



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.

Sept 6 - 12, 2020

Morning Prayer in the Memorial Garden
Sun., Sept. 6 at 10:00 am or inside if bad weather.

The Office is closed on Mon. Sept. 7 for Labor Day.

This Week's Lay Ministers:

Altar Guild: Vera Dunn & Barb Undercoffler
Announcements: Lynne Graham
Counters: Tom Undercoffler & David Calby
Greeter/Usher:

Readings for this week

First Reading: Exodus 12:1-14

Psalms: 149

Epistle: Romans 13:8-14

Gospel: Matthew 18:15-20

Memorial Service for Joe Welden

A memorial service for long time parishioner Joe Welden, who died May 2, 2020 at the age of 94 years, will be held on Saturday, September 5 at 1:00 p.m. at St. Paul's Episcopal Church. Unfortunately, due to restrictions imposed by the Corona virus, **attendance will be limited to family members only.**

The service will be live streamed so that those who cannot physically attend will be able to be present virtually. Please go to St. Paul's web site at www.stpaulschurchmontrose.org and scroll to the bottom of the home page. Click on live stream to view the service.

Thank you for your cooperation at this difficult time. We know that during any other time, the church would be packed with those wanting to pay respect to Joe and his family.

Meadow View Sing Along

If you missed singing with us for the residents at Meadow View, you now have a second chance. We will meet there on **Thursday**, September 10 at 10:30 to read a very short Morning Prayer and then sing hymns and songs familiar to the residents. Joyce Printz plays the piano and she knows their favorites. We remain outside, masked, and they can hear us through the opened transom windows.

We had a really good time last week and the residents were very appreciative. So come, bring your singing voice (good or not so wonderful) and help us brighten the day of our neighbors who cannot have visitors during the pandemic.

Make a joyful noise!!

Lynne

Tough Love

There is a quote that was quite popular a while back that went something like "Everything I need to know, I learned in kindergarten." Now that may seem a bit simple. We wouldn't get too far if we still had a death grip on the fat, yellow #2 pencil in our fist while we tried to write our name. But the truth of the matter is, what we learned in kindergarten was of utmost importance. We were taught kindness, respect, and consideration for others. We had lessons in leadership and service. Sometimes

we got to lead the line as we walked in the hall. Sometimes we had to erase the chalkboard. We learned to share and we learned that everyone got a Valentine in his/her homemade mailbox, not just your best friends.

Sunday school at church similarly provided many of our religious foundations. This Sunday's Epistle reading is Romans 13:8-14 and its verses are about love. Our earliest years in Sunday school, we learned God is love. Because we are made in God's image, we, too, should be love. Paul says all the commandments about our behavior are summed up in one rule: *Love your neighbor as yourself*. He states that love is the fulfillment of the law. So far, so good.

But what about when your neighbor isn't so lovable? What about the liars and the cheats and the abusers and the people who take advantage? What about me when I turn a blind eye to someone in need or keep silent in the face of injustice? These behaviors are wrong. We don't condone bad behavior, but we must still love the person each of whom is made in God's image. God is love, God loves them, and so must we.

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 September: Sandy Darde 9/6, Nancy Doling 9/11, Sandy Seeger 9/15, Esther Welden 9/19 and Sean Eckert 9/28.

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. Arthur, Mo. Jenny, Charlotte Ellis, Cathy Hammons & Charlotte Eckert.

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.

office hours. After hours call Lynne Graham 570-934-1160.

2 Photos this week.

Pastoral Emergency or Non-Emergency

Contact: you can call the parish office during

Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost

From that time, Jesus began to show his disciples that he had to go to Jerusalem and suffer many things at the hands of the elders, chief priests, and scribes, and be killed and on the third day be raised. Then Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him saying: "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are the stumbling block to me, for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." *Matthew 16:21-24*

Fr. Bill's Morning Prayer

Good morning September. O Lord, where did the Summer go? What a year, 2020! Will we ever forget 'the Year of the Plague?' I had a yearn yesterday to go see a movie in the cinema. Alas, even that is no longer possible. We have lived a very strange year. Thank you Lord, for the opportunities that this year has brought us to serve you and your people.

We are a people waiting, just as the people of old; waiting for a Savior, waiting but still on hold. We read it in the scriptures of the ones they called 'Anawim', the faithful few, who had kept faithful to the prayers, customs, ritual, law of the one true God---Yahweh. They waited for the Messiah promised of old, by the writings of the Prophets, and the prophecy of wise old men. They visited the Temple, prayed daily in the Synagogue, kept the fasts, prayed for evil to pass, and for God to save his people.

Nothing has changed in 2000 years, for your Word Lord, has fallen on deaf ears; violence reigns, wealth has its way, disease persists and your people cry out to you their God.

"Give us Peace, throughout the World, where brother does not kill brother. Give us Justice Lord we pray, where families are not driven from their homes, fleeing death, fire, bullet and grave. Give us fairness, that the poor may live, with enough to eat and care for their children. Open the eyes for all to see, one 'family of Man', irrespective of color, eyes, height, ways or culture.---Lord, take away hate from the hearts of men who utter bitter words. Take away fear, that drives them to harm someone who is really their brother. Bridge the divide that separates, with the gentle hand of kindness, understanding, tolerance and love."

"Come Holy Spirit among us, fill our hearts and minds; give to us the power to bring your will upon the lives of men. Sweep away the evil that has beset us, like a Plague, that your Kingdom come, your will be done, now and forever more. 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.

Gabriel Blow Your Horn



Fall is coming and there was a little of it in the air last Sunday morning. We moved inside into the parish hall for the first time where it was warmer. Before the Prelude last Sunday, guest trumpet player, Alan Lane, accompanied Joyce Printz and together they did five hymns. They were *Praise to the Lord, Just As I Am, Joyful Joyful We Adore Thee, I go to the Garden Alone (He walks with me)*, and finished with the Prelude which was *Amazing Grace*. Having never played together, they were nothing short of amazing. Thanks.

Remember When -- September 2016 -- at the American Legion



Those were the days, my friend We thought they'd never end...