

**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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May 19 – June 1, 2019 Upcoming Events

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

- Sun. May 19 & Sun. May 26 Sunday Eucharist at 10:00am with Rev. John Wagner
- Tue. May 21 & Tue May 28 Supper & Bible Study at 5:30pm
- Sun. May 26 Endless Mountains Theatre Show "Murder by the Book" doors open 2:30pm at St. Paul's Episcopal Church
- Sat. June 1 Daughters of the King Retreat at The Blye House 9:30am
- The office will be closed May 20 through May 23 & on Memorial Day May 27

Readings for Sunday May 19

First Reading: Acts 11:1-18

Psalm: 148

Epistle: Revelation 21:1-6

Gospel: John 13:31-35

This Week's Lay Ministers:

Altar Guild: Mary & Ben Zalewski

Announcements: Lynne Graham

Camera & Broadcast: Al Leigh & Andrew Wurth

Acolyte: Benjamin Zalewski & Sean Eckert

Counters: Tom Undercoffler & David Calby

Chalice Bearer: Esther Welden

Lector: Lynne Graham

Intercessor: Nancy Dooling

Greeter/Usher: Maggie Sock & Nancy Dooling

Hospitality: Vera & Nancy

**Altar Flowers this Sunday & next Sunday
are In Memory of Loved Ones.**

Readings for Sunday May 26

First Reading: Acts 16:9-15

Psalm: 67

Epistle: Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5

Gospel: John 14:23-29

Next 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: Vickie Calby

Intercessor: Nancy Dooling

Greeter/Usher: John Finlon

Hospitality: Maggie & Jerry Sock



Monday May 27

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

Vestry Highlights, May 9, 2019

- We read Luke 5:1-11 and discussed the story of Jesus telling Peter and friends to fish on the other side of his boat and the haul they caught. Then Jesus told them to follow him and they would be fishing for men.
- We voted to purchase a dolly with wheels for the piano at Meadow View in memory of Ron and Jane Chandler. This will allow the piano to be wheeled into the activity room for singing hymns after we read Morning Prayer.
- We approved the \$2900. repair of the first bellows of the organ. The second bellows will need to be re-leathered next summer. We will send out a letter to the parish and friends of St. Paul's to solicit donations for the repairs.
- We edited the new welcome statement for the bulletin and will send it on to Fr. John for his input.
- Upcoming events:

Fr. John will be visiting with his family on June 23rd and 30th. The Rev. Janet Watrous will supply on June 30th and we will read Morning Prayer on June 23rd.

Our Stop the Stigma group will sponsor a float in the July 4th parade We will sell ice cream that day in the memorial garden to raise funds for a camp for children of Province III grades 4-8 who have a close loved one who is addicted or in recovery.

We will hold our annual service at St. Matthew's on Sunday, July 21st.

Next meeting: Thursday, June 13, 2019



Onions and Carrots Bagged, and Ready for Distribution!

Last Friday, the Montrose Mobile Pantry distributed food to 254 households, including 135 children, 245 adults and 195 seniors and twenty new households were added. St. Paul's parishioners routinely volunteer for the unloading of the trucks and the bagging and distribution of the food. Distribution is the second Friday of the month at the Methodist Church. It's fun and rewarding. Come and volunteer.

Centering Prayer Starts New Phase.

Centering prayer has begun a new phase in May. We will "do" Centering Prayer at our own homes at noon on Wednesdays. On the last Wednesday of the month we will gather in the sanctuary at St. Paul's Church in Montrose. If you haven't tried meditation lately, this would be a splendid opportunity.

St. Paul's Cycle of Prayer: Marsha Jones; Glen & Ann Kiefer; Robert & Renee Kimmell; Robert & Janet Kuhn

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



Bible Study Continues

Please join us as we continue our Tuesday evening supper and Bible study series. We begin with a supper of soup, salad, and bread at 5:30 then study the gospel lesson that we will hear the following Sunday in church. We finish by around 7 p.m.

Our next session will begin on Tuesday, April 30 and we will end for the season on May 28.

For those who are ill or have requested our prayers:

Margaret Burgh, Brad Darde, Kathy Warriner, Joe & Esther Welden, Charlotte Eckert, Alice Wood, Charlotte Ellis, Esther McLaughlin, Jeanette, Jeanne & Bart Conklin, Steve Kupscznk, Kristina, Richard Marker, Martha Kupscznk, Andrew, Gaby Warriner & Carol Marker.

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 !!!!!

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.

Our thanksgivings: We give thanks for Carole Canfield, Katherine Syle, Lucas Bartron and Jerry Sock who celebrate their birthdays this week and next week. *O God, look with favor, we pray, as Carole, Katherine, Lucas & Jerry 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!

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

6 Photos this week.

Good Shepherd Sunday



Last Sunday, immediately after Fr. John asked us to "Please be seated Folks" as he always does before his homily, he

asked: "Does anyone know what this Sunday is called?" Some of us cheated

by checking out the music board next to Cathy and saw that it was the 4th Sunday of the Easter Season. That was not the answer he was looking for! It was **Good Shepherd Sunday**. The name derives from the gospel reading for the day, which is taken from the tenth chapter of John's Gospel. In this reading, Christ is described as the "Good Shepherd" who lays down his life for his sheep. Several parishioners knew the answer.

A Wet Spring

It's been a wet spring but still a pretty one if you look around. The church in general and Ellie's Memorial Garden in particular have a number of flowering shrubs and bushes that, although were somewhat muted by the rain, did their showiest best this year -- Bradford pears, magnolia trees, viburnums, azaleas and some daffodils and crocus. Our beautiful rhododendrons next to the front door are waiting to bloom. Take a walk in the Memorial Garden - wet or not. Spring in Montrose is a season worth enjoying.

