

**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 18 - 24, 2018 Upcoming Events

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

- Holy Eucharist Sun. Nov. 18 at 10:00am with Rev. John Wagner
- Pledge Sunday will be November 18 along with the ingathering of the United Thank Offering boxes.
- The Office will be closed on Thu. Nov. 22 for Thanksgiving
- 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: Dan Graham & Steve Kupscznk

Chalice Bearer: Vickie Calby

Lector: Stephanie Calby

Intercessor: Maggie Sock

Greeter/Usher: Maggie Sock & Nancy Dooling

Hospitality: Vickie & Stephanie Calby

Readings for this week

First Reading: Daniel 12:1-3

Psalm: 16

Epistle: Hebrews 10:11-14 (15-18) 19-25

Gospel: Mark 13:1-8

**Altar Flowers this week are In Memory of
Loved Ones.**



Thursday November 22



Stuffing Mix

Susquehanna County Interfaith is collecting Stuffing Mix for the Christmas Dinner Giveaway. Our goal is 50 Boxes, we have 31 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 hung 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.

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 .

St. Paul’s Cycle of Prayer: Charlotte Ellis; John & Nancy Finlon; Scott, Mari, Emma & Cora Finlon; Lynne & Dan Graham

Vestry Highlights, November 8, 2018

- We read Luke 13:18-30 and discussed Jesus' parables about the kingdom of heaven and how we need to enter the kingdom of heaven through the narrow door.
- John Fabiseski from Trehab asked St. Paul's if Trehab could use space in the parish hall for Families Supporting Families, a support group for the recovering community. They will hold meetings on Friday evenings with a rotation of speakers. The Vestry voted unanimously to approve this. John also invited us to stop in at the new Community Resource Center on the corner of Public Ave. and Church St.
- Karen Blye-McAbee reported on her experience at Diocesan Convention.
- The Vestry agreed to sponsor Christmas in Montrose at the level of \$150.00.
- The Vestry will continue to seek bids for audits for 2013-2017.
- Lynne and Vickie reported on our meeting with Bishop Kevin on October 28 where we discussed our need for St. Paul's, St. Mark's, and Christ Church to have clergy. The Bishop and Anne Kitch are aware of our situation and state they need to recruit the right person.
- The Bishop will visit St. Paul's on March 24, 2019.
- Nancy Dooling will resign as Clerk of the Vestry after December. We will need to find someone willing to take notes at future Vestry meetings.
- Our next Vestry meeting will be Thursday, December 13, 2018.

Lynne Graham

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, Kristina & Richard Marker.



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.

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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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

This Friday's social night will be at Dan and Lynne Grahams house. Call for directions 570-934-1160"

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.

The holidays are sometimes difficult and lonely for some people.

The Church of the Epiphany is pleased to offer a short prayer service to honor the difficulties of this time of the year, particularly for those who have lost a loved one, had a difficult life change, or just feel blue amid all the tinsel and lights.

All are welcome to attend a 'Longest Night' gathering to bless the blues and sadness on Saturday, December 22 2018 at 6:00 pm. Please come and light a candle in honor of your loss or transition. If you wish, please join us for Communion at 5:00 pm.

The Church of the Epiphany is located on 25 Church Hill, Glenburn Township. Please call 570-563-1564 or send an email to: COTE@epix.net and let us know you are coming, or for more information. The Episcopal Church is a spiritual home free of judgment and inclusive for all.

The struggle with darkness and grief is difficult at this time of the year. We all have losses that need to heal. Come, light a candle for your loved one or yourself.

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 !!!!!

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

Our thanksgivings: We give thanks for Brenda Syle & those who celebrate their birthdays this week and next. *O God, look with favor, we pray, as Brenda & others 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.*

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

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.

1 Photo this week.

Memorial Garden Bench Reconditioned

The wood on the bench was replaced this week, just in time for the winter snow! It was one of those summer projects that kept getting rained out. Thanks to Bob Dunn who spurred us on by helping out and to Elaine Petrzala for trying it out.

