# 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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### Nov 11 - 17, 2018 Upcoming Events

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

- Holy Eucharist Sun. Nov. 11 at 10:00am with Rev. John Wagner
- Pledge Sunday will be November 18 along with the ingathering of the United Thank Offering boxes.
- Country Store Dec. 1
- "Memory Luncheon" for the recovery community on Sunday, December 9 at 12:30 p.m.

#### This Week's Lay Ministers:

Altar Guild: Mary & Ben Zalewski Announcements: Lynne Graham

Camera & Broadcast: Al Leigh & Andrew

Wurth

Acolyte: Benjamin Zalewski or Sean Eckert Counters: Tom Undercoffler & David Calby

Chalice Bearer: Nancy Dooling

Lector: Mary Zalewski Intercessor: Carol Marker

Greeter/Usher: John Finlon & Barbara

Undercoffler

Hospitality: Esther Welden; Al & Rita Leigh

Altar Flowers this week are In Memory of Loved Ones.



## **Sunday November 11<sup>th</sup> Veterans Day**

### Readings for this week

First Reading: 1 Kings 17:8-16

Psalm: 146

Epistle: Hebrews 9:24-28 Gospel: Mark 12:38-44

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







## Stuffing Mix

Susquehanna County Interfaith is collecting Stuffing Mix for the Christmas Dinner Giveaway. Our goal is 50 Boxes, we have 25 already. We need them by **Sun. Dec. 9th.** 



#### It's Country Store Time

Well, we got the sign out of the basement, cleaned it off, and as soon as we add the correct date, will hang it out front. That can only mean one thing! The Country Store is right around the bend. It will be on Saturday, December 1st this year from 9 to 3. As always, we need many helpers and many donations. Start bringing in those treasures and craft items for our sale tables. Bake up a storm for the bake table or bring a bottle of cheer for the raffle baskets. Most importantly, come have a hot bowl of soup or chili and share some fellowship with your Montrose community.

## 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.

**St. Paul's Cycle of Prayer:** Mary Ann DeWitt; Nancy Dooling; Robert & Vera Dunn; Sean Eckert

The **United Thank Offering** has a rich history that is deeply entwined with the history of The Episcopal Church. In the 19th and 20th centuries, women were a prime source of missionary support and funding of the church... Celebrating its 125th anniversary several years ago, the UTO has supported many missions in the US and throughout the world. The UTO became known for collecting the prayers and grateful offerings of the women in thanksgiving for the many blessings of life. Blue mite boxes, known as "The Blue Box" that collected the offerings would eventually achieve the status as the symbol of the UTO. There have been changes to the UTO over the years, but the ministry of the United Thank Offering has remained the same since its founding... .recognize your blessings, make a thank offering into your Blue Box (or Blue envelope) and it will go to support mission and ministry around the world. The Blue Box is a wonderful idea. Place it where you will see it, on your dresser, on your kitchen counter, in your car or where-ever you may drop a coin to say "thank you God for...." It is a great tool to share with your family. We, at St. Paul's will collect your Blue Boxes, or envelopes with checks donating your thanks, on November 18th. Please count your change and write a check made out to St. Paul's, designating on the memo line UTO. Or put bills in the box and turn it in at collection time. We ask this as it is very time consuming for the counters to count change UTO Ingathering....Sunday, November 18, 2018.. (collection can also be made on the 11th or 25th).. Give thanks to God for the blessings you receive. The money will be used to fund various ministries. Thank you.

#### Friday Social Night

No Social Night this week. More information coming for next week. On November 16th Social Night will be at Dan and Lynne Grahams.

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.

## **Montrose Community Chorale Presents Annual Christmas Program**

The annual presentation of 'Christmas in Montrose' by the Montrose Community Chorale will be presented on Sunday, December 2, 2018 at 3:00 p.m. in the sanctuary of the First Presbyterian Church, 367 Church Street, Montrose, PA. Thomas Welch is the director and accompanist is Kristen Burkhart.

'Christmas Presence', a cantata, will be presented as a 'Gathering of Hope, Peace and Love'. A freewill offering will be accepted and benefit the community. Refreshments will be served in the missionary room.

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#### **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 !!!!!

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 those who celebrate their birthdays this week and next. 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.

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!

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.

1 Photo this week.

# **Sleeping Bags Turned In**

This week, all the sleeping bags that the St. Paul's sleeping bag crew made were taken to Flo Wheatly for distribution. Additionally, eight bags of wool coats from the Coats for Community collection were provided. Flo is in charge of My Brother's Keeper Quilt Group and has been providing sleeping bags to the homeless since 1985.

