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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.

**Jan 24 - 30, 2021**

**Morning Prayer Sun. Jan 24 at 10:00am**  
**online** <http://stpaulschurchmontrose.org>



**This Week's Lay Ministers:**

Altar Guild: Mary & Ben Zalewski  
Announcements & Lector: Lynne Graham  
Officiant: John Warriner

**Readings for this week**

First Reading: Jonah 3:1-5, 10  
Psalm: 62:6-14  
Epistle: 1 Corinthians 7:29-31  
Gospel: Mark 1:14-20

**"VIEW FROM THE PEW"**

Being outside and active on a sunny yet cold winter's day can be an exhilarating experience. You let the blood circulate and your heart pump endorphins throughout your body causing feelings of well being (this is quite oversimplified, but the end result is still there). This is a great time to enjoy time with family - kids and adults together - and friends.

A friend of mine and I created an ice skating rink on a small snow covered pond nearby for his two young daughters. I think we may have enjoyed it more than they did. We drilled a hole in the ice, and instead of putting

fishing line and a hook through the hole, we used a generator and water pump to siphon the pond water out of the hole to make fresh smooth ice, after clearing the snow away. The ice was about four inches thick, but when I jumped up and down, the water in the hole started vibrating quite a bit. Maybe the ice wasn't as strong as I thought. I walked a little lighter after that. The fish are safe for now at the bottom deeper layers of the pond where the water is warmer, wiling away their time until the warmer spring temperatures melt the ice, and the water temperatures begin the climb of the mercury on the thermometer.



Even though winter is a time for rest and resetting, in the form of hibernation for some animals, and dormancy with plant life, it is an easy time of the year to become Inside bodies watching television of which I'm guilty, and playing video games, which also can be a little fun and addictive. Take the time to keep yourself active and alive at times. It is good for the soul and physically beneficial to you. For plant life, it is the time for the seed stratification process which occurs over winter and when winter breaks to spring, it signifies to the seeds to break dormancy and begin the process of germination, starting life all over again.

Winter can be a long and arduous time of year, especially the further north you get, but also is full of good memories: making snow angels; drinking hot chocolate made with whole milk that forms a skin on top with marshmallows melting in it; waist deep in snow; sledding down through fields or down snow covered dirt roads; making snow forts and tunnels; and not so fun freezing cold feet that almost feel burning when coming in from these enjoyable acts.

- John Warriner

### **Dear friends,**

As announced on Sunday, St. Paul's Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, January 31 at 11:30 after the livestreamed service. Due to Covid restrictions, this will be a Zoom meeting. I will email invitations to join by video or phone call. If you have downloaded the Zoom app to your iphone or computer, all you will need to do is click on the blue link to join the meeting. Otherwise, you can just call on your telephone and give the password that will be given to you. I hope that everyone will make an effort to attend as we will be electing new Vestry members and we need a quorum. The nominations are Sandy Seeger, John Warriner, and Tom Undercoffler.

Please have all reports in to the office by Monday, January 25th.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

God's peace,  
Lynne

**For those who are ill or have requested our prayers:** Margaret Burgh, Kathy Warriner, Naomi Bennett, Rita Leigh, Charlotte Ellis, Charlotte Eckert, Nancy Finlon, Patrick Gallagher, Johanna Masters & Jeannine Ball.

## **Vestry Highlights January 14, 2021**

We opened the meeting with prayer and approved the agenda.

We approved the minutes of the November 12, 2020 meeting. There was no Vestry meeting in December.

Lynne read the Bible study scripture 1 Corinthians 1:10-25 in which Paul admonished the Corinthians to focus on Jesus and not be concerned with who in particular baptized them. He noted that, although he had baptized a few, he had been sent to preach the Gospel. He appealed to them to be in agreement and not have divisions, so that they might be united in mind and thought. "The message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God."

We again discussed our thoughts on a parish partnership. Lynne will speak with the Rev. Melinda Artman about facilitating a meeting with the three parishes. St. Paul's Vestry would like to begin looking for a clergy person.

We proposed nominations for the upcoming Vestry term. John Warriner and Sandy Seeger have agreed to serve if elected. We are looking for another person, preferably male, to nominate. The Annual Meeting, by Diocesan Canons, is to take place in January.

We held our second take-out soup dinner on January 6. Thank you to all volunteers who cook soup, bag dinners, or brave the cold to deliver dinners to the cars. The next dinner will be the first Wednesday of the month, February 3 from 4:30 – 6:00.

Suggestions are welcome for a Lenten Program. Ash Wednesday is February 17.

