



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.

Oct. 4 - 10, 2020

Morning Prayer Sun. Oct. 4 at 10:00 am

This Week's Lay Ministers:

Altar Guild: Sandy Seeger & Marsha Jones
Announcements: Lynne Graham
Officiant:
Counters: Tom Undercoffler & David Calby
Greeter/Usher: Martha Kupscznk & Kristina Kinney

Readings for this week

First Reading: Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20
Psalm: 19
Epistle: Philippians 3:4b-14
Gospel: Matthew 21:33-46

The St. Paul's Family

The first time I visited Montrose was Memorial Day Weekend, 1975. Lynne's family owned a cabin on Rt. 858 outside of town and her parents and siblings were there. I went into town to get some groceries as I remember where the Dollar General is now. It was my first look at our future hometown. We lived in Maryland and for the next decade, as our own family began to grow, we spent the July 4th week at the cabin for our vacation. It was free and it fit into our non-existent budget. As a result, we always went into town for the parade and our kids have great memories of it. Somewhere in the 1980s, as I received more vacation days, we would also spend Christmas at the cabin. We almost always had snow then, something that doesn't seem to start until after December now. During that time, we

attended mid-night service at St. Paul's when Rev. Pease was rector.

By the 1990s, Lynne's mother had moved to Springville fulltime and she attended St. Peter's in Tunkhannock. Lynne's sister, Barbara, who lived in Mehoopany, also attended there so we started attending Christmas service with them at St. Peter's. In 2006, we purchased our present house in Jessup Township and moved here fulltime in 2007. We immediately looked for a church. Familiar with St. Peter's, we tried out St. Paul's and there we found the rector, Rev. Charles Cesaretti, to be a very likeable priest. As a result of Fr. Cesaretti, we joined St. Paul's and have remained communicants there since that time. Our parish continues to be blessed by him.

Becoming members of St. Paul's, we immediately became part of a church family. We suddenly went from knowing almost no one to knowing a lot of folks. Montrose is a small town, and we would see people who knew us at the post office, super market or hardware – something that wasn't true in our Maryland community. Without church, we would never have known as many people here as we did. We developed friendships and relationships that we cherish. As you are aware, St. Paul's parishioners are a social bunch and we were invited to many social events at homes or to restaurants for dinner or drinks. I became a member of the American Legion so that we could go with church friends on a Wednesday night for wings and clams. Our regular social

night began when the Calbys returned from Tennessee. Coffee hour was an important part of Sunday morning. I was amazed as to how much coffee we went through.

I miss most many things as a result of Covid and the lockdown these last six months: coffee hours after church, hugs at the peace and singing hymns. (I'm not a good singer but an enthusiastic one!) But most of all, I miss the social interaction with our parish family that we have grown accustomed to and love. In my heart I know this will all pass but it is hard waiting.

Dan Graham

Help Stop the Stigma

Patrick has asked for our prayers. His doctor took him off a long-term medication and he has voluntarily gone into rehab for a safe and secure place to withdraw from the med. Please send cards and well wishes to:

Patrick Gallagher

Just Believe Recovery Center

100 Lincoln Ave.

Carbondale, PA 18407

Our support is important for his recovery.

Lynne

In or out. That is the question. After all, Fall is officially here. But the weather is teasing us with warm temperatures. I have heard from many who say they would like to continue services in the garden as long as possible. The early morning is often cool, maybe even chilly, but it warms up considerably before the start of the service at 10:00. So we need to play it by ear.

Please bring a jacket in case we decide to hold worship in the garden. Once the weather forces us inside for good, we will resume livestreaming the service onto our website/YouTube site. Thank you for your patience and understanding as we navigate the new realities of worship. Lynne



The above flyer is informing everyone that September is national recovery month! If any additional information is needed or need help connecting to any community resources or questions about Trehab's drug and alcohol outpatient program please call Trehab's community resource center at 570-278-5220.

In addition to recovery month, we will be posing a virtual Narcan training demonstration on 9/17/20, to the Trehab's community resource center's Facebook page. Along with this we will be sharing information about different help, tools and solutions available to anyone seeking treatment. Please join us on Facebook and feel free to share the video with others.

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.

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.



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: Carol Arnold 10/3, 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.

Coats for the Community Begins its 14th Year



It's that time again. It's fall and it's time for Coats for the Community to start their coat distribution. This is our 14th year and to be honest, we didn't know if we were going to have a give-away this year because of Covid-19. We buy most of our children's coats at Salvation Army on half-price Wednesdays. The stores were closed for the three months

when we usually buy coats. Similarly, we get most of our adult coats from Inter-faith and they were also closed. But, we have almost caught up in our inventory, and are planning our first distribution at St. Paul's Oct. 14 from 10:00am to 1:00pm. 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 here at St. Paul's.

