

**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 6 - 12, 2019 Upcoming Events**

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

- Holy Eucharist Sun. Jan. 6 at 10:00am  
with Rev. John Wagner
- Sleeping Bags Wed. Jan 9 at 1:00pm  
and Sat. Jan. 12 at 1:00pm
- Vestry Mtg. Thu. Jan. 10 at 5:30pm
- DOK Sat. Jan. 12 at 10:00am
- St. Paul's Annual Mtg. Sun. Jan. 20  
after the service – All Reports are due to  
the office by Mon. Jan 14

**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: Lynne Graham

Lector: Tom Undercoffler

Intercessor: Nancy Dooling

Greeter/Usher:

**Readings for this week**

First Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6

Psalm: 72:1-7, 10-14

Epistle: Ephesians 3:1-12

Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

**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.

**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**

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

### **"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! The next distribution will take place on the second Friday of the month, January 11 from 3-5:30 at the Montrose UMC.

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)*

### **Christmas Message from Bishop Kevin from Episcopal Diocese of Bethlehem; a transcript of his message follows:**

I'm bringing you good news of great joy — born this day in the city of David, a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. And suddenly there was with the angel a heavenly host praising God and singing, "Glory to God in the highest heaven. Peace to his people on earth."\*

What better place to celebrate this longing, this joy, than in the little town of Bethlehem? I love this in-between time of day — the glow of resplendent light that warms our hearts as we embrace our past, the richness of our traditions. This nostalgic aspect of the season, though, can also lull us into glossing over the realities around us, the needs of the most vulnerable. The birth of our Savior implores us also to act, to bring peace and hope to where it's needed most.

This season, we're called to reach out in solidarity with those who are hungry, those who are economically fragile, those who struggle with addiction and mental illness — to hold tight the elderly, the sick, and the suffering. This season, may we share this magnificent light, the light of Christ, with those who are the most vulnerable.

From my family to yours, may your Christmas be blessed.

\*Luke 2:10-11, 13-14

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

**St. Paul's Cycle of Prayer:** Joe & Esther Welden; Alice Wood; Mary & Ben Zalewski; Robert & Patty Aiken

**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.

**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.

**Our thanksgivings:** We give thanks for those who celebrate their birthdays this week. *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.*

### **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 !!!!!

**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!

### **3 Photos this week.**

## **First Sunday of Christmas**

*Go, tell it on the mountain  
Over the hill and everywhere  
Go tell it on the mountain  
That Jesus Christ is born*

St. Paul's was still all decked out for Christmas 1 last Sunday -- the Creche, the poinsettias, and the greens in the windows - and the large Christmas candle was burning with the four Advent ones. A little snow in the morning didn't deter our parishioners or Fr. John who made his 2-hour plus trip. And of course, it always good to hear his Homily starter - "Please be seated folks." Happy 6th Day of Christmas!





## Early St. Paul's Print Found

Charlotte Ellis donated to this year's Country Store a number of sketches of Montrose historical sites from the 1950s. The artist was E. K. Smith, a local man. One of the set was of St. Paul's. It is now framed and hung in the Guild Room. The drawing is still used on the front of our Sunday Bulletins. Take a look at it the next time you are in there.

