his staff. He was welcomed in by the Dean of the Cathedral and Vestry members. They processed with him to his seat adjacent to the altar where he was installed in "the chair appointed to your office."



Convention address

The newly elected Bishop spoke to a full house of delegates and clergy representing the Diocese. He expressed his sense of a momentum building amongst us and his desire to work with us to build something yet unknown.



The Bradford Pear Trees Make a Mess

There are two older Bradford Pear Trees between the sidewalk and Chestnut Street across from the HO-Mart. They produce beautiful white flowers in the spring and they stay green until November. But the original cultivar had weak branching structures and produced small pears. The newer species still have the flowers but no fruit. This year, probably due to the rain, the tree produced the largest number of pears we have ever seen on it and they are a mess. Here's a picture of Dave sweeping them off the sidewalk.



Artist's Weekend Luncheon

We want to say thank you to everyone who donated and brought in food and helped make the sandwiches and such for the October 6, Artist's Weekend Luncheon.



It's Fall

"I love the scents of autumn! For me, it's all about the feeling you get when you walk into a room warmed by an oven and smell pumpkin pies cooking, mixed with the aroma of cinnamon, nutmeg and gingerbread."



Yep, it's fall in Montrose. There's pumpkins in the field on route 706. While it appears that it's going to be a dull one because of all the rain this summer, we have just turned the heat on at church. While we try to keep all the inside doors open for circulation in the summer, it's time to make sure you close them to keep the heat in during the winter.