



ST. PAUL'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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Mission Statement for St. Paul's: To proclaim God's love by word and example and to seek Christ in one another.

June 28 – July 4, 2020

Great News!!

Yahoo!! After months of staying at home on Sundays, Bishop Kevin has given us the go ahead to re-gather for worship following the guidelines that are attached. We have an older, vulnerable congregation and everyone's safety must be our top priority. Please become familiar with our guidelines and call me if you have any concerns or questions.

We will begin by having Morning Prayer in the Memorial Garden during these summer Sundays. If the weather does not cooperate, we will move indoors to the sanctuary. As long as we meet outdoors, it would be best if each person could bring his or her own chair. We will have some metal chairs available that have been sanitized. Don't forget your mask. Again, we will have a few masks available, but we want to see how creative your own mask is. A fashion show of sorts.

Please plan to join us in the Garden on Sunday, July 5 at 10:00 a.m. I know we have all looked forward to being together again. Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia! (Tom??)

Saint Paul's Reopening Guidelines

1000 Sunday Morning Prayer Service

- I. Outside Service
 - A. To take place in the church garden.

B. Chairs placed singly or in family groups to separate by a minimum distance of six feet apart. Recommend congregants to bring their own chairs as a majority of the church folding chairs have cloth seats and backs, which are difficult to sanitize. Will have extra non-cloth chairs set aside for those in need, to be placed by masked and gloved usher.

C. Maximum number of 25 people may attend at any service. Family members may sit together in a group. Otherwise, everyone must maintain a distance of six feet apart at all times. Also, everyone must wear a mask covering the mouth and nose.

1. All personnel must enter from the south parking area by the path alongside the church.

2. Everyone must exit towards Church Street where they can go either left past the front of the church or right towards the eastern alley path back to the south parking area.

D. Ushers, who are thoroughly knowledgeable of these and the bishop's set guidelines, are to guide congregants to appropriate seating area.

E. Hand sanitizer and extra masks must be provided by the church at the designated garden entrance. Hand sanitizer

F. The service will be without Eucharist, and will be without singing.

G. If music is used, it will be unaccompanied. Recommend the use of outside PA system for this and for the speaker to be heard.

H. No prayer books will be used. All lessons, readings, and program items will be put in one-time use bulletins to be handed out by the ushers.

I. Congregants will only depart at the direction of the ushers. After the completion of the service, designated person/s will wipe down borrowed chairs with disinfectant wipes.

J. Offering plates / donation baskets (ie: bread basket) will be placed by the exit route rather than passed during service. Encourage donations and pledges to be sent to the church address.

II. Inside Service (in case of inclement weather)

A. In the event of inclement weather, the church will be used.

B. All books (hymnals and prayer books, etc.) will be removed from the pews.

C. Use every third pew on both sides and one pew of the choir section.

1. One or two persons (family) will use opposite ends of the pew. if the family group is three or more in size, then one pew will be used for them.

D. Organ music may be used without the accompaniment of singing from the congregation.

E. Congregants will enter the church by the Church Street front entrance and depart by the handicapped ramp door and will only depart at the direction of the ushers.

III. The congregants and community at large will be informed of these guidelines by local newspaper, weekly update publication, marquee sign out front, etc.

IV. The church must maintain records of attendance. The usher will keep a log of those in attendance for the later use of contact tracing if needed. If the parishioner is unknown, hand a paper to them to fill out and return.

V. Bathrooms must be sanitized prior to and following services. It is strongly advised for all to clean up after themselves. Bathrooms will have hand sanitizer and disinfectant wipes (not to be flushed) available.

VI. Have live stream and recordings available for those not able or desiring to attend service in person.

VII. All groups using the church and grounds must abide by church guidelines and state and federal laws.



Reflections

This week our own Charlotte Ellis turned 90! What a celebration! What a life! Happy Birthday Charlotte, we love you!

This celebration gave me pause to reflect on all the years I have been at Saint Paul's and why I feel you are my family. I am also reminded that over the years so many in this family have shaped my life.

For me, I was baptized into the Saint Paul's family in 1953, from there I was confirmed, and married all within the walls of Saint Paul's.

One of my earliest memories is of Mr. Welden, Joe's father, lifting high the cross, leading the choir as they processed down the aisle every Sunday. Esther tells me he began carrying the cross in his early twenties and was still proudly lifting the cross into his eighties! Over sixty years! Mr. Welden was a gentleman anyone would have loved to have as a Grandfather.

