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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.

Oct. 11 - 17, 2020

Morning Prayer Sun. Oct. 11 at 10:00 am

This Week's Lay Ministers:

Altar Guild: Sandy Seeger & Marsha Jones

Announcements: Lynne Graham

Officiant: Vicki Calby

Counters: Dan Graham & Patrick Gallagher

Greeter/Usher: Stephanie Calby & Scott Price

Readings for this week

First Reading: Exodus 32:1-14

Psalm: 106:1-6, 19-23

Epistle: Philippians 4:1-9

Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14

To Our Congregation,

When we moved to Pennsylvania permanently in 2013, we embarked upon what Church we wanted to belong to. We tried Southern Baptist Church in New Milford, recommended by our friends who were members. That Church did not work for us. We started to worship at St. Mark's Church in New Milford, but then we accidentally came across St. Paul's Episcopal Church while filling up our car with gas using Price Chopper discount gas promotion. Forty-nine years ago we were married at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Rahway, NJ. After our first Sunday Service at St. Paul's and Carol Marker taking us for a tour of the remodeled sanctuary and how excited she was to show us it, we knew that this Church was going to be our home. Meeting all the parishioners and having coffee hour made our decision to stay and become a member the right choice.

Having Friday night Pub Nights turned out to be a great social evening event for members to get together. We hosted some Pub Nights and we are looking forward to that part of our life returning someday.

We have been blessed to be a part of St. Paul's Episcopal Church. The Church does so much for the community and neighboring towns including sleeping bags for the homeless, donating to the food bank to supply bread to the needy, supplying winter coats to the community (at no cost) and helping those troubled with addiction.

With the pandemic, so many activities have been curtailed. Having Church Service on the green has been a wonderful outdoor experience. I loved bringing my rocking chair to service and enjoying the fresh air and our spiritual readings from a 3 page pamphlet (and not having to carry our heavy Book of Common Prayers to Church with us).

No one knows when it will be safe to go back to our "normal" way of life. The masks do drive us crazy, especially when we get out of the car to go into the public and we say #\$\$%* we forgot our masks, but we forge ahead with safety in mind.

It has been a wonderful part of our lives to be a member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church and we look forward to the coming years with our congregation. We thank God for helping us find this Church and letting us be a part of this welcoming Church.

Live, laugh and love.

Peace to All,
Bob and Vera Dunn

Walking for Those Who Can't

ALS, amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, commonly referred to as Lou Gehrig's disease, is a disease that affects the nerve cells that control voluntary muscle movements such as walking and talking (motor neurons). ALS causes the motor neurons to gradually deteriorate. Symptoms can be treated, but there is no cure **YET.**

On Sunday, Diane and Tom Lager visited us from St. Mark's and St. John's in Jim Thorpe. Diane is the team leader for John's Soulful Walkers. Last year our team walked in Allentown to support the ALS fundraiser. This year the walk on October 11 will be virtual, but not being physically present does not diminish the need for raising funds.

Our dear Fr. John Wagner has ALS and we have a wonderful opportunity to support him and others with this disease. Donations may be made online at <http://web.alsa.org/goto/johnsoulfulwalkers> scroll down to search for a team. Type in John's Soulful Walkers and click go. Click on John's Soulful Walkers in red to go to team page. If you can join team John's Soulful Walkers on Oct 11 for the "virtual" walk click on the red "Join our team" tab toward the top of the page. Then follow the prompts to make your donation.

Or mail-in donation forms may be found at the back of the church. Please write "Diane Lager-Lehigh Valley Walk" in the memo line of any checks so our team is credited with your donation. Donation forms may be turned into the office or given to Lynne. We will mail them together to Diane after this Sunday, Oct. 11.

Any donations after this Sunday should be mailed directly to ALS as stated on the donation form.

The ALS Association helps those with ALS in many tangible ways and it funds research to find a cure. Let's be part of that.

St. Paul's to Distribute Coats



St. Paul's will do its annual distribution of coats next Thursday, October 14th from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm in the Parish Hall. It's our 14th year. If you can help distribute, please let John or Dan know.



Trehab Thanksgiving Feed A Friend

Due to the Covid pandemic, the program is still going on but being totally restructured without the food drives. They are taking monetary donations. They will not have a designated giveaway day. Their staff will hand out Thanksgiving Food throughout the month of November and recipients will utilize vouchers at the local grocery stores to pick up their turkeys.

