

**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. 8 - 14, 2019 Upcoming Events**

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

- Sun. Sept 8 Sunday Eucharist at 10:00am with Rev. John Wagner
- Thu. Sept 12 Vestry Mtg. 5:30pm
- Sat. Sept 14 DOK Mtg. 10:30am
- Sleeping Bags Wed. Sept 11 and Sat. Sept 14 at 1:00pm

**Readings for Sunday**

First Reading: Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Psalm: 1

Epistle: Philemon 1-21

Gospel: Luke 14:25-33

**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: Tom Undercoffler & David Calby

Chalice Bearer: Esther Welden

Lector: Mary Zalewski

Intercessor: Maggie Sock

Greeter/Usher: John Finlon & Barbara Undercoffler

**Altar Flowers this week are from Vida A. Kiefer In Memory of Glen Paul Kiefer.**

**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.



**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.

**Susquehanna County Interfaith's** Annual Volunteer and Donor Picnic is September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at the Montrose Methodist Church at 6:00pm. Please join us so we can say thank you and let you know what the vision is for the future. Please call 570-278-1776 to reserve your spot.

## **Booktalk & Signing**

with Tom Linthicum, author of "A Man Called Mark" & Amy Dyer

Saturday, Sept. 7th at 10:30am  
The Spalding Library in Athens, PA

Reception/Luncheon to follow at Church of the Redeemer in Sayre, PA. Tickets for the reception are free, but required. Please call 570-888-2270 to obtain your tickets. Books to be signed must be purchased in advance from Amazon or churchpublishing.org.

"A beautiful and inspiring story of beloved Bishop Mark Dyer, a true witness in the 'cloud of witnesses.'...A must read." --*Robyn Szoke-Coolidge, Dean of the Stevenson School for Ministry*

This book tells the compelling story of the Rt. Rev. Mark Dyer—an Irish Catholic boy from Manchester, New Hampshire, Korean War veteran, Benedictine monk and then Episcopal priest, bishop and seminary professor who became one of the most influential and beloved leaders of the American Episcopal Church and the worldwide Anglican Communion. His gifts as a teacher, preacher, and pastor were recognized with his election as Bishop of the Diocese of Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. There he established a new model of leadership, delegating administrative duties to concentrate on spiritual direction, pastoral care and establishing mission projects at every church in the diocese. Renowned as a storyteller, many of his favorite stories appear in the book, told in his own voice.

## **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 Valley Walk to Defeat ALS," which will be on Saturday, October 12<sup>th</sup>, 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 13<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers are always welcome.

**St. Paul's Cycle of Prayer:** Steve, Martha & Kyle Kupscznk; Carol & Jack Lasher; Al & Rita Leigh; George & Mary Beth Manns

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

**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.



## 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.

**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.

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

### **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.

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

### **11 Photos this week.**

## **Stop the Stigma Event a Success**

The second annual International Overdose Awareness Day event was held on the Montrose Green on Saturday, August 31. St Paul’s ministry of Stop the Stigma sponsored the community gathering to support those touched by addiction. Attendees shared free hotdogs and hamburgers, sloppy joes, chips, popcorn, cookies and ice cream. Resource tables offered educational materials and our speakers inspired and encouraged. We ended the evening with a memorial of those lost to addiction. Each name was announced and a bell tolled in remembrance.





## East Side of Church Gets a New Look



We removed three large yews that were between the parking lot sidewalk and the East side of church. They were part of the original 1972 Memorial Garden plantings but after 50 years of service had grown too large to trim. They completely covered the brick wall, they were starting to cover the stained glass windows, they were holding in moisture and we couldn't get ladders up to clean the gutters because they were so large. Cooper Van Cott donated the work and they will be replaced by newer, but smaller, bushes.



### **Memorial Garden Sidewalk Extended**

In anticipation of the coming winter, the sidewalk in the Memorial Garden was extended about 20 feet so that it connects with the parking lot. The concrete sidewalk stopped where it did for fear of disturbing the the roots of the two trees that it goes between. The new bluestone sidewalk does not need as deep a footer. This area can now be more easily shoveled when the winter snows arrive. Stop over and take a look, it is a beautiful piece of Van Cott workmanship.

### **The Kitchen**



It's 9:50 on Sunday morning and why is the church still empty? Because everyone is in the kitchen. Before church starts, there is always a group of folks gathered around the kitchen island – just talking, sneaking coffee, or peaking at what is going to be served at coffee hour. Good conversation, good fellowship.