

**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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Jan 20 - 26, 2019 Upcoming Events

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

- Holy Eucharist Sun. Jan. 20 at 10:00am
with Rev. John Wagner
- St. Paul's Annual Mtg. this Sun. Jan. 20
after the service
- DOK Dinner Feb. 2 at 5:00pm

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: Karen Blye-McAbee & Sandy
Seeger

Chalice Bearer: Vickie Calby

Lector: Mary Zalewski

Intercessor: Nancy Dooling

Greeter/Usher: Maggie Sock & Nancy Dooling

Hospitality: Jerry, Maggie & Martha

Readings for this week

First Reading: Isaiah 62:1-5

Psalm: 36:5-10

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 12:1-11

Gospel: John 2:1-11

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

Will You Prayerfully Consider?

St. Paul's Annual Meeting will take place after our service on January 20. At that time, we need to elect two new Vestry members for a three-year term. In order to serve on Vestry one must be at least 18 years of age; a regular attendant at the services of the parish; and a regular contributor to the support of the parish for the 6 months preceding the meeting.

The Vestry has three primary responsibilities: to take care of parish finances and parish buildings; and to choose individuals to fill various positions of parish leadership and representation (from The Vestry Handbook by Christopher L. Webber). Serving on the Vestry is an opportunity to contribute meaningfully to the functioning of the parish. It builds leadership skills. If it moves you out of your comfort zone, please know that you will have the support of all the other members of Vestry as we become a working unit. The Vestry currently meets on the second Thursday of the each month at 5:30 p.m.. We usually take a break in July or August and try not to meet in December. If you feel called to a position on the Vestry, or if you have any questions, please contact Lynne Graham. We would welcome someone new to this position!

Vestry members and Terms

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| Sandra Seeger | 2019 |
| Tom Undercoffler | 2019 |
| Vickie Calby | 2020 |
| Lynne Graham | 2020 |
| Martha Kupscznk | 2020 |
| Sean Eckert | 2021 |
| Maggie Sock | 2021 |

Vestry Highlights, January 10, 2019

- We read Isaiah 65:1-9 and discussed how God loves us even though we vex and wrong him and how we could relate as parents.
- We voted to distribute \$2500 of Country Store proceeds to the Learning Center in Montrose and Interfaith.
- We approved the Assessment and Acceptance due the Diocese.
- The Vestry approved the 2019 budget which will be presented at the Annual Meeting.
- The Vestry approved the Parochial Report and it will be forwarded to the Diocese.
- The Vestry will nominate Stephanie Calby and Karen Blye-McAbee to the 2022 Vestry term. We would like to have another male on the Vestry and will continue to look for another candidate.
- Tom Undercoffler will chair our Stewardship Committee. If you feel called to this important work, please contact him.
- We will sign an agreement with William Owens to perform audits from 2013-2018.
- Pancake supper will be March 5; Ash Wednesday is March 6; Lenten Bible study and suppers will begin on March 12.
- Our next Vestry meeting will be Thursday, February 14, 2019.

Lynne Graham

The Daughter's of the King Annual Dinner February 2nd celebrating our patron Saint Brigid on. Corn-beef and Cabbage with sides and dessert. Music by Kelly and Sue Pratt! Dinner begins at 5:00 p.m. Must have a reservation, pay at the door. No takeouts. Tickets are \$10.00 for adults, children 12 and under \$5.00. Money from tickets will go to local families in need. Call Saint Paul's (570.278. 2954) to make reservations. Cutoff to make reservation will be Thursday, January 31st at 1:00 P.M.

PANCAKE SUPPER AT ST. PAUL'S CHURCH

Tuesday, March 5th



Lent is fast approaching! St. Paul's Church will have its annual free Shrove Tuesday pancake supper on Tuesday, March 5, 2019, beginning at 5:30. The menu includes pancakes, eggs, sausage, applesauce, homemade desserts and beverages. Please come and join us and bring your friends. Mardi Gras costumes welcome!

SEE YOU THERE!

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

Mark Your Calendars



On Sunday, March 24th, the Rt. Rev. Kevin Nichols, Bishop of the Diocese of Bethlehem, will be visiting St. Paul's. We are one of 19 churches the Bishop plans to visit in 2019. Join us and meet Bishop Kevin.

For those who are ill or have requested our prayers: Margaret Burgh, Brad Darde, Kathy Warriner, Joe & Esther Welden, Charlotte Eckert, Alice Wood, Jean Williams, Charlotte Ellis, Esther McLaughlin, Jeanette, Jeanne & Bart Conklin, Steve Kupscznk, Kristina, Richard Marker, Martha Kupscznk, Jane Chandler, Andrew, Gaby Warriner & Carol Marker.

St. Paul's Cycle of Prayer: Naomi Bennett; Karen Blye-McAbee; John, Else & Molly Brunner; Margaret Burgh

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

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

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.

"If you have done it unto the least of these..."

Another year just begun, and another opportunity to help at the Montrose Mobile Food Pantry!

In December, 250 county households, including 148 children, 237 adults, and 181 seniors received free food. The Mobile Pantry is funded by local donations and by the Weinberg Northeast Regional Food Bank. St. Paul's has a weekly collection during the offering to cover the cost of the bread given out at the monthly distribution. Thank you to all of St. Paul's parishioners for your generosity. The Mobile Pantry counts on our support.

Another way to support this extremely important ministry is to volunteer during the distribution day. The trucks need to be unloaded in the morning, the food packaged for distribution, and then the bags of food given out in the afternoon. Your help is appreciated for an hour or the day.

To pre-register to receive food, please call 571-214-2184.

(information for this article was taken from the December 26th issue of the Weekender)

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 !!!!!

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

Our thanksgivings: We give thanks for Nathaniel Syle and David Calby who celebrate their birthdays this week. *O God, look with favor, we pray, as Nathaniel and David 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!

1 Photo this week.

Prayer Books



In 1979, a new Book of Common Prayer replaced the one that had serviced the Episcopal Church for fifty years. Some St. Paul's parishioners were unhappy with the change, as Morning Prayer was no longer read three Sundays a month. One hundred new prayer books were purchased and the old ones were sent to St. Matthews. After forty years of prayerful service, about 25 of the 1979 books are just worn out! Not a bad thing! Either the bindings gave out or the pages including The Holy Eucharist Rite Two came loose. These well-used books have been removed from the racks and will be boxed and sent to be recycled. *Well done good and faithful servants.*