

**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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Sept. 15 - 21, 2019 Upcoming Events

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

- Thu. Sept 12 Vestry Mtg. 5:30pm
- Sat. Sept 14 DOK Mtg. 10:30am
- Sleeping Bags Sat. Sept 14 at 1:00pm
- Sun. Sept 15 Sunday Eucharist at 10:00am with Rev. John Wagner
- Sat. Sept. 27 Service at St. Marks 6:00pm

Readings for Sunday

First Reading: Exodus 32:7-14

Psalm: 51:1-11

Epistle: 1 Timothy 1:12-17

Gospel: Luke 15:1-10

This Week's Lay Ministers:

Altar Guild: Barbara Undercoffler & Carol Lasher

Announcements: Lynne Graham

Camera & Broadcast: Al Leigh & Andrew Wurth

Acolyte: Benjamin Zalewski or Sean Eckert

Counters: Dan Graham & Steve Kupscznk

Chalice Bearer: Jerry Sock

Lector: Stephanie Calby

Intercessor: Maggie Sock

Greeter/Usher: Maggie Sock & Nancy Dooling

Hospitality: Maggie, Martha & Jerry

Altar Flowers this week are from Nancy Dooling.

Get Ready the Hobo's are coming to Undercofflers Saturday Sept. 28th at 6:30pm.

Sustaining Prayer

As I am sure most of you know, the three churches (Christ Church, Susquehanna; St. Mark's, New Milford; and St. Paul's) submitted a Profile to the Office of Transition Ministry for the Diocese in March. We offered a full time clergy position as Priest-in-Charge to be shared among the three parishes. We named our 3-church group the Susquehanna County Episcopal Ministries and the "search committee" consisted of the three Sr. Wardens and Vickie Calby, our Jr. Warden.

In mid-July, Bishop Kevin presented two candidates for our consideration. We contacted them right away and arranged for Skype interviews as soon as our search committee had all returned from consecutive vacations. One candidate withdrew right before the interview as she had been called to a parish.

We are in the process of interviewing the remaining candidate and are very positive about his qualifications and skills. We have checked references and heard good things. Arrangements have been made to fly the candidate to visit with us in person. He will interview with Bishop Kevin and meet with the combined Vestries.

You will have an opportunity to meet with the candidate during his visit at an Evening Prayer service and homily led by him on

Friday, September 27 at 6:00 pm at St. Mark's. All are welcome. This is not a time to pepper him with questions, but to meet and greet in our usual hospitable fashion. The Vestries will meet with him the following morning.

I need to stress that, at this point, no formal call has been made to the candidate. We are still in the interviewing process, but wanted to offer parishioners an opportunity to meet our candidate.

During our announcements before the service, more information will be forthcoming as we receive it. This is also a reminder that we need sustaining prayer for our candidate, Fr. Arthur, and for our search process. Pray, Pray, Pray.

Lynne and Vicki

MUSIC< MUSIC!

On Tuesday, September 17, 2019, the Montrose Community Chorale will be presenting a 'read through music' time in preparation for their December 8 concert at the First Presbyterian Church of Montrose at 7:00 p.m. Thomas Welch is the Director and Kristen Burkhart is the chorale's accompanist. Please join us for the hour of music – we might interest you in joining us for the 2019 concert. Light refreshments will be served in the Missionary Room.

St. Paul's Cycle of Prayer: Richard & Carol Marker; Joel & Suzie Maxey; Karen Miller; Glynis Morgan

For those who are ill or have requested our prayers: Margaret Burgh, Kathy Warriner, Joe Welden, Alice Wood, Naomi Bennett, Fr. John Wagner & John Jones.

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

Walk for ALS



Tom and Diane Lager from St. Mark's and St. John's Church in Jim Thrope – Fr. John's old church are asking for our participation in the "Lehigh ValleyWalk to Defeat ALS," which will be on Saturday, October 12th, at the Iron Pigs Stadium at Coca-Cola Park in Allentown. It is a two-mile walk. Donations could also be made from the web site.



Mobile Food Pantry

St. Paul's supplies the bread and many of our parishioners volunteer. The next distribution is on September 13th. Volunteers are always welcome.

Two Parishioners To Teach Fall Classes

The Fall 2019 Montrose Adult Area Adult School list of classes is out. St. Paul's will be the host to ten classes this semester. Check the catalogue out to see what they are. Two of our parishioners, Nancy Dooling and Dan Graham, will also be teaching. Nancy, the Master Gardener, will be doing a presentation on "Bad Bugs"; and Dan, the historian, will be discussing Pennsylvania's Iron Masters during the Revolutionary War. Nancy's class is free and Dan's is \$5.00. Hope to see you there.

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.

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.

The Book of Remembrance is a book in which are written, each year, the names of faithful members of each parish who entered into life eternal and for whom a memorial thank offering has been made. The Book of Remembrance was established in 1938 in loving memory of Ruth May Linderman, treasurer of the Women's Auxiliary of the Diocese of Bethlehem from 1913 until 1938. The Book of Remembrance is placed on the altar for the noon time service on the last day of the Annual Diocesan Convention, and all the names that are entered for the current year are read aloud. The income from this Trust Fund is given to the United Thank Offering and the Diocesan Scholarship Fund, which is used to support mission and ministry through educational programs and conferences. Checks for these memorial offerings should be made out to "The Diocese of Bethlehem – BoR (Book of Remembrance)" and sent to the:

Episcopal Diocese of Bethlehem
333 Wyandotte Street
Bethlehem, PA 18015

Deadline for entries for the 2018/2019 Book of Remembrance is September 27th. All names submitted after that date will be placed in the 2019/2020 book.

Ask you ye shall Receive

As you ready your closets for fall and winter please think of the needs listed below and your contributions can be left on the stage with a note stating Sleeping Bags.

Needed Items Are:

warm blankets

flat sheets

fabric yardage measuring at least 1 yard

warm gloves and hats / socks

Please know that small sample size shampoos and liquid soaps will soon be discontinued at hotels so if you can supply us with these small size health products we are most grateful. This is an environmental movement to eliminate plastics. Thank you all for your contributions and helping hands. Come tie knots with us !!!!!

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.

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.

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

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

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.

Quilling Class

On last Tuesday morning, St. Paul's hosted a quilling class. Quilling teaches students how to make basic shapes for decorating cards, ornaments, boxes, etc. it goes for two weeks, and it was a happy, noisy class. Check out the fall adult school booklet to see what else is available.



Chestnut Street Steps Reset



The bluestone stairs on the Chestnut Street side have been repaired – the bottom stone was replaced and the top stone reset. Because they were angled incorrectly, last year water lay in the one closest to the street and would freeze causing obvious problems. Cooper VanCott, who put in our bell tower blue stone stairs, is a bluestone craftsman.