We reviewed and approved the Budget for 2021 which includes a pay raise for Betty. The budget will be presented at the Annual Meeting. We accepted the Treasurer's report with thanks to John for his stellar job of keeping us all informed.

We need leaders for Morning Prayer and volunteers to write articles for the *View from the Pew* in the weekly updates.

Lynne closed the meeting in prayer for a peaceful inaugural week and a safe transition of power in our federal government without violence.

Next meeting: Thursday, February 11, 2021

## MONTHLY FOOD DISTRIBUTION SUSQUEHANNA COUNTY

**First Wednesday of the Month:** Free Soup Dinner St. Paul's Episcopal Church 4:30-6:00 p.m.

**Second Friday of the Month:** Montrose Mobile Food Pantry South Montrose Community Church 11:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Registration required by calling 570-533-3980

**Third Monday of the Month:** Free Soup Dinner South Montrose Community Church 4:30-6:30 p.m.

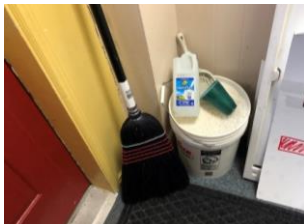
**Fourth Friday of the Month:** Food Distribution Endless Mountains Health Care

2:00-4:00 p.m. Registration required by calling 570-278-5529 or email at [panderson@Endlesscare.org](mailto:panderson@Endlesscare.org)

**\*\*Please note** that the Free Soup Dinners are take-out only during the pandemic\*\*

### It's Winter Time

It's winter time in Montrose and with it comes snow and ice. If you are at church and the walks could use some salt, we have a broom and salt bucket at each door.



**Reminder** with winter comes winter weather! If there is ice or snow and there is a question about church being canceled, listen to WPEL at 96.5 FM.



**Birthdays for January** David Calby 1/24 & Marsha Jones 1/26.

**Our thanksgivings:** We give thanks for those who celebrate their birthdays this week. *O God, our times are in your hand: look with favor, we pray, on your servants 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 lives. 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.*

**Your tithes and pledges** can be mailed to the church office at 276 Church St., Montrose, PA 18801.

**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.**

## 2nd Sunday After Epiphany

### Can anything good come out of Nazareth?

Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth." Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?"

Philip said to him, "Come and see." When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you." Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." And he said to him, "Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.

*(John 1:43-51)*

**We three kings of Orient are;  
bearing gifts we traverse afar,  
field and fountain, moor and mountain,  
following yonder star.**

**O star of wonder, star of light,  
star with royal beauty bright,  
westward leading, still proceeding,  
guide us to thy perfect light.**

### Fr. Bill's Morning Prayer – Here I Am Lord

Look down in your mercy Lord, on all who are lost from a young age. Separated from parents or parent by death and circumstance. We pray for the young around the world forced into a life of work and labor, looking after younger siblings, forced to take on responsibility far beyond their years. And today we read of Samuel, only a boy, far from home, alone in the night, till your voice reaches him and wakes him from his sleep. "Here I am Lord, I come to do your will."

Lord, the words have echoed down the centuries, cascading calls met with the same response. We pray for all who have heard your call in their lives and through their Baptism, that your love and grace may bless them on their way. Today we pray for Elish and Jerry, their lives stretched to breaking point through illness and the wear of years. Bless them with your loving care. Bring them home to you in your time, take away the pain of loss and confusion from their lives and give them peace.

We marvel Lord at the wisdom of Samuel as he grew from boy to man. Your blessing and grace were upon him. Bless us with the same, that we striving to follow your Word and Gospel may have the strength to endure, the grace to seek forgiveness and the wisdom to always choose rightly. We are sorry for the time you gave us that we wasted; the talent you dispensed that

went undeveloped, the opportunities you presented that we did not take. Forgive us for not being wise when the road forked on life's path. Bring us by the long and winding crooked rocky way into your kingdom. Our feet have stumbled too often, our stupidity let us down, we have not been wise, but blind at times, traveling by night with no light to guide.

In these days of Epiphany open our eyes to your truth; give us that wisdom you implanted in Samuel, set our feet on the path of righteousness that we may follow you. Protect us from ourselves, when our foolishness takes charge. Place on our feet the slippers of humility; around our waist the rope of obedience; and in our right hand the staff of the pilgrim. For we are pilgrims on a pilgrim way. From time to time we have lost that way, distracted by the things of this world. Allow us to follow the crosses on the road, that you have left behind, that we too may walk this walk no matter how steep the climb.

