



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.

Aug 16 - 22, 2020

Morning Prayer in the Memorial Garden
Sunday, Aug 16 at 10:00 am or inside if bad weather.

This Week's Lay Ministers:

Altar Guild: Barbara Undercoffler & Karen Blye-McAbee
Announcements: Lynne Graham
Counters: Dan Graham & Patrick Gallagher
Greeter/Usher: Nancy Dooling & Karen Blye-McAbee

Readings for this week

First Reading: Genesis 45:1-15
Psalm: 133
Epistle: Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32
Gospel: Matthew 15: (10-20), 21-28

A Valuable Comparison

Look at the birds of the air, they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? Matthew 6:26

They arrive every year on the exact day. We have it marked on the calendar—April 22—and we look forward to it. The barn swallows returning to where they were born. We leave the doors of the small barn open to let them know they are welcome harbingers of spring. First a few males arrive all the way from South America. We counted six. They come to scout out the food situation and to check out nesting sites. The females make an appearance about two weeks later. We had eight nesting pairs this year, two in the lower big barn (our fault

because we didn't shut the doors soon enough to keep them out), and six pairs in the smaller barn where we want them. Both males and females build mud nests inside the barn using up to 1,000 beak-loads of mud. They are beautiful -- sleek with a cinnamon belly, a reddish brown chin, and a long, deeply forked tail. When the sun catches their colors, the sight catches one's eye.

Although we started out with eight pairs, each pair has two broods per year. Last week I sat under the telephone wire while gardening and counted more than fifty swallows chirping above me. The reason we encourage them by giving up our barn space for the summer is that each bird will eat its weight in insects every day. That's a lot of flies, beetles, and wasps that we don't have to contend with.

To watch their numbers swirl through the air chasing bugs is an absolute joy. They are poetry in motion. They swoop in and out of open doors teaching their young moves that would put a precision flight pilot to shame. They have given us so many hours of enjoyment. We wake to their chit-chat on the wire and it becomes part of our morning, and sit fascinated as they dive bomb the riding mower catching bugs that have been churned up.

Stan Tekielo, author of [Birds of Pennsylvania](#), is the source for the above factual information. No amount of reading about the swallows can compare to watching them for the summer months. I even have to laugh that when we

are inside on a rainy day so we don't melt, the swallows are still outside getting soaked and loving life. They exit on August 23rd like clockwork, leaving a deafening silence which portends the coming fall.

When God creates something so beautiful as barn swallows and cares for them, we can be assured that God will care for us in a like manner. *Are we not more valuable than they?*

Lynne

The Book of Remembrance is a book in which the names of the members of each parish who entered into life eternal and for whom a memorial thank offering has been made are recorded each year. The Book of Remembrance tradition was established in 1938 in loving memory of Ruth Linderman, treasurer of the Women's Auxiliary of the Diocese of Bethlehem from 1913 until 1938.

Due to Covid-19, the Diocesan Convention will be held virtually this year on Oct. 3, 2020. The Book of Remembrance tradition will be pre-recorded, and read, on-line the day of the convention. Due to the change in procedure this year, I am requesting that all names be sent to the Diocese no later than Sept. 11, 2020. The names which are received after Sept. 11 will not be read this year and will be held until next year's Diocesan Convention, 2020, and read at that time.

Checks for the 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

Thank you for being flexible during these unprecedented times. The deadline for submitting names to be read at this year's

convention is Sept. 11, 2020. All names submitted after that date will be read at the convention in 2021.

Birthdays for August: Barbara Undercoffler 8/19, Else Brunner 8/20, Robert Aiken 8/23, Thomas Syle 8/25, Margaret Burgh 8/28, James Earley 8/29 and Patty Aiken 8/30.

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.

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.

2 Photos this week.

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid." *Matthew 14: 22-28*

Fr. Bill's Morning Prayer

In this early morning light before the sun has truly risen, in the quiet of this mystic hour we bow our heads in prayer to you God of all creation, but more, Father, Abba, carer and lover of our souls. "I was glad when they said to me: 'let us go to the house of the Lord,' Now our feet are standing within your gates O Jerusalem. "In prayer we see the length of our days, stretching like a ribbon. We pray that each day we may come to know you 'more dearly, follow you more nearly day by Day'.

We ask you Lord to forgive our faults, weaknesses, stumbles and falls....to lift us up as you raised the woman with the blood disorder. Bring us healing of body and spirit. The year has taken its toll on many especially the sick and the old and those with a pre-existing conditions. In your mercy bring your grace upon them. Comfort the dying, ease the pain of loss, bring peace to all in your name. Amen.

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

Coming Out of St. Paul's Church from 1883-1921

What did you See?



In 1857, St. Paul's Church was built immediately across from the old Isaac Post Tavern, one of the first buildings in Montrose. Post was one of Montrose's earliest settlers and his original tavern building predated the town.

In 1883, to take advantage of Montrose's growing summer vacationer boom, the tavern was purchased by Ezekiel Guy and converted into the Montrose House Hotel. With a big force of men, a wagonload of jackscrews and a small mountain of blocks for cribbing, the new owner raised the two-story structure and made a new story underneath it containing a lobby and dining room. Guests were brought by hotel staff by wagon from the railroad station and would pass in front of church.

The new structure dominated our part of Church Street for 50 years and the Montrose House was the first building St. Paul's parishioners saw coming out of church during those decades. The historic building was torn down in 1921 and replaced by the present Montrose Inn, (which became a bank in the 70s).

Old Bench gets a New Look



Since we have been using the Memorial Garden for church services, we refinished the old bench near the birch trees. Now both benches have a new look. Thanks to Pat Gallager for making it happen.