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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. 31 – Feb. 6, 2021**

**"VIEW FROM THE PEW"**

**Morning Prayer Sun. Jan 31 at 10:00am**  
online <http://stpaulschurchmontrose.org>



### **Virtual Annual Meeting This Year**

On Sunday, January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021, at 11:30am, St. Paul's will have their Annual Meeting. Due to Covid, this year's will be a Zoom Meeting. To take part in the Audio and Visual Parts, click <https://zoom.us/j/9784891082?pwd=Z1dYOW92MUtqQ3d4VFVJTkpQRnAxZz09>

on your computer. An email was sent out on Monday with this address in it. You can click it from the email. If you just want to call in, dial 1 646 876 9923.

The **Meeting ID is: 978 489 1082#**

If you have questions, call Lynne on 570-396-7611 before Sunday.

### **This Week's Lay Ministers:**

Altar Guild: Mary & Ben Zalewski  
Announcements & Lector: Lynne Graham  
Officiant: Karen Blye-McAbee

### **Readings for this week**

First Reading: Deuteronomy 18:15-20  
Psalm: 111  
Epistle: 1 Corinthians 8:1-13  
Gospel: Mark 1:21-28



### **Hibernating?**

The sun came out today, illuminating the snow covering the earth. The wind blew white stuff up off the ground into the air, creating the appearance of a blizzard. At 18 degrees I am staying inside except for an occasional venture outdoors on my porch to retrieve firewood for the stove in our living room. Barb and I enjoy the warmth of the fire on such a cold and windy day. Winter is here.

Snow is cold, yet it somehow makes one feel cozy and warm when we see the sun shining brightly upon it. Sitting in a comfy, warm chair while reading scripture from the Bible adds much to the comforts of a warm home. Comfort and warmth are indeed blessings, and so is sharing and caring.

There are so many lovely, wonderful people around us who have lost loved ones from Covid 19. There are many who thought that their jobs were secure, only to realize later that shutdowns forced them into unemployment. Food, money for heat and electricity, medical needs, personal transportation- these needs and more become

top priorities and worries, not just normal routines.

Hibernating? So much for warmth and comfort. We have work to do. We need to reach out to our community, our friends, and our families. We have phone calls to make to support others and to keep in touch. We have time, talent, and treasure to give to all those in need. The sun is shining brightly, the thermometer just went up to 22, and Spring is on its way. May the Lord Jesus show us His way through our hearts, minds, and deeds.

Tom Undercoffler

### **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.

**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.

**Birthdays for February** John Brunner 2/4, Kristina Kinney 2/24, Carol Lasher 2/27 & Nancy Finlon 2/28

**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.

**5 Photos this week.**

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday After Epiphany**

#### **Follow me and I will make you fish for people**

After John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news." As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, "Follow me and I will make you fish for people." And immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him. (*Mark 1:14-20*)

**Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation;  
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation:  
Come ye who hear,  
Brothers and sisters draw near,  
Praise him in glad adoration.**

**Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,  
Shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth:  
Hast thou not seen  
All that is needful hath been  
Granted in what he ordaineth**

#### **Fr. Bill's Morning Prayer**

In prayer we rise Lord, thanking you for this day. Our needs are a long list of wants and healings. Bless your people at this time and allow Peace to reign upon your Earth. Give rest to your servants who have labored against disease and plague, reward them for their fortitude, courage and grace.

United as one church, one body, though scattered, fragmented and apart at this time, still we pray in mind, heart and Spirit. Time seems so fleeting Lord, and perhaps today we feel more united with all those who we loved, who have passed from this life. We see their faces in remembered stories, and our hope and prayer is that they have moved to a dimension of pure spirit that is hard for us to fathom. All around we see decay and decline in this worn out world, till all we have left is faith in you, and a promise of something greater.

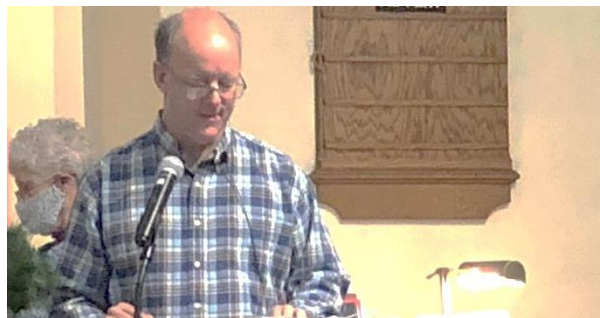
Promises are easy. We make them all the time. Especially at this New Year time. Yet how many promises do we keep? Friendship? Now there is a promise that time and distance stretches thin. Commitment, love, forgiveness, should be married in the bone. But, you Lord, you made promises too. We pray for a glimpse, a moment of epiphany, one peek, a snowflake of grace that gives us hope, strengthens our faith, for we have been tried beyond endurance on this twisted crooked winding journey of life.

Such a metaphor 'Journey' and 'journeying'. At times we weary of it. We want to plant our feet in one place. We need certainty and a place that we can call home. We surround ourselves with the familiar, photographs, pictures, old stuff that we cling to, the dog or cat belong here. And as small and close as these walls are, we are happy in the knowledge that this is ours, our dwelling, our kingdom! Take us away, Lord and it will be in a box! ---That will be okay if you can keep your promise---"in my Father's house there are many mansions, I go to prepare a place for you!"---It is a good promise Lord! A Shangri-La of a promise! ---It is Shrigley on a balmy Spring evening on those Top Pitches! ---The music of choirs; the laughter of old friends; stories around an old pub's log fire... t'is a kingdom we know and recognize.

So, Lord, here's to the 'faces of the kingdom', and to keeping promises, till 'we are meet merrily in heaven'. 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.*

## January 24<sup>th</sup> Service



The January 24th live-streamed Morning Prayer service was led by John Warriner. It was the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany. The readings were done by Lynne. Kathy played the Organ Prelude, Joy, the Organ Meditation, and Postlude, *Praise to the Lord Almighty*. As with all our live-streamed services, you can watch it any time on YouTube.



## 1858 Map of Montrose Showing St. Paul's



Old maps can be fun. The above section is of Montrose, containing town lots 56-58 facing Church Street between Cherry and Chestnut. It is from a map that was printed in 1858, about one year after St. Paul's was built. It has Cherry and Chestnut Streets switched but is interesting to look at. Lot 56, contained four buildings. The Odd Fellows Hall, top left, which was razed in 1927 and replaced by our parish hall; our brand new church is next, the J.W. Chapman house under the Odd Fellows Hall, now William Owens & Co., is next door, and our old original church building on the corner, which was then empty, is now the lawyer's office. Heading east on Church St., Lot 57 has one house on it listed as the Lathrop Office. This large structure was torn down after 1882 and the lot split, with two houses added. The house added on the left, would be known as the Knoll house. It was obtained by the church in 1965 and razed. It became our Memorial Garden. The second house which was added to the east, still exists. Finally lot 58, has two structures. The house listed as the R.B. Little house was originally the Joshua Raynesford house, St. Paul's original senior warden. It burned down sometime between 2012 and 2014. The house on the corner of Cherry St. and Cedar Lane and marked EP. Pars(onage) still exists unchanged. Isaac Post's Tavern was immediately across Church Street where the bank is now.

## Remember When

Memories are such fragile things, the honey and the bee stings.

