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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. 18 - 24, 2020

Morning Prayer Sun. Oct. 18 at 10:00 am

This Week's Lay Ministers:

Altar Guild: Sandy Seeger & Marsha Jones
Announcements: Lynne Graham
Officiant: Lynne Graham
Counters: Steve Kupscznk & Richard Marker
Greeter/Usher: Nancy Dooling & Karen Blye-McAbee

Readings for this week

First Reading: Exodus 33:12-23
Psalm: 99
Epistle: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10
Gospel: Matthew 22:15-22

Altar Flowers this week are from Elizabeth McKenzie Bailey & Anne McKenzie Rogers In Memory of Elizabeth Francis McKenzie & Garfield Alexander McKenzie.

Autumn is my favorite time of the year.

I love the crispy feel of the air, seeing apples ripening on the trees, and especially watching the trees change color. The view from our back porch is spectacular this year— reds, yellow, orange, green and brown. It reminds me of God's promise, "As long as the earth endures, seed time and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night will never cease." Seeing the beautiful fall colors also reminds me of a very special day in October 20 plus years ago. We rode in an open horse-drawn wagon up a mountainside in Wayne County the day our daughter got married. The horses had to stop to rest halfway up since the hill was so

steep. But it was a perfect day full of happiness filled with people we love and great scenery.

That is one of the things we love about being members of St. Paul's. Every Sunday we are with people we love in a beautiful house of worship. We have made so many wonderful friends and have made so many wonderful memories in just the 6 years since we moved to this area. I have faith that things will only get better and that God has more blessings in store for all of us.

Fondly, In His Love, Barb

Vestry Highlights

October 8, 2020

We opened the meeting with prayer and approved the agenda.
The minutes of the September 10, 2020 meeting were approved.

We read and discussed Luke 7:36-50. Jesus told a parable of two men whose debts were forgiven, one large debt and one smaller, to teach the Pharisee that those who have been forgiven much, love much. He related that to the woman (a sinner as the Pharisee pointed out), who washed Jesus' feet with her tears and anointed his feet with oil.

The Vestry approved our proposed separation agreement with Fr. Arthur and will wait to hear from Bishop Kevin that Fr. Arthur has signed it.

ALS donations will be sent in on Monday. Any donations made after Sunday should be mailed

directly to the ALS Assoc. as listed on the donation form.

We received a bequest from Jane Chandler's estate. A thank you note was written to Kendal. We plan to use the money in some capacity that will honor Jane—possibly music books.

Report on updating the internet—we have been monitoring the upload and download speeds of both Frontier and Spectrum. No determination has been made about which company to use. Spectrum works well for many businesses in the area, but we will have a termination fee with Frontier.

The new St. Paul's website has been launched. We still have some modifications and text updates to do, but it looks great and we are grateful to Kurt Sussman for the improvements.

We discussed offering a take-out soup dinner in December like the one at South Montrose Community Church. A committee was formed to work out the details.

We will be collecting boxes of stuffing for the Interfaith Christmas Bureau. We voted unanimously to donate \$800. of the gas royalties we received to Trehab's Feed A Friend Thanksgiving program. We will receive 20 toy tags for the Advent Jesse tree.

St. Paul's will participate in a three parish retreat on Saturday, November 7 led by the Rev. Melinda Artman, rector at Church of the Redeemer, Sayre. This will be an opportunity to discuss the parish partnership.

We need leaders for Morning Prayer and volunteers to write an article for the weekly updates.

Lynne closed the meeting in prayer.
Next meeting: Thursday, November 12, 2020

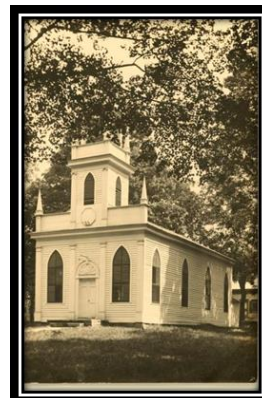
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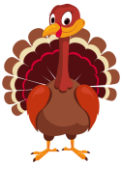
COVID has caused us to make many changes at church. One of them was to pull out two old card tables, probably from the 1950's, that were upstairs in storage. We used them outside during summer church in the garden. Obviously donated at the end of their life, their legs wobbly and tops nicked and discolored from years of canasta or bridge, they held up gallantly for 13 weeks. Bob and Vera Dunn graciously donated two replacements this week and the old ones, now in the basement, will be decommissioned. Well done good and faithful servants!



Church Histories on Sale

Betty still has some St. Paul's histories for sale in the office. They are now \$15 for St. Paul's parishioners. Just contact her if you want one. Additionally, during lockdown, Dan has written another book, this time on St. Mark's in New Milford. Entitled *St. Mark's Episcopal Church, New Milford, Pennsylvania 1817-2020*, it also provides a history of Grace Episcopal Church that was located in Great Bend from 1852 to 1954. It will be printed in November. St. Mark's was one of the first Episcopal churches in Northeast Pennsylvania.