I loved Mrs. Dorothy Harris and Rev. Harris; they both were steading influences in my very

young, very unsettled life. Rev. Harris's visits to my mother meant the world to her, he brought the outside world to her weekly...Priceless.

Mrs. Harris was senior choir director but even though she carried that responsibility she took the youth of our congregation, (at that time many), and turned us into a junior choir. Missy Morgan, (now Mary Zalewski), Glynis, Mary's sister, and so many more of us were part of a group that felt we were an important part of the service and needed. I still remember each year receiving a new cross with a rope chain, (A different color for how many years we had served in the choir). We proudly displayed these when wearing our choir robes. FYI, I could not sing worth a darn!

Rev. Henry Pease followed Rev. Harris, he married Dave and I in 1973, he was new to the parish at that time. I will never forget a visit he paid Dave and I after we had been married about a year.

I guess it is not unusual that young people may, "choose", to conveniently forget the church at a certain point in their lives but if not for Henry I am not sure where we would be now. Henry came to our apartment for a visit after we had been absent from church for several months. After some small talk he asked us why we had not been attending church. During the conversation, he also asked, "Why are you living over a "head shop"? After he left, I asked Dave, "What is a head shop"? The next week we were back in church.

So many others, Charlotte Maxey Ellis, (her love of music), Sue Smith, (you always knew where you stood with her), Mary Morgan, (her love and respect for serving on the altar), Joe Welden, (that smile) Esther Welden, (a saint), Doctor and Mrs. Stark, (our first Christmas card every year), and Jennie Bowen, (so cheerful). There have been so many I would never be able to name everyone who had some influence in my life.

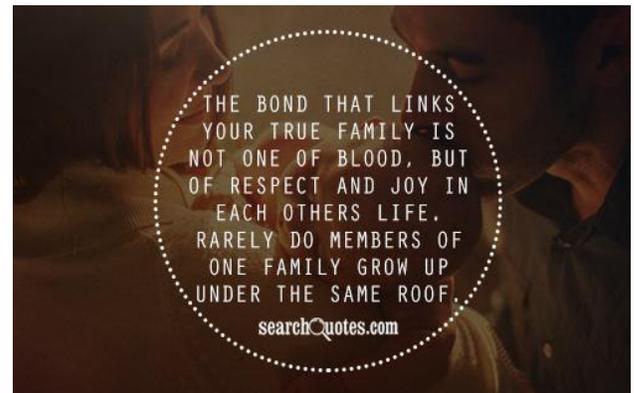
As Mary Zalewski said, "Every time I walk into the church, I hear the echoes of these great people behind me".

Fast forward to 2020.

We are blessed to have some of these people still with us. Over the year's others have come into the family and have been joyfully welcomed. We stick together; we care about each other, and genuinely enjoy each other.

During this COVID crisis it has been even more important to support each other. We mourn with Esther in the loss of Joe, as well as with Margaret Burgh in the loss of her sister in England. We rejoice in the milestones of Charlotte's ninety birthday and Naomi's eighty sixth.

Every day, if we give just a bit of ourselves to others we too may shape someone's life for the better.



Hello Church People!! I miss you! It's been a long cold winter but now Montrose is in full blossom and God is blessing us! Strawberries and soon Blueberries will be on our cereal. We are so lucky to be living in a small town away from the chaos! But I keep wondering about the chaos and what can you and I do to somehow make it go away and I come away thinking that we can pray but it's not enough. I don't have the solution!

But on a lighter note, I just turned 90!! So I've been going to Church for ninety years! Maybe that's a solution to the chaos. My family had a party for me and we are a fairly big group and then I got up the 23rd and here in my kitchen

was this tableaux! See picture. And here to celebrate was my one year old great granddaughter Charlotte Mia who shares this birthday with me. God has blessed me!! My family is the greatest!!

Thank you all for the cards and flowers! Please God, bless all the people in the world. I keep asking him to come down again but then I do say, probably they would crucify You again! Hopefully we'll see you in Heaven!!

Charlotte



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

Birthdays for July: Janet Kuhn July 9, Maggie Sock July 15, Maximus Bartron July 20, Stephanie Calby July 25 & Arthur Jones July 29.