Trehab/Feed a Friend
PO Box 366
Montrose, PA 18801



Interfaith Christmas Dinner

We will be collecting 50 boxes of Stuffing Mix for the Christmas Dinner. We need all stuffing donations no later than **Dec. 3rd**.



Christmas Toy Tags

Starting early-November toy tags will be available. We will have 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 Dec 1st.

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, Nancy Finlon & Patrick Gallagher.

Birthdays for October: Al Leigh 10/12, Benson Bartron 10/13, Vickie Calby 10/19, Rachel Bartron 10/22, Robert Smith 10/23 & Carol Marker 10/31.

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.*

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

5 Photos this week.

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

The Parable of the Vineyard Owner

“Listen to another parable: There was a landowner, who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a winepress in it, and built a watchtower. He leased it to tenant farmers and went away. When the time came to harvest fruit, he sent his servants to the farmers to collect his fruit. The farmers took his servants, beat one, killed another, and stoned a third. Again, he sent other servants, more than the first group, and they did the same to them. Finally, he sent his son to them. ‘They will respect my son,’ he said.

“But when the tenant farmers saw the son, they said to each other, ‘This is the heir. Come, let’s kill him and take his inheritance.’ So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Therefore, when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those farmers?” “He will completely destroy those terrible men,” they told him, “and lease his

vineyard to other farmers who will give him his fruit at the harvest.” Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the Scriptures:

*The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone
This is what the Lord has done and it is wonderful in our eyes*

Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people producing its fruit. Whoever falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; but on whomever it falls, it will shatter him.” When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they knew he was speaking about them. Although they were looking for a way to arrest him, they feared the crowds, because the people regarded him as a prophet. (Matthew 21: 33-46)

Fr. Bill's Morning Prayer;

Morning again Lord on this 4th of October. The Summer has gone and the changing leaves of Autumn descend like the tears of Fall. Today's Gospel is from Matthew. Jesus teaching in the temple tells the story of the Vineyard owner, who rents his Vineyard to the Tenants. They fail to pay, steal the property and kill his servants and Son. The story is obviously, allegorical of Christ's own life and his sacrifice, but more it foretells the fate of Israel.

Lord, we stand at a crossroads, in our world. Your Vineyard is there, the workers are few. We pray today for your church throughout the world, especially those in faraway places. Missionaries, teachers, doctors and nurses, and all who work that the words of your Sermon on the Mount take root in the hearts of men. Bless all who work for Peace and Justice, who help the poor, feed the hungry and heal the sick. Reward them for their labors in your Vineyard. May your kingdom come and your reign begin.

“More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord.” Phil.3:4.

Paul tells us that all he earned, all he gained as a Jew, scholar, lawyer, Pharisee and Member of the Sanhedrin, pales, when put alongside what he has discovered in his knowledge of Jesus Christ. It must be the same for us Lord, no sacrifice is too great, no mountain too high, no difficulty too immense, compared to the privilege of serving the Gospel that you proclaimed and gifted to us. There are so many, who have answered that call, but today on this Holy Sunday we ask that you give them what you promised---the Holy Spirit. For with the power of the Spirit, all they say, and all they do, is multiplied to the nth degree. All their efforts bare fruit, for they are the stone rejected by the builder. They are the cornerstones of your church, the builders of your kingdom, here on earth. Bless them with your Spirit now and in the days to come.

Strange Lord, now that word ‘stone’ appears over and over in the Gospel and in scripture. Stone on which your Commandments were written, the stone that David threw, a ‘stone for the stumbling in the desert’, the stonewalls of Jericho, the stone of Lazarus’ tomb, the stone rolled back on that Resurrection Morning, the stones of the ruined Jerusalem. Make something of us Lord, as the stones of your church. Breathe in us the life of the Spirit. This is our prayer, for without you we are, but stone. With you we are everything. 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.

Autumn in New Milford



Autumn exploded here last week and the silver maple trees in New Milford were showing their stuff. The stream behind St. Mark's Church provided a pretty fall vista that is worth sharing.

Sunday Service Inside Church



Due to the cooler fall morning last Sunday, we moved inside. Karen led the service and Stephanie, Esther and Tom did the readings.

St. Paul's Organ Gets a New Bellows

During the recent lockdown while the church was closed, the second of two bellows in our organ was re-leathered. The other was replaced during last summer. Apparently, only bellows made out of lambskin are acceptable. Mary Ann and Joyce have both played the organ since the repair and it seems to be working nicely.



Remember When?

August was a birthday month at St Paul's in 2016 when this picture was taken. It was a Happy Birthday handshake between two birthday guys, Joe and Jerry!