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.

Coats for the Community Coat Distribution Schedule:

Christ Episcopal Church, Susquehanna
Oct. 23-24

Christ Episcopal Church, Forest City
Oct. 29-31

St. Mark's Episcopal Church, New Milford
Nov. 5-6

St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Montrose
Dec. 16-17 from 9am to 1pm

So again, check your closets for any warm, gently used coats you no longer need. Ask your grandchildren for their outgrown coats, too. We are accepting donations. Just leave them at church. Talk to John or Dan if you can help with distribution at St. Paul's.

For those who are ill or have requested our prayers: Margaret Burgh, Kathy Warriner, Naomi Bennett, Justin, Rita Leigh, Fr. Arthur, Charlotte Ellis, Cathy Hammons, Charlotte Eckert, Nancy Finlon & Patrick Gallagher.

Birthdays for October: 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.

7 Photos this week.

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

The Parable of the Wedding Banquet

Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, 'Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.' But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.' Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

"But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?' And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' For many are called, but few are chosen." (*Matthew 22: 1-14*)

Fr. Bill's Morning Prayer

In prayer we rise, now deep into October, living in your presence Lord, hoping to walk in your ways. The year has trailed its way now, into 'the Yellow Wood', passed the hopes of Summer, and we meditate now in this Fall. Give us the grace to make something good of this day and remember the gifts that you have given us.

Autumn brings reflections of those we have known, old friends and loved ones now long gone. Their graves lie blanketed, in leaves this time of year, still we remember, the importance of their countenance to us, in days long gone. They whittled some small part of our lives, when they could have just as easily walked on by. Gave us good advice, at that fork in the road, or when trauma came our way. "Death shall have no dominion..." the poet wrote, 'heads of characters hammer through daisies,...' well they left an imprint on us and our lives.

October is a month for getting things done, Lord. Repairs overdue, things to mend, tasks to complete, before the onset of Winter. We make a list and cross them off, buy supplies and stock the shelves, pile the logs with the wood, oil the windows, shutter hinges too, empty the mower, ready the plow, put away rakes and bring out the shovels. ---- If only we remembered, to practice the same, when we walk the road of the great Liturgical Year. For Pentecost now winds, towards the end of the year, heading for Advent and the Season of Cheer. The Gospels speak of lessons, Parables too, of Vineyards and Harvests and Debtors and Servants; how to treat others and who is entitled, to the Kingdom of God and who is invited!

Does not seem important, to the world at large, as we head for the Feast of Christ the King, last day of the month. People have no place for a king anymore, even one who walks in sandals and goes out feeding the poor. No place for palaces, thrones or the like, but what about Stables, Manger, Shepherds and Wise Men? Autumn has Wise Men set out in pursuit of a Star. Symbolic of course, that we all need direction, a quest of our own, a dream to follow, an ideal to cling to. ---O the Old Folk with coat, scarf and wooly gloves, will tread with their warm boots to the old church that they love. But they have grown few now, who still prepare the table, decorate the church, and know the liturgical color of the seasons.

Soon they will be gone, under leaves in the Fall, who will replace them, or will anybody at all? The World will seem that little bit more empty, without the songs of the Season, preparing Advent in Pentecost, and Wreaths in due season. Instead of the shuffling feet, heading for the old church door, we'll be content that they watch from the Nursing Home Window some more. So lets celebrate Fall, and this time of reflection some more, while we can. Remember old friends, veterans, and even those who fell. We have 'All Souls' and November 11, coming up, time to wear our 'Poppy', that little splash of red, that says 'just for me,' so brave soldier bleed!

October, colors, memories, hues, chestnuts, warm fires, candles make a rich tapestry in our lives Lord. Thank you for the richness of your liturgical season. Fill in us the dreams that your Gospel stories create. Teach our children round the glowing fires of warm homes, the lessons to be learned in October. Let Peter Pan still fly and Pooh Bear look for Honey, on a blustery day with friends worth more than money, but for us that are old, may the Gospel lesson still speak, touch all hearts, with the lesson it teaches. 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 at Salt Springs

It looks like a painting or one of those 500 piece puzzles that Naomi likes to do on her kitchen table. But it's not. It's a photo taken on the Yellow Trail at Salt Springs State Park. Salt Springs is only 15 minutes north of church on Rt. 29 and it has all kinds of trails -- from easy to harder. It's a perfect place to walk with your spouse, a friend or by yourself for some alone time. The weather is great and the trees have put on a show this year. Go out and see what God created for us to enjoy!



Montrose High School Key Club

Seven students and their adviser from the Montrose High School Key Club came over on Wednesday the 7th to help hang coats and set up for coat distribution at St. Paul's on the 14th. It's hard to tell but they are all smiling under those masks. Thank you, Key Club!!