"It's a long and dusty road, it's a hard and heavy load; and the folks I meet ain't always kind.  
Some are bad and some are good, some have done the best they could,  
Some have tried to ease my troubling mind.  
And I, can't help but wonder where I'm bound, where I'm bound,  
Can't help but wonder where I'm bound." Tom Paxton.

We pray for the strength and wisdom of young Samuel who responded to your call. We do know Lord, where we are bound, our feet just stumble too often on the road. Guide us, walk beside us, talk to us, that we together, may not feel the weight of burden, nor the steep incline. Impart your wisdom to us on our journey, that we too may respond: "Here I am Lord. Amen" 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.*

**Come to Bethlehem and see Him whose birth the angels sing;  
Come, adore on bended knee Christ, the Lord, the new-born King.  
Gloria in excelsis Deo.  
Gloria in excelsis Deo.**

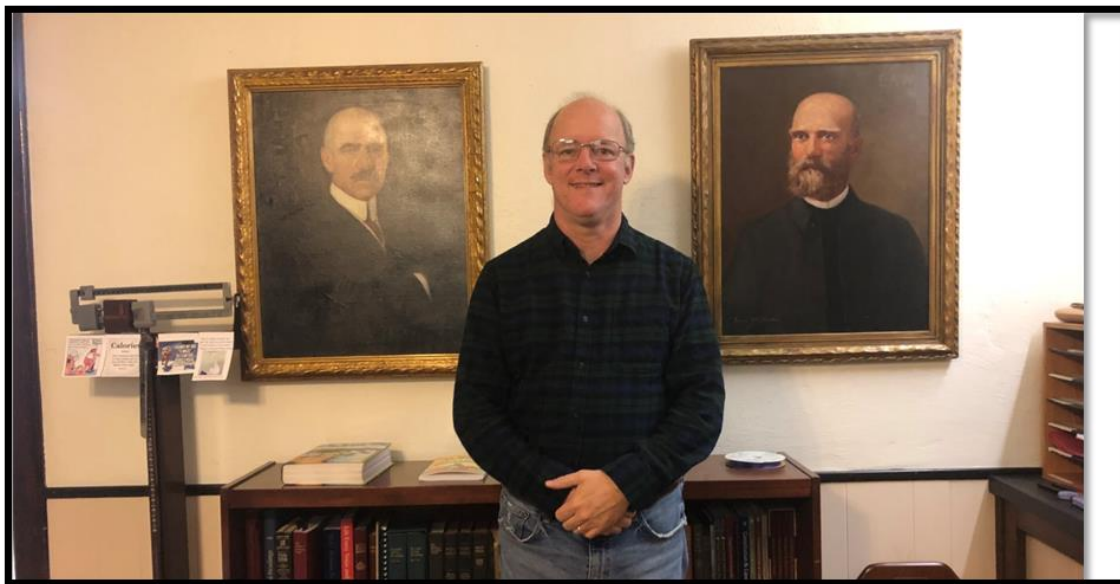
## **January 17<sup>th</sup> Service**

The January 17th live-streamed Morning Prayer service was led by Lynne Graham. It was the Second Sunday of Epiphany. The readings were done by Vickie. But, we had a special treat; Joyce and Cathy both played the organ Prelude, *We Three Kings*, and Joyce played the Organ Meditation, and Postlude, in Excelsis Deo. In addition, Kathy sang two hymns: *Let all Mortal Flesh Keep Silent* and *How Bright Appears the Morning Star*. As with all our live-streamed services, you can watch it any time on YouTube.





## Four Generations of Warriners



John Warriner is standing between his great-grandfather, the Rev. Edward Augustus Warriner (1829-1908) on the right, and his grandfather, Samuel Dexter Warriner (1867-1942) on the left. Rev. Warriner was St. Paul's 11<sup>th</sup> rector from 1867 to 1906 and lived in the house that is Regan's Funeral Home today on South Main Street. John's grandfather donated the funds for the Parish House that was built in 1927 in memory of his father and owned Fernheim Farm on Rt. 29 north of town. It's not hard to tell John is a Warriner.

## Remember When



## Early Postcards of St. Paul's

These two early post cards were obtained from Ebay last week. The one on the left is a photograph of St. Paul's taken sometime between 1900, when the electric wires were run in front of the church; and 1906, when the postcard was postmarked. The postcard on the right was postmarked 1908. It is the same photograph but made into a colored card by a firm in Germany. It's quite handsome. The tree branches in the top right of the picture on the left were removed when they colored it. Both were mailed from Montrose -- the one was sent to Clarks Summit and the other to Norwich, New York. They were sold at several stores in town.