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

3 Photos this week.

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

The Parable of the Two Sons

"What do you think? There was a man who had two sons. He went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work today in the vineyard.' "I will not,' he answered, but later he changed his mind and went. "Then the father went to the other son and said the same thing. He answered, 'I will, sir,' but he did not go. "Which of the two did what his father wanted?"

"The first," they answered. Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you to show you the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes did. And even after you saw this, you did not repent and believe him. (Matthew 21: 28-32)

Fr. Bill's Morning Prayer

Sunday morning again Lord, we pray for your grace in our lives on this Sabbath day. Our lives are fleeting and only you are a constant, as we forever move towards something other and lasting. We feel it in our inner-being, as we get older, we feel the need for less clutter, more simplicity, less waste and captured moments of stillness and grace.

We remember Lord, those moments in life, when you slowed us down, till the stillness and solitude brought your voice quietly into our minds and hearts. Strange that we would discern you in that way, in the silence of a moment, the quiet of a place, the nothing of inactivity. --- Caldey Island was such a place early, early, in the morning, with the mist of dawn hanging over the sea, and only the seagulls moving. The lonely beaches, black rock cliffs, sandy paths,

it might as well have been the shores of Galilee. Did we hear you there Lord, where centuries of monks had walked these paths, strolled these shores and gazed upon these waves and sea?

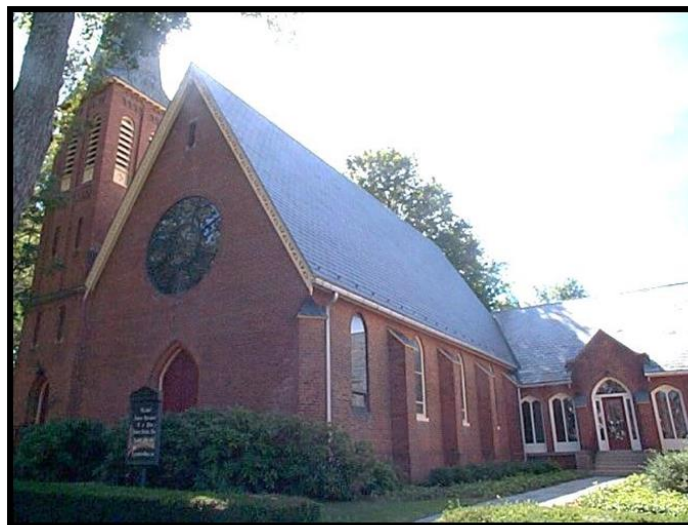
It was never in church, never in a liturgy, God seemed to have his own church, without roof or rafters, without walls, but with its own sounds, landscape and color. Did you feel that too in that corner of the garden that has become so special to you? The place you go when the world has weighed heavy on your shoulder, the tears have come, grief breaks into your day, the tangle of string needs to be slowly unraveled from your brain?---God speaks in quiet moments, heals with the gentle breeze, whispers in the rustling long straw grass, or the Autumnal leaves of Fall. Healing comes, when we are never looking, unaware, thinking of something else, when we have surrendered, and fallen into the force and spirit that is our God.

As we age, we learn, almost too late, but not quite, that things happen in God's time and not in ours. Our clock runs in days, months and years, from excitement to desperation, from frenzy to vacant nothingness.---Give us more of those moments Lord, when the world stands still, the clock stops, no one speaks, but we know, with a certainty, that you are there. Silently the needle of our compass rotated, the path we were walking on forked, the tide of our life ebbed, a new light shone and our life changed in a direction we never truly expected. Only now Lord, we feel it, sense it, know that your hand has turned the wheel, changed the wind, altered the breeze, touched our lives and somehow, your saving grace as seeped into the space between now and when.

Thank you Lord for stilling our frenzy, erasing our moment of 'quiet desperation,' and easing us into your time. We need to be in your moment, and we invite you into our space. You color our lives, in ways we can never do ourselves. You fill the empty void, when our soul longs for something more. You give us Hope, when sorrow and grief have stolen our happiness. Thank you, Lord, today and always. 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.

St. Paul's About 2000



This is what we used to look like about 2000. The ramp hadn't been built yet nor had the new church sign that was put up when Fr. Charles was there which was replaced by our current one. Also, notice the gingerbread overhang over the front door had not been added. This view is from Google maps.

Sunday Morning in the Garden

On Sunday, July 5th, we had our first service in the Garden. During the following 13th weeks, the weather cooperated outstandingly and we were able to hold services there 11 times. We had to get an amplifier and we had to figure out how to use it. We wheeled the piano out and got wires to it. While we got a little rain last Sunday, it held off to the end, causing Joyce's Postlude to be scuttled. I think it's fair to say that the Garden has been an success. The photo below was taken Sunday but, **Ah Oh**, look at that tree in the background and the leaves on the ground. Autumn is arriving in Montrose, and with it, cooler weather.



Remember When?

Yup, this is what our kitchen looked at Christmas, 2012. Remember that little trash hole on the top of the island? Many a paper coffee cup was put in there.