Getting Ready for Winter



Lots of things are happening at St. Paul's to get us ready for winter. John has replaced the batteries in the thermostats and changed the water filters. An appointment with the gutter cleaners has been set for early November and we are looking for a new snow removal contractor. Steve Wilcox will be doing his annual furnace inspection this month and it's time to make sure the doors are closed. But what's going on outside? Lynne and Karen took advantage of a great day and are planting the flower bulbs donated by Lucinda Vermette. Fall is a time for many things – preparing the building for winter and planting flower bulbs that will bring joy and renewal in the spring. Thank you, ladies and thank you, Lucinda.

Please Remember to Close the Doors!



Yup, it's Fall and the heat is on again. Those little sticky signs someone put on all our doors a long time ago still apply. Our front church door will now be closed and doors between rooms or into a room should be closed. If you are using a room, please make sure the thermostat is turned back down when you leave. Thanks! Keeping our buildings heated remains our largest expenditure.

Don't Forget the Bread Basket



As you know, St. Paul's donates the money to purchase the bread each month for the Montrose Mobile Food Pantry. We have a second collection plate that looks like a bread basket specifically for that ministry. The picture above was taken on Friday, October 9th and gives a good visual representation of what our donation purchases. Since Covid, we have had a hard time meeting our monthly contribution. Please be as generous as you are able.

Remember When? New Rectors at St. Paul's

Not many of St. Paul's parishioners remember when Rev. Pease came to St. Paul's in 1972. The following is from the October 3, 1972 *Wilkes-Barre Times Leader*. Rev. Moulton's article came from the October 13, 1999 *Scranton Times Tribune*.

Rev. Pease Accepts Call To Montrose

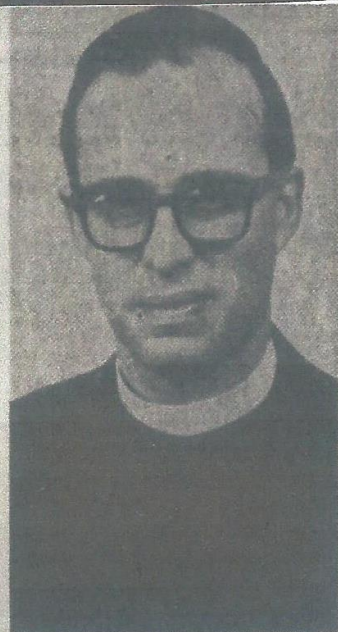
**Will Become Rector
Of St. Paul's Oct. 22;
Now at St. Stephen's**

Rev. Henry J. Pease, assistant, St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, has accepted a call to become rector of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Montrose. It was announced Sunday by Rev. Stewart Pierson, rector of St. Stephen's.

Rev. Mr. Pease has served St. Stephen's from June, 1966 as assistant, and was priest-in-charge from April to June, following the retirement of Dr. Burke Rivers.

Rev. Pease was born in Exeter, N. H. He received a BA degree in economics from Blackburn College in 1954, and an MS in economics from the University of Tennessee in 1955. From 1955 to 1960, he was a credit analyst for Dun & Bradstreet, Inc., and from 1960 to 1963 a bank examiner with Philadelphia Federal Reserve Bank. In 1966 Mr. Pease received a masters degree in divinity from Philadelphia Divinity School. Since 1967, Rev. Pease has been a lecturer in economics at King's College.

Rev. Mr. Pease has been active in community and diocesan concerns. He is serving his second term as a member of the Diocesan Council of the Diocese of Bethlehem, is a member of the Personnel Policies



REV. HENRY PEASE

Committee of the diocese and was chairman of the 1971 budget committee of the Diocese of Bethlehem. In the community Rev. Pease has been chairman of the Episcopal clergy group, President, United Ministers, board member of the Council of Churches and president, Wyoming Area PTA.

Mrs. Pease has been active in Girl Scout work, is a neighborhood director, and is a member of the Oratorio Society and West Pittston Chorale.

Rev. and Mrs. Pease have two children, John, in the ninth grade of Wyoming Area, and Sandra, in the sixth grade of St. John the Baptist School.

Rev. Mr. Pease's first Sunday as rector of St. Paul's, Montrose will be October 22. They will reside at 72 Church St. Montrose.



**THE REV.
MOULTON**

*New leader
at St. Paul's*

St. Paul's Has A New Rector

MONTROSE — St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Montrose, welcomed its new rector at services in September.

The Rev. Elizabeth J. Moulton is the church's 25th rector. She was ordained a priest in 1988.

She received a master's degree in elementary education from Northern Illinois University and a master of divinity degree from the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg. She was an elementary school teacher in Pennsylvania and Illinois.

Since her ordination she has served as assistant priest, vicar, rector and interim rector in a number of parishes in North Carolina and Pennsylvania. Most recently, she was rector of Christ Church in Stroudsburg, and interim rector at Prince of Peace in Dallas and St. Mark's in Moscow.

Her first sermon at St. Paul's included the assistance of the children in explaining the meaning of "What Would Jesus Do."