For those who are ill or have requested our prayers: Margaret Burgh, Kathy Warriner, Naomi Bennett, Justin, Rita Leigh, Fr. John Wagner, Eric, Fr. Arthur & Mo. Jenny.

Statements If you would like a midyear statement please email me stpaulsmontrose@epix.net or call the office 570-278-2954. Betty

Your tithes and pledges can be mailed to the church office at 276 Church St., Montrose, PA 18801. Or you can slip your pledge under the office door if you happen to be going by the church.

Pastoral Emergency or Non-Emergency Contact: you can call the parish office during office hours. After hours call Lynne Graham 570-934-1160.

8 Photos this week.

3rd Sunday After Pentacost

Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that thou art – thou my best thought by day or by night, waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word; I ever with thee, thou with me, Lord; thou my great Father, I thy true son; thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

Morning Prayer

So today we pray for grace Lord, in our time of plague. Eucharist denied and sacraments too, we know we need God in our lives. We summon up the grace we have from Baptism and days we received. No bread, no wine, no body, no blood, in mental prayer we combine to be your body here on earth in every spiritual sense. Lord, we pray: "Send Grace" that we may be fortified. Bless every pieces of our Jigsaw with your redeeming grace especially for the old and sick and all who we love. Amen.

Fr. William McGinty (Fr. Bill) of Christ Church, Forest City, writes a daily Prayer that he sends out in Email. I usually pick only one paragraph of a whole page. If you would like to be on Fr. Bill's list just let Dan know.

Good News and Bad News

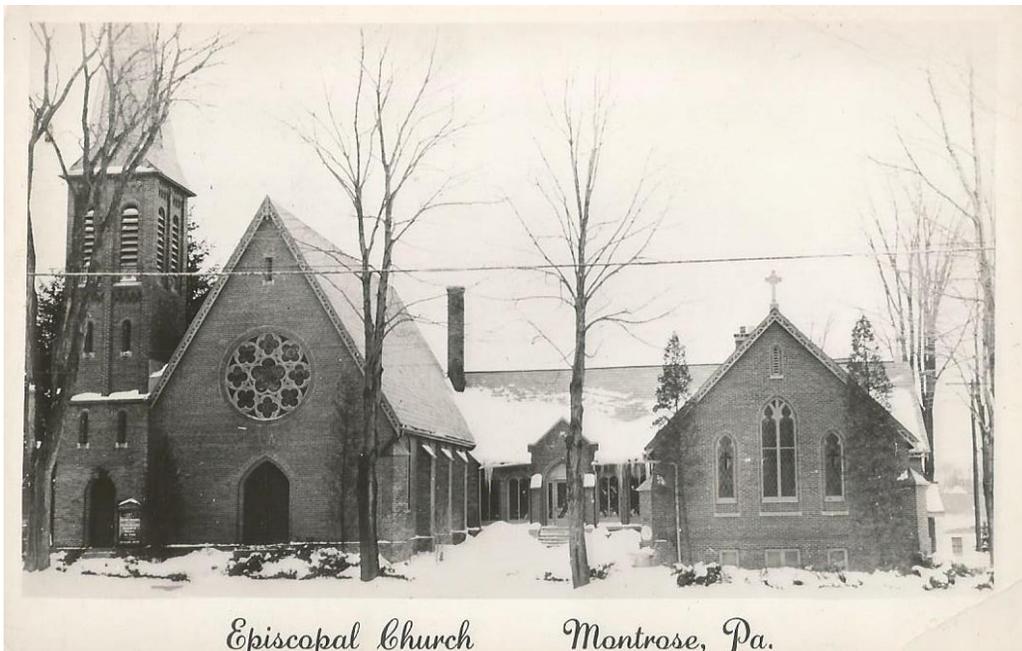
St. Paul's hedge received its yearly trim to get it ready for the July 4th parade. It gives our grounds a spiffy look. Cooper Van Cott has been trimming them before the 4th for a long time. That's the good news! However, the July 4th parade has been canceled, this year. Oh well, they still look spiffy!





Pictures of St. Paul's Past

A St. Paul's view from the 1960's? Can you date it. There was also another one for sale of the Methodist Church at the same time with the same script as below. Maybe they were meant to be sent as Christmas cards by the church.



Episcopal Church Montrose, Pa.

WE MISS YOU



