



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 7 – June 13, 2020

The St. Paul's Family

Earlier this year we were joyously worshipping happily and comfortably together as any happy church family when suddenly we were blind-sided by an unexpected calamity – the covid 19 pandemic. Suddenly our sanctuary doors were slammed shut and we became exiled from something very dear to our lives- communal worship and fellowship with one- another. Where are we now? Where do we go from here?

Time flies. Almost six years ago seems like only yesterday. In November 2014 Barb and I decided to visit St. Paul's on the Sunday before Thanksgiving. When we opened the door and entered we were greeted by Jane Chandler. With her big welcoming smile she also invited us to stay for Thanksgiving dinner following the service. After the service Vickie Calby ORDERED us to stay for the dinner. Jane responded to Vickie, "Oh yes, they are joining us for dinner." [As you know, one never says "no" to Vickie.] Besides, Barb and I both love turkey dinners. Suddenly, faster than the speed of light, the Lord provided us with a wonderful turkey dinner, a truck- load of the most wonderful friends, the most spiritually uplifting church in the world, and a very beautiful community in which to call "home." For us, that was the end of our church-shopping.

So time moved on and there are so many activities that we all have shared together. So now we are experiencing many changes in our lives with this pandemic. But with phone calls, Facebook, Zoom, outdoor visits with social distancing, birthday cards to each other, and prayer power, we continue to bond together as a church family, as a close family of friends.

Pandemic? Let's see: Perhaps this nasty word can be changed into something good.

P- patience and understanding

A- Attitude with a smile

N- new birth of Spring

D- devotion and dedication

E- everlasting love

M- motivation

I- inspiring

C- compassion

WE ARE FAMILY!

Tom Undercoffler

Almighty and Merciful God,

We come to you this morning as a broken people. Our hearts are heavy with the losses we have encountered because of the Coronavirus and because of our shame in not loving our neighbors as ourselves. You are our God; we are your people, all created in your

image to give glory to you through our love of one another. We fail to do this, Lord. We fail over and over again. But we know, deep in our hearts, that your way is the only way to heal the hurts and bring us, black and white, together. Please help us to see you in the disenfranchised, the poor, the lonely, the hungry, the systematically oppressed, so that rather than look the other way, we reach out to embrace our brothers and sisters in love. You are bigger than the obstacles we face. Lord, we ask for your help to make us better people, people who no longer betray you by betraying your children of color on a daily basis.

Dear God, help us to learn from our mistakes. For this world to be a better place, for us to live peaceably together with those who may look different from us, Lord, help us. We know that love is the answer and you sent your son, Jesus, to show us the way of love. Help us to follow that way so that, at our end, you will be able to say, "well done, good and faithful servant." In the words of Garth Brooks' song, Belleau Woods, "Heaven's not beyond the clouds, it's just beyond our fears." Help us, dear God, to overcome those fears so we see one another as you see us, each your child. Amen.

Lynne

Let There Be Peace on Earth [Vince Gill](#)

Let there be peace on earth
And let it begin with me
Let There Be Peace on Earth
The peace that was meant to be

With God as our Father
Brothers all are we
Let me walk with my brother
In perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me
Let this be the moment now.

With ev'ry step I take
Let this be my solemn vow
To take each moment and live
Each moment in peace eternally
Let there be peace on earth
And let it begin with me

Source: [LyricFind](#)

Songwriters: Jill Jackson / Sy Miller

Birthdays for June: Elizabeth Bailey June 8, Rita Leigh & Cathy Hammons June 10, Ben Zalewski June 17, Lynne Graham June 18, Jack Lasher June 20, Mary Zalewski June 21, Charlotte Ellis June 23 & Margaret Baker June 24.

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.*

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 stpaulsmontrose@epix.net or call me at 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.

6 Photos this week.

The Feast of Pentecost

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

**If you believe and I believe And we together pray,
The Holy Spirit will come down And set God's people free**

Your Vestry

Yup, it's them! This is what your Vestry looks like in their Coronavirus masks. If you see them at the super market or getting gas, say hello.



