

**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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Aug 11 - 17, 2019 Upcoming Events

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

- **No Vestry Mtg on Thu. Aug 8**
- Sat. Aug 10 DOK Mtg. 10:00am
- Sat. Aug 10 and Wed. Aug. 14 Sleeping Bags at 1:00pm
- Sun. Aug 11 Sunday Eucharist at 10:00am with Rev. John Wagner

Readings for Sunday

First Reading: Genesis 15:1-6

Psalm: 33:12-22

Epistle: Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

Gospel: Luke 12:32-40

This Week's Lay Ministers:

Altar Guild: Barb Undercoffler & Nancy Dooling

Announcements: Lynne Graham

Camera & Broadcast: Al Leigh & Andrew Wurth

Acolyte: Benjamin Zalewski or Sean Eckert

Counters: Tom Undercoffler & David Calby

Chalice Bearer: Lynne Graham

Lector: Tom Undercoffler

Intercessor: Nancy Dooling

Greeter/Usher: John Finlon & Barbara Undercoffler

Altar Flowers this week are in Memory of Loved Ones.

St. Paul's Cycle of Prayer: David, Vickie & Stephanie Calby; Evelyn & Emile Constantine; Sandra Darde; Mary Ann DeWitt

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.

Social Night

Friday Aug 9th at 6:00pm at Cathy Hammons. Hamburgers, Hotdogs and Rolls supplied bring a dish to pass. 16225 St Rt 29, 1 mile North of Lake Montrose. Questions call 570-278-7620.



Food Distribution

The monthly food distribution at the Methodist Church took place on Friday, July 12th. Food was given out to 248 households including 132 children and 180 seniors. Over 60 volunteers showed up to help. The next distribution is August 9th. Come and volunteer, it's fun.

Baltimore - the Greatest City in America

As I drove from St. Mary's Seminary to my favorite restaurant on Loch Raven Boulevard, I saw a bench that announced this truth. I have held that sentiment since arriving in Baltimore, Maryland in 1988 to begin seminary studies. It was in Baltimore that I learned to confront my own racial bias and white privilege. It was there that I experienced firsthand the structures of systemic poverty, racism, and injustice that permeate our country. It was there that I discovered how our criminal justice system was biased against black and brown people. And it was in inner city Baltimore at St. Ann's Roman Catholic Church, a predominantly African-American congregation, where I felt more deeply loved by a Christian community than I ever had before--and my own calling to ministry took shape. Since graduating, I have returned to Baltimore at least annually, and today I traveled there once again to seek wisdom in St. Mary's chapel and gave thanks to God for that great city.

I have come to know and love Baltimore and many of the wonderful people who call the city their home. So I was stunned, outraged, and appalled when our president singled out Rep. Elijah Cummings, calling his district a "rodent infested mess." This rant is a continuation of attacks against brown and black people that has headlined our news for too long.

I join with leaders around the country, the church, and in our local communities and beg that this insanity cease. I implore us all to collectively turn our hearts and focus on solutions to the systemic problems that surround us, and find ways to support the most vulnerable in our communities.

I am reminded that the heart of Jesus' ministry was time spent with ordinary people--truly listening to them, and speaking truth about the most pressing issues of the time. I believe we are called to do the same in our communities. We need to hear from each other's hearts, acknowledge and confront our own biases, and have difficult conversations with each other. As I've said many times before, the only way forward is together.

Let us find new ways to walk with one another in Christ's love.

The Rt. Rev. Kevin D. Nichols
Bishop of Bethlehem

NEW WANTED AD FOR SLEEPING BAG MINISTRY

Summer will end faster than we know and when cleaning out your closets please note what you might contribute to our most needed:
Warm Blankets
Flat Bed Sheets
Fabrics (must be at least 1 yard square) and most of all.....we are in need of a Sewing Machine in working condition that will allow us to produce sleeping bags much faster. We will gladly pick up your machine for convenience. Thank you.
We meet the second Wednesday and second Saturday of every month at 1:00 downstairs in Room #1. Hope you will join us soon.

Women's Resource Wish List The Women's Resource Center is in need of donations of the following items: Reusable Grocery Bags; Gift Cards (Pump and Pantry, Price Chopper) Full sized Hair Conditioner; Feminine Care Products; Laundry Baskets; Journals; Pens; Stationary; New Towels.

*Please only donate full-sized items. Travel or sample sized items are appreciated, but are too small for the families we serve.

Donations may be brought to the Susquehanna County Independent office, 231 Church St., Montrose; or placed in the drop box located in the lobby of the Susquehanna County Courthouse, Lake Ave., Montrose.

We also have a basket at St. Paul's Church for donations.

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

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.

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.

A NIGHT OF WORSHIP
September 8, 2019 6:30pm
957 Main Street, PO Box 293, New Milford, Pa 18834

Join us for a night of praise and worship featuring full band and acoustic sets of contemporary songs.



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

Our thanksgivings: We give thanks for Joe Welden and those who celebrate their birthdays this past week. *O God, look with favor, we pray, as Joe and 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.*

“If you know anyone who wishes to receive the Weekly Update, please let Betty know.”

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!

2 Photos this week.

Meadow View Ministry

On the first Tuesday of the month, volunteers read Morning Prayer at our local nursing home. Joyce Printz joined several members of St. Paul's for a lively hymn sing after prayer. St. Paul's just donated wheels to make the piano portable. All the residents know the old hymns and a full crowd came to the activity room this month including parishioner Naomi Bennett. Please consider joining us for Morning Prayer in September.

