

**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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**Oct. 27 – Nov 2, 2019 Upcoming Events**

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

- Sun. Oct 27 Holy Eucharist at 10:00am  
with Fr. John Wagner
- **Sun. Oct 27 Pledge Sunday**

**Readings for Sunday**

First Reading: Jeremiah 14:7-10, 19-22

Psalm: 84:1-6

Epistle: 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

Gospel: Luke 18:9-14

**This Week's Lay Ministers:**

Altar Guild: Sandy Seeger & Marsha Jones

Announcements: Lynne Graham

Camera & Broadcast: Al Leigh & Andrew  
Wurth

Acolyte: Benjamin Zalewski or Sean Eckert

Counters: Karen Blye-McAbee & Sandy  
Seeger

Chalice Bearer: Lynne Graham

Lector: Nancy Dooling

Intercessor: Carol Marker

Greeter/Usher: John Finlon & Barbara

Undercoffler

Hospitality: Robert & Vera Dunn

**Altar Flowers this week are from Karen  
Blye-McAbee In Memory of Robert W. Blye.**

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



**Endless Mountains Theatre**

"Tales for a Dark and Stormy Night," is a reading of seasonal stories with a spooky style. The show at St. Paul's will be Thursday Oct. 24 at 7 pm. Cost will be a free-will donation, and simple refreshments will be offered.

**AUTUMN TRIP - COME ALONG**

A trip to tour the Historic Episcopal Church of St. Mark's & St. John's in the town of Jim Thorpe is scheduled for OCTOBER 27th, 2019. We will leave St. Paul's after service on Sunday having refreshments before leaving. The distance is an hour and a half drive to and from and we will travel via car pool hoping to behold the autumn colors as we travel south. Please let Lynne Graham or Carol Marker know if you are interested to be included. There is a sign-up sheet at entrance of the church and also in the parish hall. This trip is for EVERYONE, so come along!  
5.00 gift children free  
Lynne 570-396-7612  
Carol 570-465-7230

**Pardon our Mess**

Starting Monday October 28<sup>th</sup> work is scheduled to begin on the Parish Hall. It is expected to take 1 to 2 weeks to complete. We are having much needed electrical and lighting work done.

## SLEEPING BAG MINISTRY

A recent inventory of our supplies shows that we are still in need of clean blankets and also the SMALL SAMPLE SIZE OF TOOTHPASTE. Thank you for all your past contributions and help. Come join us soon. Second Wednesday and second Saturday of the month!



## Feed a Friend

Trehab will be collecting desserts for the Thanksgiving Baskets. This is the 35<sup>th</sup> year. Last year 742 households were served in Susquehanna County. They are asking for Canned Pie Filling, Box Pie Crust, Box Cake Mixes and Prepared Canned Icing. All items must be brought in by **Sunday November 10<sup>th</sup>**.

## Floating Hospital

The annual gathering of items for the Floating Hospital will be at the Montrose United Methodist Church, 526 Church Street, Montrose, on Monday, November 11, 2019, beginning at 11:30 a.m., hosted by Sean Granahan and workers from the Floating Hospital in New York City. Lunch will be served and you are asked to call 570.278.2791 to make a reservation.



## Mobile Food Pantry

St. Paul's supplies the bread and many of our parishioners volunteer. The next distribution is on November 8. Volunteers are always welcome.

## New Feature

We thought we would try an experiment for the Weekly Updates. If anyone wants to submit a short story, a picture of some St. Paul activity, a memorial to someone or something of general interest, please send it to me for inclusion in an upcoming Update. To start it off, I am including something I did for our kids about their Grandpa. I hope it sparks some of your own memories of times past. Dan



## Interfaith Christmas Dinner

We will be collecting 50 boxes of Stuffing Mix for the Christmas Dinner. We need all stuffing donations by **December 15<sup>th</sup>**.



## Christmas Toy Tags

Starting mid-November toy tags will be available. We will be doing 20 tags. Gifts should be valued between \$25 and \$30. Gifts are to be unwrapped with the tag securely attached. If batteries are required, please include them with the gift. All Gifts must be brought to the Church by **December 8<sup>th</sup>**.

**St. Paul's Cycle of Prayer:** Carol Arnold; James & Elizabeth Bailey; Margaret Baker; Benson, Rachel, Maximus & Lucas Bartron

**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.

## **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 Rachel Bartron & Robert Smith who celebrate their birthdays this week. *O God, look with favor, we pray, as Rachel & Robert 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.”**

**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.

**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 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.**

## Fall in Susquehanna County

Fall in Susquehanna County is always a special time. Sugar maples strut their stuff with florescent reds and oranges and yellows, sumacs along the road show off their deep reds; poplars and beeches with their yellows cover the hills and red maples with their yellows and reds combine with the all the others to put on a show worth waiting for. It's why we live here. But while the leaves are beautiful, it's our fall sunrises and sunsets that set us apart. They are God's special fall gift and are glorious – a glimpse of heaven renewed every day. If you have missed these fall performances, make time to watch. But remember, God's paintings are momentary and fade too quickly,



## First Rectory

Did you know St. Paul's first rectory was the house on the corner of Cedar and Cherry Streets and was built by our rector in 1851. It is remarkably unchanged. Read more about this and the history of St. Paul's Church in the upcoming book, **The History of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Montrose, Pennsylvania, 1831-2019.**

